

AGENDA FOR

PRESTWICH TOWNSHIP FORUM

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To: All Members of Prestwich Township Forum

Councillors : N Bayley, J Black (Chair), M D'Albert,
P Heneghan, M James, E O'Brien, T Pickstone, A Quinn
and A Simpson

Dear Member/Colleague

Prestwich Township Forum

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

Date:	Thursday, 10 March 2016
Place:	Longfield Suite, Prestwich
Time:	6.30 pm
Briefing Facilities:	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.
Notes:	

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 *(Pages 1 - 4)*

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the last meeting, held on 25 January 2016.

4 MATTERS ARISING *(Pages 5 - 6)*

A copy of the Action Checklist is attached.

5 POLICE UPDATE

6 TOWNSHIP FORUM UPDATES

- Prestwich High Street Improvements
- Prestwich Parking Strategy
- Township Plan

7 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.

8 FUNDING REPORT (FOR INFORMATION) *(Pages 7 - 14)*

9 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: 25 January 2016

Venue: Longfield Suite, Prestwich

Present:

Councillors: Councillors: J Black (Chair), P Heneghan, M James, E O'Brien, M D'Albert, A Simpson, and A Quinn

Advisory Group

Representatives: Mr D Stanley - Prestwich Clough Centenary Group
Mr F Adam - Manchester and District Jewish Representative Council
Mr P Gresty - Churches Together Prestwich and Kersal

Public attendance: 31 members of the public were in attendance

Apologies for absence: Councillor N Bayley, Councillor T Pickstone, Mr S Hughes (SVCA)

PTF.654 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Connolly, Leader of the Council, in attendance to report on the Budget consultation, declared a personal interest in any matters relating to staffing as his partner is an employee of the Local Authority Trading Company, Persona.

PTF.655 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was agreed:

That the Minutes of the last meeting, held on 12 November 2015, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

PTF.656 MATTERS ARISING

In respect of item 2 on the Action Checklist, Councillor Heneghan reported that he had responded to an email relating to concerns about Children's Centres.

PTF.657 2016/2017 BUDGET CONSULTATION

Councillor Mike Connolly, Leader of the Council and Mike Owen, Chief Executive gave a presentation setting out the budget consultation for 2016/2017.

It was explained that funding received from central government would continue to reduce. It was reported that for 2016/2017 it was estimated that the Council will have to cut £11.6 million from its budget as core funding was being reduced by 10.75%. It was anticipated that

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the Council's funding would be cut by over 30% in the coming 4 years. This is in top of the £54million lost since 2010.

This is happening at a time when residents' needs are changing, demands are increasing and expectations are high. The Council and its partners will have to work differently to deliver the best outcomes with the resources available.

The Council will need to prioritise services covering its legal obligations and its priorities to look after the vulnerable; promote a strong local economy and be a good place to live and invest.

The impact of the reduction in budget was set out:-

- Service changes – can't rule out service closures and/or a reduced range of services in future years.
- Explore different ways of delivering services and greater use of partnership working.
- Increased waiting times and /or reduced quality of service
- Limits to what the Council can afford to provide and carry out
- A different relationship with residents – understanding what the Council can and can't do
- Greater use of technology

The Chief Executive set out the cuts that the Council had experienced since 2011 and explained that these added up to £53.561million. The presentation outlined where the Council spent its money with the top three areas being Older People – 30p per £1, Children's Services (non schools) – 24p per £1 and Cleansing, Refuse Collection and Disposal – 13p per £1.

It was explained that the way that the funding was allocated was based on a formula which looked at specific areas such as levels of deprivation and other demographics. This meant that Bury received £331per head compared to the national average of £387per head.

It was reported that there would also be cuts to a number of grants that the Council receives as well as new concerns such as Apprenticeship Levy, Employers National Insurance and the Living Wage. It was also explained that there was uncertainty around the localisation of business rates and how this would impact on the Council.

Work had been carried out to address the cuts and the following measures had been or would be carried out :-

- Alternative Service Delivery Models
- Grant Optimisation
- Grants to Voluntary Sector
- Income generation
- Better use of buildings and Assets
- Procurement saving
- Service Redesign

- Staff Restructuring
- Use of new technology

The consultation had been launched on 10 December 2015 and was asking residents to consider how savings could be made and suggest new ways of working.

The consultation was due to close on 9 February 2016 and all findings would be fed into the budget setting process. The budget was due to be debated at the full Council Meeting on 24 February.

Comments could be sent via e-mail, letter or to a dedicated telephone number.

Those present were given the opportunity to ask questions and make comments and the following points were raised:-

- In response to a question from Jay Lieberman, the Chief Executive explained that Central Government grant funding was being used to fund developments in Radcliffe following the closure of the Civic Centre.
- In response to a question from Donal O’Hanlon the Chief Executive explained that any voluntary early retirements from workforce planning must be supported by a business case that demonstrates a saving to the Authority.
- Valerie Moon questioned the value of continuingly lobbying government if proving unsuccessful. The Leader of the Council explained that he would continue to lobby for a fair deal for Bury whilst attempting to protect frontline services.
- In response to a question concerning the sale of greenbelt land for development, the Leader of the council confirmed that Council policy was to protect the greenbelt.
- With regard to the effect of devolution, the Chief Executive highlighted the potential for more local decisions in relation to housing, transport and health.

