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## AGENDA FOR

## PRESTWICH TOWNSHIP FORUM

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### **To: All Members of Prestwich Township Forum**

**Councillors** : P Heneghan (Chair), N Bayley, J Black, G Campbell, M James, D O'Hanlon, A Simpson, T Pickstone and A Quinn

#### **Advisory Members**

Mr D Stanley – Prestwich Clough Centenary Committee  
Mr S Ashfaq Husain – Simister Village Community Association  
Mr C Millington (Young Persons Rep)  
Mr T Gribben – Prestwich Heritage Society  
Mr P Gresty– Churches Together Prestwich & Kersal  
Mr A Smith – Patients Council  
Mr F Adam – Manchester and District Jewish Representative Council

Dear Member/Colleague

### **Prestwich Township Forum**

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Prestwich Township Forum which will be held as follows:-

<b>Date:</b>	Monday, 3 February 2014
<b>Place:</b>	Longfield Suite, Prestwich
<b>Time:</b>	6.30 pm
<b>Briefing Facilities:</b>	If Opposition Members and Co-opted Members require briefing on any particular item on the Agenda, the appropriate Director/Senior Officer originating the related report should be contacted.
<b>Notes:</b>	

## **AGENDA**

### **1 APOLOGIES**

### **2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members of Prestwich Township Forum are asked to consider if they have an interest in any matters on the agenda and, if so, to formally declare that interest.

### **3 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** *(Pages 1 - 6)*

Minutes of the last meeting held on 13 November 2013 are attached.

### **4 MATTERS ARISING** *(Pages 7 - 8)*

A copy of the Action Checklist is attached.

### **5 BURY THIRD SECTOR DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

Derek Burke will attend the meeting.

### **6 INCREDIBLE EDIBLE**

George Heron will report at the meeting.

### **7 TOWNSHIP PLAN** *(Pages 9 - 18)*

The Township Manager will report. Plan attached.

### **8 POLICE UPDATE**

Inspector Kenny will give a brief update at the meeting.

### **9 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

A period of up to 30 minutes has been set aside for members of the public to ask questions or raise issues of concern relating to the provision of local services.

### **10 FUNDING UPDATE (FOR INFORMATION)**

### **11 URGENT BUSINESS**

Any other business which by reason of special circumstances the Chair agrees may be considered as a matter of urgency.

**Minutes of:** **PRESTWICH TOWNSHIP FORUM**

**Date of Meeting:** 13 November 2013

**Venue:** Longfield Suite, Prestwich

**Present:**  
**Councillors:** Councillors P Heneghan (in the Chair); J Black; G Campbell; M James; O'Hanlon; T Pickstone; A Quinn; and A Simpson

**Advisory Group**  
**Representatives:** Mr D Stanley - Prestwich Clough Centenary Group  
 Mr C Millington - Young Persons Representative  
 Mr P Gresty - Churches Together Prestwich and Kersal  
 Mr F Adam - Manchester and District Jewish Representative Council  
 Mr A Smith - Patients Council

**Public attendance:** 21 members of the public were in attendance

**Apologies for absence:** Councillor Bayley; and Mr S A Husain

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Prior to the start of the meeting Jenny Welsby, Community Activator, introduced details of the "I Will if you Will" initiative to encourage women in Bury to become more physically active. An outline of the events in place and contact details ([jenny.welsby@bury.gov.uk](mailto:jenny.welsby@bury.gov.uk)) was given.

**PTF.496 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**PTF.497 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

**It was agreed:**

That the Minutes of the last meeting, held on 12 September 2013, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**PTF.498 MATTERS ARISING**

A copy of the Action Checklist was submitted. Further to Minute PTF.352 the Chair, Councillor Heneghan provided a response on behalf of Councillor Bayley to questions raised about the redevelopment of Victoria Station. It was explained that the works will commence early in the new year and last for approximately 9 months. A publicity campaign will be launched by TfGM outlining interim arrangements during completion of the works.

With regard to Minute PTF.355, Community Funding, Mr David Stanley expressed disappointment that funding was only available for projects within the current financial year.

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In respect of Minute PTF.350, Members of the Township Forum reiterated their disappointment that PACT meetings had been discontinued in the Sedgley Ward. Inspector Kenny explained the reasons for meetings being discontinued and stated that the decision would be kept under review.

