

One Stockport: One Future – Stakeholder engagement feedback report

Introduction and background

In shaping the '5 Big Things' we have been out to over thirty different meetings and forums have spoken to over where we have been engaging and listening to a wide range of stakeholders to understand their thoughts, concerns, experiences and aspirations for Stockport in 2040.

This engagement has included, voluntary, community and faith sector organisations through our community networks, young people through Listen / Youth Alliance and local businesses through the Economic Alliance. We have also had input from public services across the borough with specific input from: Stockport Council, including elected members, NHS, police, fire service, school and college leaders and housing providers.

Reaching out to many different communities, organisations and partners across Stockport has allowed us to listen to a range of voices as possible to help shape and create our vision for Stockport 2040

This engagement doesn't stop here, in line with our shared values it is important that we continue to collaborate together and seek to hear from different voices, experiences and perspective through a range of engagement approaches, as we move forward into delivery of One Stockport: One Future.

Summary of the key themes

Overall vision: -

- People welcomed the development of a clear long term strategic vision - which cuts across all key priorities and is grounded in joined up working and collective transformation.
- People felt that the overall vision clearly shows how 'everything is linked together' and demonstrates why joined up action is essential.
- People could see that a clear focus on prevention runs through all five big things and that the 'five big things' combined will act as 'vehicles' to improve outcomes for all residents.
- It was felt that greater emphasis should be placed on 'fair and inclusive' and the 'root causes' of inequality, in response to the increasing diversity within Stockport's population.
- There was some confusion about whether One Future is a 'plan' and people felt it was important to understand how we would deliver the five Big Things
- People commented on the need to define the system leaders that will help to deliver the five big things, including the role of the council as a system and place leader and the role of the VCFSE sector.

Good jobs and home: -

- People requested specific mention of social and affordable housing, including protected / guaranteed housing schemes to help local people stay in Stockport and more affordable residential housing in the town centre.
- People welcomed plans to create more employment opportunities, but felt that we need to do more to promote jobs in growth sectors, create opportunities for young people, ensure that new job opportunities are prioritised for local people and provide more supported employment / retraining opportunities.

- It was felt that we need to build on our entrepreneurial culture and encourage enterprise and partnership opportunities for new service providers.
- Social value and use of local suppliers were highlighted as key issues.
- People felt that we need to do more to tackle poverty amongst working families, including better addressing issues such as the real living wage and sign up to GEP and aligning closely to the anti-poverty objectives.

Best health and care: -

- People felt that there should be a stronger focus on prevention and quality joined up health and social care, including increased emphasis on social prescribing and better access to local and convenient healthcare services
- It was suggested that 'everyone living independently' is adapted to reflect the fact that some older people prefer to live in supported accommodation.
- People wanted to understand more about our aspiration for a new hospital will be funded.
- Accessible mental health and wellbeing services

Best place to grow up: -

- People welcomed the focus on education and supported our plans for further integration of education, health and social care services to improve outcomes for young people.
- There was support for further investment in the school estate, including an increase in the number of schools, and further investment in leisure and youth provision. It was suggested that a proposition for capital investment in the school estate is developed, in line with the proposition developed for the hospital.

Thriving neighbourhoods: -

- People felt that there is a need to map the support and opportunities available in neighbourhoods, to raise communities' awareness of what is available locally and how to access it (including leisure centres, libraries, neighbourhood teams and ward flexibility funding)
- People recognised the importance of partnership working with communities and the VCFSE; and welcomed the role of the council as facilitator to unleash the potential of communities and empower Stockport's citizens.
- Meaningful conversations with communities were welcomed as a means to develop our understanding of the specific characteristics of different neighbourhoods and to find out what is important to our local communities.
- There was recognition that not all neighbourhoods are equally accessible due to lack of reliable and affordable public transport, which affects communities access to activities and services.
- People felt that anti-social behaviour, the condition of buildings and reduced opening hours of libraries and leisure centres are having a detrimental impact on service provision within some neighbourhoods.

Clean, green transport: -

- People felt that there is a need for better and more accessible transport, including better bus networks to connect neighbourhoods and district centres within Stockport. (Brinnington was highlighted as particularly isolated).

- It was felt that better public transport will increase footfall in the town and district centres, helping to drive the local economy, and may help to increase the number of young people staying in Stockport.
- People also wanted to see a stronger focus on cycling and walking routes to support the active transport and prevention agendas.
- People recognised that climate action is built into our five big things but felt that our ambition to be one of the greenest borough's needs to be more explicit.
- The development of a tree planting strategy or 'sponsored tree planting' scheme were suggested.

Appendix -Meeting and forums where engagement took place.

Stakeholder meetings	
Community Networks Round table	21st November
Economic Alliance	6th December
MDC Board	7th December
Stockport FT Trust board	7th December
Stockport Homes Away Day	11th December

One Stockport Safety Partnership	13th December
GM Transport Round Table	20th December
One health and care board	21st December
Youth Alliance	3rd January
Health and Wellbeing Board	17th January
Primary Care Board	18th January
Schools Forum	18th January
VCFE Session	12th January
Meeting with the Equity Network Chairs	19th January
Youth Summit	6th February
Team Around the Place	
Victoria/Offerton	13th December
Heaton	14th December
Marple/Werneth	21st December
Cheadle and Bramhall	23rd January
Brinnington	30th January
Members	
Members Briefing	4th December
Group Leaders	21st December
CRMG Scrutiny	16th January
Area Committees	22nd-25th January
Werneth	22nd January
Heaton and Reddish	22nd January
Cheadle	23rd January
Stepping Hill	23rd January
Marple	24th January
Central Stockport	25th January
Bramhall and Cheadle Hulme	25th January
Staff/Colleagues	
Leadership Forum	23rd November
Senior Leadership Group	13th December
Staff Networks	TBC
All Colleague Briefings	24th January
All Colleague Briefings	30th January
All Colleague Briefings	05th February