

**MAKING LIVERPOOL  
BETTER TOGETHER**

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**SUBJECT**

**DEPENDENT**

**TO**

**OBEY**

**RECEIVE**

**COMMAND**

**CONSUMER**

**INDEPENDENT**

**FOR**

**DEMAND**

**CHOOSE**

**SERVE**

**CITIZEN**

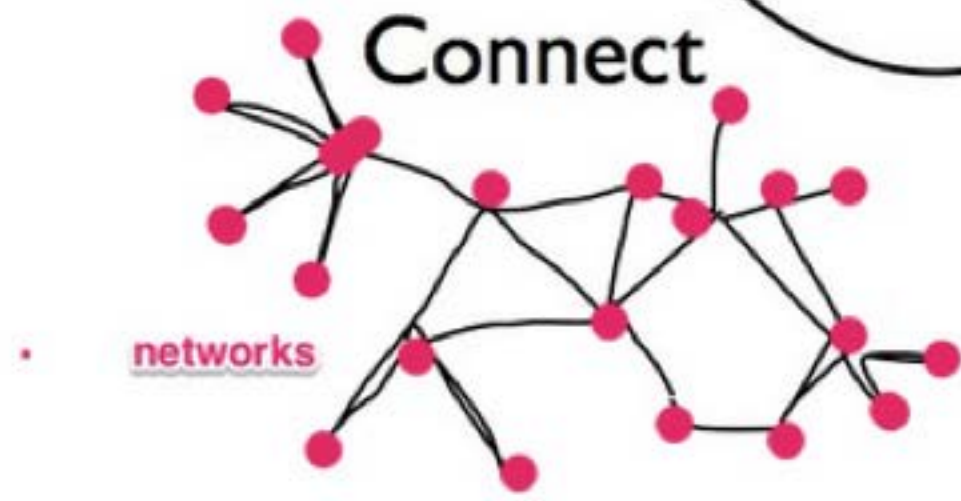
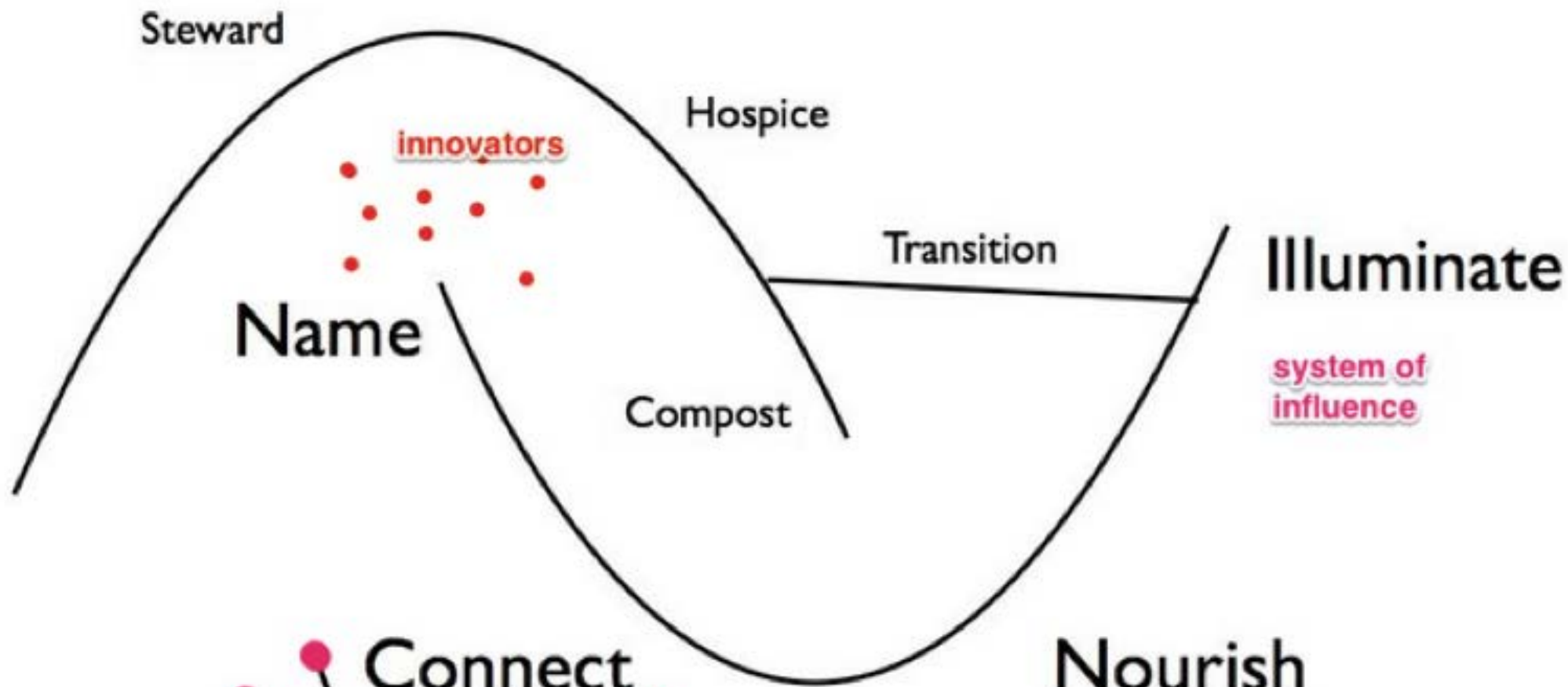
**INTERDEPENDENT**

**WITH**

**PARTICIPATE**

**CREATE**

**FACILITATE**



How might we bring together all the disparate Citizen energy in Liverpool in a way that truly reinvents “democracy” in the city?