### **PTF.499 PLAN FOR CHANGE 3**

The Township Forum received a presentation from the Leader of the Council, Councillor Mike Connolly, and the Assistant Director of Resources setting out details of revised financial savings requirements for 2014/2015 along with details of how the proposed savings will be met. The presentation provided a breakdown of internal savings that would contribute towards the additional £2.2m savings target for 2014/2015.

With regard to 2015/2016, the Leader of the Council outlined the scale of the challenge facing the Council that would mean £16m being cut from the budget. In planning for this, the Leader explained that the aim would be to minimise the effect on residents and employees but stressed that all options would need to be explored, including:

- Service Changes – closures and/or a reduced range of services
- Explore alternative ways of delivering services
- Increased waiting times and/or reduced quality of service
- Severe limits to what the Council can afford to do
- Review how the Council is structured.

Questions and comments were invited from the Township Forum and members of the public present at the meeting and the following issues were raised:

- In response to a question from Hannah Cropper, the Leader of the Council stated that it was mainly Councils in the north and the midlands who were bearing the brunt of the largest budget cuts.
- Frank Shatcliffe stressed the importance of cross party support in order to press the case better funding for Bury. The Leader of the Council reported that the Fair Deal for Bury campaign would be re-launched to highlight Bury's plight.
- Councillor Black expressed concern that services to support vulnerable people, who had been further affected by the impact of welfare reforms, could be in jeopardy as a result of the budget cuts.
- In response to a question from Councillor O'Hanlon, the Leader of the Council explained that all options would be looked at including shared services, where it can be demonstrated that it would be of benefit to Bury.
- Members of the Township Forum highlighted the rise in demand for services as a result of an ageing population, increased projections of child poverty and higher levels of public expectation.

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- In response to a question from Adrian Smith concerning the Public Health budget, the Assistant Director of Resources explained that funding for Public Health had transferred to the Council from April 2013, with the monies being ring fenced. It was explained that it was too early to gauge the level of future funding allocations.
- In response to a question from Frank Adam, concerning Council Tax collection rates, the Leader of the Council reported that Bury, with a rate of 97%, was towards the top of the table of neighbouring authorities.

**It was agreed:**

That the Leader of the Council and Assistant Director of Resources be thanked for their presentation.

**PTF.500 PRESTWICH WORKS**

Isaac Ginsbury, of Prestwich Works, attended the meeting to inform the Forum about the work of the organisation. Prestwich Works is working in partnership with the Council to help unemployed residents improve their employment prospects and ultimately find work. Help is provided with CV's, computer training and job search skills.

In response to a question from the Chair, Councillor Heneghan, it was reported that since it was established in February 2013, 875 residents had used the service, with 34 people being helped into sustainable employment and 65 into training.

During discussion of this item, Councillor Black suggested there may be scope to develop work experience placements with some of the independent traders in Prestwich.

**It was agreed:**

That Isaac Ginsbury be thanked for his presentation.

**PTF.501 POLICE UPDATE**

Inspector Kenny provided an update on policing matters in respect of Prestwich and referred to the different processes used to engage and work with the public. The importance of getting initial customer contact right in the first instance was highlighted as being of paramount importance to the Police.

During discussion of local crime figures it was reported that there had been a recent increase in the number of burglaries in the Prestwich area.

In response to issues raised in relation to a recent burglary by a local business owner, Inspector Kenny undertook to ensure that officers revisited the business to offer advice about security and prevention measures.

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**It was agreed:**

That the update be noted.

**PTF.502 PRESTWICH REGENERATION GROUP – UPDATE**

Councillor Black, Chair of the Prestwich Regeneration Group, submitted an interim report setting out an update on the work of the Group. The report identified the following big issues to be tackled:

- Improvements to the Longfield Centre
- Improvements to the environmental quality of Bury New Road
- Creation of an 'anchor development'
- Work focussing on the potential for Prestwich's many green spaces to create new jobs, training and business opportunities

The report also referred to the importance of existing smaller projects and set out a number of proposed next steps as part of the work of the Group.

During discussion of this item, Jack Barratt highlighted the poor condition of shop frontages in Prestwich. Frank Adam referred to possible measures available through legislation to require landlords to improve the condition of their properties and suggested an update be provided through the Planning Department.

