

**Briefing Note to the Riverside Area Committee  
12<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

**Wards** Drypool, Newington  
and Gipsyville, St. Andrews  
and Docklands

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## Riverside Area Neighbourhood Management Update

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### Briefing Note of the Assistant Director - Neighbourhoods and Housing

1. Purpose of the Briefing Note and Summary

- 1.1 To provide an update to the Riverside Area Committee on ward activity across the Area.

2. Drypool Ward update

Achievements

- 2.1 Security gating for Victor Street previously delayed by the pandemic and resultant supply shortages has now been completed. This was agreed following successful consultation with residents.
- 2.2 The Neighbourhood Team are working with The Oliver King Foundation to install defibrillators and provide training to schools and community centres within the ward. The project has achieved funding. To date 3 locations have agreed to have this equipment. The team are also in discussion with a further 3 locations
- 2.3 A project has been agreed in principle to fund a new police initiative within the ward. The new community safety project will engage shops and the police through digital media. This will help teams identify victims and perpetrators of crime allowing swifter justice to be served.
- 2.4 Regular virtual ward tasking meetings have continued to be held with partners to ensure that key priorities for the ward are identified and strategies in place to work together to solve any issues arising in the local community.
- 2.5 The Neighbourhood Team continues to deal with instances of homelessness and begging within the ward, ensuring outreach services are engaged, helping people to move into accommodation and access support. When deemed appropriate by all partners, legal processes and issuing notices to leave are served.

- 2.6 A 'Bring Out Your Rubbish Day' was held late in November. Residents were able to dispose of unwanted bulky items and unwanted goods etc. This was well received by residents resulting in 45 tonnes of rubbish removed helping to reduce incidents of fly tipping in the areas addressed.

### Progress Updates

- 2.7 Following a consultation exercise, residents are in favour of security measures to Woodhall Street. Further feasibility studies continue.
- 2.8 Litter picking equipment for the Ward funded by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, has been loaned to resident groups and continues to be well used. These community events help to address environmental issues across the ward.
- 2.9 Following resident concerns over parking and initial highway feedback, a consultation scheme is about to begin in the Dansom Lane North area of the ward. The results of this will form part of feasibility studies into possible solutions and future ward activity.
- 2.10 Projects to improve Durham Street and Mersey Street are in discussion with architects and surveyors. These are long term projects to improve the environment for residents in these areas. We hope to gain a positive outcome from feasibility studies being undertaken.
- 2.11 The Neighbourhood Team continues to support community centres and community groups on projects across the ward.
- 2.12 An environmental project to improve the open green space on Sherburn Street has achieved funding. The scheme will open up the green space along the street entrances removing harbouring spots for litter and unwanted visitors and opening sight lines for community CCTV. Neglected planters on the periphery of the park will also receive attention with outgrown foliage being removed and replanted with colourful carpet roses.
- 2.13 An environmental scheme to improve the pedestrian areas surrounding Mersey Street School has achieved feasibility funding through the Ward budget. Potential landscaping ideas will now be progressed to be considered for future ward projects.
- 2.14 The team have identified a new location for an additional bus shelter within Victoria Dock. The project is undergoing feasibility studies. A former audit agreed that all bus stops currently within the ward are well used. This additional bus stop will enhance the sustainable transport offer within the ward.

## Future Plans

- 2.15 A project to protect the grassed verges within conservation areas, and tackle inappropriate parking is being considered for the ward. Residents have expressed their concerns for a number of years – previous initiatives have had minimal affect.
- 2.16 Projects to encourage safer parking around schools are being considered for the new year.

