

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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