

NORTH LOCALITY PLAN 2022

INTRODUCTION

Doncaster is a “place of places” with diverse communities, different strengths and equally variable needs. The locality approach is a way in which Doncaster Council and partners can get closer to communities to understand these strengths and different needs. By hearing from them what it is like to live in different neighbourhoods across the borough we will be able to shape our services, strategies and investment to better reflect these differences.

At the core of this approach is the commitment to hear the voices of local people, to understand the strengths in our neighbourhoods and build capacity in communities so that they can take control of their own destiny. No one person or place should be left behind.

There are four strands to the locality approach:

- We must engage with and empower local communities, understanding their strengths and supporting them on their own terms. We call this “Asset Based Community Development”.
- We must coordinate our services, and our partners on each locality footprint, especially ensuring that people, families and communities with the most needs receive a joined up response. We call this “Local Solutions”.
- We must attract investment into our Localities and make best use of our existing resources, so that funding supports the changes that local people want to see on the issues where need is greatest. “Locality Commissioning”.
- We must tie the above actions together so that there is a local deal for each of our communities that reflects their needs and aspirations. This will be done by developing a series of “Locality Plans”.

This is the first version of the North Locality Plan.

WHAT IS A LOCALITY PLAN?

Locality plans will look at how we can work together to strengthen communities and improve the lives and opportunities for the residents living there.

A locality plan needs to be ever-changing in line with the needs of the community. In 2019, we could never have predicted the impact a global pandemic could have had on residents of Doncaster, so it is important that these plans remain agile and cognisant of the different situations and external factors that are impacting on communities.

The first iteration of this North Locality Plan will look to:

- Define the priorities for improving the area over the next year
- Showcase how resources will be deployed at a local level to support and facilitate real change within communities
- Truly understand the different communities that make up the North Locality
- Provide a steer on how we will implement wider strategies at a community level

In bringing this plan together we have asked, and will continue to ask, local people across Doncaster what would make the area better.

The following pages highlight what is good about our local communities and what you would like to see improve....

WHAT IS THE NORTH LOCALITY?

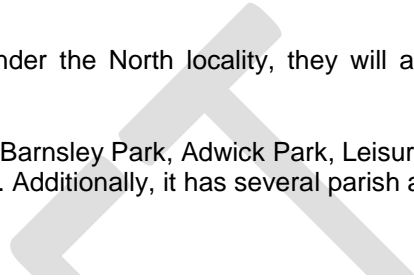
For the purpose of delivering the locality approach, Doncaster has been split into four localities, each consisting of a number of different communities.

The 'North' locality includes the following wards:

- Adwick and Carcroft
- Bentley
- Norton and Askern
- Roman Ridge
- Sprotbrough

Although each of the above wards are grouped under the North locality, they will all also be considered and supported for the unique communities they are.

It is home to Campsall Country Park, Cusworth Hall, Barnsley Park, Adwick Park, Leisure Centre, Danum retail shops, Woodlands shops Boat Inn and Boating Lake. Additionally, it has several parish and town councils.



WHAT DO RESIDENTS THINK OF THE NORTH LOCALITY?

In order to develop this plan, extensive research was undertaken with the people who live, and often work. In the North Locality. Although we have lots of data and population breakdown information about the different communities, there is no replacement for getting the views directly of the people who know the area best – those who live there.

To understand what people 'like' about their community and what they would like to see 'improve' in each community, we used various engagement methods and channels of communication to gather information to inform this plan. These include;



WHAT DO RESIDENTS THINK OF THE NORTH LOCALITY?

WE ASKED, YOU SAID ...

We asked

What do you like about where you live?

What would you like to improve?

You said

Like

- Community Spirit and mining history
- Local support, volunteering and community groups
- Green space, amenities and shops.

Improve

- Physical and Mental Health
- Housing and Environment
- Provision and Support for Children and Young People
- Community Safety

"More CCTV cameras"

"Great Community buildings (St Leger Homes Community Centres & Bullcroft)"

"Everyone knows everyone"

"Youth Provision is lacking and needs investment"

"My Place is not currently used for youth provision; this is badly needed due to crime/ASB"

"ASB - Linked to young people and lack of youth provision & police presence"

"Lots of creative ideas and pro-active residents who just need a little help to get great things started"

"Leisure Centre and Library 'Hub' are at the heart of the community"

"Community buildings (churches, cafes and library)"



Adwick and Carcroft

Overview

Adwick and Carcroft ward is made up of five villages. Adwick le Street, Carcroft, Woodlands, Highfields and part of Skellow . The ward has a population of 16,697

Adwick-le-Street is situated North West of Doncaster, it has great transport connections with links to the A1 and Adwick train station. It also has access to Green space with Adwick park. It is home to Adwick Outwood academy and the Red House industrial park.

Carcroft is a village and civil parish. There is good access to amenities and a supermarket. Carcroft borders with Skellow, part of Skellow Village also lies in the Adwick & Carcroft Ward with the area known locally as five lane ends being part of the Norton & Askern Ward.

Woodlands is an ex-mining community, with many residents once working at nearby Brodsworth colliery. There is a good shopping area with a wide variety of retail outlets. Woodlands has great access to green space and countryside.

Highfields is a small village, with its own primary school. It has access to countryside and is home to Highfields lake and country park.

This ward has the following plans:

- Well Doncaster Plan Woodlands
- Well Doncaster Plan Highfields

Key facts about your communities

All age Population of

16,697

Healthy Life Expectancy- (in % avg.)

Males: 75

Females: 78

4 areas in this

ward are in England's most deprived 10%

Crime Rate

111 per 1000 population

All domestic Abuse crime for year up to Nov 2021-

20 per 1000 population

ASB Crime Rate

26 per 1000 population

24%

Of households in fuel poverty

7% of working age

population claiming Universal Credit (Oct 21)

What you said you liked:



People and community spirit



Local support and local councillors



Local amenities and the neighbourhood

What you would like to improve



Improving community safety and tackling ASB



Poverty, Child mental and physical health



More activities for young people and all age support

"Fishing club at Highfields could be utilized better - really show off as an asset and in turn keep Highfields cleaner/safer?"

