

NORTH STRATEGIC NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

Day: Tuesday
Date: 26 October 2021
Time: 6.30 pm
Place: Zoom

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Agenda Item 2.

NORTH STRATEGIC NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

23 March 2021

Commenced: 6.30 pm

Terminated: 7.20 pm

Present: Councillors Bowerman (Chair), Sidebottom (Vice-Chair), Bray, Choksi, Drennan, Fairfoull, Glover, Hollinshead, Huntbach, Lewis and McNally

In Attendance: Simon Brunet Head of Policy, Performance and Intelligence
Dave Smith Partnership Manager for Community Safety and Homelessness

Apologies for Absence: Councillor Cartey

11. MINUTES

RESOLVED

The Minutes of the meeting of the North Strategic Neighbourhood Forum held on 19 January 2021 were approved as a correct record.

12. BIG CONVERSATION

The Head of Policy, Performance and Intelligence delivered a presentation that provided details of current ongoing consultations and engagement exercises, which were available on the Council's website under "Big Conversation", as follows:-

- Active Tameside
- Covid Test and Trace
- Electoral Ward Boundaries and Names
- Godley Green Garden Village
- Mental Health Act Reform
- Health Improvement Service
- Dementia Call for Evidence: Black, Caribbean and African Communities in Greater Manchester.

Members were encouraged to participate in the various consultations and encourage constituents to take part.

The presentation also covered an update on the Census 2021, following a previous presentation at the 19 January 2021 meeting. The Census had taken place on 21 March 2021 but residents had until the end of April 2021 to complete the Census if they had not already done so. Assistance was available via Census Support Centres throughout the Borough and a slot could be booked by telephoning 0161 342 2031. Although it was a digital first Census, paper copies were available by contacting the National Helpline on 0800 141 2021. Large print, text relay, braille, British Sign Language, audio and video tools were also available and details of a language helpline was provided: 0800 587 2021.

The importance of maximising the response to the Census was emphasised, as it had an influence on funding that the Council would receive for the next ten years.

Members enquired if there were any statistics available on the Census. The Head of Policy, Performance and Intelligence responded that it was anticipated data for Tameside would be available in the coming week, which would be used to identify any gaps in the community in order for further targeted work to be undertaken.

Members thanked the Head of Policy, Performance and Intelligence for a very informative presentation.

RESOVLED

That the content of the presentation, including ongoing consultations and engagement exercises, be noted.

13. COMMUNITY SAFETY NEIGHBOURHOOD STRATEGY

The Partnership Manager for Community Safety and Homelessness delivered a presentation that provided details of ongoing work to identify and address community safety issues in Tameside and the development of the Community Safety Strategy.

It was reported that community safety covered a wide range of issues, including:-

- Crime
- Anti-social behaviour
- Domestic abuse
- Child exploitation
- Community Cohesion
- Violence
- Terrorism / extremism
- Road safety
- Mental health
- Homelessness and rough sleeping
- Social isolation
- Drug and alcohol misuse
- Modern slavery
- People trafficking
- Organised crime
- Online safety
- Fire safety
- Neighbourhood Watch

Members were notified that the Community Safety Strategy would incorporate the themes of the Greater Manchester Police and Crime Plan, set priorities around the local needs of the community and address any emerging issues. The overarching objective of the Community Safety Strategy was 'Building Stronger Communities' to make Tameside a safer place to live, study, work and visit. To achieve this objective the Local Authority and Greater Manchester Police would work in partnership through a joint Neighbourhood Strategy focussing on local needs and priorities.

The five key priorities of the Community Safety Strategy were detailed as follows:-

- Building stronger communities;
- Preventing and reducing violent crime, knife crime & domestic abuse;
- Preventing and reducing crime & anti-social behaviour;
- Preventing and reducing the harm caused by drugs & alcohol; and
- Protecting vulnerable people and those at risk of exploitation.

Information was provided in respect of Independent Advisory Groups (IAG), developed nationally by police forces and police authorities to provide independent advice in understanding the role and impact of the police in diverse communities. In Tameside, this was being done in a more co-operative way in order to establish an IAG for the Community Safety Partnership as a whole. Members were advised that the Tameside IAG was formed in February 2020, just before the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions began. The group was diverse in its membership with members from all faith groups, the voluntary sector, community groups and charitable organisations. The group had been meeting online each week and senior police officers had attended each meeting along with guest speakers.

