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Tameside Council has gathered the views and suggestions of residents on Co-operative Working through a number of methods. To share your views and suggestions for co-operative working in Tameside please click [here](#)

Your suggestions and input helped us to achieve membership of the Co-operative Council's Innovation Network and inform the improvement and development of co-operative working across the borough.

We collected feedback from residents in a number of ways:

- An online survey that ran for three months from August 2019 until November 2019
- A Tameside Co-operative Summit on 3 October 2019 with over 100 attendees from nearly 40 different public sector, community or voluntary organisations.
- Engagement workshops at events such as the Partnership Engagement Network Conference
- Engagement workshops with Elected Members of Tameside Council and groups such as Tameside Youth Council and Age UK

Some of the key messages about how to improve and develop co-operative working were:

- Shared working spaces for community groups and public sector organisations
- Communicate and engage with residents and businesses more effectively
- Support community groups by sharing back-office functions such as IT and Human Resources
- Re-purposing currently unused physical locations such as empty high street shops or vacant public buildings
- Develop joint working opportunities across the health and social care sector
- Recruit employees and procure services within the borough
- More efficient working between Council departments
- Network with neighbourhoods via place-based institutions such as schools, GP surgeries, faith centres and pubs
- Emulate co-operative working from other areas
- More transparency in Council decision making processes and finances
- Support resident run services like the Grafton Centre and Dane Bank Community Library
- Community leaders should be identified who can champion the co-operative approach.
- Use PEN conferences and forums to have a workshop/item to develop ideas for potential co-operative projects.



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Principles and Values Ranking

Survey respondents, Co-operative Summit and workshop attendees were asked to rank the co-operative principles and values “from 1 to 9, where 1 is the most important through to 9 being the least important to you and your community”.

Half of all respondents/attendees ranked “Social Partnership” as either 1st, 2nd or 3rd most important. 44% of respondents ranked “Co-Production” as either 1st, 2nd or 3rd most important and 40% ranked “Enterprise and Social Economy” as either 1st, 2nd or 3rd most important.

Principles and Values

% Percentage of Responses that Ranked the Principle as either 1st, 2nd or 3rd Most Important



Respondents and attendees were also asked to rank the co-operative principles and values “from 1 to 9, where 1 is most seen currently through to 9 where we most need to do more in your view/experience” 38% of all respondents/attendees ranked “Enterprise and Social Economy” as either 1st, 2nd or 3rd most seen. 31% ranked “Community Leadership” as either 1st, 2nd or 3rd most seen, and 29% ranked “Social Partnership” as either 1st, 2nd or 3rd most seen.

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