**It was agreed:**

That the update be noted.

**PTF.503 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

The Chair, Councillor Heneghan, invited questions, comments and representations from members of the public present at the meeting. Questions were asked and comments made on the issues detailed below. The Township Forum Co-ordinator undertook to obtain a reply to matters which could not be dealt with at the meeting.

- Ann Hutchinson highlighted sites in Rainsough area that were in need of a clean up, namely the old Cussons site; the old Staff of Life site; The Plough pub; and the old Wesleyan Chapel.
- In response to a question from Jay Lieberman, Councillor Quinn reported that he had contacted the developers about progress on the retirement homes development at Park View/Bury New Road without success and would follow up with the Planning Department.
- Catherine Weston requested an update on the progress of the road works being undertaken on Bury New Road
- David Stanley expressed concern about vehicular access to the Clough being restricted as a result of the Eruv boundary which had been erected. The Chair, Councillor Heneghan undertook to ensure the matter was looked into.

**PTF.504 COMMUNITY FUNDING REPORT (FOR INFORMATION)**

A copy of the Community Funding report for Prestwich was submitted, setting out details of funding allocations to date in support of the work of local voluntary and community groups.

**It was agreed:**

That the report be noted.

**PTF.505 PARKING IN PRESTWICH**

Councillor Quinn reported that a request had been made to limit car parking within the town centre to 2 hours in order to discourage long term business parking.

**COUNCILLOR P HENEGHAN**

**Chair**

**(Note: The meeting started at 6.30 pm and ended at 9.20pm)**

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**PRESTWICH TOWNSHIP FORUM  
ITEMS RAISED IN OPEN FORUM: 13<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2013**

	<b>Raised by</b>	<b>ITEM RAISED AT OPEN FORUM</b>	<b>Action by</b>	<b>Action</b>
1	<b>Ann Hutchinson Rainsough resident</b>	4 sites in Rainsough that are grot spots due to being left without development: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cussons site</li> <li>• Rainsough Brew pub site</li> <li>• Plough Pub</li> <li>• Wesleyan Chapel on Chapel Road</li> </ul>	Planning	Can we have an update on the position in terms of planning on each of these sites? All planning applications are in hand, all have time period to begin work on site and council has no means to try and hurry this along
2	<b>Ann Hutchinson Rainsough Resident</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request for "deep clean" of Chapel Road (and Rainsough generally) lots of litter on roads and around Kersal road, could a bin be placed in this area?</li> <li>• Grit bins on Drinkwater Road, Chapel Road, halliwell Road, (5 in total) are empty, can they be filled before winter sets in?</li> </ul>	Cleansing team	Request sent for bin to be placed in this area. (Nov 2013)  Grit bins have been topped up. (early December)
3	<b>Jay Lieberman</b>	Can we have an update on the construction of the retirement homes on park View/ Bury New Road. Seems to have ground to a halt	Planning	Work has started. As above, council has no enforcement powers to make work progress quicker. Councillor Simpson has made contact with builders and they have said that work will resume later 2013
4	<b>Jack Barratt</b>	Alex Langsam knocked down the national school 34 years ago. Have done nothing and the land is an eyesore, attracting drug use etc. Can enforcement action be taken	Planning Enforcement	Enforcement team have reported that the land is not in a bad enough state for enforcement action to be taken at this point.

5	<b>Tony Turner</b>	Asked for a deep clean on St Margaret's Road- this was done- Thank You! This has led to other local businesses and organisations also cleaning up their areas in the vicinity  Hopes that this will be kept on top of and repeated	Noted and passed to cleansing team	For information only
6	<b>Hannah Cropper</b>	Cheese Shop Next to Bet Fred- is it to be turned into an amusement arcade	Dealt with in open forum	No application made to planning for change of use for this purpose to date.
7.	<b>Catherine Preston</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> December- St Margaret's carol service  22 <sup>nd</sup> December 11am St Georges Carol Service	For Information only	Noted
8.	<b>David Stanley</b>	Welded Structure over the entrance to St Mary's Flower Garden, in a conservation area, looks awful. Will make it difficult for transport to get through for events at the Clough		This matter has now been resolved satisfactorily.
9.	<b>Kim Griffiths</b>	Information and posters available re community Task days at the Clough and Prestwich Forest Park ( on behalf of Rob Trueblood)	For Information only	Noted

**Kim Griffiths – November 2013**

# **Prestwich Township Action Plan**

**February 2013-14:  
Performance Report**

## **INTRODUCTION**

1.1 This report outlines the performance of the Prestwich Township Forum and the progress on each of the themes contained within the Prestwich Township Action Plan for 2012-13. The information provided has been gathered from a number of qualitative and quantitative sources including Bury Insight, Index of Multiple Deprivation, Area Profile Data and various local community intelligence.

