

Statement of Principles

“Our city, Your say”

Southampton City Council is committed to the principles of fairness and engagement by developing new ways of working with residents, businesses and partners in the private and voluntary sectors to increase their involvement in city life.

This presents a real opportunity to build on the council's long standing commitment and put these principles into practice by enabling people who live, work, study or visit Southampton to have a real say in shaping decisions that affect our city.

Our priorities are to ensure that the work of the council supports community initiatives, volunteering and reflects the needs and concerns of local people.

We will do this by:

- Establishing a Fairness Commission – a Panel that will consider ways to increase fairness and reduce inequality for local communities and recommend measures to reduce these gaps, leading to a fairer place for people to live and work in.
- Exploring opportunities to increase investment in decision-making starting with Referendums (referendums on local issues).
- Fostering community spirit between diverse communities and different generations through intergenerational initiatives, building on existing community and voluntary activities.
- Moving to an enabling, coordinating and facilitating role.