

## **TWO TOWNS AREA FORUM**

MEETING – TUESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2017

Present – 16 members of the public attended the meeting

Councillor Stephen Pickup	- Horwich and Blackrod
Councillor Joyce Kellett	- Horwich North East
Councillor Kevin McKeon	- Horwich North East
Councillor Richard Silvester	- Horwich North East

### Also in attendance

Idris Jeewa	- Area Coordinator
Stephen Rowson	- Business Support Officer
Mark Hoban	- Department of Place
Constable Ben Brookfield	- Greater Manchester Police
Constable Dave Heald	- Greater Manchester Police

### Town Councillors

Councillor John Price	- Blackrod Town Council North Ward
Councillor Jim Bullock	- Horwich Town Council Vale Ward

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillor Ann Cunliffe.

Councillor Kevin McKeon in the Chair

## **1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS**

Councillor McKeon welcomed everyone and introduced himself and the other Councillors and Officers in attendance.

## **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM COUNCILLORS AND OFFICERS**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

### **3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2016 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

### **4. PRESENTATION – SLIM BIN AND RECYCLING UPDATE**

Councillor McKeon introduced Mark Hoban, Head of Service, Waste and Fleet Management, who delivered the presentation. The main points were as follows;

- Update on the slim bin rollout
- Thank you Bolton – Successful rollout
- Details of what's been collected
- Waste Audit's available for those who could not manage with the slim grey bin
- Update on what pet bedding can be recycled
- Plans for 2017/18
- Details for facebook and twitter sites for updates and where to order recycling containers:
  - Twitter - @Recycle4Bolton
  - Facebook – Recycle for Bolton
  - Ordering online – [www.bolton.gov.uk/loverecycling](http://www.bolton.gov.uk/loverecycling)

A number of questions followed the presentations and were answered at the meeting.

Resolved – That the presentation be noted

### **5. BUDGET UPDATE**

Area Coordinator, Idris Jeewa gave an update on current balances for budgets devolved to the Area Forum for 2015-17 financial years as follows;

#### **Horwich and Blackrod**

Deprivation Budget (DB)	£0.00
Area Forum Flat Rate Budget (AFB)	£60.00
Highways Maintenance Budget (HMB)	£0.00

**Horwich North East**

Deprivation Budget (DB)	£.00
Area Forum Flat Rate Budget (AFB)	£95.00
Highways Maintenance Budget (HMB)	£0.00

He also gave an update on current balances for budgets devolved to the Area Forum for 2017-18 financial years as follows;

**Horwich and Blackrod**

Deprivation Budget (DB)	£993.00
Area Forum Flat Rate Budget (AFB)	£3,630.00
Highways Maintenance Budget (HMB)	£9,600.00

**Horwich North East**

Deprivation Budget (DB)	£1,490.00
Area Forum Flat Rate Budget (AFB)	£3,750.00
Highways Maintenance Budget (HMB)	£8,930.00

Resolved –

- i. That the report be noted;
- ii. That it be noted that the following schemes had been awarded a grant under the Council's Scheme of Delegation from the 2015-17 budget:

**Horwich and Blackrod**

<b><u>Grant</u></b>	<b><u>Scheme</u></b>	<b><u>Award</u></b>
<b><u>Pot</u></b>		
AFB	To Blackrod Community Centre to help advertise and attract volunteers	£90.00
AFB	To install a bollard on Scholes Bank/Crown Lane	£250.00
AFB	To install an APM (Access Parking Markings) on The Cheethams	£120.00
AFB	To reinstall a direction sign on Manchester Road	£175.00

AFB	To install a street light on Back Chorley New Rd.	£3,827.00
AFB	For a dementia project – to enable businesses to be more dementia friendly	£1,120.00

### **Horwich North East**

<b><u>Grant</u></b>	<b><u>Scheme</u></b>	<b><u>Award</u></b>
<b><u>Pot</u></b>		
DB	For relocation of bin to Green Lane.	£120.00
DB	For disabled dropped kerbs on Lord Street.	£2,485.00
DB	For roundel signs (Speed limit warning disks) on Green Lane.	£200.00
DB	Awarded to Brazley CC for their relaunch.	£320.00
AFB	To install a bollard on Cooper St.	£250.00
AFB	To install carriageway markings on Edge Lane.	£785.00
AFB	To install a cul de sac sign on Buckingham Ave.	£210.00
AFB	For 20mph roundels on Sandrigham Rd.	£750.00
AFB	For a nameplate for Fearnhead Ave.	£235.00
AFB	For the TRO (Traffic Regulation Order) on Walker Fold Lane.	£3,300.00
HMB	Allocated to converting some grassed land on Rockhaven Avenue to parking bays. The total cost of the scheme was over £22,000 of which Bolton at Home have also contributed £7,000.	£15,200.00

