

Supporting Community Well-being Together

‘Retaining a neighbourhood focus
under declining resources’

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ONE DAY YOU
WILL LAUGH
ABOUT THIS.
TODAY IS NOT
THAT DAY.
TOMORROW
ISN'T LOOKING
TOO GOOD
EITHER



Wakefield District



- Population of 325,837 people in a diverse range of city, urban and rural communities.
- 67th most deprived district in England, out of 326 but improving.
- 1300 voluntary and community organisations



The Wakefield Landscape

- Reducing inequalities in an environment of austerity.
- Integration
 - ‘Connecting Care’ programme (Health and Social Care), including 2 Vanguards
 - Early Help Hubs
- Prevention and Early Intervention
- Active citizenship and the Third Sector
- Exploring concept of ‘Anchor Organisations’
- ‘Making Localism a Reality’ research
- Inclusive Change Programme
- Regeneration and Growth



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Supporting Community Well-being

- Strong and resilient communities – good health and well-being
- Reduction in inequalities
- Basic living and survival
- Five Ways to Well-Being
 - Connect; Be active; Take notice; Keep learning; Give
- Utilising and connecting community assets
- Collaboration



Inclusive Change Partnership

'We all want to live in places which feel friendly, welcoming and safe. We want the places we live to be good places to bring up kids in and to grow older. By themselves, neither public services nor local people can make a neighbourhood a great place for everyone who lives there. We need to find different ways to talk to each other, to plan and to work together to create a neighbourhood which allows all of us to have a good life'



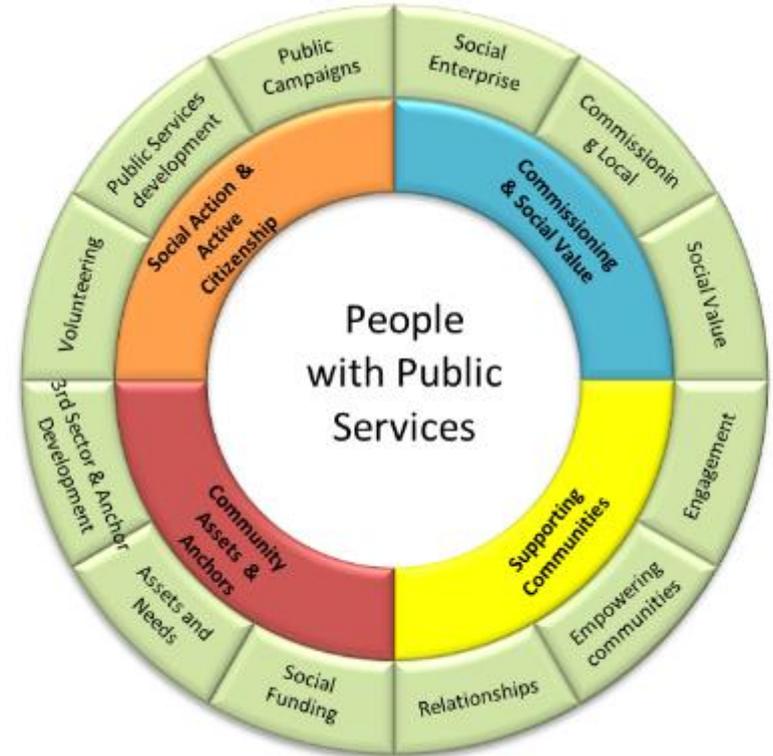
Making Localism a Reality

Research

Civic leadership and Elected Members	Skills and behaviours of public sector managers	Key individuals and entrepreneurial behaviour
Relationships between business and social entrepreneurs	Community spirit	Volunteering
Attracting and retaining young people in volunteering	Community Anchors	Developing active citizenship

Strengthening Communities Framework

‘Public agencies working together with citizens to support them to improve the quality of life and outcomes for people living within communities and reduce the inequalities’



Role for Community Anchors ?

- Hubs for engagement.
- Reach into communities.
- Social Enterprise development.
- Volunteering Centres.
- Links with Connecting Care.
- Opportunity for innovation.



Area Working

- Aims – empowering local people – improving engagement across partnership – reduce duplication – cohesive services.
- Vision ‘Empowered communities where everyone has a good quality of life’
- Principles: Prevention/early intervention; Sustainability; collaboration

Area Working Governance

- Area Action Groups x 7 (strategic & political accountability)
- Area Management Group x 4 (alignment & coherence – Area Working and Early Help)
- Tasking Meetings x 7 (operational area problem solving – multi agency response)
- Complex Family Panels (Early Help Hub led family discussion & support plan)
- Flexible citizen engagement

Opportunity to....

- redraw the boundaries between public agencies and the community and further develop relationships;
- redesign public services around people helping people as part of wider programme;
- focus on prevention and demand management;
- design neighbourhood management to work collaboratively with community assets.
- build resilience and strength within our communities.



Questions and Discussion

What is happening already in other areas that is similar/linked to this type of approach ?

What is your experience of 'working together' with the community and is the relationship changing ?

What can we do to support the well-being of communities ?



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