

## **HALLIWELL AREA FORUM**

MEETING, Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2017

Present – 28 members of the public attended the meeting

Councillor Cliff Morris	- Halliwell Ward
Councillor Akhtar Zaman	- Halliwell Ward
Councillor Linda Thomas	- Halliwell Ward

### Also in attendance

Shaheen Sameja	- Neighbourhood Manager
Jane Bickerstaffe	- Business Support Officer
Malcolm Russell	- Department of Place
Kate Smith	- Department of Place
PC Newbold	- Greater Manchester Police
PCSO Thornley	- Greater Manchester Police
PCSO Sumner	- Greater Manchester Police

Councillor Cliff Morris in the Chair

### **1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME**

Councillor Morris welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced himself and Officers in attendance.

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

There were no Declarations of Interest.

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

The minutes of the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

### **4. UPDATE ON HALLIWELL'S PLACE BASED INTEGRATION PROJECT**

Councillor Morris introduced Kate Smith, Principal Policy Officer, Department of Pace and Shaheen Sameja,

Neighbourhood Manager, who gave a presentation on the Place Based Integration Project – the principle of which drew strength from existing community networks to build stronger more resilient communities.

### **Halliwell Early Adopter Changing the way we work**

Vision 2030 sets out some challenges for the Bolton Family, and some factors that will be critical to our success, including:

- Working beyond traditional boundaries – places, and organisations
- Being clear about our priorities, what we can deliver and how we'll deliver
- Engaging differently with local communities, so that we really understand priorities and opportunities
- Building skills, capacities and connections in communities, so that people can and do play more active roles

### **Our approach: 'active, connected, prosperous'**

- Vision 2030; Locality Plan
- Building on existing good work
- Person and place based way of working
- Intervene earlier to support residents with additional needs
- Reduce demand on services
- Work better together
- Empower communities – growing community action
- Maximise our assets - people and buildings
- An economy that works for all residents
- Evidence based approach
- Strong governance

### **Place Based Integration: context**

- GMCA established place based approaches as a key Public Service Reform strand
- Intended to support the management of demand for services in a neighbourhood
- Integrated teams work together to coordinate early help and therefore proactively manage need in an area.
- Two areas identified to test our approach:
  - Halliwell
  - Johnson Fold Estate

## **Halliwell Profile**

### **Key Statistics**

- 13,929 residents
- 7604 households
- One of our Neighbourhood Renewal areas
- Diverse, multi-faith, multi-cultural area

### **Halliwell Early Adopter – Progress to date:**

#### **Halliwell: starting point**

- Halliwell has a history of partnership working with some positive outcomes. Yet health & social issues remain.
- Significant data analysis undertaken to understand people's needs and demands on services. Issues include: housing standards, crime and fire
- Halliwell Multi-agency Leadership Workshop looked at need and demand in the area and existing partnership working.

The Halliwell UCAN Centre opened for the first time in 2012 and since then has remained committed to serving the residents of Halliwell and Crompton.

- 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012 – Our first day 34 visitors
- 31<sup>st</sup> April 2017 – 131,888 visitors
- Job hunting, I.T. confidence, help and support – 170 clients in employment
- Debt Management – 64 members of Hoot Credit Union. 50 money skills referrals
- Urban Outreach / Storehouse – 137 food vouchers issued

Twenty agencies have used the centre. Fourteen agencies currently use the centre and these include, ACIS, Citizens Advice, GMP, Bolton College, Contour Housing, BiDAS, Bolton CVS, Money Skills, NHS, BCDP.

Fifteen voluntary groups have used the centre. Eleven groups currently use the centre these include, Arts and Crafts, Bolton Documentary Photography, Caribbean Elders', Get Active, Gardening Project, Knit and Natter, Right Weight, Tai Chi, Work Club, Yoga.

From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012 – 31<sup>st</sup> Mar 2016 the overall group attendance was 32,671.

A number of questions were asked and answered at the event.

Resolved – That the presentation be noted.

## **5. UPDATE FROM HALLIWELL NEIGHBOURHOOD MANAGEMENT**

Councillor Morris introduced Shaheen Sameja, Neighbourhood Manager, who gave an update on the Neighbourhood Management activities in the area:

Budgets for 2017/18 devolved to the Area Forum are as follows:

- £3,750 to be allocated.

Resolved – That the update be noted.

## **6. QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION**

Councillor Morris introduced this item on the agenda and invited attendees to ask any questions they may have regarding issues in the Halliwell Ward.

One written question was submitted prior to the forum meeting and was read out first.

Q1	For at least the last 6 months, an empty double decker bus has parked opposite the resident's house with its engine running for an average of 15 minutes (from around 7.45am till just after 8am). This was found to be noisy and thought to add to air pollution. The resident stated he understood that it is an offence 'to leave a vehicle engine running unnecessarily' and he said Transport for London display signs at bus termini reminding their drivers to shut down their engines when parked up. The resident had spoken to the driver and the bus company, but to no avail. Was this something Environmental Health or the Police could look into?
A	This would be passed to Transport for Greater Manchester to investigate the issues.

Q2	A resident commented on the problem of parents parking their cars on pavements outside schools in the locality.
A	20mph signs had been erected near some schools and also schools in the area were talking to parents re them parking more considerately or for them not to use their cars to bring pupils to school when possible.
Q3	Another resident who used a mobility scooter found he often had to drive into the road as there were not enough drop-curbs in the area.
A	Councillor Morris said the council were aware of this problem and had received funding of half a million pounds from the Airport Dividend, which was to be used for drop-curbs.
Q4	The site of the former pub 'The City Hotel' on Eskrick Street, which was demolished to build new houses, had been left derelict and was causing residents problems with rubbish pilling up which encouraged rats and there was also concern that children were playing on the site.
A	This would be passed to Environmental Services.
Q5	A resident from Prestwood Close raised environmental concerns with regards to fly tipping and over grown trees.
A	This would be passed onto Environmental Services.

Resolved – That the questions and answers be noted.

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

Councillor Morris thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

(The meeting started at 11.00am and finished at 12.00noon)