

# Together We Make a Difference Network

## **What is the Together We Make a Difference Network?**

The Together We Make a Difference Network is a membership organisation led by Wyre Council. The network is informal and made up of council officers, partners from all sectors and local elected members, including town and parish councillors, to enable local people to make a difference in their communities.

## **How can I help?**

All elected members are champions in their area and are at the beating heart of community matters. What are those burning high level issues in your area? What really needs a partnership approach and would benefit from working together? As an elected member you will be able to refer your priority issues into the network, also our staff will be out and about working with you to map out what assets we already have including existing groups, buildings, open space and people.

## **How can I make a referral?**

We have a short referral form that we would ask you to complete. This will enable us to gather as much intelligence as possible about the priority and determine if it's something the network can help with. We will then scope and investigate the issue out in the community, work with the relevant partners and come back with recommendations.

## **Who makes the decisions?**

Unlike other initiatives the Together We Make a Difference Network will not operate a formal board and meeting structure. Network members will only be invited to meet to make decisions on projects if that project is relevant to their organisation or area. Only three positions will be permanent, a member of Corporate Management Team, the Portfolio Holder for Health and Community Engagement and the Policy and Engagement Manager. This eliminates the need for lengthy meetings and ensures decisions are made by those who can contribute to the project.

## **Will there be funding available?**

The Network is entirely based on working in a different and more sustainable way not about granting funds to projects. If a project evolves and does require financing, a variety of funding options will be explored by the team.

If you have any further questions please do contact the team by email

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# How will it work?

