



# POLICY & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING

**WEDNESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2021 ~ 7:00 P.M. ~ TO BE HELD VIRTUALLY**

Please let the Clerk know if you intend to join the meeting by emailing [clerk.shevingtonpc@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:clerk.shevingtonpc@yahoo.co.uk) by Monday, 30 August so that you can be sent an invitation and joining instructions.

## AGENDA

- 1. Apologies** – to receive apologies from Committee members.
- 2. Declaration of Interests** - to receive any declarations of interest (personal and/or prejudicial) with regard to items on the Agenda.  
Unless already entered in the Council's Register of Members' interests, members are required to disclose any personal interest, (which includes any disclosable pecuniary interest), they may have in any of the items included on the agenda for the meeting in accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by the Council on 28 June 2012 and amended on 25 October 2012. Members are reminded that if they have any personal interests of a prejudicial nature or a disclosable pecuniary interest they must not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter and must leave the room. Any member needing clarification must contact the Clerk.
- 3. Healthy Routes – presentation**  
Please welcome Olena Woolfall, the Healthy Routes Advisor for Wigan North and Shevington area. Healthy Routes provide an 1-2-1 behavioural support service delivered via Microsoft Teams, Telephone, face to face for anyone 16 and older. The service covers:
  - Weight Management
  - Stop Smoking Support (Including Harm Reduction) for anyone 12 and older
  - Physical Activity
  - Mental Wellbeing
  - Alcohol Reduction
- 4. Matters Introduced by Members of the Public** – an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions or make observations.
- 5. Reports from Committee Members – for information only**  
To receive reports relating to the legitimate business of the Council from councillors and co-opted committee members. (Committee members are asked to advise the Clerk in advance of any reports – including the subject matter - they wish to make.)
  - (a) Damaged Hydrant at the Junction of St Anne's Drive with Randall Avenue**  
Cllr John Whiteley has advised that he will be reporting on this issue.

**(b) Shevington United Charities**

Cllr Ira Whiteley has advised that she wishes to speak on this matter.

**6. Reports from Representatives – for information only**

- **Shevington & District Community Association**
- **Crooke Village Residents' Association**
- **Shevington Youth Club**
- **Shevington Recreation Ground Trustees**
- **'in Bloom' Groups**
- **Patient Participation Group**
- **Vicarage Lane Fields Developments**
- **Friends of Shevington Memorial Park**

**7. Minutes of the Last Policy & General Purposes Committee Meeting (2 June 2021)**

- to consider, agree and approve the signature of the previously circulated Minutes by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting (enclosed).

**8. Annual Inspection of Property – Report**

- for information, agreement and recommendation

The report on the Annual Inspection of Property is enclosed.

Members are invited to discuss it and recommend priorities to the Council.

*(Co-opted Committee members may vote on this.)*

**9. Places for Everyone - Consultation – for agreement and recommendation (enclosed)**

Places for Everyone is a long-term plan of nine Greater Manchester districts (Bolton, Bury, Manchester, Oldham, Rochdale, Salford, Tameside, Trafford and Wigan) for jobs, new homes, and sustainable growth. It has been published by the GMCA on behalf of the nine districts.

The plan is a joint development plan of the nine districts which will determine the kind of development that takes place in their boroughs, maximising the use of brownfield land and urban spaces while protecting Green Belt land from the risk of unplanned development. It will also ensure all new developments are sustainably integrated into Greater Manchester's transport network or supported by new infrastructure.

The plan is the result of a process that began as the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF) in 2014, and has been informed by the feedback received from residents, businesses and the development industry to previous consultations on that Plan. The nine districts decided to continue to produce a joint plan following the withdrawal of Stockport Council from the GMSF.

They have now produced what they consider to be their final plan, the one they wish to submit to the Secretary of State.

This plan:

- sets out how the nine boroughs should develop up until 2037;
- identifies the amount of new development that will come forward across the 9 districts, in terms of housing, offices, and industry and warehousing, and the main areas in which this will be focused;
- supports the delivery of key infrastructure, such as transport and utilities;
- protects the important environmental assets across the city region;
- allocates sites for employment and housing outside of the existing urban area; and
- defines a new Green Belt boundary for Greater Manchester

Before we submit the plan, the nine districts want residents to tell them if they think the plan is 'sound' as set out in Government policy and whether they have complied with the necessary legal requirements.

