

Recap



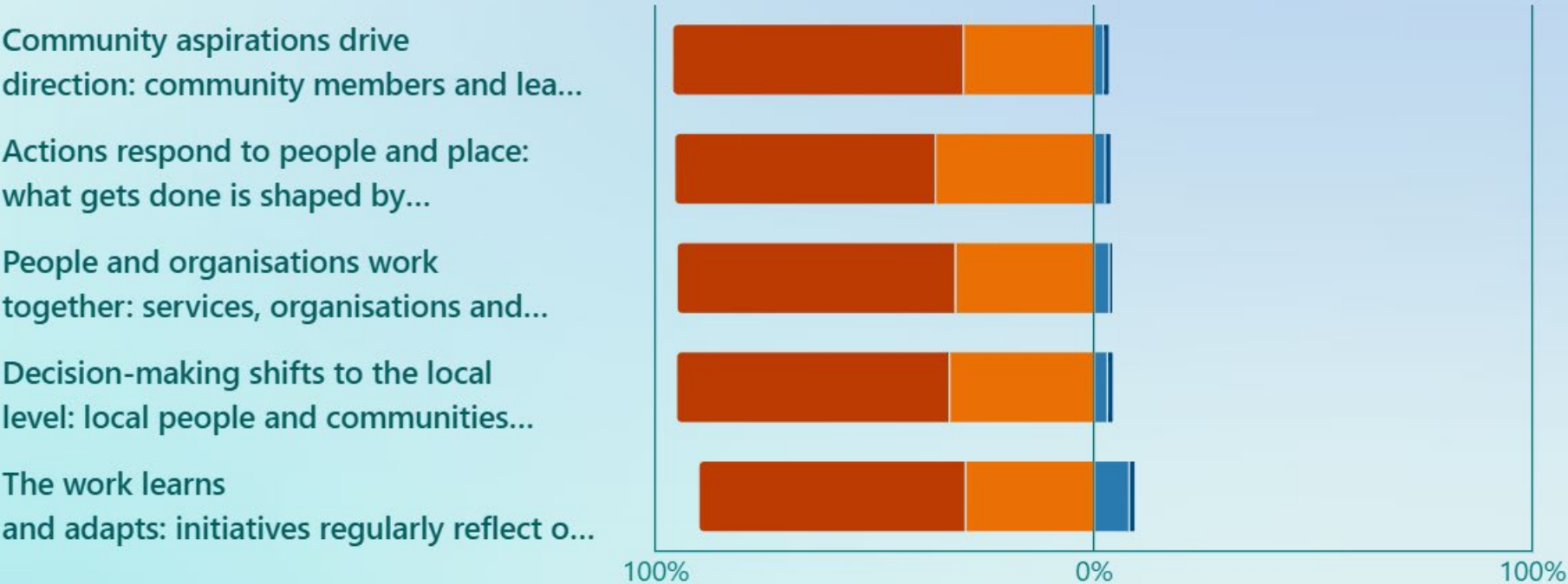
Insights from the 5 characteristics conversation



220 responses submitted

To what extent do the following statements reflect the changes in community/ies you hope to see from place-based approaches?

Strongly reflects Somewhat reflects Does not really reflect Does not reflect at all



Are there shared characteristics visible in place-based change that are missing?



1. Power, trust and relational practice are under-specified

“Trust and relationship-based approach / Power shift”

2. Role of government and funders is missing or unclear

“Government and funders showing up and demonstrating how they are working differently with community.”

3. Capability, backbone support and resourcing need stronger emphasis

4. Clarity on outcomes, impact and diverse forms of measurement is lacking

5. Equity, inclusion, self-determination, and cultural responsiveness need to be explicit

“Language around data, First Nations self-determination, power, resources.”

“Communities aren’t homogenous... indicators must account for power dynamics.”





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If we were to start with developing possible measures for ONE of the five characteristics - which would you choose?

28%

a) Community aspirations drive direction: community members and leaders set the direction and make significant decisions about the work as it progresses

23%

d) Decision-making shifts to the local level: local people and communities have meaningful influence over decisions and priorities affecting them

17%

b) Actions respond to people and place: what gets done is shaped by local priorities and context not external agendas or programs

17%

c) People and organisations work together: services, organisations and community are working together with shared purpose and accountability

15%

e) The work learns and adapts: initiatives regularly reflect on what's working, use evidence to adjust course where required, and build knowledge over time

What is the most important thing to get right, in developing a shared approach to understanding and measuring the impact of place-based approaches?



1. A clear, shared purpose
2. Communities — especially those most affected — must shape the approach.
3. Recognise, value and measure trust, relationships and the conditions that enable them.
4. Allow for local nuance, cultural difference and complexity. It must enable comparability without becoming prescriptive, rigid or “cookie cutter”.
5. Clarify roles and shared accountability across community, government, funders and services — and focus on structural change, not just community behaviour.
6. Genuine participation from government and funders
7. It must replace, not add to, existing reporting requirements.
8. Simple, practical and not burdensome- reduce the load, not increase it.
9. Balanced focus on outcomes and process including both the change achieved and the way the work is done
10. Should support shared learning, reflective practice and continuous improvement, not just compliance.
11. Communities must have access to their own data.

