

Locality Working: Feedback from Plymouth Third Sector Consortium Workshop: Summary

PLYMOUTH THIRD SECTOR CONSORTIUM 16/09/2009 WORKSHOP ON LOCALITIES FEEDBACK FROM DISCUSSION GROUPS; SUMMARY

About 20 people attended this workshop. There were four discussion groups.

Q1 – Set up 6 Locality Teams/4 key services?

50% of groups recorded yes. Other services that need to be considered include housing, transport & highways, regeneration and economy, disability & the elderly, inclusion issues.

The team needs to include a link person from the main services.

Q2 – Led by Champion, assisted by coordinator?

50% recorded yes. Champion must have local knowledge, spend time locally, hear community views, have authority, be politically neutral. They must be multi-sector, could be a volunteer. Concentrate on where things not working.

Q3 – Replace 8 area committees with 6 locality partnerships?

75% recorded yes. On the one hand, involve local people – particularly young people, be accountable & transparent, on the other avoid tribalism. PACTS to feed in. A 'round table' rather than a 'top table' approach suggested.

Consider splitting Central/NE – too big.

Q4 – Involving local people.

Liked the idea of a Partnership team consulting while the coordination team got on with 'doing'. Devolved decision making needed. Good communication needed, using local resources. Consider translation needs.

Q5 – What information needed?

A robust needs analysis was suggested together with local knowledge and networking.

Q6 – Governance arrangements?

Localities need on the one hand to have teeth, have devolved decision making, be different from what's gone before, on the other there should be no conflict of interest. There should be realistic control of budget but with financial accountability.

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