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To: **All Members of the District/Parish Liaison Group**

You are invited to attend a meeting of the District/Parish Liaison Group to be held on **Friday, 26 March 2021 at 4.00 pm by Conference Call**. Access credentials to the meeting, which will be held using Zoom, will be sent to you separately.

Virtual Attendance and Hybrid Meetings

I have provided the Leader and Deputy Leader with advice on the holding of “hybrid” meetings outlining the risks including to employees dealing with the Chamber and to Members. Hybrid meetings are those where some attendance is in person in the Council Chamber and some is virtual. I would encourage you all to attend virtually. Accordingly if you attend in person you will be deemed to have accepted the following disclaimer as applying.

Risk Assessment Disclaimer

When attending this meeting in person, I confirm that I have read and understood the contents of each of the following risk assessments and agree to act in line with its content.

- RA – Return to Work Mill Lane Covid 19 V13
- Mill Lane Coronavirus Control Measures V8

Both documents have been emailed to Members and are available on the Modern.Gov App library.

The same advice is given to officers who are also encouraged to participate in the meeting remotely.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah Steuberg".

Joint Head of Corporate Governance and Monitoring Officer

AGENDA

1 Welcome and Introductions

Councillor Alex Dale, Leader of the Council

2 Apologies for Absence

3 Minutes of Last Meeting (Pages 4 - 8)

To receive as a correct record the Notes of the meeting held on 9 October 2020.

4 Leader's Update

5 Covid-19 Update

Verbal update from Karen Hanson – Director of Environment and Enforcement

6 Climate Change Training and Opportunities for Parish and Town Councillors

Presentation from Edward Leddy-Owen, Home Improvement Co-ordinator

7 Clay Cross Town Deal

Presentation from Gill Callingham – Director of Growth and Economic Development

8 Environmental Health, Fly-Tipping and Enforcement Overview

Presentation from Matt Finn, Service Manager (Commercial & Environment)

9 Any Questions

One per Parish – taken in order of receipt.

Parishes may submit a question in advance by e-mailing Nicola Calver (nicola.calver@ne-derbyshire.gov.uk)

10 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the District/Parish Liaison Group is scheduled for 18 June 2021.

11 Close of Meeting

Councillor Alex Dale, Leader to close meeting.



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District Council

***We speak
your language***

Polish

Mówimy Twoim językiem

French

Nous parlons votre langue

Spanish

***Hablamos su
idioma***

Slovak

***Rozprávame Vaším
jazykom***

Chinese

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DISTRICT/PARISH LIAISON GROUP

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, 9 OCTOBER 2020

Present:

Members from District Council/Parish/Town Councils

Councillor William Armitage – NEDDC and Ashover Parish Council
Councillor Ann Clark – Sutton-cum-Duckmanton Parish Council
Councillor Steve Clough – NEDDC and Killamarsh Parish Council
Councillor Charlotte Cupit – NEDDC and Stretton Parish Council
Councillor Alex Dale – NEDDC and Unstone Parish Council and Dronfield Town Council
Councillor John Funnell – NEDDC and Morton Parish Council
Councillor Eric Gilson – Wingerworth Parish Council
Councillor Craig Hodgson – Wingerworth Parish Council
Councillor Carol Huckerby – NEDDC and Barlow and Holmesfield Parish Councils
Councillor Jeremy Kenyon – NEDDC and Eckington Parish Council
Councillor Guy Liggett – Shirland and Higham Parish Council
Councillor Heather Liggett – NEDDC and Shirland and Higham Parish Council
Councillor Mo Potts – NEDDC and Killamarsh Parish Council
Councillor Alan Powell – NEDDC and Dronfield Town Council
Councillor Diana Ruff – NEDDC and Wingerworth Parish Council
Councillor Pam Windley – NEDDC and Tupton Parish Council
Councillor Philip Wright – NEDDC and Dronfield Town Council

Parish Clerks

Rosalind Bullimore – Eckington Parish Council
Jacqueline Clayton – Unstone Parish Council
Yvonne Colverson – North Wingfield Parish Council
Charlotte Taylor – Wingerworth Parish Council