1.2 There are currently 6 key thematic priorities contained within the Prestwich Action Plan for 2012/13:

- Improved Health and Wellbeing
- Improved Employment Opportunities
- Educational Attainment and Learning
- Improved Community Safety
- Improved Community Pride and Belonging
- Town Centre Regeneration

This report provides a summary of the overall performance for each of the themes and the projects which contribute to their delivery.

1.3 Where possible both quantitative and qualitative data sources have been used to demonstrate the progress that has been made by the Township Forum on each theme.

1.4 The detail of this performance report can be viewed on the Township Forum web pages at [www.bury.gov.uk/townshipforums](http://www.bury.gov.uk/townshipforums). If you require copies of the report please contact Kim Griffiths on 0161 253 6349

## IMPROVED HEALTH AND WELLBEING

### Project Overview (Aims & Outputs)

### Project Updates

#### **What We Promised**

- Inform and advise local community about changes to welfare reform
- Reduce fuel poverty and its effects-promote "Toasty Campaign" to enable residents to access energy efficiency measures
- Encourage healthy eating-Support use of allotment space and raise awareness of incredible edible
- Increase fitness and exercise-Growth in participation in 14-25 year olds and across the adult population. Concentration especially on engagement of women and girls

#### **What We Did**

- General information and advertising of Toasty Campaign in Sedgley Ward in targeted Super Output Area throughout August
- Consultation with groups of women and girls on perceived exercise and fitness needs
- Discussions with children centre staff re reaching target groups for exercise

#### **Successes to Date**

- Presentation on I Will if You Will project to Township Forum in November
- Fitness class taster sessions being delivered at various community locations including Maccabi Centre
- Adult outdoor gym equipment installed in St Mary's Park
- Training and educational opportunities re health and first aid delivered at the mosque in Prestwich.
- Healthy Cooking courses delivered from Toodle Hill Children's Centre
- Child Safety Course (accident prevention and basic first aid) being delivered from Toodle Hill Children's Centre
- "All About Me" course re personal health and wellbeing
- Mums Get Fit sessions at Sedgley Childrens Centre
- Fitness Taster sessions at Maccabi

#### **Areas of Concern/Next Steps**

- Bury healthier communities- a voluntary organisation concerned with reaching minority communities to help to deliver messages and training on health and social welfare. Have been delivering health messages via the mosque in Prestwich. Delivery of first aid, smoking cessation and healthy lifestyle course via the mosque. Have also made links with Children's centres. Have applied for funding to support work in key areas. May need some help to reach key groups in the Jewish community and with non British nationalities living locally.

## IMPROVED EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Project Overview (Aims & Objectives)

### Project Updates

#### What We Promised

- Tackle long term employment –identify training needs to support employability
- Jobs and training advice to harder to reach communities
- Build communication links with large and small employers

#### What We Did

- Support Job Club at Toodle Hill Children’s centre. Promotion of club via Township Forum membership
- Prestwich Works concentrating efforts to engage with Jewish community
- Linked Adult learning with Prestwich works for Community based learning to get people work ready- numeracy and literacy courses
- Funding for people living in St Mary’s ward identified- Bury College “Changing Lives” project. Links made with Prestwich Works and Butterstile Children’s Centre

#### Successes to Date

- Prestwich Works to date have managed to get more than 30 people into employment
- Presentation on Prestwich Works and successes delivered to Prestwich Township Forum in November
- Job Club weekly from Toodle Hill Children’s Centre

#### Areas of Concern/Next Steps

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**IMPROVED EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT/LEARNING**

