

COMMUNITY & WELLBEING WORKING GROUP TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Community & Wellbeing Group shall comprise 6 members.

The quorum of the Group shall be 3 members with one officer in attendance.

The Group shall elect a Lead Member annually who will chair the Working Group. Apart from in an election year, the appointments to Working Groups will take place at the April meeting of Full Council when the Lead Member will be elected. In an election year, the appointments to Working Groups will take place at the first meeting of Council after the Annual Meeting of Council.

The Working Group shall function and operate in accordance with the Council's approved Standing Orders.

The Working Group shall normally meet 4 times a year, (quarterly). Task Groups appointed by the Working Group shall meet as required and report to the Working Group at each meeting if there are relevant matters to report.

Ad hoc meetings may be arranged as required.

Purpose

To work with the Council's officers to support Farnham Town Council in enhancing community wellbeing, promoting inclusion, improving quality of life across all age groups, and supporting the voluntary and community sector.

The Group will do this by leading and facilitating initiatives that promote healthier lifestyles, stronger communities and greater inclusion, community safety, and community engagement. It will also include objectives that relate to healthy communities and active travel and the administration of FTC community grants and the Farnham Support Fund.

Key tasks

The Task Group will operate in an advisory capacity to develop monitor and or review the following and make recommendations to Full Council:

A COMMUNITY GRANTS

Administration of a range of grants including follow-up reports to demonstrate the value of the grant.

- a. Community Grants - available to any not-for-profit organisation for one-off projects or schemes that may require funding including those organisations that receive annual funding with Service Level Agreement.
- b. Farnham Support Fund - provides financial support or assistance to individuals and families in Farnham who find themselves facing difficult circumstances due to financial pressures. The Support Fund includes partner organisations in determining each application.
- c. School Holiday Activity Grants

The Working Group will also consider any links relevant to South Street Trust Grants – for organisations who wish to apply for funding for an art-based (or allied subject) educational activity ensuring alignment of grant objectives where appropriate.

B COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & INVOLVEMENT

To consider opportunities alongside other Working Groups to involve community organisations and individuals in projects being implemented by FTC. This may include:

- database of volunteers
- community consultations

C YOUNG PEOPLE & YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

- Identify needs and opportunities to improve services and support for children and young people in Farnham
- Consider the best opportunities to improve youth engagement and consultation particularly with those who are disengaged
- Liaise with youth organisations, schools, and relevant service providers.
- Promote positive activities for young people and encourage their civic participation.

D SUPPORT FOR OLDER PEOPLE

- Support initiatives that reduce isolation, promote independence, and improve wellbeing among older residents.
- Work with partners such as health services, Age UK, and local organisations such as Brightwells Gostrey, Farnham Assist etc to identify gaps and opportunities.

E COMMUNITY SAFETY

1. Review and advise on the effectiveness and location of Farnham's public space CCTV provision.
2. Liaise with Surrey Police, local neighbourhood teams, and community safety partners to tackle crime, anti-social behaviour and promote a safer town.
3. Support partnership working and encourage collaboration between groups on anti fraud and crime prevention campaigns

F HEALTH ENGAGEMENT

Working alongside Health Trusts, Integrated Care Boards and principal authorities to support and promote projects in the Farnham area.

Task Groups which may report to the Community and Wellbeing Working Group include:
Younger People Task Group