



# **POLICY & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING**

**THURSDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2016 - 7 P.M.  
SHEVINGTON LIBRARY**

## **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. Minutes of the Last Policy & General Purposes Committee Meeting (6 October 2016)**  
- to consider, agree and approve the signature of the previously circulated Minutes by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting. (circulated for the October Council meeting)
- 4. Village Issues** – *for information only*  
To receive reports relating to the legitimate business of the Council from Committee members and Council officers (Councillors are asked to advise the Clerk in advance of any reports – including the subject matter - they wish to make.)
- 5. November Newsletter** – *for consideration and agreement* (enclosed)  
To receive and approve the text of the November newsletter for publishing.  
(*Co-opted committee members may vote on this.*)
- 6. Community Rail Conference** – *for information and agreement*  
Carolyn Watson, Interim Community and Sustainability Director of Northern, has sent us as invitation to their first community rail conference.

**Where:** Holiday Inn, 25 Aytoun Street, Manchester, M1 3AE

**When:** Monday 7 November. Registration and refreshments from 10am, formal proceedings start at 10.30am and will conclude by 3.45pm

*“The agenda has been developed with colleagues from community rail partnerships and station adoption groups and will give you the opportunity to meet with Northern, industry and community colleagues.*

*We’ll start the day with a welcome from Alex Hynes, followed by community rail and Northern community updates. This will include an update on our station adoption scheme, with colleagues available to discuss in more detail throughout the day and to share the guidelines, briefing and documentation we’ve developed to support it.*

*Our ‘marketplace’ will then open where Northern stakeholder managers, station managers, crime reduction and planning teams will be on hand to answer any questions or just to chat along with colleagues from Carillion, our facilities partner; Network Rail; British Transport Police; Crimestoppers and community groups. The registration link includes the option to let us know if there is anything you would particularly like to discuss or hear about.*

*The afternoon will include some interactive workshops. We’ll have four different topics and you will be able to choose two to attend. The topics are:*

- *Marketing*
- *Engaging Young People*
- *Station Adoption – from gardens to galleries*
- *Community Rail – unlocking potential*

*To help us plan for numbers we’ll share more detail on the above when you’ve registered and ask you to choose these in advance but there may be some room for manoeuvre on the day.*

*We would really like to extend an open invitation to everyone but sadly capacity at the venue means this isn’t possible! So initially we can offer two spaces per group, however, if you have more people from your CRP or adoption group who would like to attend please indicate on the registration form and we will let you know if we have availability.*

*Please register for the event by clicking [here](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/7November) or using the following link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/7November>*

*I do hope you’ll be able to join us and look forward to seeing you there. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch with me or your regional stakeholder manager.” Members are invited to consider sending a small delegation.*

**7. Grant Awarding Policy** (enclosed)

Members are invited to review the Council’s Grant Awarding Policy, which was adopted in 2010.

**8. Referenda on Parish Council Precepts – for consideration** (enclosed)

LALC have written to suggest that we write to our MP about the proposals extend referenda on council tax to parish councils and have sent the enclosed template letter which members may wish to adapt for our council. At the recent NALC AGM there was an overwhelming vote to oppose the government suggestion which in effect caps parish council precepts and would involve extra expense at a time when Principal Authorities are reducing services and devolving them to town and parish councils. Members are invited to consider this action.

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

There are no relevant planning applications to consider at present.

**10. Dates of Next Meetings:** 24 November (Council);

1 December (Policy & General Purposes and Finance Committees)

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*K Pilkington*

Clerk to the Parish Council