The consultation is open between 9 August and 3 October 2021 (GMConsult)

Following this the nine districts intend to submit the plan to the Secretary of State, together with all the supporting documents / background evidence and any representations received during this final stage of consultation. Independent Inspector(s) will then be appointed to undertake an independent examination into the plan. Cllr Mike Grimes has prepared a report, which is enclosed. It includes discussion points. The Consultation documents can be found online on the GMCA website. Cllr Grimes will lead the discussion.

Members are invited to recommend responses to the Council for approval.

*(Co-opted Committee members may vote on this.)*

**10. Remembrance Sunday - for agreement and recommendation**

At the moment it is not known whether or not the country is likely to be under any restrictions over the late Autumn and Winter months. In view of this, we need to agree arrangements for Remembrance Sunday, which is on 14 November. At the moment, as far as the Parish

Council's role is concerned, the arrangements expected to be largely the same as in past years. They can subsequently be tailored to fit in with whatever restrictions (or guidelines) are in place at the time. Working on the assumption that things are normal, the following actions have to be taken in the coming weeks:

- a. The notice of the details of the Parade and Service, which begins at 10:45am, has to be confirmed with Wigan Council, who are responsible for publishing it.
- b. Police attendance – this has to be confirmed.
- c. Wreaths have to be ordered from the Royal British Legion for the War Memorials in Shevington and Appley Bridge and for the Miners' Memorial in St Anne's Church grounds.
- d. Permission has to be sought from Wrightington Parish Council for a wreath to be laid at the War Memorial at Appley Bridge – if this is going ahead this year.
- e. Lamp post poppies were purchased from the Royal British Legion and from Wigan Council's alternative supplier in 2018 to mark the Centenary of WWI. These will need to be attached to lamp posts to be in place for early November and will remain in place until the end of the month. Parish Council staff are responsible for doing this.
- f. The attendance of the uniformed groups, who are responsible for several functions during the Service will need to be confirmed.
- g. Discussions will need to be held with the Vicar(s) about the order of the Service in order to ascertain whether there are any changes that (s)he wishes to introduce.

*Members are invited to recommend the following to the Council for approval:*

- a. *The identity of the member who will represent the Council at the Service at Appley Bridge.*
- b. *The arrangements for setting up the PA system for the service at Shevington Memorial. The Caretaker will be responsible for setting up the PA system and will check the battery in good time beforehand to ensure that it is working and will charge it up. However, if it is not working it will be necessary to either purchase or hire a new one.*
- c. *The identity of the bugler – the trumpeter who played in 2019 will be asked in the first instance.*
- d. *The routes to be covered by the lamp post poppies – this will depend on the number of poppies we have, as quite a few were lost in 2018.*
- e. *Whether 'Our Tommy' should be brought to the Service at the War Memorial, as in 2019.*

*(Co-opted Committee members may vote on this)*

**11. Christmas Shop-Front Competition – for discussion and recommendation**

Members are invited to discuss holding this annual event and recommend the following to the Council for approval:

- Whether it will go ahead in 2021
- The identity of the judge

*(Co-opted Committee members may vote on this.)*

**12. Review of Standing Orders – for recommendation (enclosed)**

Enclosed are two documents:

- (a) Extracts from the current version of the Standing Orders (2020) and
- (b) Extracts containing the proposed changes for 2021.

Proposed changes are highlighted.

On P.12 the reference to the Standards Board needs to be removed, as the Board no longer exists.

The highlighted sections on P.15 need to be removed, as they ceased to apply in May. SO.74 on P29-30 has been amended to reflect the current situation.

Members are invited to recommend the changes to the Council for approval.

**13. Planning Applications – to consider for comment**

At the time of the preparation of this agenda there were no relevant planning applications to bring to the attention of the Committee.

- 14. Dates of Next Meetings:** 29 September (Council);  
6 October (Policy & General Purposes Committee)

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