"Issues accessing primary care (even pre covid) - people place going to the doctors at a high level here. Would be a brill place to do engagement work with probably. Unfortunately the practice could do with more support"

"Great Community buildings (St Leger Homes Community Centres & Bullcroft)"

"No space/service or activities for teenagers"

"People running voluntary/charity funds that aren't doing what they're supposed to be and have very little accountability - generates even more distrust with the community and we don't see any actions"

"I've got a lot of creative ideas to get some community stuff going but our area does need quite a bit of hand holding to begin with"

"Whinfell community centre and area - very good for locals especially the elderly in support & socialising"



Bentley

Overview

Bentley ward is made up of four villages: Bentley, Arksey, Toll Bar and part of Scawthorpe. The ward has a population of 18,367.

Bentley is a suburb of the north locality of Doncaster. It has its own Train station with links to places such as Leeds, Doncaster and Sheffield. Bentley has green space including Bentley Park, which was awarded the Green Flag award in 2021. It is also home to the Pavilion and has lots of shops and amenities including a supermarket

Arksey is a village and has four satellite hamlets, Shaftholme, Tilts, Almholme and Stockbridge. Arksey has good access to the countryside and greenspace.

Shaftholme is a small hamlet in South Yorkshire in the parish of Arksey that is located half a mile north of Bentley and two miles north of Doncaster.

Toll Bar is a semi-rural hamlet and is situated on the A19 road, and approximately 3 miles north from the town of Doncaster, and adjacent to Bentley.

This ward has the following plans:

- Well Doncaster Plan (Bentley and Toll Barr)
- Bentley is part of the Major Urban Area (MUA)

Key facts about your communities

All age Population of

18,367

Healthy Life Expectancy- (in % avg.)

Males: 77

Females: 82

4 areas in this

ward are in England's most deprived 10%

Crime Rate

136 per 1000

population

ASB Crime Rate

30 per 1000

population

All domestic Abuse crime for year up to Nov 2021-

21 per 1000

population

20%

Of households in fuel poverty

7% of working age

population claiming Universal Credit (Oct 21)

What you said you liked:



People and community spirit



Local support, the library, Bentley Pavilion, Family Hub and My Place



Green Space, the high street and amenities

What you would like to improve



Improving community safety and tackling ASB



Mental, physical health and wellbeing support



More activities for young people

"Litter & general street scene issues - Councillors expressed they only want their fair share of services"

"No Leisure centre in the ward"

"Larger police presence"

"More buses and cleaner area"

"More help for homeless, more police around and also a better funded area because it seems like Doncaster is forgotten about."

"More CCTV cameras"

"My Place is not currently used for youth provision, this is badly needed due to crime/ASB"

Norton and Askern

Overview

Norton and Askern Ward is made up of multiple villages: Norton, Askern, Campsall, Burghwallis, Thorpe In Balne, Owston, Sutton, Fishlake & Fosterhouses, Sykehouse, Moss, Braithwaite & Kirk Bramwith, Fenwick, and parts of Skellow. The Ward has a population of 15,244.

The Norton & Askern Ward is historically part of the old West Riding of Yorkshire and has borders with both West and North Yorkshire. Having extensive areas of mixed farmland, giving the area a rural feel, the Ward covers a large geographical area, allowing great access to countryside and greenspace. The Ward retains a strong mining community, with it at one time being the home of Askern Main colliery, until its closure.

Norton Parish comprises the villages of Norton, Campsall and Sutton, with boundaries formed by the River Went and the A1/Great North Road.

Askern is a town and civil parish. It is on the A19 road and lies between Doncaster and Selby. Askern is home to the Boating Lake, with adjacent sports and play facilities, a lakeside café and a regular Friday market. Askern became a famous spa town in the late 19th century, but lost its popularity with the opening of the coalmines.

Some parts of Skellow village lie within the Ward. The areas included are known locally as Five Lanes End and the Buttercross together with one side of Crossfield Lane and Lodge Road. The A1 runs immediately along the Western edge of the village, giving great motorway access, with the Ea Beck as the Southern boundary.

The Green Flag rated Campsall Country Park, Thornhurst Golf Course and Owston Hall, with its golf course and spa, are all located within the Ward.

This ward has the following plans:

- Well Doncaster Plan (Askern)

Key facts about your communities

All age Population of

15,244

Healthy Life Expectancy- (in % avg.)

Males: 78

Females: 83

2 areas in this

ward are in England's most deprived 10%

Crime Rate

98 per 1000

population

All domestic Abuse crime for year up to Nov 2021-

17 per 1000

population

ASB Crime Rate

25 per 1000

population

19%

of households in fuel poverty

5% of working age

population claiming Universal Credit (Oct 21)

What you said you liked:



People and community spirit



Local support, the library, Family Hub



Green Space, lake, local amenities and Leisure centre

What you would like to improve



Improving community safety and tackling ASB



Improve transport links and infrastructure for roads and footpaths



More activities for young people

"ASB - Linked to young people and lack of youth provision & police presence"

"Traffic on the A19 (Askern is the first village in South Yorkshire - should be an impressive entrance)"

"The area feels 'forgotten', Wood yard site is an eyesore and market place is scruffy and dated"

"Community spirit is great and people really pull together"

"More police around maybe to make all children feel safe no matter where you are."

"Leisure Centre and library 'Hub' are at the heart of the community"

"Parks, green spaces & Askern Lake are the best assets we have in Askern and are all well used."



Roman Ridge

Overview

Roman Ridge ward is made up of multiple villages: Cusworth, Scawthorpe, Scawthorpe, and York Road. The ward has a population of 10,815

The Roman Ridge is that part of the Roman road of Ermine Street located in the Doncaster area of South Yorkshire. Although in places, Ermine Street follows the modern Great North Road, there is a stretch between Sunnyfields and Red House, which is known as the Roman Ridge.

Scawthorpe is situated close to the York Road area. It is a residential area with good transport links to the A1 motoway and is close to Bentley train station. The transpenine trail runs through some of the village giving great access to the trail and walking routes. Scawthorpe has its own small shopping area, and good access to a variety of amenities

Scawsby is a suburb of Doncaster situated close to the A1(M) motorway, it has great amenities, with a supermarket and other local facilities. It has several popular Schools and access to Barnsley Road Park and nearby Cusworth hall and gardens.

Cusworth is a semi-rural village and suburb of Doncaster located 2 miles north-west of central Doncaster in the civil parish of Sprotbrough and Cusworth. It is home to Cusworth Hall, an 18th century country house, and it's surrounding parkland. Attracting many visitors to the area .Some buildings in the old village can be dated back to the 16th century.