Members were advised that there had been an increase in anti-social behaviour complaints since the pandemic began, in particular neighbour disputes. A proactive approach had been adopted in order to deal with serious anti-social behaviour issues. The Council had received 321 complaints since 23 March 2020 and had recently obtained injunctions against two individuals and a Closure Order for an Air BnB premises in Droylsden that had been the source of anti-social behaviour and Covid-related breaches.

In respect of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme, it was reported that there were currently 59 registered schemes within Tameside and there had been growing interest during the pandemic as communities pulled together to support one another, which fitted in to the key priorities of the Community Safety Strategy.

With regard to the Youth Service, Members were advised that, despite the closure of youth centres due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the service had remained operational throughout the various lockdowns. The Youth Service were dynamic in their approach when responding to the pandemic and had moved to street-based and outreach delivery of their service, where they were able to continue to engage, support and reassure young people in Tameside communities. The outreach work was continuous from March 2020 – November 2020, a feat matched by only one other borough in the Greater Manchester region. As restrictions eased, four of the eight youth clubs in Tameside had re-opened, while outreach work continued.

It was reported that the Youth Service had supported many young people who had experienced loss and grief and young people who had struggled with their mental health and well-being throughout the pandemic. Parents had advised that the service had been invaluable to not only the young person but also to the family unit as a whole. It was further reported that as schools had re-opened the delivery of 'Safe Squad' had re-commenced, which was aimed at year 6 pupils in 31 primary schools across the borough, where young people participated in workshops themed around anti-social behaviour, online safety, fire safety in the home and first aid.

A discussion ensued and the role of the fire service in the IAG and the role of magistrates and the probation service in Community Safety Partnerships (CSP) were raised. It was confirmed that the fire service played an active role in the IAG and the probation service were one of the CSP partners. Members also raised their concerns over a recent increase in fly tipping incidents, which the Partnership Manager would raise with the Head of Service.

Members thanked the Partnership Manager for Community Safety and Homelessness for a detailed and informative presentation and asked for their thanks to be extended to the Youth Service for their excellent work throughout the pandemic.

RESOLVED

That the content of the presentation be noted.

In closing the meeting, Members of the North Strategic Neighbourhood Forum were informed that it was the final meeting for both Councillor Sidebottom and Councillor Hollinshead. Thanks were extended for their hard work, commitment and dedication as Councillors and they were wished well for a long and happy retirement.

CHAIR

Community Safety Partnership

GMP Tameside North Neighbourhood Strategy 2021-2023

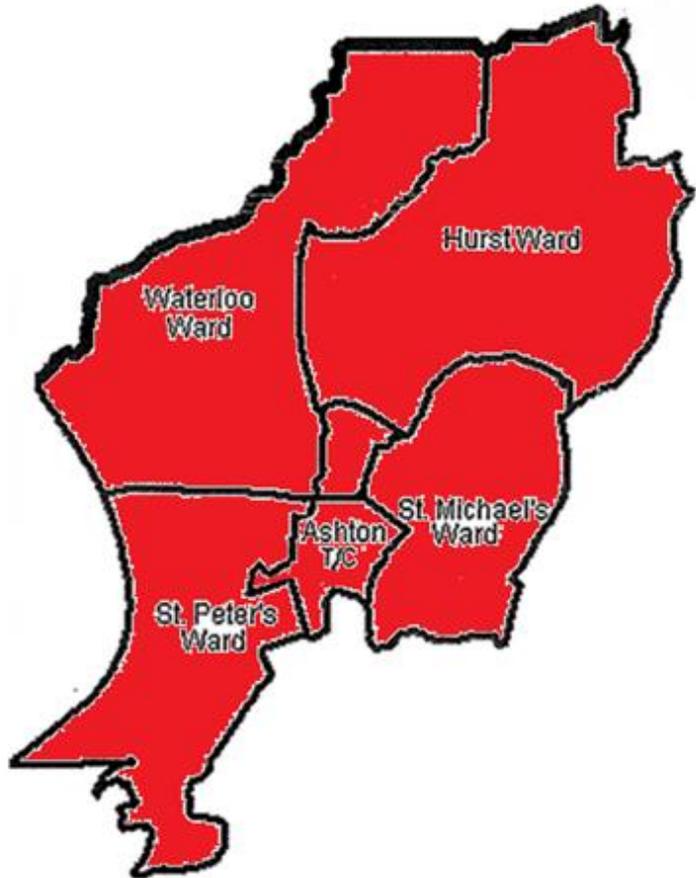
Tameside Community Safety Strategy

The Community Safety Strategy has 5 key priorities:

- Building stronger communities
- Preventing and reducing violent crime, knife crime & domestic abuse
- Preventing and reducing crime & anti-social behaviour
- Preventing and reducing the harm caused by drugs & alcohol
- Protecting vulnerable people and those at risk of exploitation

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TAMESIDE NORTH

ASHTON TOWN CENTRE, St. PETERS, St. MICHAELS, WATERLOO & HURST

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Building a New GMP – Strategic Plan

PLANNING OUR FUTURE: BUILDING A NEW GMP

OUR PURPOSE: Focus on the basics: Fight, prevent and reduce crime. Keep people safe. Care for victims.



