

Erewash Place Partnership: Working Together

Invitation to Quote

We are seeking an individual or organisation to work with us to strengthen governance and collaboration to support joined-up, place-based action that embeds lived experience and physical activity in policy, investment decisions and organisational practice.

Closing Date: 7th October 2026

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Active Partners Trust on behalf of Erewash Place Partnership Leadership Group, is seeking to work with an individual or organisation to undertake a review of governance and ways of working; strengthening collaboration, decision-making and leadership across the wider system.

The review will help ensure that lived experience is embedded within governance structures, improve connections to wider local authority, health, community and voluntary sector and community systems. Supporting the development of a sustainable model for place-based working that enables collective action to deliver the shared vision for Kirk Hallam and wider Erewash in line with Sport England Place Partnership investment.

1. Introduction to Active Partners Trust

- 1.1. Active Partners Trust is a single legal entity bringing together the active partnerships in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire through two brands - Active Derbyshire and Active Notts. Active Derbyshire and Active Notts are committed to working with a wide range of partners to connect, collaborate, influence and help create a culture where everyone can be active.
- 1.3 Making our Move is our shared vision for [Uniting the Movement](#)* in Notts and Derbyshire. Together, we will address inequality and empower everyone to be active in a way that works for them. Our shared vision was informed by hundreds of people and organisations in Derbyshire and Notts. It sets out an approach that will help us to focus our efforts and resources on where we can make the biggest difference; empower our communities; and shape action.

** Uniting the Movement, launched by Sport England in January 2021, sets out a 10 year vision to transform lives and communities through sport and physical activity.*

2. Background and Introduction

Sport England is funding the Place Partnership work in Kirk Hallam and across Erewash as part of its place-based investment of £250 million into more than 90 places across England. Aiming to create lasting change within the communities that need it most to ensure that more people can live active and healthier lives for longer. With an initial funding commitment of £1.1 million locally to support delivery from October 2026 to March 2028, with hope for further funding beyond this period.

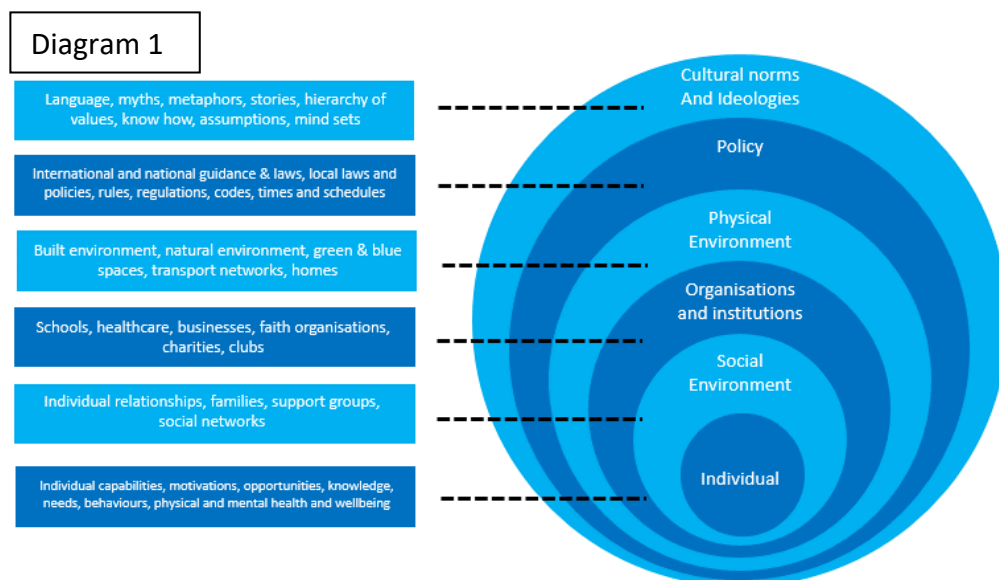
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This approach puts relationships, trust and local leadership at the centre. Together, we're helping to create the right conditions for people to move more, feel better and live well. It means changing the way we work together. We've found that when stakeholders across all parts of the system come together in this way, the conditions and ways of working become embedded, long-lasting and the transformational change we're looking for within communities happens. Evaluation and learning help us assess how well these conditions are developing across the local system.

Place Partnerships focus resources and effort on the communities that face the greatest inequalities and need the most support to become more active. This approach is rooted in listening to communities, building trust, and supporting local people who know their areas best.

We know that many things can make it harder for people to be active, including safety concerns, family commitments, money worries, limited public transport, and the cost of childcare. Addressing these barriers takes long-term collaboration between local organisations and services, including councils, schools, the NHS, charities, community groups, and sports clubs. As highlighted in 'Diagram 1' the choice of an individual to be active is influenced by many elements that are beyond the direct influence or choice of an individual. Its through our work we're looking to influence across each of these layers to enable lasting change.



