



PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING AND EQUALITY

WARD 6 COMMUNITY CHOICES

- Glasgow City Council £205k for Ward 6 community groups (£125,000 capital and £80,000 revenue)
 - Residents Panel design funding application process
 - Local community groups apply for funding
 - Final ‘vote’ to decide on funding at public decision event
- CRER work to coordinate, and also explore “How can community budgeting address poverty/inequality in BME communities?”

WHO'S INVOLVED?

- **Ward 6 CC Residents Panel** – Local people designing the process
- **CRER** – Ward 6 CC Coordinators
- **Glasgow City Council** – funder (using money from Scottish Government Community Choices Fund)
- **Local organisations / community groups** – applicants for funding
- **Ward 6 community members** – voting for projects to fund

MAKING DECISIONS

- CRER coordinate
 - Setting effective meeting agendas to guide Residents Panel
 - Giving information and options
 - Work with them to reach agreement
- Residents Panel come to decisions
 - Work together productively to explore options and ideas
 - Agree the best way forward on each decision
 - Compromise – “What can we all live with?”

AT EACH POINT, THERE WAS...

- A clear task that we needed to achieve
- A range of options / suggestions, and a way to explore them
- Ideas that compliment or contradict each other!
- Things we **MUST** do – including ensuring equality
- Conclusions

AGREEING WORKING PRINCIPLES

Residents Panel adopted **the Seven Principles of Public Life**

1. Selflessness (we take decisions for the common good, not to help ourselves)
2. Integrity (we don't let anyone bribe us or influence us unfairly)
3. Objectivity (we make decisions fairly, based on evidence)
4. Accountability (we can explain and fairly defend why we do things)
5. Openness (including transparency)
6. Honesty (we are truthful in our discussions and decisions)
7. Leadership (taking responsibility for sticking to these principles ourselves)

AGREED ADDITIONAL PRINCIPLES

Residents Panel discussion focussed closely on equality...

- Inclusiveness and equality
- Accessible communication
- Community cohesion
- Joined up working
- Respect
- Transparency
- Impact

CHALLENGES TO EQUALITY

- Poor communication of purpose
- Lack of formal 'rules'
- Conflicting perceptions
- Conflicting priorities
- Timescale

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES?

- Community development on equality and PB design
- Co-design of PB – involving PC groups
- Formalised ground rules
- Long-term approaches, evaluated for equality impact
- Strategic view to maximise impact
- Linking to wider decision making