Also Present

Joe Bradley – Executive Assistant
Amy Bryan – Governance Team
Gill Callingham – Director of Growth and Economic Development
Sue Dixon – Partnership Strategy Officer
Karen Hanson – Director of Environment and Enforcement
Lee Hickin – Director of Corporate Resources and Head of Paid Service
Sarah Sternberg – Head of Corporate Governance and Monitoring Officer

DPL Welcome and Introductions

G/1/2

0-21 Councillor Alex Dale, Leader of North East Derbyshire District Council, welcomed everyone to the District/Parish Meeting and asked them to introduce themselves. He thanked those present for attending.

Councillor Dale stated that he was very keen to be a listening Council and to work with partners, in particular Parish Councils, and to fully engage with communities to ensure services were the best they could possibly be. He thanked Parish

Councils for everything they had been doing and for rising to the challenges faced over the past year.

Councillor Dale stated that Parish Councils should be receiving monthly updates. Councillor Dale reported that positive strides forward had been made with a number of projects, including £500,000 for the Clay Cross Town Investment Plan and £575,000 from the Green Homes Grant for home improvements in the District. Other work that had recently been undertaken included, litter picks as part of Keep Britain Tidy, job fairs, and Beat the Street.

Councillor Dale also spoke about the District Council Chair's Charity Appeal. Councillor Pat Antcliff, Chair of the Council, was fundraising for Alzheimer's Research UK and the National Deaf Children's Society. It was a difficult year for fundraising and for charities so any help that Parish Councils could give would be appreciated.

Councillor Dale apologised for the previous District and Parish Liaison Group meeting being postponed in July due to a backlog of meetings. The District Council was now using zoom to hold meetings remotely.

DPL **Apologies for Absence**

G/2/2

0-21

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Councillor Jayne Barry (NEDDC and North Wingfield Parish Council), Helen Dowson (Shirland and Higham Parish Council), Councillor Roger Hall (NEDDC and Dronfield Town Council), Councillor David Hancock (NEDDC and Tupton Parish Council), Councillor Anthony Hutchinson (NEDDC and Dronfield Town Council), Dawn Kershaw (Clay Cross Parish Council), Dorothy Neal (Temple Normanton Parish Council), Councillor Paul Parkin (NEDDC and Dronfield Town Council), Councillor Tracy Reader (NEDDC and Clay Cross Parish Council).

Apologies were also received from Steve Lee (Strategic Partnership Co-ordinator).

DPL **Minutes of Last Meeting**

G/3/2

0-21

The Group gave consideration to the Notes of the District and Parish Liaison Group held on 6 March 2020 and noted the content.

DPL **COVID-19 Recovery Plan**

G/4/2

0-21

The Director of Resources gave a presentation on the Covid-19 recovery plan.

The Director of Resources provided background to the plan, stating that Covid-19 had caused disruption to Local Authorities, businesses, organisations, individuals, charities and the whole community.

The recovery planning process focussed on three key areas: Organisation, Economy and Community. The inward facing organisation plan included the following strands:

Maintaining financial control

Getting people back into the workplace

New ways of working
ICT and Cybersecurity
Front Facing Services
Reviewing our Strategies and Plans

The Director of Resources concluded the presentation with a summary of the work that had been achieved by the Council in the past three months, which included leisure facilities being back to around 68% of membership levels, ROSPA Gold Award for Health and Safety approach, and developing a new campaign to reduce carbon emissions called 'Thanks a Tonne'.

It was AGREED that the presentation be noted.

DPL **COVID-19 Update including Second Wave District Plans**

G/5/2

0-21

The Director of Environment and Enforcement gave a presentation on the current situation with regards to Covid-19, including plans for the second wave.

The Director of Environment and Enforcement provided background to what arrangements the Council had put in place in March when the first lockdown started and what support had been provided to residents and businesses.

The Director of Environment and Enforcement stated that planning for a second wave was currently being undertaken, along with winter business continuity planning. The planning was also looking at managing the potential multiple issues that could arise, including flu season, Covid-19, flooding and Brexit.