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The focus for this work is based on the community living within Kirk Hallam, to deliver the shared vision **“In Kirk Hallam, people are supported to move in ways that feel achievable, welcoming and part of everyday life.”** Developed through 18 months of community engagement and partnership working from Autumn 2024. Based on these insights our collective action will focus on delivery against the following themes:

- Active Environments - the importance of green and outdoor space
- Empowering Community Workforce - community pride through local capacity
- Reducing Health Inequalities - long term health conditions and special educational needs and disabilities, as local priorities
- Children and Young People - Youth Voice as a driver for change

This work brings together cross system partners from local authorities, physical activity, education, health, community and voluntary sector and the local community. The Erewash Place Partnership Leadership Group have been working together since December 2024. It has representatives from Active Derbyshire (Active Partners Trust), Derbyshire County Council, Erewash Borough Council, Erewash Primary Care Network, Erewash Voluntary Action, Kirk Hallam Community Academy, Sport England and previously Derby & Derbyshire Integrated Care Board.

Conditions in wider system structures are evolving with changing structures in line with local government reorganisation and within the health system through ICB clustering.

3. Aims of the Review

3.1. We are looking to:

1. Explore how Erewash Place Partnership improves connections with local authority, health, community and voluntary sector, the community and other strategic structures to influence policy, investment decisions and practice.
2. Assess the effectiveness of current governance, executive leadership and decision-making structures and identify opportunities to improve clarity, accountability and shared view and ownership of the governance required to support this work.
3. Identify practical approaches for ensuring residents and community voices influence priorities, decisions, learning and accountability processes.
4. Review how partners work together and recommend ways to increase collaboration, reduce siloed working and duplication; and support collective leadership across organisations and sectors.
5. Clarify roles, responsibilities and participation at different levels of the partnership

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6. Develop recommendations that support long-term sustainability and system change, in line with up and coming local authority and health restructures.
7. Develop a future governance model and implementation plan that identifies and establishes a cycle of learning in action against system maturity conditions.

3.2. The following monitoring and output schedule will apply:

Project Monitoring	Timescales
Progress Updates	Weekly by email, meetings and calls as required

Project Output	Timescales
Engagement from all key stakeholder groups, including leadership members, strategic partners, delivery partners and community representatives.	November - w/c 11 th January 2027
Completion of stakeholder interviews, workshops or consultations as agreed across the wider system.	November - w/c 11 th January 2027
Desk top review of existing networks forums, scope & memberships	November - w/c 14 th December 2026
Presentation of initial findings	w/c 14 th December 2026
Present final report to include draft structures, recommended representatives and draft terms of reference(s).	28 th January 2027

3.3. We are flexible to the kind of individual or organisation we engage but feel the following requirements are important:

- A collaborative approach to the review.
- Knowledge of Derbyshire or a demonstration of how knowledge and connections will be built.
- Knowledge of local governance structures, local health systems, place-based working, whole systems approaches, cross sector relationships, strategic working, community engagement and inequalities.
- Outputs and reports will need to be communicable to a wide-ranging audience.

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4. Management

- 4.1. The contract will be with Active Partners Trust.
- 4.2. Review progress and recommendations will be to Erewash Place Partnership Leadership Group, as agreed throughout the contract period.

5. Budget and timescales

- 5.1. The review will not exceed £5000 (including VAT and expenses) over a period lasting from the appointment until 28th January 2027, when a final report and recommendations should be submitted.

6. Quote process and submission:

- 6.1. Quotations should be submitted by 5pm on Wednesday 7th October, via email to info@activepartnertrust.org.uk FAO Jade Gresham
- 6.2. Submitted quotes should include the following:
 - CV and/or covering letter which summarises the skills and experience relevant to the scope and assessment criteria.
 - A clear proposal for how the work would be carried out.
 - Anticipated start date and completion dates for relevant phases of the work
 - A schedule of costs and services.
 - Your environmental sustainability policies/practices and/or carbon reduction initiatives
 - Any further information which may support the proposal.

7. Assessment Criteria

- 7.1. The quotation will be assessed against the following criteria:
 - Evidence of knowledge, expertise and experience related to the aims of the comprehensive review.
 - Suitability of the proposed approach.
 - Evidence of capacity to undertake the work within the defined budget and timescale.
 - Value for money.
 - Availability.
- 7.2. Active Partners Trust reserves the right to shortlist quotations based on the criteria above and undertake follow-on interviews with shortlisted candidates.
- 7.3. Shortlisting will take place on 12th October and interviews are planned for 19th & 20th October 2026.

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If you'd like to discuss this opportunity or have an informal enquiry, please contact
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