Key facts about your communities

All age Population of

10,815

Healthy Life Expectancy- (in % avg.)

Males: 80

Females: 86

0 areas in this

ward are in England's most deprived 10%

Crime Rate

72 per 1000

population

ASB Crime Rate

24 per 1000

population

All domestic Abuse crime for year up to Nov 2021-

15 per 1000

population

14%

Of households in fuel poverty

4% of working age

population claiming Universal Credit (Oct 21)

What you said you liked:



People, volunteers and community spirit



Local support and the Community Centre



Green Space and local amenities

What you would like to improve



Improving community safety and tackling ASB



Mental, physical health and, social isolation and wellbeing support



More activities for young people

"Scawthorpe Community Centre is the heart of the community spirit"

"Community proactivity and the want to get involved from the volunteers is great"

"There is great potential in the library Scawthorpe"

Everyone knows everyone"

"More police patrols on the estate and possibly a pop-up Police station."

"Community buildings (church, community centre and library)"

"Youth provision is lacking and needs investment"



Sprotbrough

Overview

Sprotbrough ward is made up of multiple villages: Sprotbrough, Hooton Pagnell, Clayton, High Melton, Marr, Cadeby, Brodsworth & Pickburn, Hampole & Skelbrooke, Barnburgh, Harlington, Hickleton. The ward has a population of 10,824.

Sprotbrough is a large village to the west of Doncaster. Together with Cusworth to the north, it forms the civil parish of Sprotbrough and Cusworth.

Lower Sprotbrough is located east of the A1(M) motorway, closer to Doncaster, while Sprotbrough Village lies to the west.

Sprotbrough Village harbours the Grade I listed St Mary's Church and The Old Rectory – the childhood home of Second World War flying ace Douglas Bader.

The Ward has great access to green space and walks, with Sprotbrough Flash, the Lock and Sprotbrough Bridge all being popular places to visit. It is surrounded by countryside with many of its small villages having a rural feel.

The ward is also home to Brodsworth Hall and gardens one of the most complete surviving examples of a Victorian country house in England. It is virtually unchanged since the 1860s.

Key facts about your communities

All age Population of

10,824

Healthy Life Expectancy- (in % avg.)

Males: 81

Females: 84

0 areas in this

ward are in England's most deprived 10%

Crime Rate

67 per 1000

population

All domestic Abuse crime for year up to Nov 2021-

9 per 1000

population

ASB Crime Rate

22 per 1000

population

12%

Of households in fuel poverty

2% of working age

population claiming Universal Credit (Oct 21)

What you said you liked:



People, farming community and community spirit



Local support, the library, and community buildings



Green Space, cycle paths and local amenities



What you would like to improve



Improving community safety and tackling ASB



Mental, physical health and, social isolation and wellbeing support



More activities for young people and improve local facilities

"More for older people to do and support for them to stay active for longer"

"Youth club/provision and things for young people to get involved in in the community"

"Library courses, French, Italian, creative writing, keep fit for elderly people etc."

"Community buildings (churches, cafes and library)"

"Play area at the junior school and skate park for teenagers. The latter has been vandalised twice and the parish council have had to repair it."

"Road traffic improvements, far too much traffic through rural villages."

"Traffic speeding, dangerous even getting in and out of your driveway"



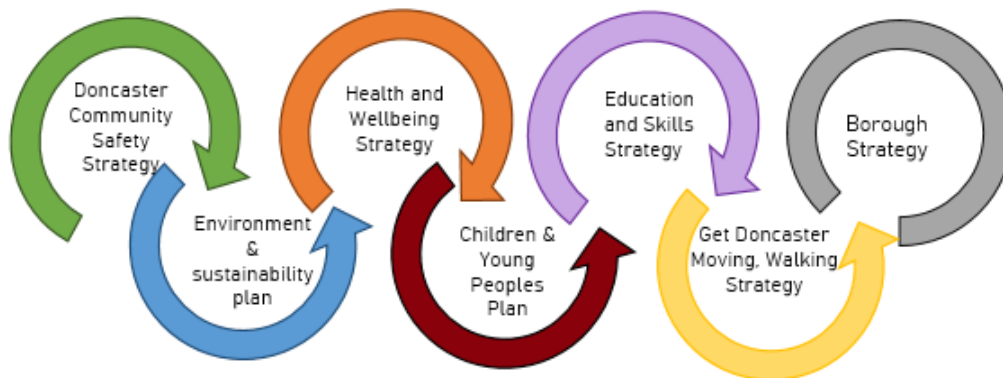
What we did with what you said

Consultation with communities and partners provided each community within the North with data and information that has been looked at in detail.

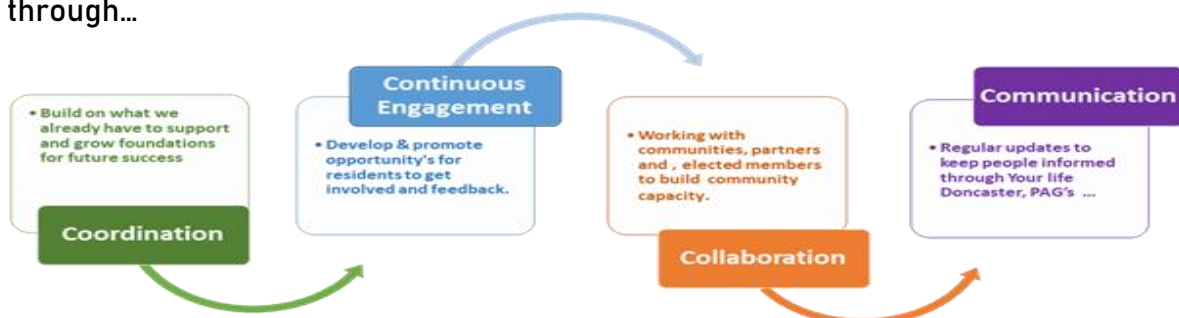


We talked to key partners from South Yorkshire Police, local and regional health, St Leger Housing and a range of Council Services to confirm what plans and strategies are already in place. These included ...

A sample of the plans and strategies considered.

