
OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITIES AND ENGAGEMENT PORTFOLIO

1. Since the last meeting of Council, the following are the main areas of work under my Communities and Engagement Portfolio:

Working with the Third Sector

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Equalities

6. Member training in disability equality has been delivered in July, with a particular emphasis on disability equality impact assessment.

Welfare Rights

7. A new lottery-funded job-sharing post in Welfare Rights has started. The post is specifically focused on increasing the take-up of welfare rights benefits in Darlington and in improving partnership working among local agencies in order to facilitate that.

Talking Together

8. The second Talking Together about Dog Control event was held on 30th September. At the event, members of the public participated in workshops which analysed both how and where dog control order should be applied.

Engagement

9. A submission has been made to Government Office North East for funding for activities to build social capital and cohesion in response to the recession.

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