### 3. Newington and Gipsyville Ward update

#### Achievements

- 3.1 The Neighbourhood Team continues to support the 'Friends of Pickering Park' (FOPP), enabling the Team and FOPP Group to share ideas and work together to improve targeted areas of the park.
- 3.2 A consultation was held at the Lonsdale Community Centre with residents of a section of Anlaby Road, involving partners and colleagues from regeneration, Love Your Street and the local policing team to look at options of developing small green spaces and possibly encouraging residents to take guardianship of some of the planters to be installed. With sustainable and responsible planting of trees and vegetation, this will encourage a diverse eco system to grow and help flood resilience.
- 3.3 In conjunction with the Housing Service, projects specifically for environmental improvement were identified to be funded from the Area Housing Budgets and orders have now been progressed.
- 3.4 The Team have participated in a number of Virtual Engagers Network meetings using Microsoft Teams in view of the COVID restrictions. These meeting encourage partners to share details of projects and innovative ways to engage with the local communities.
- 3.5 A successful Christmas wreath project with our local schools took place in December. Ward funds paid for the equipment to allow children to make a wreath at school and take it home to proudly display on their front door.
- 3.6 Regular virtual ward tasking meetings have been held with partners to ensure that key priorities for the ward are identified and strategies in place to work together to solve any issues arising in the local community.
- 3.7 The Team have attended a number of virtual Hull COVID-19 Engagement Response meetings with Health colleagues looking at the

overall Council response messages and how to ensure residents are engaged in the response to the pandemic. Also looking at facilitating pop up vaccination centres in the ward.

- 3.8 A problematic alleyway off Granville Street was cleared of fly tipping due to the gate being left unlocked whilst contractors carried out work to the properties. The alleyway was successfully secured and all residents were engaged with and a new padlock fitted and keys distributed to affected residents with a letter urging them to keep the gate locked.

### Progress Updates

- 3.9 The Neighbourhood Team continues to work closely with the Regeneration Team to resolve issues with the various development sites across the ward and receive updates on the latest frontage improvement works which started in January 2021.
- 3.10 A quote has been received for Roseberry Street for the resurfacing of the pathway due to poor condition and installation of a new lighting column. This is to be considered by the Ward Members.
- 3.11 An estimated cost for the North Road verge parking scheme has been received and an initial investigation has ruled out a stretch of the road in question, due to speed reduction measures in place. An engagement exercise will be carried out with residents affected.
- 3.12 'Bring Out Your Rubbish Days' have been booked for May 2022 where residents will be encouraged to bring out unwanted bulky items for disposal. These events will run over two consecutive weekends starting in Gipsyville and then moving onto Hawthorn Avenue. A leaflet will be delivered to all residents in the designated area and a door knocking exercise to encourage higher resident engagement.

### Future plans

- 3.13 A number of gating schemes have been identified for various streets in the ward that will improve security measures in neighbourhoods.
- 3.14 A quote has been requested for repairs to various streets and pavements across the ward with the priority being Arthur Street.
- 3.15 Parking is a concern for residents living in Woburn Street. A scheme to increase parking is currently being investigated with Housing Services.

#### 4. St. Andrew's and Docklands Ward update

##### Achievements

- 4.1 An adopted path which runs through the former cemetery on Division Road has been upgraded. The path had become uneven and dangerous in parts but is well used by residents, and people walking through and also mobility scooter users.
- 4.2 A large amount of work has been completed in Bean Street Park. Landscaping has been carried out to improve the look of the area and to open up the park with a view to improving public safety. Old posts have been removed, and areas of shrubbery turned to grass. Work to improve play provision continues with consultation with local stake holders held to identify suitable equipment.
- 4.3 Fencing has been installed to the surroundings of the Boulevard Fountain garden quarters. Residents and volunteers approached ward councillors with concerns of ASB on the gardens. The fencing will deter the activity and has improved the street scene around the fountain.
- 4.4 New road markings have been commissioned at The Mews and Coltman Street junction. Residents approached ward councillors regarding safety and parking issues.
- 4.5 Some fencing has been installed around an open piece of land at St George's Terrace on Redbourne Street. Residents approached ward councillors with a view of using the land as a communal facility. A new street sign was also installed to the terrace following the former one becoming worn.
- 4.6 New gates have been replaced to alleyways in the St George's Road area. Ward funds were used to clear the alleyways of detritus and fly-tipping.
- 4.7 The Neighbourhood Team has dealt with a small number of unauthorised encampments in the ward and liaised with colleagues in clearing the sites after travellers have left.
- 4.8 The Team continues to work with colleagues to ensure businesses in the ward have the appropriate waste collecting contracts. This is following several trade waste fly tips in particular hot spot areas.
- 4.9 Three parking spaces have been removed on Thornton Street, following concerns from residents. Traffic flow has been improved along with road safety.
- 4.10 Ward councillors commissioned a wreath to be presented at a memorial service held in North Shields to commemorate the loss of The Gaul trawler. Several of the lost trawlermen came from the area.

