Think Communities

Creating a shared vision, approach and priorities for building Community Resilience across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough partner organisations.

Our vision

- People: Resilient communities across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough where people can feel safe, healthy, connected and able to help themselves and each other.
- Places: New and established communities that are integrated, possess a sense of place, and which support the resilience of their residents.
- System: A system wide approach in which partners listen, engage and align with communities and with each other, to deliver public service and support community-led activity.

Our pledge

The Think Communities partners will work together to:-

- Empower and enable communities to support themselves and encouraging community-led solutions and intervention. (*People*)
- Work with communities to harness their local capacity targeted towards those in the community requiring the most help. (*Places*)
- Support active, healthy communities to play a clear and evidenced role in improving people's lives, thereby preventing, reducing or delaying the need for more intrusive and costly public services. (*Places*)
- Align resources to create multi-agency support which can flexibly meet the changing needs of our communities. (Systems)
- Be prepared to be experimental in our approach, in order to deliver individual local solutions and support ideas that can be replicated. (Systems)

Our approach

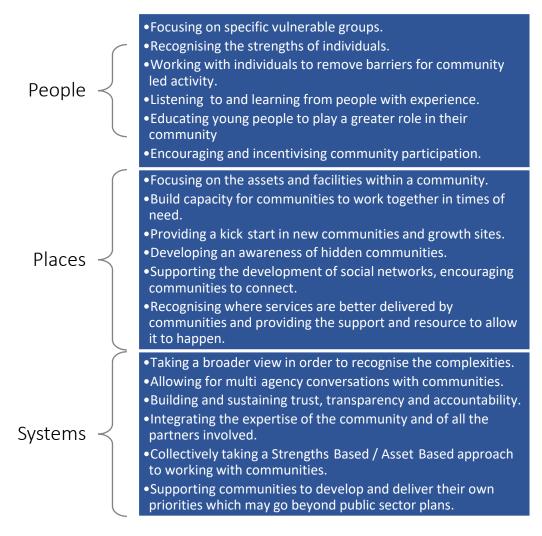
Our intention is to be fully aligned and to collaborate where it makes sense and there is agreement to do so.

A consistency of approach will enable communities to have a single conversation with **Think Communities** partners focussed on local priorities. **Think Communities** partners will provide support and resources to enable communities to decide how they wish to deliver their local priorities.

Working in an aligned way will enable each **Think Communities** partner to still specialise in their own areas of service delivery and expertise, to work independently or with a shared approach across the partnership, which is compatible and consistent, enabling joint projects to still happen.

Think Communities will take a **People**, **Places**, **System** approach to building resilience and supporting communities.

Figure 1 - A People, Places, System approach to Think Communities



Our Strategic Priorities and Actions

	Priority Area	Example Action
Priority 1:	Communities are connected and work together toward shared goals.	Develop a joined up, multi-agency campaign to promote the different ways vulnerable people and high-risk communities can be supported by community-led activity.
Priority 2:	Take a place-based approach to service design and delivery of services.	Identify key communities where a place- based approach in keeping with the Think Communities vision can be piloted
Priority 3:	Communities feel they are supported to help themselves.	Development of a shared toolkit which will offer access to consistent levels of support to community groups and organisations across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

An agreed and measurable Action Plan will complement the **Think Communities** partnership agreement

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