

## ‘Doncaster Talks’ - Briefing Note

A ‘Doncaster Talks’ summer engagement exercise will be formally launched by the Mayor at the 25 July Full Council.



### Why it Matters

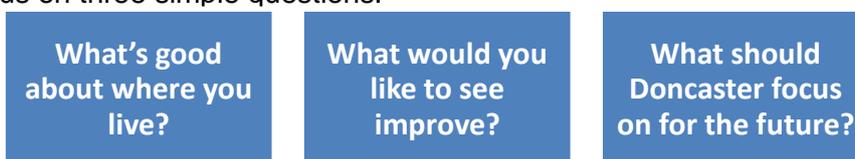
At the 6 June Full Council meeting the Mayor:

- Called on Doncaster to play its full part in preventing Climate Change
- Announced that we would refresh our long term plan for the Borough - ‘Doncaster Growing Together’ - to reflect this climate change emergency and other key long-term sustainability challenges.
- Highlighted that a borough-wide listening exercise would take place with residents, businesses and local organisations to shape this Plan and ensure it is grounded in the views of our communities.
- Emphasised the overarching theme of sustainability – as in addition to reducing emissions we need to ensure, for example: our economy is inclusive and built on clean growth and decent wages; we have a health and care system that is resilient and responsive to future demands.

**This is a vital time therefore to take stock and listen to our communities, their stories, their hopes and fears for the future, and use this information to inform our thinking and planning for the long term.**

### How it will be undertaken

Engagement will focus on three simple questions:



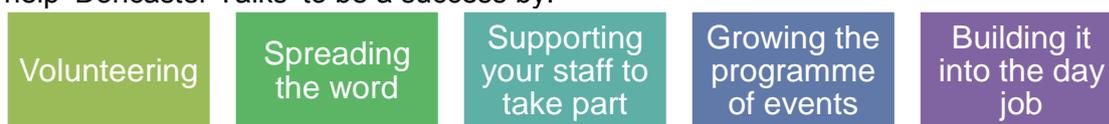
We would like to ensure that as many Doncaster people and places have the opportunity to answer these questions

- Through the on-line Doncaster Talks platform - [www.doncastertalks.com](http://www.doncastertalks.com)
- Via face-to-face engagement - for example at pre-scheduled community events

A Doncaster Talks bus will also visit locations across the borough to gather feedback.

### How you can contribute

You can help ‘Doncaster Talks’ to be a success by:



If you want to get involved yourself...	Please volunteer to take part – email to let us know Answer the questions yourself
If you want to support the work...	See this as an opportunity for everyone to take part Share the briefings with your management teams Support the flexible involvement of your staff – in or outside of ‘ordinary’ working hours Encourage staff to answer the questions – they definitely work here, many will live here too.
If you are running any community facing events...	Please let us know so we can build it into the timetable – either for us to support the event or for your staff to be supported to ask the questions
If your staff have contact with customers/communities	Please think about where it would be appropriate to ask the questions as part of the day job or at events where your staff are already attending

If you’re interested in working with Doncaster Talks or would like more information, email:

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