THIS IS WHAT WE DO:

- RESPOND TO INCIDENTS & EMERGENCIES
- INVESTIGATE & SOLVE CRIME
- PREVENT AND REDUCE CRIME, HARM AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR
- DELIVER OUTSTANDING SERVICE
- BUILD PUBLIC TRUST AND CONFIDENCE

THIS IS HOW WE DO IT:

<p>Improve, simplify and align our core processes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure we deal with incoming demand, and properly record, investigate and solve crimes Ensure end-to-end accountability and victim focus Simplify governance, reduce duplication and bureaucracy 	<p>Improve I.T. and broaden digital transformation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve / replace police works Boost digital skills across the organisation Ensure I.T. and digital technology are easy to use enablers of our core processes Update and upgrade our I.T. infrastructure and ensure it is fit for purpose 	<p>Become a more intelligent organisation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foster evidence-based decision-making Scan the horizon, map and predict demand and emerging threats (incl. failure demand) Collect and analyse accurate, reliable and up-to-date information and share it in an easy to understand way Boost data and analytics skills 	<p>Strengthen and invest in the corporate services function</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure corporate services enable, contribute, support and influence the force as a strategic partner Boost and grow the professional skills across corporate services
<p>Establish effective performance management regime</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Measure, monitor and manage what really matters Set clear performance expectations for everyone Recognise and celebrate good performance Fairly tackle poor performance 	<p>Strengthen our dedicated neighbourhood policing teams</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure they have resources and decision-making powers, local knowledge and a focus on partnership-based problem solving Help to build resilient communities Supported by specialist capabilities 	<p>Work in effective partnerships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce risk to vulnerable people and stop people becoming victims in the first place Create a joint focus on creative problem solving in order to reduce demand Shared accountability for problems Joint intelligence and understanding of underlying causes of demand 	<p>Communicate and engage in a positive and proactive manner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have a proactive dialogue with communities, listen to the public, understand issues Establish internal voice and create staff engagement channels Enhance media and stakeholder relationships
<p>Invest in and support our people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make GMP an attractive place to work Improve staff engagement, staff recognition and staff wellbeing Improve leadership skills across the organisation Strengthen strategic, operational HR and workforce planning processes so that we recruit, retain, develop and promote the best people Provide ongoing training, development support and career progression opportunities to all staff and officers 		<p>Invest in and improve our infrastructure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure the estate, fleet, equipment and I.T. are fit for the job Embrace effective agile working Reduce environmental impact 	<p>Manage our resources effectively</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secure funding and align finance strategy with strategic priorities Balance short and long-term financial planning Improve financial awareness and delegate more financial authority Focus on value for money

UNDERPINNED BY OUR VALUES:

- PUBLIC SERVICE & PROBLEM SOLVING
- INTEGRITY, HONESTY & OPENNESS
- ACCOUNTABILITY & UNITY
- KINDNESS
- HIGHEST PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS
- BEING A LEARNING ORGANISATION
- DIVERSITY, EQUALITY & INCLUSION

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RESPOND TO INCIDENTS AND EMERGENCIES

- 999 and 101 call waiting times will be shorter.
- You will be able to report a crime or incident online so you don't have to phone 101.
- You will be able to report problems in your area online directly to your neighbourhood policing team.
- If you are a victim of crime we will deliver the Victims' Code. You will be given the contact details of the police officer who is looking after your case. They will keep you informed of any progress and you will not have to call 101 for updates.
- If you have an emergency we will get to you more quickly.

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PREVENT AND REDUCE CRIME, HARM AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

- You will see monthly high profile operations that target the problems we know you care about.
- Every area will have a neighbourhood policing team including named officers responsible for local policing.
- You will be able to contact your neighbourhood policing team directly.
- A proportion of our neighbourhood policing team resources will be ring-fenced and they will only undertake duties that are focused on addressing local concerns.
- We will focus extra help for people who are particularly vulnerable to the risk of harm, for example, people targeted by hate crime; people who are repeatedly targeted; or people who have reduced ability to keep themselves safe.

