

Improving partnership structures for Cheltenham

Summary of questions / issues raised

Issue/question	who raised
will the Positive Lives Partnership commission the Positive Participation Partnership or is Positive Participation independent	Gloucestershire County Council (GCC)
how will cross-cutting issues be dealt with	GCC
should the Positive Participation Partnership be a task and finish group	GCC
Should Positive Participation just meet every 6 months or even be a virtual group?	GCC
is there a risk that Positive Participation duplicates work being undertaken by GCC research team	GCC
need to be clearer about whether Positive Lives about commissioning or operational delivery?	GCC
Is Positive Development independent of Strategic Leadership Group?	GCC
How will Positive Development add value to the work-streams of the 3 groups (Joint Core Strategy, the development task-force, Low Carbon Partnership)?	GCC
Should membership of the Strategic Leadership Group be restricted to just commissioners?	GCC
The need for partnerships to permit debate on key issues facing communities eg waste disposal, street cleaning, parking and to work with police-led neighbourhood groups to make sure that they are responding to these wider community concerns	St Philip and St. James Residents Association
Welcomed the formal role of area-based community groups / neighbourhood co-ordination groups in the new structures which gives them accountability and will help them develop	St Philip and St. James Residents Association / Stronger Communities Partnership
Need for Strategic Leadership Group to provide effective leadership be more aspirational and remove barriers and align mechanisms. There needs to be explicit wording about sharing budgets and a need to provide greater leadership on transport issues	St Philip and St. James Residents Association / Stronger Communities Partnership
The need for proper monitoring of qualitative evidence to maintain a focus on building stronger communities	Stronger Communities Partnership
Businesses need to be more clearly involved – need to keep links with Cheltenham Business Partnership; should CBP/Chamber of Commerce be on the leadership group?	Stronger Communities Partnership / Cheltenham Business Partnership
There is a debate to be had about which group at district or county level will hold the crime and disorder statutory duties. There is a possibility that Glos Safer Stronger Justice Commission could hold these duties at the county level but this may weaken the districts' contribution and local influence. Within this there is a debate as to where the 6 statutory partners would meet. The Strategic Leadership Group will meet bi-annually which may not be frequent enough.	Cheltenham Community Safety Partnership
Raised a question about how the new structures will ensure that organisations commit resources to support better partnership working	Social and Community O+S
Welcomed the proposals as reducing the number of partnerships which will be beneficial for elected members.	Social and Community O+S
Welcomed the opportunity for the community to take the lead in driving partnership agendas through the positive participation partnership.	Social and Community O+S