

Public Service Reform

Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council

Working ‘Better Together’ in Knowsley

Working ‘Better Together’ in Knowsley is about everyone coming together, pooling resources and expertise to have a greater impact on tackling the Borough’s key challenges.

Knowsley Council’s current [Corporate Plan](#) outlines **what** the Council hopes to achieve in the coming years, with the following co-operative principles setting out **how** it will:

- Be a strong community leader and always champion Knowsley;
- Build better partnerships and work with others co-operatively to improve Knowsley;
- Listen to the community when making decisions;
- Spend locally, invest locally and recruit locally to build social value;
- Help people to be independent, doing more for themselves and each other;
- Prevent problems occurring or stop them getting worse; and,
- Use the best way of delivering services that leads to improved outcomes for Knowsley

These principles underpin the ethos of Knowsley Better Together and demonstrate how true collaboration with partners and co-production with communities will drive forward improvements in Knowsley.

Practically, this will be embedded throughout the Council in all its work: from budget planning and service delivery, to staff inductions and resident engagement.

Through Knowsley Better Together the Council will work closely with partners, Elected Members and the community to adopt and demonstrate how they plan to use and embed these principles.

In some cases this will involve the development of a series of informal, co-produced ‘deals’ which will focus on what all stakeholders (including the Council, residents, strategic partners and businesses) will do to achieve their shared goals.

To help kickstart some of this work, the Council has launched a [£1m fund](#) to encourage the development of sustainable activity to deliver on key priorities, through small grants. Some of the projects and initiatives which have already benefited from the fund include:



- Improving local communities through residents and businesses coming together to tidy an area;
- Providing support to residents with dementia and their carers
- Helping young people explore health and wellbeing issues through creative activity
- Equipping and empowering families to ensure children get the very best home learning environment.

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