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Stevenage Borough Council

Co-operation at the Grass Roots in Stevenage: Co-operative Neighbourhoods

Since 2019, councils in Burntwood, North Hertfordshire, Stevenage & Sunderland have been working together on a policy lab to explore ways in which co-operation can be facilitated by councils in their interactions with residents and communities at a very localised level.

The policy lab has identified the value this brings, not just to more effective delivery of services, but also to wider social and economic benefits for places.

Through the formation of the Cooperative Neighbourhoods programme, Stevenage Borough Council has formed partnerships between elected members, council officers, stakeholders and community groups to focus on the needs of the community. The six cooperative neighbourhood areas each have a dedicated team that concentrates specifically on the development and improvement of their area through community engagement and direct delivery. These teams work together on the co-production of a variety of projects, initiatives and developments across the town. Focusing on community collaboration and engagement, community wealth building and supporting local community groups and organisations, the Cooperative neighbourhoods programme ensures healthy community relationships across the town.

The Policy Lab case study looks at three projects throughout the town and how the Co-operative Neighbourhoods approach that the council has adopted has helped to better facilitate the delivery of projects responding to resident priorities.

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