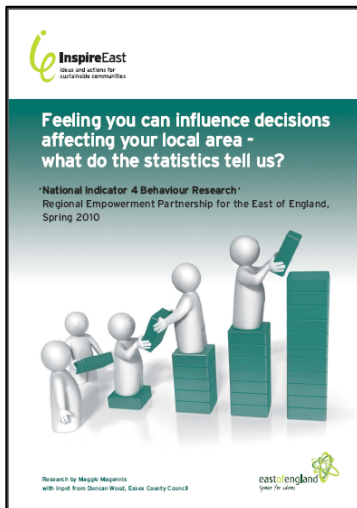


The Regional Empowerment Partnership for the East of England New Publications and Resources List

National Indicator 4



Feeling you can influence decisions affecting your local area - what do the statistics tell us?

NI 4, measured through the 2008 **Place Survey**, is the local level indicator of empowerment. It shows that in the East of England, as nationally, 29% of respondents agree that they feel they can influence decisions that affect their local area.

This report, compiled by Maggie Magennis on behalf of the REP, focuses on developing an analytical understanding of how **NI4 'behaves'** and identifies **correlated actions** that can **improve performance** of NI4.

The report is **FREE** and can be downloaded as a PDF by following the link below:

<http://www.inspire-east.org.uk/ni4behaviourresearch.aspx?Area=NETWORK6> and

A limited number of reports are also available in hard copy.

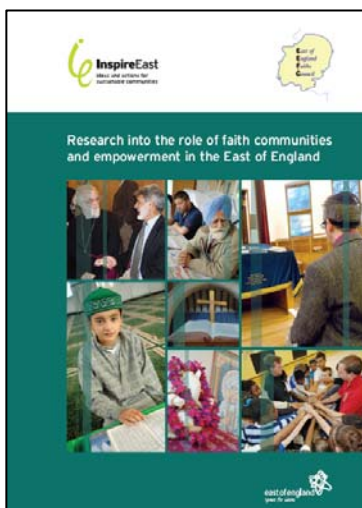
National Indicator 4 Action Research

This document supports the NI4 Behaviour Research Report shown above and is the first part of a two part report.

Action research is a process of enquiry into actions and the effects of these actions in practice, looking for opportunities to improve. This longitudinal study examines the progress of three pilot action research projects taking place in Luton, Norfolk and Suffolk. This initial report looks at each of the projects in detail, what each hopes to achieve and the learning points identified in the early stages.

The report is **FREE** and available as a PDF document through the Empowerment website and can be found by following the web link below:

<http://www.inspire-east.org.uk/actionresearch.aspx?Area=NETWORK6>



The Role of Faith Communities in Empowerment

This research examines the role of faith communities in relation to NI4 and identifies barriers to empowerment, how Local Authorities currently support the empowerment of faith communities and how Local Authorities can **increase the capacity** of faith communities to **influence** decisions in their local area.

The report has been compiled by the **East of England Faith Council** on behalf of the REP and is available as a PDF download only from the Empowerment website. The report is **FREE** and can be accessed by following the link below:

http://www.inspire-east.org.uk/researchintotheroleoffaithcommunitiesemp_1.aspx?Area=NETWORK6

Briefings

Decision Makers Briefings



Two briefings for decisions makers have been developed and previously circulated, which focus on Local Democracy and Engagement and Delivering Efficient Services. A third on 'Leading and Inspiring your Community' is a new addition to the family and this is available now to download as a PDF from the

Empowerment website and available in hard copy. Just follow the link:



<http://www.inspire-east.org.uk/briefingnotes.aspx?Area=NETWORK6>

and click on the briefing you are interested in.



Making communications work for Local Authorities

This briefing features Ben Page, Chief Executive of Ipsos MORI, who attended a Communications Officers Network event in December 2009. The briefing provides an overview of the event and highlights **key messages** in relation to the role of **communications**, in managing the **reputation** of a Local Authority. This 4 page briefing is available as a PDF download from the Empowerment website and hard copies are also available. Just follow the link below.

<http://www.inspire-east.org.uk/communicationofficersevent.aspx?Area=NETWORK6>

The Role of Social Media in Empowerment

This briefing considers how **Social Media** is becoming more widely used as an **empowerment tool** by communities, to bring people with a common interest together. Social media sites such as Facebook and Twitter have grown in popularity and are now being used to create pressure groups, campaigns and support for specific causes, creating vibrant online communities of interest that are ready for Local Authorities to hook into.

