

Digital for all

Ensure that everyone can connect digitally with the essential access to devices, data and the skills to get online and stay safe

Hold an annual “Big Moment” event to bring communities together and thank and celebrate those who have responded during the pandem

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Green spaces

Nurture green spaces and community gardens, which bring people together, tackle the mental pressures caused by COVID and improve health and wellbeing

Get back to listening to people, to find out what matters to them and make them feel valued, and support communities to connect, get talking and get organised

Listening

Continue the collaboration between communities, charities and public agencies, to support people on the edge/in poverty to get food security, jobs and futures

Working together

Homes for all

Keep everyone off the streets and find decent homes for all who need them, without exception

Safely reopen and invest in community buildings, as key to preventing isolation, fostering connection and building powerful communities

Community Hubs

Value stories and lived experience as much as data, and support communities to share their own stories of hope and overcoming challenge

Storytelling

Community power

Investment and resources should be directed towards the grassroots response to the pandemic and public procurement processes and comissioners need to value local civil society organisations

Food equity

Organise and campaign to tackle the scandal of the growing number of people using foodbanks

Funding and support

Invest in communities from the bottom up, funding and supporting grassroots groups, community organising and local networks

Doorstep kindness

Build on the informal community response to the pandemic: redesign volunteering to support every-day neighbourliness and doorstep kindness, whilst safeguarding everyone and ensuring complex needs are met

Support for young people

Reach out and listen to young people to support their mental health and wellbeing; give the youth a say over their future and help them to mobilise and take action on the issues they care about

ROOTS TO RECOVERY



The pandemic has had a huge impact on all and has exposed the weaknesses in the system. Communities cannot always resolve the issues for themselves but the “roots to recovery” lie within our communities. We need to find effective ways of bringing local people together with systems and structures to bring about enduring change

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