

Big Local Outcomes

- 1. Communities will be better able to identify local needs and act in response to them.**
- 2. People will have increased skills and confidence, so they will continue to identify and respond to the needs in the future.**
- 3. The community will make a difference to the needs it prioritises.**
- 4. People will feel that their area is an even better place to live**

To deliver these outcomes,our Big Local involves the following things:

- The continuous improvement of residents so that they can lead the programme**
- The establishment of an accountable local partnership, in which the majority of members of are GGBL residents**
- A wish to contribute to longer term changes in the area**
- A commitment to building peoples skills and confidence**
- Sharing and learning in the area and with other Big Local areas**
- A programme which is flexible and realistic**
- A programme which is additional to mainstream public money**



Pineapple Castle recipient of small grant



Cultivate4life recipient of small grant



Durham Amateur Football Trust grant recipient

Theme 1 - Jobs, Education / Training and Apprenticeships

We will continue to work in partnership with the community, service providers and agencies to assess employment, training and volunteering needs in the area. We will support the development of new social enterprise and will then develop actions and strategies to meet needs and aspirations. We will continue discussions already in progress with local key providers to identify apprenticeship, education, training, and volunteering opportunities within areas.

Theme 2 - Health and Wellbeing

We aim to help improve the physical, mental health and wellbeing of people in the GGBL community. We have and will continue to achieve this by working with existing organisations to tackle issues raised by the consultation exercises and ideas brought forward by our communities. These also include healthy eating and physical activities. We will also start investigations into substance abuse and mental health issues to assess needs and provision within the area.

Theme 3 - Intergenerational and Community Activities

We have and will continue to encourage people of all ages to get involved in activities which work for the benefit of the people in the area. Strategies and partnership development have already been put in place and will continue to be developed. Our community grants scheme has already proved instrumental in allowing us to progress this theme and enables local community groups to access funding to develop projects across the area. We will continue to work with these and new groups that apply for grants for projects that fit our plan priorities.

Theme 4 - Children and Young People

We are working with local organisations to improve the life chances of young people within the GGBL area to broaden their outlook and understanding of their life and responsibilities. The Community Grants scheme has enabled many groups to provide activities and training for young people. GGBL has bought and renovated a children's play bus to be gifted to a suitable organisation to be run as a business and provide several events across all areas. We are developing plans for a youth forum involving members of the wider partnership.

Theme 5 - Reducing Crime and Increasing Community Safety

We have made some progress in this theme but there is more to do. Workshops have been organised to give information to communities on Crime / Loan Sharks / Cyber Crime and Fraud. We would like to share information throughout the community using social media and by developing a community newsletter.

Theme 6 - To support Gaunless Gateway Partnership to deliver its aims

We will ensure that the four Big Local Outcomes in our plan are met, by working with the community. The Big Local Partnership will continue to develop their skills and those of the wider partnership. This will build skills and confidence throughout the program creating a catalyst for sustained change and lasting impact. We continue to involve people in sub groups and meetings as well as actively seeking new members from the areas, to enhance the Board and improve its effectiveness.

Theme 7 – Small Grants Scheme

We will continue with our highly successful Small Grants program allowing big ideas to develop, leading to new local initiatives, building capacity within existing organisations and supporting the development of new groups and activities.



Singing the Faith Community Choir

Small grant recipient



Auckland Castle Walled Garden

partner in apprenticeship project



Bishop Auckland College

partner in apprenticeship project

Theme Outcomes and Impact

Lasting change that happens in communities as a result of programme activities

So far in this plan we have talked about historic events about our GGBL area, what criteria the Big Local expect us to follow, and themes identified as important to the members of the Gaunless Big Local Partnership area. We have talked about budgets allocated and spent in the first plan and proposed budgets in the 2018-2020 new plan. What we have not covered is what we expect to achieve over our plan period 'Outcome and Impact' measurement. In the next section we will go through each theme laying out our expected outcomes and the difference our work makes within communities. Of course these may or may not be achieved and we will only be able to assess that when the projects are being delivered and data can be collected to assess their impact.

Theme 1: Jobs, Education / Training and Apprenticeships

- **Local people in GGBL area are involved in the development of learning opportunities.**
- **Local people in GGBL area are supported into volunteering / training in the GGBL area.**
- **Monitoring and evaluation information gathered from each activity to inform future developments.**
- **Improved access to a range of development opportunities.**
- **Creation of new enterprise**
- **Local people in the GGBL area are helped to gain employment.**

Impact: Raised aspirations with local young people having better job prospects and local entrepreneurial activity increased motivated local people to find/ create opportunities for themselves

Theme 2: Health and Wellbeing

- **Local people in the GGBL are more able to access / choose quality fresh food**
- **More usable green spaces in GGBL area providing healthy places to be, which increase social interaction, local connectivity and community activity leading to increased mental wellbeing.**
- **Better oral health in local young people.**

Local people in the GGBL area report:

- **They feel happier, more confident, more included.**
- **Are able to get their voices heard by health service providers / decision makers.**
- **They will have access to new social networks, physical activity and creative opportunities.**

Impact: Local communities have increased access to health information and projects, increasing their ability to make informed choices about their own health and act as positive role models to those around them.

Theme 3: Intergenerational Community Activities

- **Local people in the GGBL area have access to a range of activities.**
- **Stronger partnerships developed with more organisations working together.**
- **Continuous engagement of people and organisations in the GGBL area on issues that affect them.**

Impact: Positive attitudes and better understanding between generations has developed and more people are invested, connected and involved in their local community.

Theme 4: Children and Young People

- **A wider range of opportunities available across GGBL area for Children and young people to take part in**
- **Will have an equal voice in partnership decision making for the duration of the programme**
- **Stronger partnerships and forums developing between schools, faith groups, community groups, voluntary organisations, local business and statutory agencies.**

Impact: Local communities, children and young people will have increased access to identified activities resulting in more connected, confident and empowered communities

Theme 5: Reducing crime and increasing community safety

- **Support initiatives around issues and topics as identified by GGBL residents**
- **Developing stronger working relationships between specialist service providers, statutory agencies, residents and local community projects**
- **Build capacity within local communities to strengthen, influence and shape own neighbourhoods**

Impact: Positive raised perceptions about neighbourhoods as being a safer place to live, work, socialise or study in

Theme 6: Support and develop the Gaunless Gateway Big Local Partnership

- **Identify and offer continuous development to Partnership decision making members**
- **Offer support and development opportunities to individual and organisational partnership members**
- **Strengthen relationships and processes with Locally Trusted Organisation (LTO) , Big Local Representative and Local Trust**
- **Develop simple shared resources for partnership communication use; including newsletters and social media**

Impact: A long- term shared understanding and vision with a better connected, informed, and aspirational and empowered Partnership.

Theme 7: Small grants schemes

- **Support new and existing activities as identified from within communities**
- **Build capacity and confidence of partnership individuals and group members**
- **Continue to develop resident- led initiatives to enable putting big ideas into practice including process**
- **Develop skills and knowledge across the partnership**
- **Develop effective ways to capture the difference these schemes make**

Impact: Communities taking control, feeling more empowered and involved to have a voice in shaping their communities, therefore generating positive actions.