

## Feedback from Thematic Partnerships: September 2008

Thematic Partnership		
Community Engagement Partnership		
Main Aims of the Partnership		
<p>Model terms of reference adopted. Constitution to be drawn up.</p>		
Emerging Priorities		
<b>How can you make a difference?</b>	<b>1</b>	Establishing a form of Citizens Panel for all partners to use – thereby enabling clear understanding of community needs.
	<b>2</b>	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'.
	<b>3</b>	Set up a disability forum as well as exploring potential for other forums (environmental, social responsibility).
Links to Hampshire Local Area Agreement Priority Outcomes		
<b>LAA Priority:</b>	<b>8</b>	<p><b>Empower local people to have a greater voice and influence over decision making and the delivery of services.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase the number of Parish Plans and Town Healthchecks and strengthen link to community strategies.</li> <li>• Co-ordination of community development activities.</li> <li>• Build the capacity of the BME communities to be involved in the voluntary and community sector.</li> <li>• Encourage volunteering.</li> <li>• Improve commissioning processes to facilitate more community engagement.</li> <li>• Increase capacity of the voluntary organisations to deliver public services.</li> </ul>
Progress since June 2008		
<p>The Community Engagement Partnership continues to meet every six weeks and is progressing well. There is a firm commitment from all members to ensure that the partnership succeeds. However it may well be beneficial to increase membership of the partnership. The LSP Board is therefore asked to offer suggestions for additional membership.</p> <p>Excellent progress is being made on the E-Panel. An initial mailing to residents in the borough took place in August 2008. So far, over 600 people have registered to take part. Further registrations are expected and the panel will then be balanced against the ONS demographic statistics in October.</p> <p>As well as the letter to randomly selected residents, the panel has been publicised in Fareham Today and a link set up from the consultation button on the home page of the website.</p> <p>Questions for the first survey are being compiled, with contributions from all groups in the partnership. These will focus on several area - residents' understanding of the term community, questions about volunteering and CAB questions relating to the credit crunch and debt management.</p> <p>The partnership received a presentation by Jenny Moses - FBC Corporate Policy Officer on forming equality forums. Positive feedback was received from members of the partnership and they will look to assist in whatever ways they can.</p>		

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<b>Meetings Held and Arranged</b>			
<b>Date:</b>	Last meeting 01 August 2008	<b>Date:</b>	To be determined
<b>Date:</b>	Next meeting due: 07 Oct 2008	<b>Date:</b>	