# Growing a stronger local democracy from the ground up



**Kirklees Democracy Commission**  
Full report, June 2017



# NEWHAM DEMOCRACY AND CIVIC PARTICIPATION COMMISSION FINAL REPORT

[www.newhamdemocracycommission.org](http://www.newhamdemocracycommission.org)

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# Our starting point: *Not the Kirklees Way*

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***“If something is to be done, the Council has seen it as  
its role to do it”***  
*Collaborate report*

# The Kirklees Way

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Activity

**We create  
conditions**

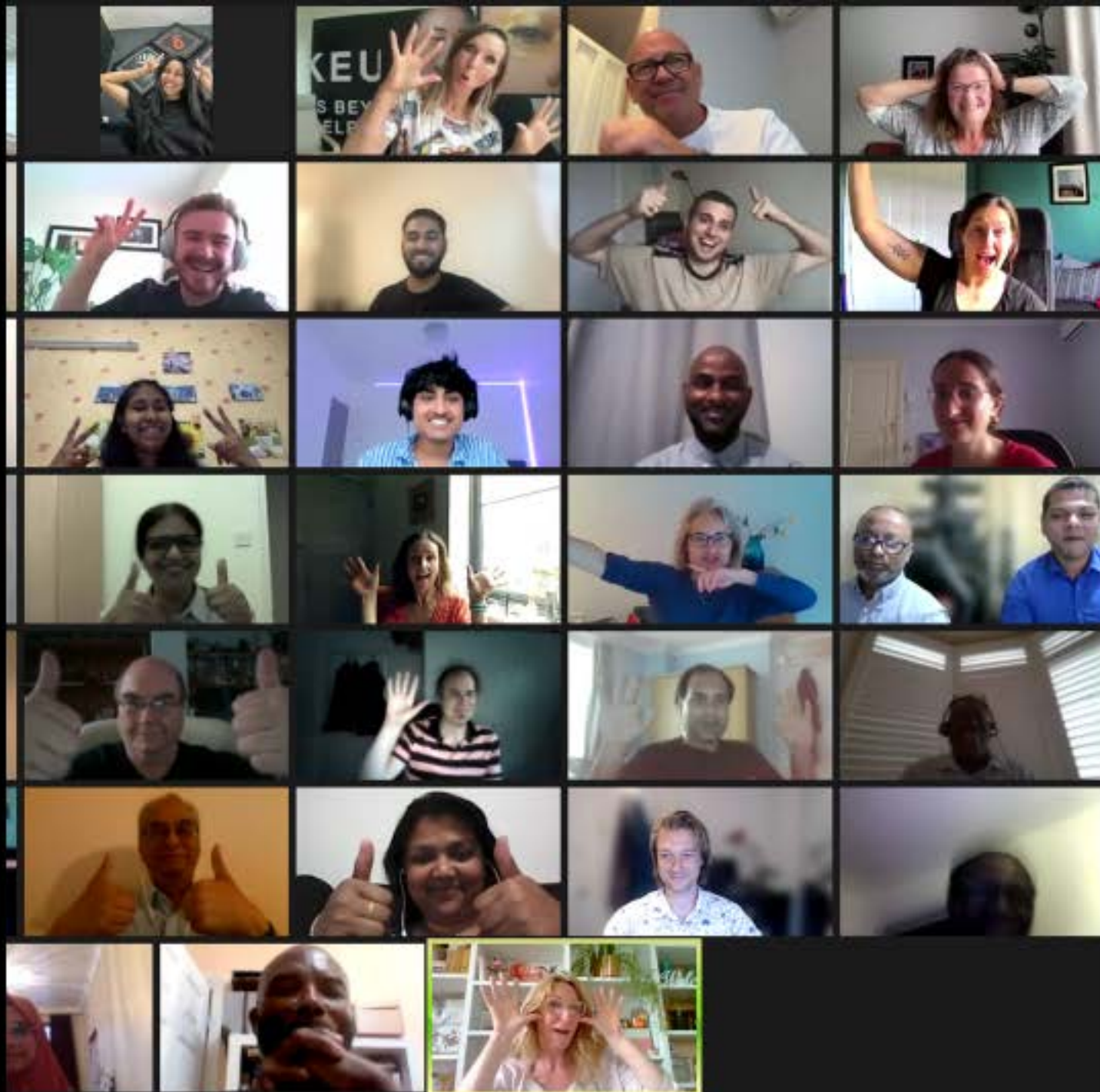
Response

**People make the places where they live  
better**

Result

**Kirklees thrives**

***“We can’t change outcomes...  
We need to help people change outcomes”***  
*NCP officer survey response*





This ‘**Newham Model**’ should include:

- **A two-term limit for the executive Mayor;**
- **A standing or permanent deliberative assembly of local residents selected by sortition to initiate policy agendas for the borough and make recommendations for policy change.**
- **A more participatory system of governance that offers greater opportunities for both councillors and local residents to engage in setting agendas, shaping policy, and making decisions. This will involve more area-based working, scrutiny, and co-production. It should be bolstered by a strong local media and a central, revitalised role for elected councillors.**