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INVESTIGATE AND SOLVE CRIME

- We will investigate all crimes and follow-up every reasonable line of enquiry.
- Every burglary will be attended by a police officer and followed up with an investigation.
- More criminals will be arrested.
- You will see us relentlessly pursue the disruption of serious and organised crime.
- We will seize more assets from criminals. If you are acting criminally you can expect us to seize your house, your car and your cash when we catch you.

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DELIVER OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE

- We have invested in strengthening our leadership: every district will be led by a Chief Superintendent. You will know their names and be able to contact them.
- You will feel like we care about you. More victims of crime will be satisfied with how we look after them.
- Officers and staff do their jobs to the highest professional standards: we will have fewer complaints about poor service.
- You will see your neighbourhood policing team working with your council, the NHS and other organisations to solve problems that affect crime and anti-social behaviour in your area.
- Officers and staff will be well equipped to do their jobs well.

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BUILD PUBLIC TRUST AND CONFIDENCE

- You will have been invited to join in a public consultation to give us your views on what you want from our neighbourhood policing function.
- You will be able to speak to us regularly to tell us what issues you want us to address in your neighbourhood. What we do in your neighbourhood will be informed by what you tell us.
- We will proactively communicate with you to tell you what we are doing.
- We will deliver proportionate and fair policing where our tactics and use of force is not greater than the risk we are trying to address. We will publish data on how we are performing.
- Local forums and other panels will be strengthened to widen public scrutiny and we will take part in a bi-annual GMP accountability session with elected representatives and the monthly Mayor's Question Time.

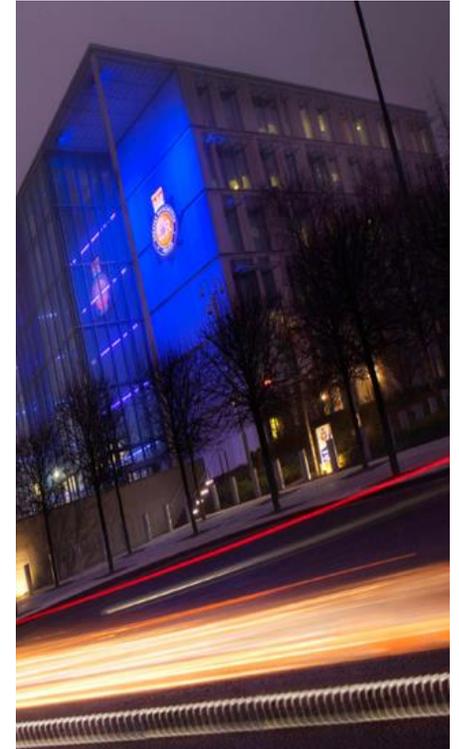
GMP – What We Are Doing

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- ✓ *Arresting more offenders*
- ✓ *Conducting more warrants*
- ✓ *Seizing more drugs*
- ✓ *Seizing more vehicles*
- ✓ *Issuing more traffic offence tickets*
- ✓ *Reducing anti-social behaviour*
- ✓ *Being more problem focused*
- ✓ *More engagement*

- ❖ *And we will continue to do this and more.....*



Road Safety



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- Road Safety Working Group
- Road Safety campaign
- Road Safety Pledge



Hate Crime

- Promotion of National Hate crime awareness raising campaign
- Ongoing delivery of Hate Crime Awareness sessions to partners

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Community Safety Partnership Grant Funding

13 projects funded in 2021 / 22

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- ★ Arts Awards
- ★ Active Citizens
- ★ Road Safety
- ★ StoryMakers
- ★ Daisy Chain
- ★ Safe Squad
- ★ Personal Safety / Conflict Management Training
- ★ Our Day – Roll over project from 2020/21 – due to covid restrictions
- ★ Here comes Tango
- ★ BREE
- ★ Theatre Tracks
- ★ Ashton United In The Community
- ★ Odd Arts
- ★ JJ Effect



Works in the Community



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Working in partnership with continues with the aim of creating a safer, stronger, and active community where crime and anti-social behaviour is less likely to happen. There are 62 schemes registered through the Council and we are looking to build on that www.tamesidenwa.co.uk

The CSP funded the purchase of a vehicle for Ashton United In The Community (AUITC) which will be used to support the delivery of a series of community engagement projects, along with pop up events where the partners involved will have the means to promote current community safety awareness messages



Thank you

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Place Priorities

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Agenda Item 4.



