

YOUR COMMUNITY CHALLENGE PANEL – LOCALITIES + DATA LED APPROACH – Recommendations

Background

Panel meetings were held between September and March 2023, with a focus on Locality + and how to further develop the model to deliver better outcomes for our communities. The meetings have been led by Councillor Bob Spencer – Chairman, and Councillor Vince Merrick – Vice Chairman. The meetings have focused on increasing awareness, how we use data and intelligence to inform priorities, presentations from the Locality Enablers and information sharing.

Some outcomes of the review include:

- The opportunity with the 2021 census data and profiling to shape the focus for service delivery
- Going forward the continuation of a mixed economy approach to how we communicate at a three-tier level, parish summits and virtual forums are mechanisms as to how we do this.
- Use of Locality profiles provide the hard stats, the facts and figures, Members can use the data locally to inform key decisions for instance at parish level.
- As part of the Locality process it would also be useful to look at the number of voluntary groups in each locality – and their roles. This would enable us to start measuring social capital.

Recommendations:

- Continue to produce Locality Profiles
- Ensure new members have access to the profiles
- District members to push profiles at parish level
- Continue with a mixed economy of communication mechanisms