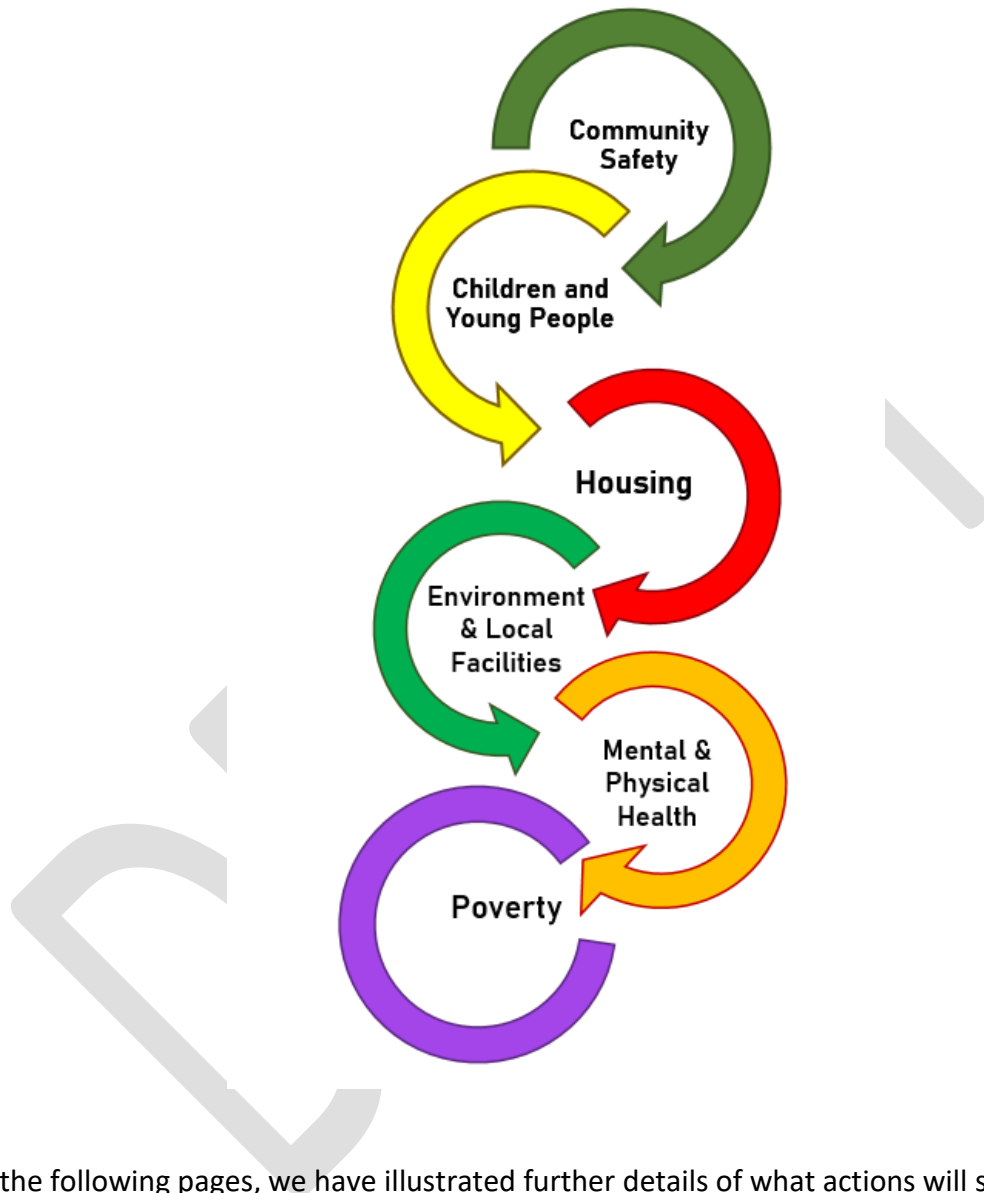


We will make sure we link the actions and activity from existing Strategies and Plans to build on the assets and strengths in our communities and address any gap through...



SO WHAT ARE THE PRIORITIES FOR THE NORTH LOCALITY?

At the beginning of this plan we stated we would define the priorities for improving the area over the next year. We have outlined how we have analysed the information and have identified the following priorities:



On the following pages, we have illustrated further details of what actions will support improvement for each priority theme and how this will build on and link to existing strategies, plans and activity*.

**The plans and strategies detailed in the coming pages are examples of how we are currently working to support these priority areas and are not meant to represent a complete list. Extracts need to be considered in the context of the whole plan or strategy document.*

You asked us to improve Community safety

Through coordination, continuous engagement, collaboration and communication we will work together to build on local strengths and assets across North locality to complete the following actions in order to reach each outcome

Doncaster Community Safety Strategy

Effectively manage anti-social behaviour (ASB) through proactive responsive approaches supported by improved mechanisms to report and respond to incidents

Improve community confidence in reporting ASB by providing reassurance that we will listen, understand and build relationships with victims and communities

Children and Young Peoples Plan LOCYP engagement and Partnership

Work with the Safer Stronger Doncaster partners to reduce ASB in and around Doncaster.

