

Community Partnerships are an innovative new way for the Council, partners and communities to work together to 'bring ideas to life' by taking a solution focussed approach to local priorities

Why?

- During the consultation on forming the new East Suffolk Council (ESC), concerns were expressed about the 55 Councillors covering larger geographical areas, more Town and Parish Councils and more people, and becoming disconnected from local people

How Many?

- 8 Community Partnerships (CPs), based on natural groupings of communities and using the new ESC ward boundaries as the 'building blocks'
- Each ESC Councillor for an area will sit on their CP – which means between 4 and 14 ESC Councillors per CP area

Who?

- Key partners will be Town and Parish Councils (through SALC), Suffolk County Council, Suffolk Police, Great Yarmouth & Waveney / Ipswich & East Suffolk CCGs, businesses, voluntary organisations (through Community Action Suffolk), community groups and youth representatives
- Will complement our three Place Based Initiatives - Lowestoft Rising, Leiston Together and Felixstowe Forward

How?

- Informal bodies with a solution-focussed workshop style, rather than a formal board or committee
- Focussed on priorities identified using data (facts and figures) and local insight
- Open invite workshops to be held in each area in October and November 2019
- First Community Partnership meetings from January 2020
- Each CP will have a simple Terms of Reference and report annually to Cabinet
- All eight CP Chairs will sit on the Community Partnership Board, alongside key partners including the CCGs and Police, ESC, SCC, SALC, CAS and the Greenprint Forum
- CPs will evolve organically in each area to reflect local distinctiveness
- Annual Forum bringing representatives from all 8 CPs together

Resources?

- Each CP will have a £10,000 budget in 2019/20 and then £25,000 per year for the next three years to be spent against the agreed priorities - this funding is from New Homes Bonus
- There will also be a Strategic budget of £150,000 in 2019/20 and £300,000 a year for the next three years, overseen by the Community Partnership Board, that CPs can bid into
- Each of the 55 East Suffolk Councillors has an Enabling Communities Budget of £7,500
- CPs will be supported by a range of ESC staff, including from the Democratic Services, Communities, Communications, Economic Development and Funding Teams