



LCC Community Wellbeing Group (Draft Terms of Reference):

To advise the Cabinet member and Cabinet on how the Council can support community-building, meaningful engagement & improved wellbeing within the Council & across the Lancaster district.

To consider (making recommendations) how the Council can embed Asset-based Community Development (ABCD) values and practice within its provision & support the many strengths & assets that exist within our communities.

To explore how the council can work with the voluntary sector, trade unions, community members and other stakeholders to challenge inequalities & promote social justice initiatives across the Lancaster district.

To consider how community wellbeing initiatives can support climate change action within the district.

To consider how the Council can work with stakeholders to address increased levels of loneliness and dislocation within our communities & support community-led initiatives that build connection, empathy and security within our neighbourhoods.

To consider, within the context of LCC's 'Community Wealth Building' strategy, how council-owned property can be utilised to maximise community engagement/access & a greater sense of community belonging/shared ownership.

To be a 'critical friend' to the council & a champion of community voices, ensuring that they are at the heart of council planning and decision-making.

To work with community members to co-produce plans and initiatives which support the growth of diverse asset-based community networks across the Lancaster district.

LCC Emerging Priorities:

We work in partnership with residents, businesses, and organisations; recognising, valuing and supporting the strengths and diversity in our urban, coastal and rural neighbourhoods and communities.

As a sustainable district – we are

- a council whose operations are net zero carbon by 2030 while supporting other individuals, businesses and organisations across the district to reach the same goal
- moving towards zero residual waste to landfill and incineration
- increasing the amount of sustainable energy produced in the district and decreasing the districts energy use
- transitioning to an accessible and inclusive low-carbon and active transport system
- supporting our communities to be resilient to flooding and adapt to the wider effects of climate change
- increasing the biodiversity of our district

Supporting an inclusive and prosperous local economy – we are

- supporting the development of new skills and improved prospects for our residents within an environmentally sustainable local economy
- advocating for fair employment, just labour markets and growth that reduces income inequality

- supporting new and existing enterprises in sustainable innovation and the strengthening of local supply networks
- using our land, property, finance and procurement to benefit local communities and encouraging residents, businesses, organisations and institutions to do the same
- securing investment and regeneration across the Lancaster and South Cumbria Economic Region

Strengthening healthy & happy communities - we are

- supporting wellbeing and ensuring local communities are engaged, involved and connected
- addressing health and income inequality, food and fuel poverty, mental health needs, and loneliness
- focused on early-intervention approaches and involving our communities in service design and delivery
- (re)developing housing to ensure people of all incomes are comfortable, warm and able to maintain their independence
- improving access to the arts, culture, leisure and recreation, supporting our thriving arts and culture sector
- keeping our district's neighbourhoods, parks, beaches and open space clean, well-maintained and safe

As a co-operative, kind and responsible council – we are

- listening to our communities and treating everyone with equal respect, being friendly, honest, and empathetic
- working in partnership with residents, local organisations and partners recognising the strengths and skills in our community
- investing in developing the strengths and skills of our staff and councillors
- focused on serving our residents, local organisations and district
- embracing innovative ways of working to improve service delivery and the operations of the council
- providing value for money and ensuring that we are financially resilient and sustainable