Councillor Dale added that cases were rising in the County so it was important everyone was working together.

It was AGREED that the presentation be noted.

DPL **Planning and Enforcement Update including Planning White Paper**

G/6/2

0-21

Councillor Cupit, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Environmental Services provided an update on the District Council's Planning Service. At the September meeting of Cabinet additional planning resources and a restructure had been approved. This additional resource and restructure would double the planning enforcement team, recruit in-house specialists for arboriculture and heritage as well as increasing in-house development management. Work was also continuing on improving the Planning Committee's processes and procedures.

Councillor Cupit also spoke to the Group on the Government's Planning White Paper. This was a Government consultation on the planning process. The changes were high level and were in the very early stages and any changes were not planned to come in to effect until the end of the current parliament. The District Council was preparing a draft response on the White Paper.

It was AGREED that the updated be noted.

DPL **Towns Fund and One Public Estate**

G/7/2

0-21

The Director of Growth and Economic Development gave a presentation on regeneration projects in the District. The presentation covered the following:

One Public Estate – Killamarsh, Eckington, Clay Cross

£165k external funding had been secured and locality reviews had been carried out. In Clay Cross two scenarios were being considered for a community hub. In Eckington, options were being explored for a number of development opportunities and service provision across the town centre. In Killamarsh, residential and commercial development opportunities were being explored as well as options for a new community hub.

Towns Fund – Clay Cross

The investment plan was due to be submitted by 30 October 2020. A plan of emerging projects was displayed.

Barrow Hill Line

The opening of the Barrow Hill Line would connect the Sheffield-Worksop-Lincoln Line with the Midlands Mainline north of Chesterfield. It was currently at the strategic outline business case phase.

Dronfield Civic Centre

The civic centre was currently up for sale so the creation of a supplementary planning document to regenerate the civic centre area was being explored.

It was AGREED that the presentation be noted.

DPL **Community Action Grants**

G/8/2

0-21

The Partnership Strategy Officer reported that the last application round closed on 30 September but another bidding round would now run until 31 December 2020. Applications would be assessed as and when they were received so the deadline might be brought forward.

Grants were available to formally constituted groups and to non-constituted groups sponsored by a constituted organisation. Parish and Town Councils could not apply themselves but they could act as a sponsor to suitable non-constituted groups. Grants of up to £500 were available to support residents to tackle local issues in the District in support of the Council Plan. Examples included local community improvements, helping to promote physical activity, reducing social isolation, tackling climate change, improving recycling rates and reducing litter, enhancing biodiversity, supporting development of local volunteers and groups, addressing parking issues and reducing anti-social behaviour.

Further information was available on the Council's website <https://www.northern-derbyshire.gov.uk/community/community-action-grants> or by contacting Sue Dixon, Partnership Strategy Officer.

It was AGREED that the update be noted.

DPL **Any Questions**

G/9/2

0-21

Councillor H Liggett asked if facts and figures could be provided on missed bin collections that occurred on Fridays, and whether collections on Fridays had a higher prevalence of missed collections.

Y Colverson asked a question regarding the status of the housing offices as no formal notification had been received regarding the permanent closure. Y Colverson also noted that the consultation regarding the closure had been undertaken online, which had excluded the people who used the office. Councillor Dale responded that the tenants who used the office had been written to. The Director of Growth and Economic Development agreed to look into the notification of the closure and respond to Y Colverson.

Councillor J Funnell asked about the number of Covid-19 cases in the area and how lockdown/regional restrictions were determined. Councillor A Dale responded that the number of cases had increased. The Director of Environment and Enforcement added that the Government were trying to standardise the approach with three tiers of restrictions, which would be published next week.

It was AGREED that:

- (1) Councillor Cupit and the Director of Environment and Enforcement look into missed bin collections.
- (2) The Director of Growth and Economic Development look into the formal notification of the housing office closure.

DPL **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

G/10/

20-

21

The next meeting was due to be held on Friday 26 March 2021 at 4.00pm.

Meeting closed at 5.30 pm.