

Feedback from Thematic Partnerships: June 2009

Thematic Partnership			
Community Engagement Partnership			
Vision of the Partnership			
A borough whose residents are involved in their community and who feel able to participate actively in its affairs.			
Priorities			
What are the top priorities	1	Ascertain what 'community' means to the people of the Borough and how it can be enhanced – tied in with a campaign to 'Grow Community Spirit'	
	2	To empower people to have a greater voice in the provision of services	
	3	To engage with young people and groups of people who struggle to be heard	
	4	To encourage and support volunteering	
Links to Hampshire Local Area Agreement Priority Outcomes			
LAA Priority:	8	<p>Empower local people to have a greater voice and influence over decision making and the delivery of services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A strong relationship between the third and statutory sectors (including the role of the Compact) • Third sector engagement in design and delivery of public services • Fair and transparent access to grant funding • Skills and capacity for a more independent third sector • Maximising the knowledge capital of the third sector • Valuing and supporting volunteering 	
Progress since March 2009			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) LSP Community Engagement Partnership E-Panel has 950 members from all sectors of the communities of Fareham; decision to use the panel every month whenever possible. Other partnerships and partner organisations are invited to submit questions to the panel. 2) The first consultation exercise began in March 2009, when the panel consulted on the Sustainable Community Strategy. The consultation has been extended to the end of June. 3) Meetings for the Community Engagement Partnership have been established for the rest of 2009. 4) Fareham Community Action rebranded itself as Community Action Fareham. 5) Enabled by funding from FBC, Community Action Fareham moved to it's brand new offices in West Street, Fareham giving more people the opportunity for engagement through involvement in volunteering and local community groups. 6) Working with Community Action Fareham, an inaugural meetings of a disability forum and a BME engagement have been held; both resulted in enthusiasm for ongoing development. 			
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Meetings Held and Arranged			
Date:	Last meeting: 10 March 2009	Date:	14 July 2009; 16 September 2009; 17 November 2009
Date:	Next meeting due: 20 May 2009	Date:	