

Summary of discussion

A presentation was given on how more can be achieved by working together to deliver Vision 2030.

- working with each other to empower and engage local people
- An asset based approach allows people and communities to come together to achieve a positive change using their own knowledge and skills.
- 'Assets' can be social, financial, physical, environmental or human resources (skills and time).
- Use approach to accelerate what is already going on
- get communities to develop their views.

Current State

Need to do more to become more efficient and share information

- capitalising on who makes contact with the community.
- a lot of examples of good collaboration over a few organisations that needs to be turned into practical plans.
- the Fire and Rescue Service are making good progress with the health commissioning team around sharing information and reducing barrier of data protection issues
- any barriers to the voluntary and community sector must be addressed and use GVOC as the conduit.
- mechanisms for communication need to be fully utilised – websites, bulletins, social media
- capacity building – Live Well Gateshead, volunteers

Need to take a holistic approach, multi-agency focus

- MASH, Commissioning
- Consider all views – DESIUF, Young People,
- How to engage – culture, arts
- Focus on those most vulnerable in society

Future state

The group was asked to consider what the **future** should look like and what is needed to enable and support this.

Inequality gap closed

Focus on those most vulnerable in society

Increased equality of access to services for all communities

People have confidence in the services provided to them

Increased partnerships

- It us – not them and us
- Co-creation/co-design the default option for public services
- Explore collaborative opportunities
- Increased joint partnership activity to achieve statutes – requirement of reduce crime and disorder
- Gateshead recognised for its way of working
- Health and wellbeing board – focus for joined up services
- Genuine grass roots involvement/engagement
- More structured joint working – collaboration
- Future statutory change to fire service – working with health
- Greater knowledge to link meeting of minds
- Clever thinking – finding 3 step solutions
- All working towards “society’s agenda” and not always our own

- Stretch resources
 - Less money but high expectations
 - Increased expectation to reach more audiences, communities – be more things to more people but less money to do so.

Improved and positive communication

- Improvements in community/voluntary communication
- For the university – a clear point of contact (relay point not necessarily decision-maker)
- People having a stake in their communities by consultation, roadshows
- Conversation moved on from “...because of the cuts” to “...to improve/secure outcomes”
- energise and offer more joined up help to mobilise people and make sure those people who need targeted support get it
- A Gateshead newspaper?
- OurGateshead website should be utilised a lot more.
- Better sharing of best practice between communities
- “what **can** we do” not “what is preventing us doing this” – about unlocking the possible and getting started

Culture and behaviour change

- in five years time it would be hoped that more disadvantaged families would be accessing the Baltic without support.
- shift the relationship between statutory organisations and individuals and to build more engagement to better support other groups to become more involved
- connect people and communities
- Communities that are disadvantaged feel they can be involved

More diverse leadership

- More diverse voluntary infrastructure, statutory and public sector
- create progression routes, for example include community representatives on more decision making groups.