



Key Stakeholder Interview – Participant Information Sheet

Title of Project: Thriving Places Evaluation
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Invitation

You are invited to take part in the Thriving Places evaluation. Before you decide it is important for you to understand why the evaluation is being done and what it will involve. Please take time to read the following information carefully and discuss it with others if you wish. Ask me if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information. Take time to decide whether you wish to take part.

What is the purpose of the evaluation?

This evaluation's overall purpose is to find out what can be learned from people's experience of Thriving Places, encourage people to think about different aspects of a place and what can be improved or done differently going forward to help reduce poverty, deprivation and inequalities.

It is important that we listen to the views and opinions of people from different backgrounds and abilities, they are the experts about their place/ neighbourhood or area.

The Thriving Places programme is used to deliver the Community Planning Partnership's duties relating to Locality Planning and the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015.

Each Thriving Place has an action plan and the approach is based on the following principles:

- Empowering local people to have a real say in decisions that affect the local area
- Supporting local community groups, organisations and services to engage with local people
- Bringing together community groups, services and organisations to improve the quality of people's lives in the local area



Why have I been chosen?

You have been selected to participate in this evaluation based on being a key stakeholder with an interest in the programme or living, working, learning or volunteering in the area.

Do I have to take part?

It is up to you to decide whether to take part in this evaluation. If you decide to take part, you are still free to withdraw at any time and without giving a reason. Your participation is proposed through an interview with a maximum duration of one hour, which will be recorded on a sheet to help collect the information and analyse it.

In order to meet the evaluation timelines and allow for the information to be analysed, it is expected that interviews will be conducted during the months of September / October 2023, and you will be able to decide the date and time, according to your availability.

Will my taking part in this study be kept confidential?

All information collected about you during the research will be kept strictly confidential. No-one will be identified and any information about you will be removed so that you cannot be recognised from it. However, it is important to note that there may be limitations to ensuring full confidentiality, due to the specific context of the evaluation and the limited sample of participants interviewed. Please note that assurances on confidentiality will be strictly adhered to unless evidence of wrongdoing or potential harm is uncovered.

What will happen to the results of the research study?

It is planned that the evaluation will be completed by October 2023 and the results will be used to create a report for the Community Planning Partnership's Strategic Partnership and Councillors to consider.

A copy of the final evaluation report can be sent to you at the end of this period. Please be assured that you will not be identified at any point in this report, or any related publication and your details will be deleted at the end of the evaluation.

Thank you for reading this statement.