

Appendix 1

TERMS OF REFERENCE – ROSSENDALE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

1. To be informal community meetings, to allow networking and information sharing and agreed action points, meeting at least 3 times a year.
2. To promote the interests of the neighbourhood and assist the area's residents, businesses, community groups and local Councillors in meeting the needs and aspirations for the neighbourhood.
3. To bring these partners together to develop and jointly deliver a Community Plan that reflects local needs and aspirations.
4. To act as a consultation mechanism in respect of issues affecting the neighbourhood and its residents.
5. To receive regular updates from organisations/groups - sharing information and best practice.
6. To encourage applications for the Community Partnership grant funding.
7. To receive and consider feedback from Community Partnership grant recipients.
8. To encourage a joined up approach to solving local problems by commissioning projects
9. To undertake Task and Finish work groups for the purpose of conducting an in-depth review of any issue that affects the local neighbourhood.
10. To set up a Working Group of three elected members and one community member which has delegated authority to consider and allocate Community Partnership grants received from the Council.

Composition and membership

Meetings to be chaired by a Borough Councillor with membership comprising ward councillors, community members and local residents with representation from partner agencies such as the police, health and housing providers where relevant and their capacity allows. Meetings will be open to all local residents.

Borough Council staff will arrange the venues and circulate agendas and notes of the meetings, which may be taken by anyone attending the meetings.