

Appendix D: Ways we already engage

- **Attend a local Tenants And Residents' Association**
Tenants and Residents Associations (TARAs) and Tenants Clubs (TCs) help residents to improve their community and have a greater say on the issues affecting it. Details of established TARAs are accessible at <https://www.stlegerhomes.co.uk/search/?q=TARA>
- **Attend a Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting**
Police and Communities Together' meetings are local events run by your Neighbourhood Police Team and are open to everyone. Attending the meetings are one way of raising your concerns about local issues and finding out what your local police teams are doing to tackle them. It is also a chance to influence what happens in your neighbourhood. A calendar of meetings is accessible at <https://www.southyorks.police.uk/contact-us/feedback/pact-meetings/>
- **Attend local Parish/Town Councils**
Parish and town (local) councils in England and community and town (local) councils in Wales are the first tier of local government. They deliver a range of services to meet local needs and improve quality of life and community wellbeing. Parish/Town Councils meet regularly to discuss a range of issues affecting their Parish/Town. To find out when the next Parish/Town Council meetings will be, please contact the Clerk using the contact details on the mailing list detailed [here](#).
- **Attend a local community group listed on the Community Directory**
Community Group Meetings can be found on the [Your Life Doncaster](#) website. There are many across Doncaster.
- **Contact your local councillor (Ward Member)**
Councillor surgeries provide an opportunity for you to meet your ward councillors in person and to discuss local issues, no appointment is necessary and people are seen on a first come first served basis. Details of councillor surgeries (including times and dates) can be found by clicking on the name of the relevant councillor, via the **find your councillor page**

- **Attend a forum**

Examples include:

- LADDER forum - for children and young people with disabilities and long term health conditions (mental, physical, sensory). The group is for people aged under 25yrs, passionate about making a difference and getting their voices heard. Details of forums can be accessed at <https://www.healthwatchdoncaster.org.uk/event/young-peoples-event-meeting-with-the-ladder-group/>
- Youth Parliament - provides a platform for key decision makers and young people to come together to improve services across Doncaster. Doncaster has 2 representatives; these are elected bi-annually from youth council group only and serve a 2 year term of office. This ensures that elected UKYP reps have served at least 1 year on the youth council to gain valuable experience in readiness for their youth parliament role. The National Youth Parliament can be found at <http://www.ukyouthparliament.org.uk/>
- Doncaster Youth Council - Are a diverse group of local young people (aged 11-19) who want to ensure the voices of the young people in Doncaster are heard, working to ensure young people have a say in the decisions that are made within Doncaster. The Council can be contacted at Youth.Council@doncaster.gov.uk

Details of forums and clubs are accessible on the [Your Life Doncaster](#) website.

- **Participate in surveys**

Complete surveys (post/telephone/email/online) on a variety of issues, from the comfort of your own home.

- **Contact the Mayor**

The Mayor is the council's political leader and is elected by constituents on a four-year term of office, having executive powers and is responsible for the effective implementation of council policy and delivering services.

Doncaster's Mayor is Ros Jones and can be contacted via <http://www.doncaster.gov.uk/doitonline/contact-the-mayor>

- **Contact your local Members of Parliament (MPs)**

- MPs are elected by a particular area or constituency in Britain to represent them in the House of Commons
- MPs divide their time between their constituency and the Houses of Parliament in London
- Once elected it is an MP's job to represent all the people in his or her constituency, in which they hold regular surgeries

- An MP can ask government ministers questions, speak about issues in the House of Commons and consider and propose new laws
- In Doncaster there are three local MPs

Details of MPs can be located at <http://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/the-council-democracy/mps-and-meps>

- **Communications**

Newsletters, letters, questionnaires, leaflets, social media including facebook/twitter, local media including newspapers and radio, stands in public areas, face to face, MyDoncaster app and the Doncaster Council website.

- **Attend a NAG (Neighbourhood Action Group) Meeting - (staff only)**

The NAG is a monthly joint partnership meeting with selected agencies invited to discuss issues. Details of the NAG are accessible from DMBC Communities Area Teams.