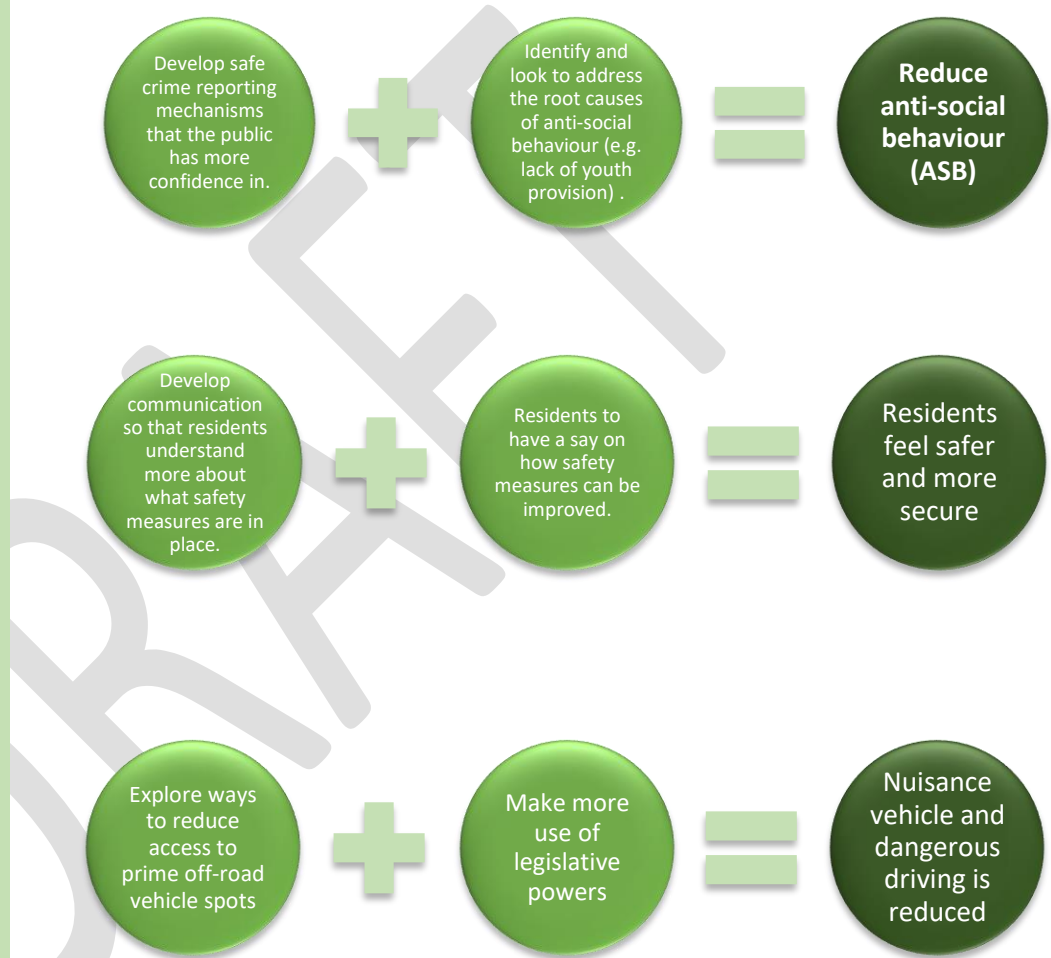
Doncaster Borough Strategy 'Doncaster Delivering Together'

Tackle crime and ASB and the root causes

Tackle domestic abuse and its root causes

Doncaster Get Moving - Walking Strategy

Work with South Yorkshire Safer Roads Partnership to ensure Road Safety Training is offered to all primary schools in the Borough.



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Supporting Plans and Strategies

Children and Young Peoples Plan

Increase the availability and quality of activities, groups and programmes for children and young people.

Make sure we are providing quality activity programmes for our most vulnerable and disadvantaged children and young people.

Plan community and celebratory events for children and young people to participate and engage in them

Children & Young People Activities Plan

Provide an opportunity for children and young people to have a voice and to shape, influence, design and develop services

Provide opportunities for children and young people to contribute to their communities

Cultural Strategy

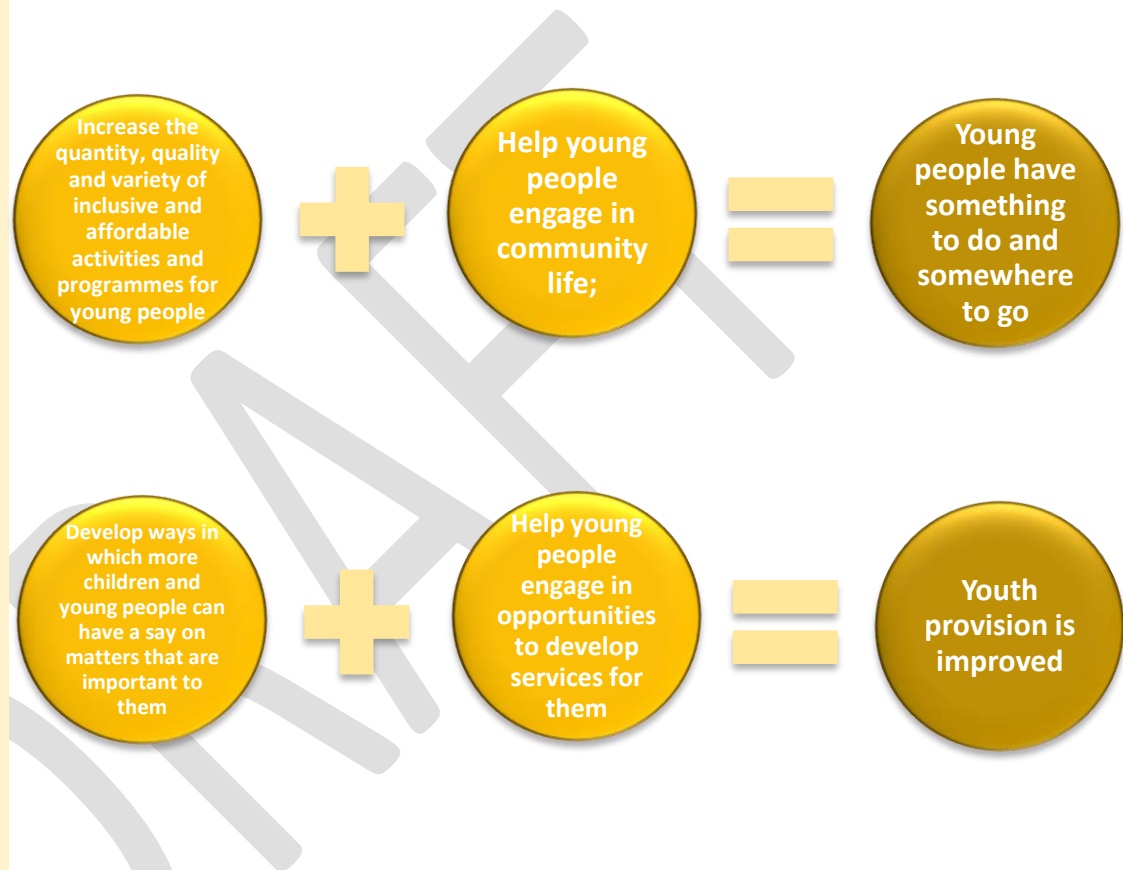
Engage with children and young people to shape and promote the cultural offer in Doncaster

Doncaster Local Offer

Support our voluntary, community and faith sectors to increase high quality, accessible youth provision

You asked us to improve Children & Young people provision

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Doncaster Housing Strategy

Meet housing need and aspirations, support our local economy and help revitalise town centres and communities

Make homes greener and more energy efficient to help keep energy costs affordable

