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The CoDeS **Digital Handbook for Local Authorities** aims to contribute towards an improved understanding on how the transition towards sustainable local communities can be achieved through effective school-community collaborations.

This Handbook is a helpful guide for local and regional authorities on how they may support and benefit from school-community collaboration for sustainable community development through rich insights and practical approaches, through illustrative examples of activities and projects based on the rich experience

of CoDeS network partners.

The following guiding questions and themes (see Figure 1) serve as 'navigational chart':

- Why is it important for local authorities and schools to collaborate?
- What is being sought through the collaboration?
- **How** can the collaboration process work and be supported?
- Who are the key partners and stakeholders in the collaboration?
- When are the best times to be active within the collaboration process?
- Where are the best places to carry out collaborative sustainable development work?