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Community Priorities Programme 2024-26

Information Session

Welcome

Agenda

- Introductions
- Icebreaker
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- Programme Overview
- Introduction to Local Area Panels
- Application process and requirements
- Achievements and Impacts
- Next Steps & Closing remarks
- Q&A session

Introductions

Icebreaker

Welcome – Christine Mead, Head of Community Partnerships

Programme Overview

Purpose:
•The CPP was initially set up to support local initiatives by local people and community organisations during the Covid 19 Pandemic.

•Now expanded to contribute towards the Council's #2035 goals, aimed at reducing the 18 years gap in life expectancy by 2035.

Overarching Goals 2024-26:
•#2035 Campaign - support the Council's #2035 priorities to halve the 18 years gap in life expectancy for people living in Westminster by 2035 by putting residents at the centre and working together on the challenges they prioritise.

•Fairer Westminster - poverty and inequality are reduced, making WCC (Westminster City Council) a healthier and more equitable place.

•Marmot Goals: address health inequalities in UK by creating an enabling society that maximises individual and community potential .

Aims:
•To amplify the voices of local communities in defining the priorities of the programme based on what matters most to them in their areas and being part of deciding what activities get funded locally.

•To provide seed-funding for community-led initiatives whose priorities and criteria are set by the outcomes of meaningful resident consultation.

Phases

Phases	Actions
Phase 1	Set up six Local Area Panels across 11 wards
Phase 2	Consultation – Local priorities
Phase 3	Celebration / launch event
Phase 4	Grant Applications & scoring
Phase 5	Award Contracts
Phase 6	Delivery & monitoring
Phase 7	Report

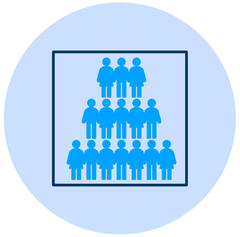
Introduction to local area panels



OVERVIEW OF LOCAL AREA PANELS



ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES



WARD CLUSTERS

Purpose

To amplify the voices of local communities in defining the priorities of the programme based on what matters most to them in their areas and being part of deciding what activities get funded locally.

•Strengthen local democracy

•Mobilise a movement for change where we all teach one another and learn from one another with a commitment to ‘listen, connect, amplify and accelerate.

•Create partnerships to solve problems and adapt solutions to local conditions

•Empower local individuals and community groups, particularly those traditionally excluded or suffering from inequalities.

•Develop more engaged communities across the 11 wards

• Improve community relations through openness’, transparency, collaboration and inclusion.

•Increase community cohesion

•Devolve decision making to meet locally defined needs

•Support effective service design

Local Area Panels

Panel 1: Vincent Square, St James & Pimlico South

Panel 2: Westbourne, Bayswater

Panel 3: Harrow Road

Panel 4: Queens Park

Panel 5: Maida Vale, Little Venice, Abbey Road

Panel 6: Church Street

Roles and Responsibilities

Panel members will include council officers, a ward councillor, residents, representatives from VCS, community champions and health champions, TRA representatives.

Co-designing the local priorities survey (not all panels) – testing

Consulted on focus group sessions

Further opportunities : employment, education, future provider, actively engaged.

Support the delivery of community events

Shortlisting applications and making the final decision on which projects will be delivered in their local area.

Schedule

- Application submission – 21st January
- Launch session – 31 January
- Training – February
- Support consultation events – local priorities (2 hours, local libraries) – February
- Celebration / Launch Event – April
- Panel scoring / applications (3-5 days, local library) - May
- Project Visits (quarterly)

Application process, Rewards and Recognition

Criteria

- Knowledge of the local neighbourhood
- Interest in the general good of the community (rather than personal interests).
- Be able to attend meetings in person or online
- A willingness to work with others and consider different points of view
- Ability to think critically and use this to shortlist project proposals
- Being open, inclusive and transparent
- Being punctual and manage time well
- Being sensitive and responsible with personal information

Rewards and Recognition

- Travel expenses
- Vouchers
- Improve area / meet other residents
- Other opportunities within the Council

Achievements and Impacts



PRESENTATION



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Rose Doyle – Resident Panel Member (2023)

Farrah Serrabou - Provider (2023)

Next Steps

- Read through information pack
- Complete and send Application Form by 21st January
- CPP Team contact you
- Attend Launch Session
- Training
- Contact the team via email: communityprioritiesprogramme@westminster.gov.uk

Q & A Session