Doncaster Borough Strategy

For everyone to have decent (i.e. clean, warm, sanitary) secure, appropriate affordable housing and is free from fuel poverty

St Leger Homes: Tenancy Sustainability

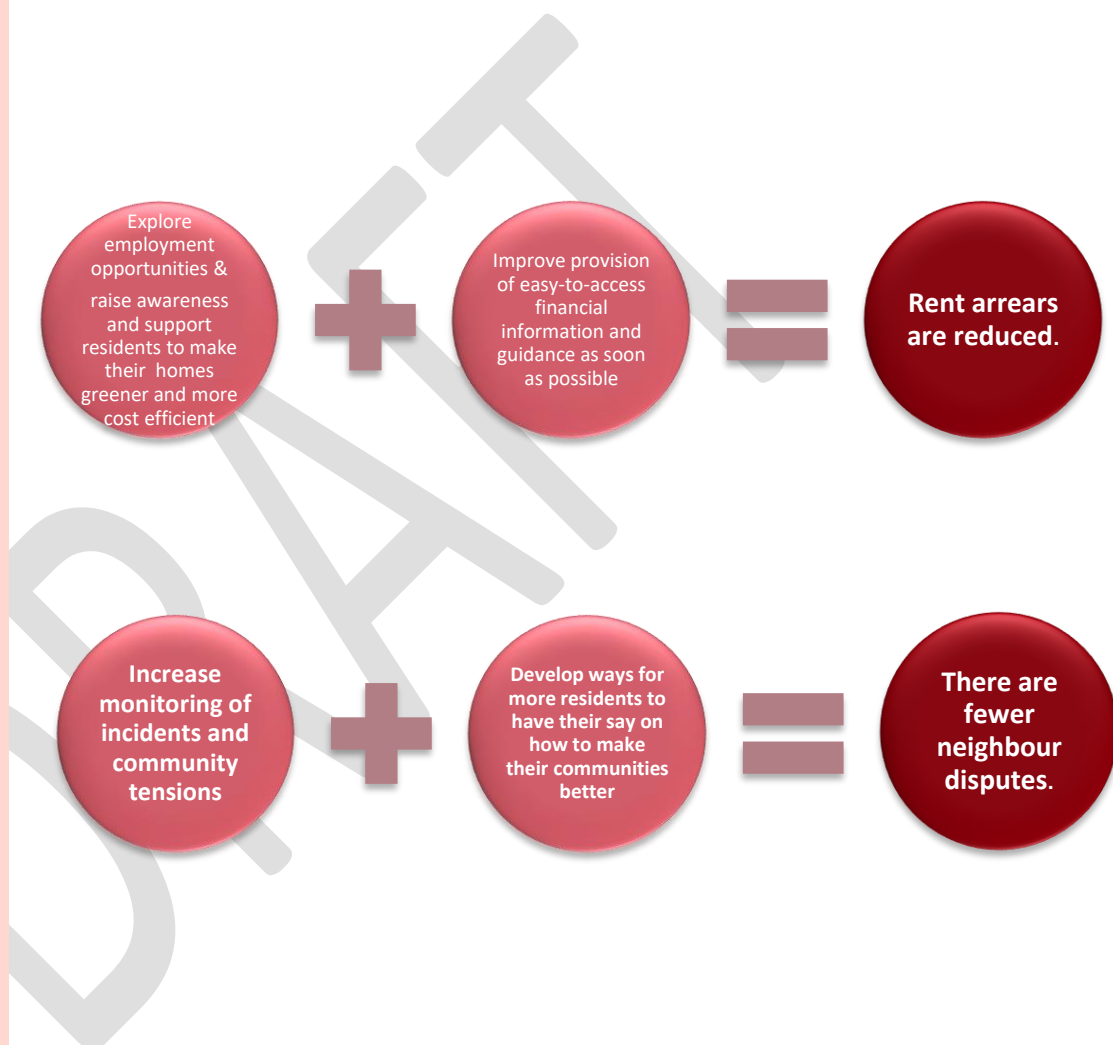
Provide housing support to tenants who need help to manage their tenancy.

Doncaster Community Safety Strategy

Tackle the issue of street homelessness through joint locality working

You asked us to improve Housing

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Supporting Plans and Strategies

Doncaster Core Strategy

Protect and enhance local amenities that are well-designed, attractive, fit for purpose and locally distinctive;

Support the provision of wash land, especially for the River Don, including protecting existing wash land and supporting the creation of new wetland where this would increase protection for people and property, and deliver wider benefits.

