

**Community Engagement Thematic Partnership  
Response to SCS Consultation  
03 June 2010**

In response to the comments contained within the SCS consultation document, the Community Engagement Thematic Partnership would respond as follows:

It is noted that the priorities of the group were rated as detailed below as a result of the SCS consultation:

<i>To empower people to have a greater voice in the provision of Services</i>	<i>Top priority</i>
<i>To engage with young people and groups of people who struggle to be heard</i>	<i>Middle priority</i>
<i>To encourage and support volunteering</i>	<i>Bottom priority</i>

The Community Engagement Thematic Partnership group members would advise that on page 15 of the SCS consultation document, there was a comment regarding the point that it is becoming harder to get volunteers, but wished to point out that this is not the case in Fareham. Many people within the Borough do want to volunteer their time and services, however those doing so do not always have the appropriate skill set required for the positions available.

In order to meet the requirements of the consultation feedback, the following actions were agreed by the thematic partnership group members:

**Actions required**

- Identify and co-ordinate community engagement activity for all LSP thematic partnerships by informing the other partnerships of the role of the Community Engagement partnership and assisting them with their community engagement requirements
- Develop a check list for other thematic partnerships to use to target appropriate groups for specific consultation exercises
- Identify groups who are currently responding to consultation exercises, and those who are not
- Feed back to those who do respond to consultation exercises
- Identify preferred methods by which different groups want to be consulted with

**Actions carried out to date**

- E-panel created with membership of 947 residents across the Borough, and ongoing recruitment process to promote and refresh membership
- Developing a community engagement map with a database of key contacts for consultation purposes
- Extension of invitations to thematic partnership group to key representatives from other organisations such as HATs, Police and PCT.