Both are available in hard copy and as a PDF download from the Empowerment website:

http://www.inspire-east.org.uk/socialmediainempowerment_1.aspx?Area=NETWORK6



Tendring and Colchester Minority Ethnic Partnership

Project overview
Tendring and Colchester Minority Ethnic Partnership (TCMEP) was formed in 2010 to promote awareness and understanding of religious, ethnic and cultural differences in Colchester and Tendring. It works to provide good race relations, reduce discrimination and promote equality of opportunity among all residents.

2016-17 TCMEP carried out a series of activities which were aimed at raising participation rates based on the information that the partnership had gathered from its consultation work. The main activities were:

- **Supporting the local community** - TCMEP worked with the local community to support them to improve their participation rates.
- **Supporting the local business community** - TCMEP worked with the local business community to support them to improve their participation rates.
- **Supporting the local education community** - TCMEP worked with the local education community to support them to improve their participation rates.

For the full case study see the 'Your Place Matters' section on the Regional Empowerment Partnership website: www.inspire-east.org.uk/communityempowerment.aspx

Your Place Matters

Project overview
Your Place Matters is a Suffolk County Council project that aims to improve how local people are engaged in decisions about their local area.

It does this through Community Boards which bring together a wide range of local residents and councillors to discuss the most important issues in their local areas. They also use participatory budgeting to fund solutions to some of the problems they have identified locally.

Project overview
The project began in August 2010. The first year was used to set up the Community Boards. Since then, the boards have been meeting regularly. In 2011, the boards used participatory budgeting to fund solutions to some of the problems they have identified locally.

Key points:

- **Setting up local boards and conducting 'open house' events**
- **Getting on board and consulting on the progress of the local area through 'open house' events**
- **Using participatory budgeting to fund solutions to some of the problems they have identified locally**
- **Supporting local people to improve their local area**
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Youth Engagement Programme

Project overview
Breckland Council has a Youth Engagement Programme specifically aimed at 9-19 year olds in the district. The objective of the programme was to find ways in which Breckland could extend the range of its youth networks through a series of activities surrounding the launch of Breckland Youth Council.

Key points:

- **Establishing a Youth Council** - Breckland Council established a Youth Council in 2010. The council is made up of young people from across the district who meet regularly to discuss issues that affect them and to provide advice and support to other young people.
- **Supporting young people to improve their local area** - The Youth Council has been successful in securing funding to support a range of projects that will improve the lives of young people in the district.
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Peterborough City Council: Neighbourhood Councils

Project overview
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Empowering Authorities Case Studies

Ipswich Borough Council and Great Yarmouth Borough Council are the two Empowering Authorities located within the East of England. Each has produced a series of five case studies to showcase **examples of current practice** within each of their local authorities.

Great Yarmouth Borough Council Case Studies:

Providing Community Development Support through the Voluntary and Community Sector:

<http://www.inspire-east.org.uk/cdthroughthecvs.aspx?NavPagelD=4140>

Grey 2 Green:

<http://www.inspire-east.org.uk/grey2green.aspx?NavPagelD=4140>

Your Borough Your Say: Participatory Budgeting in Different Community Settings:

<http://www.inspire-east.org.uk/yourboroughyoursay.aspx?NavPagelD=4140>

Training as a tool to link community empowerment, equalities and community cohesion:

<http://www.inspire-east.org.uk/trainingprojectcohesionandempowerment5.aspx?NavPagelD=4140>

Empowering young people: Revolution Skate Squad:

<http://www.inspire-east.org.uk/empoweringyoungpeople.aspx?NavPagelD=4140>

Ipswich Borough Council Case Studies

Ipswich Community Fund:

<http://www.inspire-east.org.uk/theipswichcommunityfund.aspx?NavPagelD=4140>

Partnership Working on the Triangle Estate:

<http://www.inspire-east.org.uk/partnershipworkingonthetriangleestate.aspx?NavPagelD=4140>

Community Watch Projects

<http://www.inspire-east.org.uk/communitywatchprojects.aspx?NavPagelD=4140>

Believe Project:

<http://www.inspire-east.org.uk/believe.aspx?NavPagelD=4140>

Speakers Corner:

<http://www.inspire-east.org.uk/speakerscorner.aspx?NavPagelD=4140>

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