Doncaster Community Safety Strategy

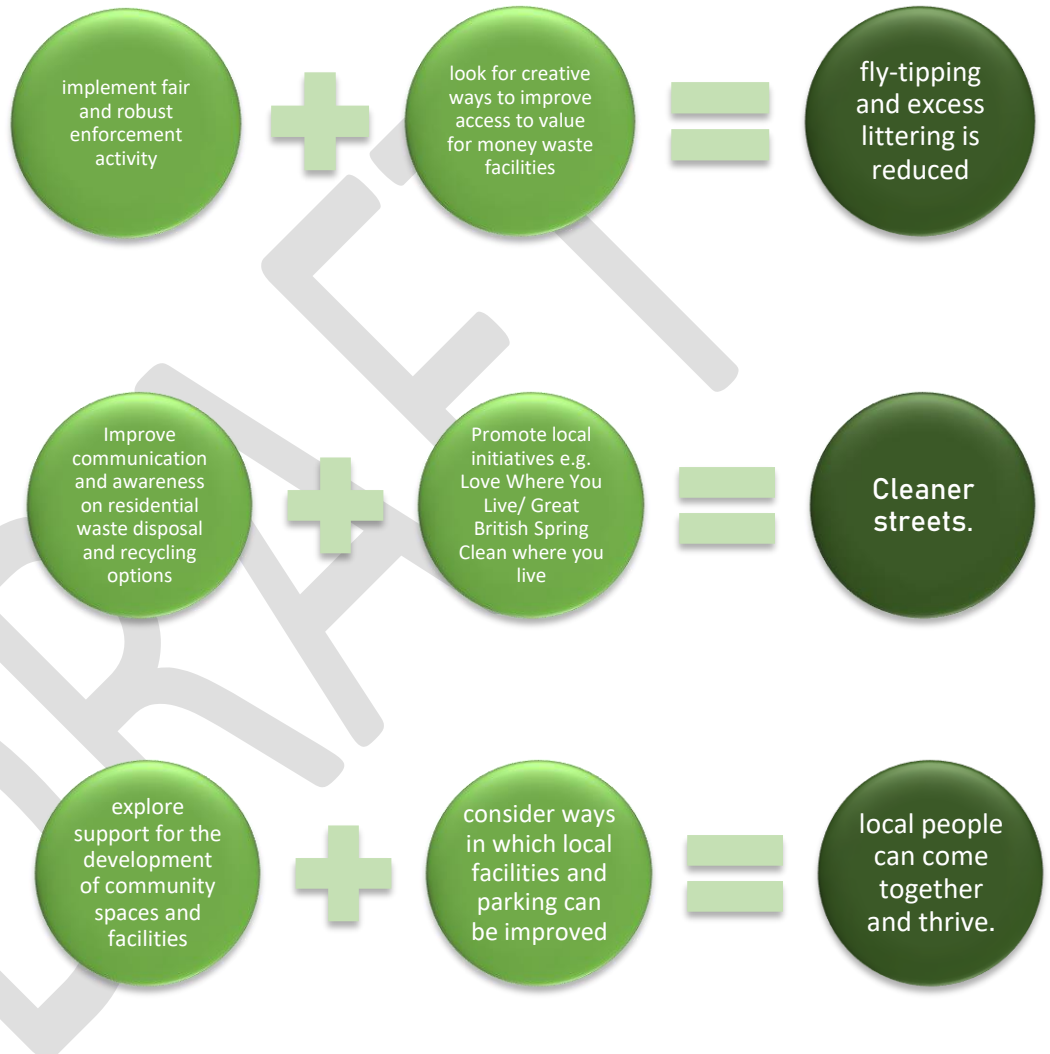
Implement effective problem-solving approaches to reduce the impact of fly tipping and criminal damage within communities, particularly damage linked to anti-social behaviour e.g. graffiti.

Doncaster Borough Strategy

Reduce fly-tipping and graffiti and regularly clean the streets and roads

You asked us to improve the Environment and Local facilities

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Doncaster Borough Strategy

Work towards a healthy and compassionate borough where collectively everyone is supported to add life to years and years to life

Where everyone has access to essential health services

Doncaster Place Plan

Develop communities to enable people to access support, information, advice and guidance through local solutions

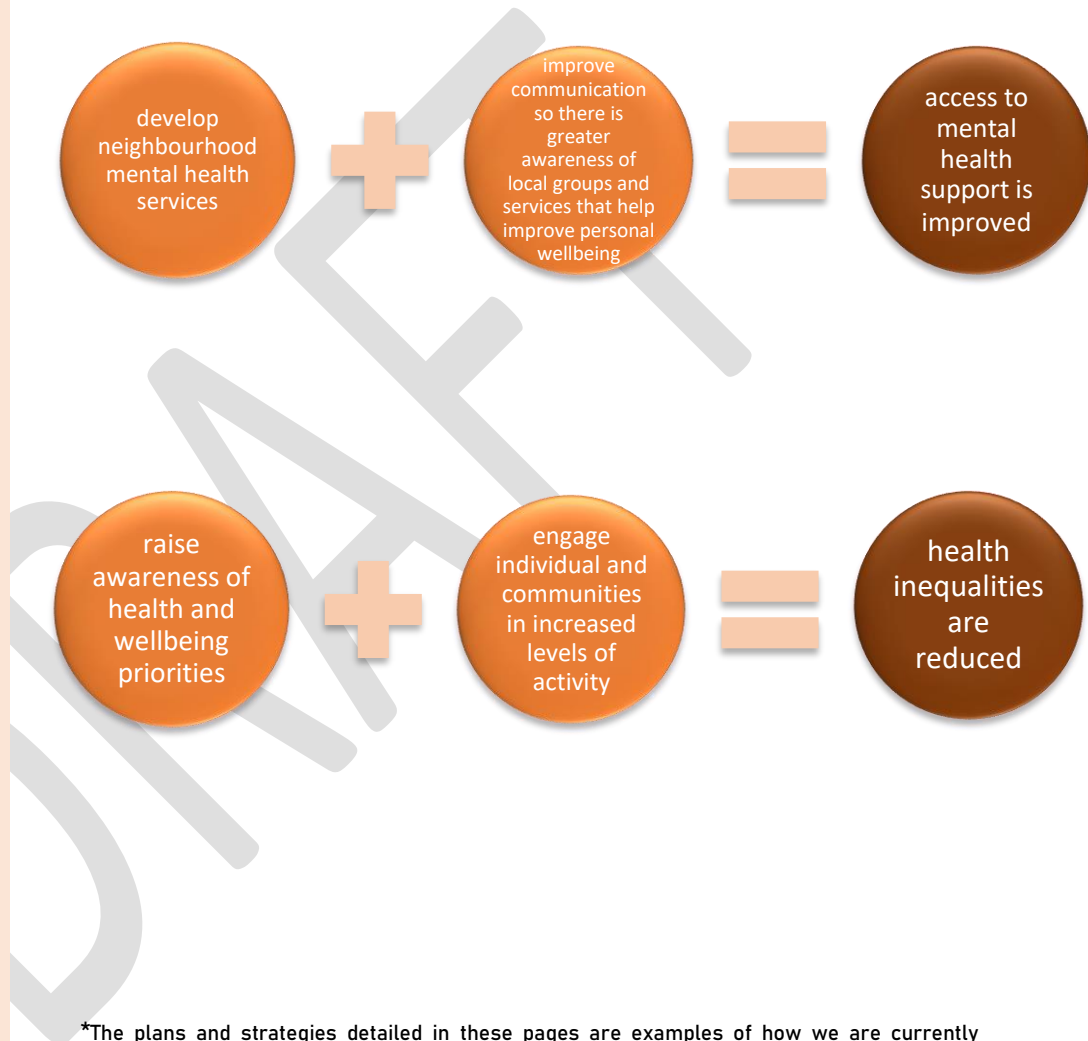
Health and Wellbeing Strategy

Improve the mental health and wellbeing of the people of Doncaster ensuring a focus on preventative services and the promotion of well-being for people of all ages

For all Doncaster people to be able to make informed choices to enjoy a good quality and health life

You asked us to improve Mental and Physical Health

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Doncaster Borough Strategy

Work towards a Doncaster where everyone can secure the income they need to have a decent minimum living standard and access debt advice and support if needed