Economy, Employment & Skills

Tameside Business Resilience Clinic

- Launched as part of our COVID response, offering free, bespoke advice and guidance.
- Businesses are matched to support by a Project Manager from Economy Employment & Skills using the bank of Business Community Champions (BCC), GM Business Growth Hub provision and a catalogue of online support including webinars.
- BCCs are local business experts offering free support across specialisms including finance, social media and business start up. To date 63 businesses have registered and engaged with the Clinic.

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In Work Progression – launching January 2022

- Tameside has been selected by DWP to run a trial project, offering support to Tameside residents who are in work but would like to increase their earnings.
- Experienced staff will offer 1-2-1 support at a time and manager to suit each resident participating.
- Support will be tailored to the aims of each person, examples might be: if you are not earning enough money and want more hours; or if you are in a job you don't enjoy and want to gain skills to move into something different

Economy, Employment & Skills

Tameside Youth Employment Support

- Created in response to increased challenges for young people following the pandemic, recognising the challenges many face when trying to find employment.
- Supports employers to create job opportunities matching the aspirations of a young person by offering reimbursement of first 6 months salary for apprenticeship or non apprenticeship roles.
- Create employment opportunities for our priority young people including Care Experienced.
- Partnership & Engagement Officer provides 1-2-1 support from application through to job sustainment, this includes:
 - Support with preparation for work, CV writing, understanding employer expectations and preparing for interviews
 - Help transition young people in to the world of work.

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Economy, Employment & Skills

Routes to Work Supported Employment Service

- Team of specialist advisors offering advice, support and practical assistance for anyone with a disability who would like to find employment.
- Offer on the job training using specialist methods.
- Provide retention advice and support to local businesses.
- Create network of opportunities for our residents with disabilities.
- Currently support 77 Tameside residents, 46 in work and 31 looking for work
- Tameside 20-21 achieved 7.12% of people with Learning Disability in paid employment, Government target of 7% by 2023.



“I love working, I don’t want to use my Annual Leave”

Jack, Document Controller, BLM

Autistic and Learning Disabled

A Town Centres Framework

- Lack of overarching town centre strategy
- Regeneration and evolution of centres
- Place based investment approach
- Opportunity to pull various strands together
- Identify cross cutting themes
- A new Tameside Town Centre Framework will set the overarching principles for the regeneration of our towns and collaborative working to achieve this

Why Invest in our Town Centres?

- Housing and employment investment opportunities
- Excellent strategic transport infrastructure
- World class digital infrastructure – Dark Fibre
- Rapidly growing digital, ICT and creative sectors – Ashton Old Baths, St Petersfield
- Historic towns with heritage assets
- Access to countryside improve Quality of Life
- Strong connections to the wider GM City Region

Ashton Town Centre

- Once a leading destination for both local and out-of-town shoppers, the Town Centre is no longer fit for purpose, with a large number of shop closures, and footfall has continued to decline.
- Ashton Town Centre has undergone improvement in recent years, with the Council's ambition has been evident through the significant investment under the Vision Tameside programme

The Council is engaging with the owners of The Arcades and Ladysmith Shopping Centres to better understand opportunities for further long term change

- **Vision Tameside**

- Vision Tameside programme delivered bringing together transport infrastructure, enhanced digital connectivity, learning facilities and Council Head Office and an extensive public realm programme.
- New Transport Interchange
- Further opportunity remains to restore historic Ashton Town Hall building

