



BRAUNSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

BUSINESS PLAN 2019/2020

Priorities & Objectives

Town Council Mission

The Council's Mission Statement sets out its vision to provide high quality services and support the needs of the community, while recognising that this is only sustained by ensuring that the resources to do it are available.

Mission Statement - *We exist to ensure that local services and the environment reach the highest possible standards within the resources available for citizens, visitors and those who work in Braunstone Town; to provide a focus for civic pride; to listen, identify and respond to agreed local needs; and to help develop a strong, secure, self-reliant, self-confident community, free from unlawful discrimination. "Spectemur. Agendo" translates "Let us be Judged by Our Actions"*

Town Council Priorities (2019/2020)

In addition, Key Priorities for the Town Council during 2019/2020 include:

1. *Shakespeare Park*

The Town Council has ambitious plans to invest in the redevelopment and improvement of sporting, recreation and play facilities at Shakespeare Park. A Working Group has been established involving both the Bowls and football clubs and plans, designs and a schedule of works has been approved and the subject of consultation with partners and the community. The next stages include planning approval, securing funding and appointment of contractors. This is a medium term project which is scheduled for completion in 2020.

2. *Community Centres*

The Town Council is working on improvements to our community facilities at both Braunstone Civic Centre and Thorpe Astley Community Centre; this includes enabling the Civic Centre Bar to provide food and café services, as well as improvements to community rooms and conferencing facilities.

3. *Quality of Life Services*

The Town Council continues to provide and support important quality of life initiatives, such as crime reduction and grants for community groups, youth projects and individuals and on tackling poor air quality, recognising the importance of air quality in light of the new Lubbethorpe development, which could result in an increase in air pollution in Blaby District. Since 2014, the Town Council has supported the Local Area Co-ordination project connecting it with the community and by providing a base from which it can operate.

4. Enhancing a Socially Inclusive and Vibrant Community

To positively and proactively respond to the evolving and changing social demographic of the community through developing and supporting new and existing events and community/social inclusion initiatives.

5. Meet the needs of Thorpe Astley residents by facilitating the delivery of services and events at Thorpe Astley Community Centre

To enable consideration of whether there was a need to extend Customer Services to Thorpe Astley Community Centre in order to reduce isolation and provide better access to services for Thorpe Astley residents. To provide a vibrant community centre, a place for community groups offering a range of activities and events for the community.

6. Braunstone Town Library

The Town Council continues to work to keep Braunstone Town Library open, this involves, as a community leader, representing the views and aspirations of the community for the future shape of the Library Service, as a Landlord recognising the changing nature of Library service provision while ensuring the sustainability of all services provided from the Civic Centre site, and as the preferred provider for taking over the management of the service. It is anticipated that these roles will continue to evolve over the forthcoming years.

7. Thorpe Astley Open Spaces

The Town Council has been responsible for the management and maintenance of Thorpe Astley open spaces since 2014, having received the developer commuted sums. The Town Council aims to complete the legal transfer of open spaces at Thorpe Astley to the Town Council in order to enable future investment and improvement to the facilities, including ensuring improvements are implemented to the Culvert at Thorpe Astley Park.

8. Lubbesthorpe

The Town Council continues to represent the concerns of residents and monitor the impact upon their quality of life of the Lubbesthorpe construction, particularly the M1 bridge construction. Following a consultation, the Town Council is actively working with the developer and Blaby District Council to ensure that the land adjacent to the M1 bridge is suitably landscaped to provide protection for residents from the new road and to provide a leisure and recreation space.

9. Efficient Services

Having made £26,500 in ongoing savings since 2015/2016 without impacting on the delivery of services the Town Council continues to look to make efficiency savings while ensuring the existing services are safeguarded and where appropriate improved. Given the financial uncertainties identified in the

Council's Medium Term Financial Planning analysis, the Town Council will seek to make £7,000 in ongoing savings over the next three financial years.

Town Council Objectives

In addition to the Mission Statement, the Council has key objectives relating to its Committees and Service Areas.

Planning and Environment Objectives

1. To ensure sustainable development, which meets the needs of the present generation without prejudicing the needs of future generations.
2. To improve the environment, in pursuit of which, objectives 3 to 7 below are contributors.
3. To seek high standards of design and construction within planning applications and to ensure all developments are consistent with environmental objectives.
4. To inform and consult local residents about major planning proposals, Development Plans and other planning initiatives by central and local government.
5. To work with others to minimise the impact of traffic and from air and light pollution.
6. To promote responsible dog ownership and waste disposal.
7. To provide and maintain street seats and notice boards at key locations.
8. To monitor the New Lubbesthorpe development and to respond to any implications of that development for the environment of the Town.

Community Development Objectives

Nurturing and enhancing community life, equal opportunities and social inclusion.

Young people

1. To create opportunities for young people to have a voice
2. To identify young people's needs and give support to new local initiatives including summer holiday activities

Crime reduction services

3. Reduce opportunities for crime, increase public safety and establish a community spirit

Social inclusion, recreation & culture

4. To work with our partners to attract increased funding and the provision of a wider range of sporting and other services at local level
5. To provide support for the Office of Town Mayor
6. To assist local clubs and societies to undertake their work for the benefit of the citizens of Braunstone Town
7. To direct grants to organisations where this will be of greatest benefit to the citizens of Braunstone Town
8. To organise arts events/ entertainment's/ Civic Occasions which bring people together

9. To encourage the formation of new community groups by promoting free/subsidised use of the Civic Centre
10. To promote social inclusion

Corporate Management & Capital Project Objectives

1. To ensure effective management of the authority
2. To ensure effective implementation of the Council's policies and priorities
3. To ensure the Council's management arrangements, facilitate performance and efficient use of resources
4. To provide efficient and effective office services to support the Council's activities
5. To provide efficient and effective support to the democratically elected members to enable them to make policy decisions
6. To provide efficient and effective information to committees
7. To deal with telephone calls, and personal callers, promptly, courteously and efficiently
8. To ensure and arrange effective staff training
9. To develop a motivated workforce with the necessary knowledge, experience and skills to implement the Council's policies and services
10. To maintain adequate personal records, health and safety controls, and fire evacuation policies
11. To manage and control land and property belonging to the Council
12. To maintain an effective filing and retrieval system
13. To undertake capital projects for the benefit of the citizens of Braunstone Town
14. To ensure that major repairs and renewals are satisfactory and undertaken on Council owned buildings
15. To provide office accommodation for the Council's administrative staff
16. To ensure the Council engages with the Community concerning its activities, including with consultative bodies, such as the Citizens' Advisory Panel.

Community Centres Objectives

1. To provide and maintain high quality function rooms for use by hirers
2. To provide and maintain quality meeting rooms for Council and local community groups at low cost
3. To provide a Licensed Bar/Catering service for use by hirers and community groups at prices that are comparable with other similar establishments in the area
4. To maintain usage of the Centres for the benefit of the community

Open Spaces & Parks Objectives

1. To provide and maintain parks and open spaces to a high standard
2. To provide quality sports facilities to meet identified needs
3. To provide and maintain play equipment to a high and safe standard
4. To help fight pollution by planting trees on our parks

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