Education and Skills 2030 Strategy

Reform our Post-16 education and skills system to equip residents with the skills, ambition and attributes that allow them to thrive in life and work

Doncaster Local Plan

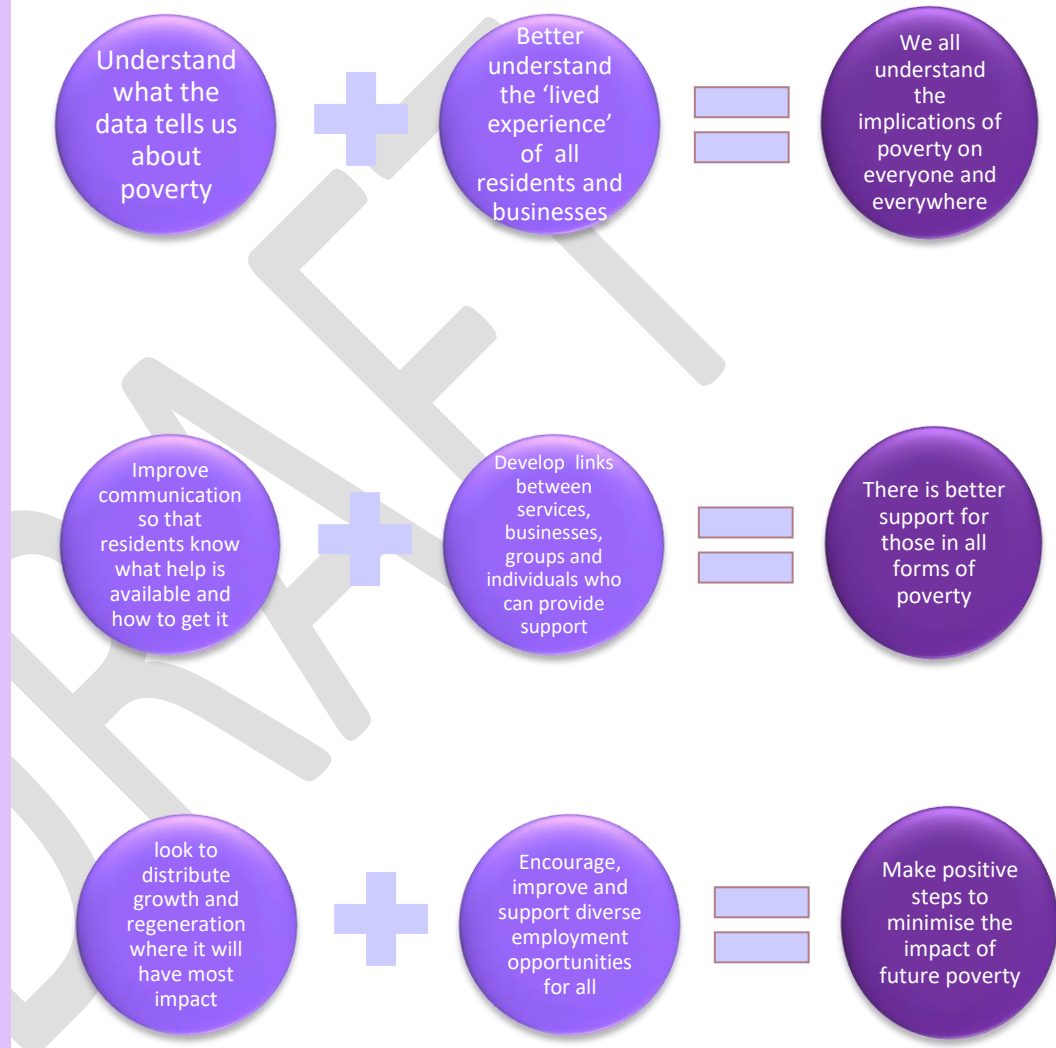
Stimulate regeneration t tackle deprivation especially in the most disadvantaged areas and ensure an inclusive approach for those at risk of poverty

Doncaster Core Strategy

Distribute growth and regeneration where it would do most good in terms of supporting prosperous and sustainable communities by improving the economic performance of towns, promoting regeneration and tackling deprivation

Data tells us we need to improve support for preventing poverty.

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WHAT'S NEXT FOR LOCALITY PLANS?

People contributing to the priorities for improving their community is at the heart of this Locality Plan. Over the next twelve months we will endeavour to build on the local assets and strengths in our communities to deliver this plan. We will seek to achieve this through effective coordination, continued engagement, collaboration and communication.



Engaging with local groups and networks is a continuous part of working Together Well in localities. As a resident who lives in the North Locality, you are encouraged to get involved in the plans activities and share the planned actions with as many people as possible, especially people working and living in Adwick and Carcroft, Bentley, Norton & Askern, Roman Ridge and Sprotbrough.

WHAT CHANGES WILL I SEE?

In addition to the priorities identified in the plan, Team Doncaster are also changing the way we work in order to ensure support is being provided at a local level. There are a number of these changes that will happen imminently. These include:

- Relevant teams will no longer be based centrally at the Doncaster Council Civic Office but will instead have an office base within the North locality. This will mean that our officers are embedded into the community and more easily accessible to residents.
- We will be opening Your Community Hubs at a number of locations across the North Locality, these will provide a drop-in opportunity for people needing support
- Your Life Doncaster website will now feature a dedicated information page for the North locality (www.yourlifedoncaster.co.uk/north). On this page you will be able to find out important information about your area such as what's on, local community groups, local contact details and news and information about how the plan is progressing
- There will be more Well Doncaster Officers in your community. Our Well Doncaster Officers have been placed in communities to support the delivery of grassroots projects that will have a lasting impact on people's lives. They are there to support the strengthening of our communities and improve health and wellbeing of residents in Doncaster, and as part of this plan, we are doubling the amount of Well Doncaster Officers in each area to continue the positive work they are already doing.

We need everybody from council workers, to Team Doncaster partners to voluntary groups and residents themselves to get involved with developing and delivering the plan. If you want to support us to help the North Locality thrive then we would love to hear from you.

**'Shape the future of your North Community.
Get involved'**

Contact us at

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Useful websites for more information:

www.teamdoncaster.org.uk

www.yourlifedoncaster.co.uk

www.voluntaryactiondoncaster.org.uk