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Subject: community plans and HCC

Dear all, I have been working with officers at Hampshire County Council for about a year on how they can be involved in community plan projects that need county support. This is quite a complex issue as they need to establish a process that will work across all 11 districts, has member buy-in and does not raise false expectations.

County officers feel they would like to be involved in community planning at the earliest stage ie draft plan. This would allow them to talk through the identified issues, add their expertise and help shape potential solutions. It has been suggested that this could best be done through a 'surgery' type of format and as we are one of the leading districts New Forest would be a pilot for this idea. HCC recognises that we have many community plans already in place and so you are being targeted for the pilot surgeries.

The format of the surgeries would be a meeting held in a central place in the district at a time most convenient to yourselves. You would pick the projects/issues from your Plan that you would most like County involvement with and submit your query/issue to me in advance. I will liaise with the County to ensure that the appropriate officer is there to discuss your particular query with you.

If the pilot proves successful we would look at the potential to expand it to include district officers and Local Strategic Partnership members.

It is planned to have the pilot during the autumn, in order to plan this could you please feedback on the following questions.

1. Do you feel the suggested surgeries would help enable projects that need County support?
2. Would you be interested in taking part?
3. If so, what time of day would be best for you, day time or evening?

I think this could be a very useful way for future working and helping to make your community projects happen. Thank you for your time in responding

Best wishes

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