

BLACKPOOL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP REVIEW NEWSLETTER

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Consultation Events

The main Consultation Events have now been and gone, leaving us with a clear picture of how Stakeholders see the partnership developing in the future. Through these events, Area Panels and PACT meetings we have had the opportunity to listen to the views of over 200 people, giving us a thorough understanding of what stakeholders need from and want to contribute to the work of the Blackpool Strategic Partnership.

Welcome!

As part of the review, we have considered the gaps in membership on the current Local Strategic Partnership and are delighted to say that we have welcomed the following partners into the LSP Family:

Phil Cox – Lancashire Fire & Rescue

Kate Cox – Environment Agency

Mike Lock – National Offender Management Service

Vito Cinardi – Chamber of Commerce

Thank you to all of them for their enthusiasm and support during the review process.



By working together with a clear set of common goals - **Sustainable Community Strategy** - and clear strategic leadership - **Blackpool Strategic Partnership** - the sky's our limit!

Third Sector Strategic Forum

A bright new future is dawning on Blackpool's Third Sector, with the formation of the new Third Sector Strategic Forum. Following an extensive tendering and procurement process, Blackpool Wyre & Fylde CVS have now been awarded the three year contract to take this forward. This is a real opportunity for the sector to unite and strengthen providing a co-ordinated and accountable voice which will interact with both the Public and Private Sector and play a key strategic role in the emerging partnership arrangements. Peter Callow Chair of the BSP has offered this endorsement:

"There are huge benefits to be made from having one focussed organisation solely concentrating on helping the 'not for profit' organisations which in turn enables us to reach them more effectively. The CVS will be offering help and advice to community, voluntary and faith groups within the town regardless of their size. The third sector play a vital role in this town and we need to ensure we are providing opportunities for them to flourish and make as much impact as possible. This move is a really positive step for Blackpool and one I'm sure will be embraced by the third sector."

We need your views!

There's still time to share your views on the future of Blackpool Strategic Partnership. To get your voice heard contact:

Amanda Bennett, Partnerships Officer on (01253) 477032 or email amanda.bennett@blackpool.gov.uk



Next Steps

To develop an **Environment Sub-Group** which will sit within the new structure. This will encompass the existing work of BEAT and the Climate Control Sub-Group and will engage with a diverse range of Stakeholders who can help us to achieve our cleaner and greener aspirations.

To develop a comprehensive **Housing Sub-group** which will also sit within the new structure. This will encompass; Homelessness, Private Sector Housing, Social Housing, Blackpool Coastal Housing (ALMO) and Blackpool Care & Repair to name but a few!

To start to develop some "options" for consideration by Stakeholders which outline how the new Partnership may look and the pro's and cons of each enabling partners to make an informed choice.

If you would like to contribute to either of these groups, then please contact Amanda for further details.