**Project Overview (Aims & Objectives)**

**Project Updates**

**What We Promised**

- Improve communication between local community and central organisations re learning needs locally
- Delivery more learning in the community
- Ensure children are school ready-support for parents and encourage early reading
- Engagement with young people on Polefield Estate- encourage volunteering

**What We Did**

- Representative from the Township forum now sits on Community Learning Partnership to represent views and needs of Prestwich Communities
- Chill out Zone on Polefield estate- Homework club and other activities for young people from the estate
- See links made with Bury College and Adult learning (above)

**Successes to Date**

- Chill out zone run by volunteers. 20 young people attending regularly- waiting list in place
- Job Club, Cookery Course and child safety courses from Toodle Hill Children’s Centre

**Areas of Concern/Next Steps**

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## IMPROVED COMMUNITY SAFETY

### Project Overview (Aims & Objectives)

### Project Updates

#### What We Promised

- Continue partnership working
- Raise awareness of ASB/Personal Safety/ Crime/drugs etc amongst school age children
- Work with schools and communities to endorse and assist in implementation of Streetsafe-20 mph zones in residential areas
- Encourage schools to participate in "Safer School Parking Charters"

#### What We Did

- Set up "PAG"- Partnership Action Group to target issues of ASB and crime in the area on a multi agency basis. The group also looks at particular perpetrators and vulnerable victims of crime.
- BSafe BCool project organised to be delivered to all year 9 Pupils in October, over a two week period

#### Successes to Date

- 20mph zones consulted on and recommended to proceed Bent Lane/ Ostrich Lane area, Woodhill Drive area, Sedgley Park area
- Bent Lane/ Ostrich Lane completed and now have operational order. Sedgley area issued for construction but to be completed.
- Safer School parking Charter launched at Our lady of Grace-Prestwich school. Use of banners to persuade responsible driving and parking around schools.
- Successful delivery of BSafe BCool project to all year 9 pupils in October 2013 delivering messages on personal safety, crime, consequences of crime, anti social behaviour, peer pressure and affects of drugs and alcohol
- Weekly Community Police Surgery every Tuesday 5pm-6pm at Sedgley Children's Centre

#### Areas of Concern/Next Steps

- Implementation of 20mph zones- in progress.



**IMPROVED COMMUNITY PRIDE AND BELONGING**

**Project Overview (Aims & Objectives)**

**Project Updates**

**What We Promised**

- Increase "Pride in Prestwich" - positive promotion of Prestwich as a nice place to live.
- Support for work of Township Forum
- Continued support locally for Parks events
- Pride in Six town Housing areas

**What We Did**

- Community clean up in town centre in May 2013. Organised by Local in Prestwich
- Six Town housing clean up days
- Prestwich Clough Day, Festival, Carnival, and Festwich all went ahead in June/ July 2013
- Repainting of fences on Polefield Estate

**Successes to Date**

- Successful clean up- over 70 volunteers turned up to help
- Successful delivery of events, Clough day, Carnival, Festwich and Prestwich Festival events
- Polefield estate- refurb and painting of fences on the estate to make the area look better
- Community Clean up days in Polefield, Bent lane/ Rectory, Milton Road (Six Town Housing)
- Bury Healthier Communities Group organised Eid Party at end of October at Toodle Hill Children's Centre. Multi cultural event to celebrate diversity in the area.
- Festive market and lights switch on
- Installation of Eruv in Prestwich area

**Areas of Concern/Next Steps**

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<b>TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION</b>	
<b>Project Overview (Aims &amp; Objectives)</b>	<b>Project Updates</b>
<p><b><u>What We Promised</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support for Local in Prestwich (LiP)- support for events and publicity drives</li> <li>• Give people of Prestwich a say in Prestwich Town Centre Developments- re-establish Prestwich Regeneration Group</li> </ul> <p><b><u>What We Did</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support for Local In Prestwich clean up event</li> <li>• Banners arranged for Town centre to improve the look of centre and raise profile/encourage visitors</li> <li>• Regeneration group now meeting regularly – reports back to Township Forum</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Successes to Date</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 70 volunteers at town centre clean up event</li> <li>• Wind banners in place</li> <li>• Successful Christmas lights swirh on</li> <li>• Regeneration group have council officer commitment to advise re planning and property issues</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Areas of Concern/Next Steps</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>

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