

## IMPLEMENTING THE COMMUNITY LED PLAN: A FEW OPTIONS

If you are coming towards the end of your community led plan project, you should start to think carefully about how your plan will be implemented. The steering group will need to consider what role, if any, you want to have in helping to deliver the actions you have identified. You also need to start talking to key partners and in particular your town or parish council, about the role that they would like to take and to agree on a way forward. Here are a few possible options for you to consider:

### 1. Parish Council led



- Community led plan (CLP) group dissolves
- Plan is handed over by the group and adopted by the Parish Council
- Parish Council take on responsibility for implementation
- Parish Council may engage volunteers/local organisations to assist
- Parish Council reports on progress to community

### 2. CLP group led



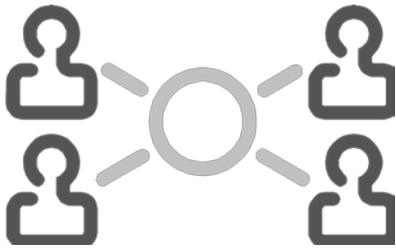
- Community led plan group evolves into an implementation group, with different objectives
- Hopefully, it remains a partnership between parish council representatives and the wider community
- The group may need to consider changing the form of the organisation and banking arrangements if it is to attract and manage funding
- It may also need to attract new members with different skills and interests, relevant to the projects in hand

### 3. New implementation group(s) established



- CLP group dissolves
- Parish Council looks for a mechanism to help with delivery – maybe via co-opting people in or forming a sub committee
- A new implementation group (or groups) established to take projects forward.
- This group becomes responsible for gathering in additional help as required.

### 4. Established groups lead



- Established groups or agencies – existing local organisations in the community such as a village hall committee or an interest group such as an environment group or CAP topic group take on responsibility for certain tasks
- Overall co-ordination and monitoring of action is undertaken by either the Parish Council or the CLP implementation group

### 5. The Community Organiser approach



- The plan has highlighted an issue for a particular section of the community
- The plan co-ordinators bring in trained Community Organisers to listen to those individuals and to bring them together to convert ideas into action

## 6. A mix or hybrid of the above



- In reality, the process of implementing the plan becomes a bit of a mixture of the above
- Consider:
  - Who takes on overall co-ordination?
  - Who takes responsibility for action?
  - Who monitors progress?
  - What is the best option for us as a community – and for the projects that we want to take forward?

## 7. Stays on the shelf



- Plan is completed and handed to the Parish Council. CLP group dissolves. No-one takes responsibility for action. Plan stays on the shelf.
- Community's expectations have been raised and nothing happens
- Community becomes cynical and disinclined to take part in future consultations or projects

## Want further advice?

Community First's EnAct service can offer advice and guidance on these options and help you to find the solution that best suits your community.

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