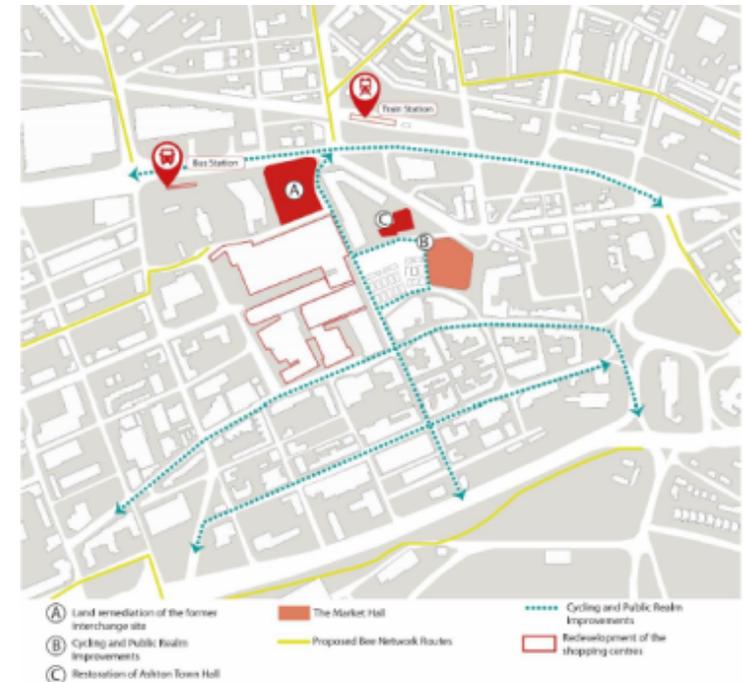


Levelling Up Fund

- Despite investment so far, fulfilling the objectives of regenerating Ashton cannot be maximised unless the existing issues and barriers are addressed.
- LUF bid prepared to address the key priorities identified in this engagement and building on the investment delivered in the Town Centre to date focused on:
 - Land remediation and enabling infrastructure works on the former interchange site
 - Walking/cycling and public realm improvements
 - Support the restoration of Ashton Town Hall

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£19.9m sought for enabling works accelerating delivery of the comprehensive transformation of Ashton Town Centre. If LUF bid to Government is unsuccessful it will form the starting point to seek other sources of external funding.



St Petersfield Background

- Tameside's primary office location with the largest concentration of Grade A office space
- c£44m private sector investment secured to date
- Grade II listed Ashton Old Baths redeveloped by Council into a digital, creative and media hub since 2016.
- A high quality destination and hub for the creative and tech sector that will bring in high-wage job opportunities and create a modern gateway into Ashton Town Centre



St Petersfield Future

- Highly attractive location given proximity to M60, rail, tram and bus links
- Masterplan and a market appraisal work being finalised
- £20,000 approved to improve the condition of the public realm
- Tameside Digital Infrastructure Co-Operative Dark Fibre Loop and digital connectivity unrivalled across Greater Manchester
- New Council management agreements with tenants to improve the area.

Ashton Moss – Strategic Location

- Part of Eastern Growth Cluster: St Petersfield, Ashton Moss and Ashton Town Centre delivering high innovation growth
- Close to Ashton Town Centre and neighbouring residential communities
- Excellent connectivity by road, tram, rail, and cycle

Emerging Proposals

- Remediation of the land
- Major earthworks
- Provision of key infrastructure (surface water drainage, core utilities infrastructure, site access/internal service roads and landscape buffers.
- Capacity for up to 200,000 sqm of high quality employment space and c4,500 jobs at Ashton Moss site
- High quality public realm



Housing Delivery

Dedicated Affordable Housing Development Currently Onsite

- 51 Rent to Buy homes, The Box, Ashton-Under-Lyne
- 50 Affordable Rent Homes, Cavendish Wharf, Ashton-Under-Lyne

Significant other developments and permissions

- 42 Affordable Rent home for over 55 year olds with full permission Emmanuel Court, Henrietta Street, Ashton-under-Lyne, Southway Housing Trust
- 195 homes on Hartshead School, Ashton-Under-Lyne, market site with 15% affordable homes agreed
- Former Taunton Sunday School site currently being marketed by Council (0.19 Acres).

Strategic Property

- Oxford Park Vaccination Centre
- Hurst Knoll school

New gas boiler summer 2021.

Decarbonisation/solar/LEDs/windows/insulation—from half term.

(Most Ashton schools are academies or VA)

- Fern Lodge land, Ashton-under-Lyne

Marketing complete and site under offer. Offers under evaluation.

- Taunton Sunday School, Ashton

External agents appointed to commence marketing.

- Decarbonisation Project

Hegginbottom Mill / Hurst Knoll Primary / St Peter's Childrens Centre.

Strategic Property

Assets declared surplus at Executive Cabinet 29th September 2021:

- Land at Cowhill Lane / Wimpole Street, Ashton-under-Lyne,
- Cleared site of former 31-43 Holden Street, Ashton-under-Lyne,
- Former Waterloo Library, Taunton Road, Ashton-under-Lyne,
- Former 154 Mossley Road & former 39 Curzon Road, Ashton-under-Lyne,
- Land to the rear of 1-11 Mount Pleasant Street, Ashton-under-Lyne,
- Former 1 & 3 Arlies Street, Ashton-under-Lyne,
- Former 1 Hulme Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.