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- In response to a question from Peter Thompson concerning the setting of the Council tax, the Leader outlined the options available including the possibility of a precept specifically to pay for adult social care.

It was agreed:

That the Leader of the Council and Chief Executive be thanked for their attendance.

PTF.658 PRESTWICH TOWNSHIP FORUM - UPDATES

Police – Sergeant Wightman-Love reported on Policing matters in the Prestwich area. An update was provided in respect of the restructuring of local policing teams, use of new technology and preventative work within the community.

In response to a question concerning inconsiderate parking outside schools, it was reported that plans were in place to increase PCSO presence

Discussions took place concerning ongoing work to combat crime in the Barn Hill area.

Prestwich Parking Strategy – The Chair, Councillor Black, reported that work was ongoing on the Strategy with a view to it being presented as an agenda item at a future meeting of the Forum.

Prestwich High Street Improvement Scheme - The Chair, Councillor Black, reported that 594 completed questionnaires had been received. A final report would be submitted to Cabinet on 2 March 2016.

Township Plan – Ruth Shedwick, Township Co-ordinator, gave a verbal update of the Township Plan. During discussion of this item a representative from Village Greens requested recognition of the Group, reporting that they had raised £98k as a local organisation.

Funding Update – The Chair provided an update of Groups that had recently been awarded funding through the Township Forum

It was agreed:

That the updates be noted.

PTF.659 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Chair 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.

- Michael Slater requested sufficient notice be given to residents of Simister Green in advance of planned resurfacing works

COUNCILLOR BLACK
Chair

(Note: The meeting started at 6.30 pm and ended at 8.35pm)

Prestwich Township Forum: Issues raised 25/01/16

	Raised by	Item Raised at Open Forum	Action by	Action
1	Resident	Can the new street lighting off Rectory Lane be dimmed – they are too bright	Street lighting	<p>There are a number of streets, off Rectory Lane, where the lighting has been changed as part of the Council's LED Invest to Save programme, so it's difficult to know where the "too bright" schemes are. That said, all lighting is installed to meet, as near as is practically possible, the current British Standard.</p> <p>It is not possible to dim individual lanterns, as they are pre-set. That said a majority of our lanterns are only consuming 16 Watts, as opposed to an average of around 60 Watts for the older lanterns.</p> <p>Given the way in which they direct the light to where it is needed they do appear to be brighter, as the light is more focused. This does need some getting used to.</p> <p>Philip Hewitt Group Engineer (Street Lighting and Operations)</p>
2	Resident	Simister Green is due to be resurfaced this year. Concerned how this will be done. Sometimes there are 50 cars parked, if these cars are not moved, how will they be able to re-surface? Suggest notices go out 3 weeks prior to scheduled works.	Highways	<p>Simister Green was programmed to have a Micro Asphalt (MA) intervention this financial year. However, after discussions with suppliers, it was evident they could not resource the works for this financial year (not just Simister Green, but any of our MA sites). Our Engineering Asset Management Group and Engineering Consultancy Group have, therefore, proposed to tender a larger scheme next financial year which will incorporate these MA sites.</p> <p>With regard to the closure of Simister Green, we normally advertise the closure in the local paper for 3 weeks as per the TTRO requirements. The appointed Contractor will follow this up by installing boards on lighting columns a</p>

				<p>week before works commencement, stating the dates the works will be carried out and when access will be restricted.</p> <p>David Giblin Head of Engineering</p>
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Ruth Shedwick, Township Coordinator
11 February 2016



Bury Council Township Forum Report

The Council has allocated £8,000 to each Township Forum to be allocated through a sub group of the Township forum four times a year in June, September, November and March. A maximum of £250 individual grant is available for formally constituted organisations.

Additionally, a borough-wide allocation of £8,000 is available for "cross-ward" applications for activity that takes place across more than one ward. The "cross-ward" applications are determined by the Council's Small Grants Panel.

Organisations applying for funding should be running projects which address at least one of the following priorities or one of those detailed in the Township plans:

- Improved employment opportunities
- Improved Community and Safety
- Improved Health and Well being
- Learning Opportunities for local residents
- Community Cohesion, Community Pride and belonging
- Environmental improvements

This report details the applications received to date including the October round of funding. The first round of applications was approved by the Small Grants Panel as there was insufficient time to form sub group of the Township Forums before the applications had to be approved.

Please note there have been no planning meetings since the last Township Forums.