- iii. That it be noted that the following schemes had been awarded a grant under the Council's Scheme of Delegation from the 2017-18 budget:

### **Horwich and Blackrod**

<b><u>Grant</u></b>	<b><u>Scheme</u></b>	<b><u>Award</u></b>
<b><u>Pot</u></b>		
AFB	To relocate a bin on Station Rd.	£120.00

### **Horwich North East**

<b><u>Grant</u></b>	<b><u>Scheme</u></b>	<b><u>Award</u></b>
<b><u>Pot</u></b>		
HMB	To clear and widen a path on Nellies Clough.	£670.00

## **6. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS SESSION**

Councillor McKeon introduced this item on the agenda and invited residents to ask any questions or put forward any comments they had regarding issues and concerns in the Wards.

Q1 Why are there no dangerous 'bend' signs on Green Lane?

A This issue had also been raised at the Town Council. There is a flashing warning sign on Green Lane, although it does fail to operate sometimes due to battery issues. When funds become available this would be looked at being electrified.

Q2 The junction at Winter Hey Lane/Lea Lane/Church St/Longworth Rd is an accident waiting to happen. Could the light sequence be changed to a four road instead of three?

A We have been advised that the cost of this would be £100,000 some of the reason for this is believed to be knock on effects on other lights in the system to maintain traffic flow through Horwich as a whole. The system is maintained centrally for Greater Manchester.

Q3 A number of questions and locations were highlighted in relation to speeding traffic including Church Street and Chorley New Road. Residents also suggested volunteers could do speed checks to free up police time.

A Members had requested that the plans for speed reductions in the area be extended to encompass Church Street. Members would pursue the suggestion of volunteer speed checks as other authorities had done this. Many things had been tried to reduce speeding and police enforcement was also limited due to their own staffing

reductions.

Q4 Could the forum name be changed to Horwich and Blackrod to prevent confusion?

A Members agreed this was a good idea it would be taken back and looked at.

Q5 A resident stated that it was really difficult to report fly tipping online and had been told it could only be done this way.

A Unfortunately this was the preferred method for reporting which can be done by Email to [neighbourhoodservicesinbox@bolton.gov.uk](mailto:neighbourhoodservicesinbox@bolton.gov.uk). Alternatively people can ring the contact centre on 01204 333333.

Q6 Could something be done about the beeping sound at the pedestrian crossing at Lea Lane, which has not been working for the past two years?

A This will be reported back to the highways department.

Q7 In order to improve attendance at these Area Forum meetings, could other methods be used to advertise them, such as community groups, leisure centres, schools, social media and local papers? The invite letter could also be posted on the Council's Facebook page.

A These suggestions would be taken back and considered, the Council had been required to cut back on advertising spend due to budget constraints, so other avenues were welcomed.

Q8 A number of questions were raised about the temporary car park at the New leisure centre and health centre buildings. A question was also asked about how these buildings were being funded.

A The car park was to be accessed from Drinkwater Lane and had permission for 12 months. Both buildings should be constructed within this time.

The leisure centre was funded by the Council through the Leisure Trust, the health centre was being paid for by the National Health Service.

Q9 What was happening about the executive homes near Bob Smithy that had breached planning permissions?

A This fell within the Heaton & Lostock ward but Councillor Silvester had lodged an objection and would continue to monitor the situation though the developer had six months to lodge an appeal so this could take some time before a resolution was finalised.

A resident stated that the speed humps installed on Claypool some time ago had worked well and thanked the council for installing them.

Resolved – That the questions be noted and those which were not answered be directed to the appropriate departments or partner agencies.

## **7. CHAIR'S CLOSING REMARKS**

Councillor McKeon thanked everyone for attending and advised that the next forum was still to be confirmed, but residents would be informed through the usual channels.

(The meeting started at 7.03pm and finished at 8.41pm)