The Hull Bullnose Heritage Group presented the wreath on behalf of Hull City Council.

- 4.11 Safety measures aimed at improving parking and traffic movement around the Newington Academy on the Dairycoates Estate have now been completed. New road markings and layout designs have been implemented following concerns from the nearby school in conjunction with ward councillors and Highways team.

#### Progress updates

- 4.12 Work to address begging, rough sleepers and drink related anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the City Centre continues. Neighbourhood Team members regularly attend multi agency workshops, ensuring outreach services are engaged helping people to move into accommodation and access support.
- 4.13 The Team continues to work with several residents' groups within the ward, with a view to improve their communities. These include groups in the Tyne Street Area (DART), Boulevard (BRAG), Great Thornton Street (GTSTARA), The litter Squad, Constable Street Community Allotment together with several individuals, who carry out valuable work in their communities, which is greatly appreciated.
- 4.14 Plans to close off a footpath in Tichbourne Close are being discussed. Residents report a high level of ASB and criminal activity. The issues are discussed at ward tasking, but a long term solution is being sourced.
- 4.15 The team continues to work with the Hull Bullnose Heritage Group (HBHG), in particular with their project to relocate the Last Trip memorial. It is currently installed in Zebedee's Yard in the City Centre. The memorial will be moved to a site on Hessle Road at the Elliott Chappell Health Centre.
- 4.16 Barriers are to be installed to Coniston and Kendall House on the Great Thornton Estate. Residents have experienced parking issues caused by non-residents parking in the communal areas to avoid parking charges when visiting the nearby Hull Royal Infirmary.
- 4.17 A Bring Out Your Rubbish day on the Great Thornton Estate is in development. Ward funds and a contribution from housing budgets will be used to serve single properties on the estate.
- 4.18 Regular virtual ward tasking meetings have been held with partners to ensure that key priorities for the ward are identified and strategies in place to work together to solve any issues arising in the local community.

- 4.19 Ward forums and consultation events are being developed now that restrictions continue to be lifted in relation to Covid.
- 4.20 Work continues to take place to the Public Right of Way (PROW) which runs from Wellington Street West, through the docks and along the River Humber up to St Andrew's Dock. Work will help improve access, and make the path more attractive for use by pedestrians and cyclists.
- 4.21 Work to replace the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) on the Great Thornton Estate was completed by the end of November. New swings are to be installed on the nearby play park.
- 4.22 Speed surveys have been commissioned for several stretches of highway within the ward. These include Selby Street, Boulevard, Woodcock Street and Linnaeus Street. Data is being processed and will be available for consideration soon.
- 4.23 Street furniture to deter unauthorised parking on pavements on the Boulevard is to be installed as part of the Hessle Road pavement improvement scheme. Residents and business owners in the area approached ward councillors with concerns of dangerous activity in this regard. Highways officers met with Ward Councillors and discussed the issues, and a design was developed to help address concerns.
- 4.24 Work continues on a large project to replace paving along the Hessle Road corridor, from Marmaduke Street to St George's Road. The project is scheduled to take approx. one year. Affected businesses have been consulted and will be kept informed of all developments.
- 4.25 Measures to deter vehicles crossing over a pavement and parking illegally in Sefton Street are being designed. Residents approached ward councillors with concerns regarding safety and the damage of grassed areas. Bollards will be installed to help deter the activity.

#### Future plans

- 4.26 Several residents parking schemes, speed surveys and traffic management schemes are being developed across the ward. Areas include the streets off Boulevard, north of the fountain, Selby Street, Woodcock Street, Great Thornton Street and the Tyne Street area.
- 4.27 The condition of current notice boards and further provision in the ward is being investigated. Ward Councillors are keen to expand communication channels for residents.
- 4.28 A new mural is being installed to the wall of the communal garages at Great Thornton Street flats. The wall is currently covered in graffiti. Residents and tenants' groups are working on a design.

4.29 In conjunction with the Housing Service, projects specifically for environmental improvement are being identified, and will be funded from the Area Housing Budgets.

5.0 Area Update

5.1 Neighbourhood Co-ordinators have been tasked to prioritise discussions with Ward Members to identify potential Ward budget projects.

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