Bury East

Group	Details	Amount requested	Amount allocated	Date approved
Beasties Junior Youth Club	Big Jubilee Lunch	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	23.06.15
New Springs Community Project	Community awards evening	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	05.10.15
		£ 500.00	£ 500.00	
		Available	£7500	

Bury West

Group	Details	Amount requested	Amount allocated	Date approved
Peoples Voice	To improve site sensory garden and beds	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	23.06.15
Walshaw Park Football Club	Junior Team Kit	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	23.06.15
Brandlesholme Residents Association	Welcome signs North & South boundaries	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	17.11.15
		£ 750.00	£ 750.00	
		Available	£7250	

Prestwich

Group	Details	Amount requested	Amount allocated	Date approved
Prestwich Carnival	Carnival Event Insurance	£ 250.00	-	
Village Greens Community Co-op	To increase chillers area for provision	£ 250.00	-	
Big Knit	Purchase wool	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	23.06.15
Albert Avenue Allotments	Setting up bee hives	£ 250.00	-	
Seaforth Explorer Unit	Purchase new tents and pans	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	17.09.15
St Margaret's Bowling Club	Update Kitchen facilities	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	17.09.15
Simister Village Community Assoc.	Hold family social event for all the village	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	17.08.15
Prestwich Methodist Youth Association	Youth Workers	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	12.11.15
		£ 2,000.00	£ 1,250.00	
		Available	£6750	

Radcliffe

Group	Details	Amount requested	Amount allocated	Date approved
Withins Community Association	To purchase raised planters & soil	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	16.09.15
Radcliffe Heritage Society	Promotional Calendars History of Radcliffe	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	16.09.15
The Rotary Club of Radcliffe	Annual over 70's Christmas Party	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	18.11.15
Radcliffe Business Group	Servicing for tree LED lights for 2 years	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	18.11.15
Red Bank Tenants	Good quality soil	£ 200.00	£ 200.00	18.11.15
		£ 1200.00	£ 1200.00	
		Available	£6800	

Ramsbottom Tottington and North Manor

Group	Details	Amount requested	Amount allocated	Date approved
Tottington & District Townswomen's guild	Organised Speakers at events	£ 250.00	-	
Soroptomist	Provide a Tea Party for Ramsbottom elderly	£ 250.00	-	
Tottington Park Bowling and	Purchase new equipment	£ 250.00	-	

Social Club				
Greenmount Village Community	Signage	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	26.11.15
Group	Details	Amount requested	Amount allocated	Date approved
Nangreaves Residents Association	Towards repairs of wall	£ 250.00	-	
		£ 1,250.00	£ 250.00	
		Available	£7750	

Whitefield and Unsworth

Group	Details	Amount requested	Amount allocated	Date approved
Whitefield Community Graveyard	Purchase equipment & Soil	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	
Victoria Youth	Job Club	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	23.06.15
North M/c Ladies Jewish Drama Grp	Drama piece for the group	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	08.09.15
Bill Lane Improvement Scheme	Improvements & clean up on Bill Lane	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	17.11.15
		£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00	
		Available	£7000	

Cross Township

Group	Details	Amount requested	Amount allocated	Date approved
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Eden Garden Allotments	Equipment & items for area in allotments	£ 500.00	£ 300.00	23.06.15
Tottington Holiday club	Provision of Holiday club and activities	£ 500.00	£ 500.00	23.06.15
Bury Archaeological Group	Member training, Newsletter & Excavations	£ 500.00	-	23.06.15
Tottington Sports Club	Tottingtons 'Big Day Out'	£ 500.00	-	23.06.15
Prestwich Book Festival	Host Event for book lovers, £300 returned	£ 400.00	£ 300.00	23.06.15
Hard of Hearing	Tutor and room hire	£ 500.00	£ 265.00	23.06.15
Bury Widows	Towards cost of Railway lunch & day out	£ 500.00	-	
Bury and Districts Home Watch	Annual Home Watch Conference	£ 500.00	£ 200.00	15.09.15
Unsworth Cricket Club FC	Full size foldable goal post	£ 500.00	£ 500.00	15.09.15
Bury Carers Group	To run variety of activities for carers	£ 500.00	rejected	
Little Britain Anglers	Lawn mower	£ 450.00	deferred	

Buddy's for Children with Autism	fixtures and fittings for new shop	£ 500.00	rejected	
The Rotary Club of Ramsbottom	Trip for young carers to Blackpool	£ 500.00	£ 500.00	17.08.15
Group	Details	Amount requested	Amount allocated	Date approved
Bury Diabetic Support Group	To organise information events	£ 500.00	rejected	
Bury Archaeological Group	Equipment	£ 500.00	rejected	
Well Arty	Too match fund music pilot for young people	£ 500.00	rejected	
SupportiveStem Community Growth	Marketing Campaign to raise awareness	£ 470.00	rejected	
Its Time 4 Change	Room Hire for Breakfast Club	£ 500.00	£ 500.00	17.11.15
Bloco Ashe	Marketing & room hire for workshops	£ 500.00	£ 240.00	17.11.15
Bury Voluntary Ranger Service	To line and insulate container for storing tools	£ 500.00	£ 500.00	17.11.15
Langley Allotments	Part payment for replacement building	£ 500.00	£ 500.00	17.11.15
Whitefield Horticultural Society	Centenary event	£ 480.00	£ 250.00	17.11.15
Bury Diabetic Society	Running costs	£ 500.00	withdrawn	
Little Britain Anglers	Lawn mower	£ 480.00	deferred	
		£ 11,780.00	£ 4,555.00	

Available	<i>£4380</i>	
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