

Dorchester Community Forum Performance Indicators 2016/17

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

A. Number of partners directly engaged in the work of the Community Forum & creation of the Community Directory (e.g. through one to one meetings)

1. Activate
2. Age UK Dorchester
3. Arts Development Company
4. Broadmayne Parish Council
5. Churches Together
6. DHUFT
7. Dorchester Access Group
8. Dorchester Arts
9. Dorchester Business Improvement District
10. Dorchester Civic Society
11. Dorchester Civic Society
12. Dorchester Heritage Committee
13. Dorchester Islamic Centre
14. Dorchester Opportunity Group
15. Dorchester Poverty Action Group
16. Dorchester Royal Voluntary Society
17. Dorchester Strollers
18. Dorchester Youth & Community Centre
19. Dorchester Youth Extra
20. Dorchester, Sherborne and Districts Citizens Advice Bureau
21. Dorset Community Action
22. Dorset County Council
23. Dorset County Museum
24. Dorset Local Nature Partnership
25. Dorset Partnership of Older Peoples Projects
26. Dorset Youth Association
27. Friends of Riverside Reserve
28. Future Roots
29. Keep Military Museum
30. Poundbury Residents Association
31. Red Cross
32. Ridgeway Radio
33. Shire hall
34. Skills and Learning
35. South West Dorset Multicultural Network
36. Transition Town
37. Try This Dorchester
38. Volunteer Centre Dorset
39. West Dorset District Council
40. Further 25 organisations also contacted re contributing to the Community Directory.

B. Number of consultations undertaken and consultees involved.

- Dec 2016 - Consultation undertaken at community lunch - to identify items to include in Dorchester Community Directory. 65 attenders.
- Consultation re Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group Clinical Services Review (CSR) circulated to partners

C. Number of local priorities identified and targets to address them.

- Dorchester Directory of Community Aims and Aspirations 2017-2020 created.
7 themed headings:
 1. Culture, Heritage, Tourism & Leisure
 2. Transport and Accessibility
 3. Community
 4. Health, Wellbeing and Safety
 5. Housing
 6. Economy, Training & Volunteering
 7. Environment

Total of 85 actions/outcomes identified.

Currently priority targets are being developed and will be consulted on in next year to generate a community action plan for 2017-2018.

Emerging themes to date (subject to consultation and revision) include:

- Developing a heritage-tourism strategy for Dorchester with a joint interpretation and marketing plan.
- Working with DCC, WDDC and transport providers to maintain and improve transport access to town including better parking & cycle friendly schemes.
- Involving local communities better – in planning and running services – help them to network & coordinate rather than replicate provision. Also help them to promote themselves and their activities better.
- Support for young people - with housing, jobs/training and activities and emotional well-being.
- Encourage more affordable housing and good quality rented accommodation and support people in housing difficulty.
- Encourage civic pride in open spaces i.e. through developing nature walks, open garden schemes, improving town décor.
- Support for older people particularly to reduce isolation i.e. through social eating projects & IT projects.
- Support for vulnerable people – e.g. developing foodbank type services & ensuring they get advice and support

D. Number of community plan targets delivered.

a. Culture, Heritage, Tourism & Leisure

- Discussion with partners to develop food related projects including setting up a community allotment
- Consultation with young people about developing town centre Wi-Fi
- Support for 3 local arts organisations to develop projects & promote their work
- Meetings with key heritage providers and heritage Committee to progress developing a Heritage-Tourism strategy
- Worked on other funding applications for range of leisure and heritage projects
- Helped to organise 5 community events

b. Transport and Accessibility

- Help to run local Access Group – regular meetings and projects developed – including audit of accessibility at Poundbury.
- Meetings with DCC highways and Dorchester Transport and Environment Plan held to highlight community issues and identify priority projects.

c. Community

- Community Lunch held Dec 2016 to facilitate networking and improved community coordination, 60+ attendees.
- Community projects directly supported including youth forum and community skills sharing initiative.
- Meetings with 10 plus groups to offer funding advice and project guidance.
- Draft plan to create online community information sharing zone.
- Democracy Day event held with 2 local schools attending.

d. Health, Wellbeing and Safety

- Support for local community radio station to develop.
- Signposted organisations working on similar projects to one another.
- Drafted plan for project to support younger people with mental health problems in school
- Worked closely with newly developed Family Partnership Zone.

e. Housing

- Helped to organise and hold public meeting to invite local people to set up a Community Land trust to develop affordable housing.
- Met with housing related organisations e.g. Housing Associations, District Council, to understand local housing issues.

f. Economy, Training & Volunteering

- Researched opportunities to develop employment opportunities for young people – e.g. through apprenticeships and volunteering.
- Attended Heritage Committee meetings to progress

g. Environment

- Helping to develop a community allotment project.
- Working on large application for funding for town centre signage to be replaced.

E. Number of volunteer hours for partnership planning and project delivery.

- 450

F. Number of collaborative meetings and training attended with other local partnerships including attendance at West Dorset Partnership

- 2 meetings of the WDP 31.10.16 & 20.02.17. Attended several other networking meetings including meetings with Community Development team at South Walks House and regular correspondence with other LAP colleagues – as well as a LAP meeting to plan an agenda for the WDP AGM.

G. Amount of external funding brought into the area

- £13,000 directly raised to support local organisations
- Supported/advised re other funding applications achieving around £5000
- Helped to write bid for £63,538 to replace town centre signage.