

# **Central ward plan** 2023 to 2028









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#### WELCOME STATEMENT

This is the Central Ward Plan for 2023 -28 where we show you, the residents, the work that we aim do in your community. We hope that you find this information useful and welcome you to contact us regarding any of the information in this Ward Plan. The Ward Plan is an opportunity for us to inform the public about the long term goals we hope to achieve in the Central Ward. We have taken into consideration the matters that you raise with us and continue to support the ward with the residents and public in mind. Residents are at the heart of our communities and we continue to work alongside local residents and partners to deliver the best service we can to forsee a better community for everyone.

#### INTRODUCTION

The purpose of the Ward Plan is to present our long term vision for shaping the community and neighbourhoods in your local area highlighting the issues that are affecting residents the most.

The plan is created through data and intelligence but also through having local conversations through ward Councillors, our website, or calls received via 01482 300 300. We have also gathered data from the Peoples Panel which was a city-wide survey conducted to gather the publics opinions on their neighbourhoods, giving people an opportunity to have their say.

#### **OUR PRIORITIES**

- Priority 1 To improve safety and wellbeing and reduce crime and anti social behaviour
- Priority 2 To maintain and improve the environment including open and green spaces and parks
- Priority 3 To Improve and maintain street cleanliness in the ward

These priorities have been identified as the issues most affecting you in Central Ward. We aim to address these issues and develop projects to respond to them as a local authority with the support of our partners. The neighbourhood team work with local elected councillors, council services, external partners and voluntary and community groups to improve your area to make it a better place for everyone to live and enjoy.

### PRIORITY 1 – TO IMPROVE SAFETY AND WELLBEING AND REDUCE CRIME AND ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

#### What we will do to deliver this priority

- 1) Work alongside local residents, Humberside Police and key partners to tackle and reduce crime and anti-social behaviour in the community.
- 2) Respond to road safety concerns from residents and partners to ensure the safety of all residents
- Support the delivery of health services and campaigns to improve the health and wellbeing of residents and continue to promote campaigns via social media, newsletters and community noticeboards
- 4) Work with local community organisations that support healthy activities such as Peel street project Sunday Football league

#### How we will deliver this priority

- Attend regular patch walk meetings with local residents, Humberside Police and Humberside Fire and Rescue devising action plans and updating at each patch walk to ensure identified issues have been actioned
- Support the Neighbourhood Police Team Tasking Meetings with council services, statuory bodies, external partners and community organisations highlighting issues and taking a multi agency approach to devising a solution
- Hold regular street surgeries at local community centres and buildings with partners such as police and neighbourhood nuisance
- Liaise with partners including Humberside Police to respond to emerging issues and agree a plan of action to tackle issues raised in the community
- Offer support and insight to partners on funding opportunities that directly support crime reduction. Ie. Crime Prevention fund
- Manage ward funding applications which provide a service of installing target hardening equipment including window and door security and shed and garage alarms
- Support community organisations such as Probe Limited to provide home security visits as a result of referrals from the police and partners
- Update residents and partners on actions taken to improve road safety via the newsletter/website/social media

## PRIORITY 2 – TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT INCLUDING PARKS AND OPEN AND SPACES

#### What we will do to deliver this priority

- 1) Develop and install environmental schemes to enhance areas such as Middleton Pocket Park/ Amazing play
- 2) Review Central Ward park equipment and ensure in line with health and safety and community consultation including different age ranges from young children to young adults and listening to what they want in the parks
- 3) Manage ward funding applications to support leisure and sport activities taking place on parks and open spaces
- 4) Work alongside Love Your Street, environmental crime officers on environmental inspections to tackle problems in your community such as graffiti, and litter
- 5) To tackle the issue of onsite drinking and neighbourhood nuisance within the parks and open spaces
- 6) Apply to internal funding rounds for supporting environmental regeneration such as Pocket Parks
- 7) Support community organisations developing resident led allotments ie. EMS supporting New George street residents with growing fresh produce

#### How we will deliver this priority

- Discuss issues in parks and open spaces with external partners who can support ie. Police/Humberside Fire and Rescue and Renew (drug and alcohol services)
- Work alongside residents and internal services to develop planting schemes to improve the community for aesthetic and safety reasons
- Identify areas, with the support from residents, of overgrown hedges and bushes and consider access to paths and walkways in line with health and safety policy and maintain this
- Identify areas which need additional waste bins in hotspot areas for fly tipping/dumping litter
- Organize community engagement events to promote educational information devised by Love Your Street
- Support neighbourhood watch schemes/resident groups who patrol parks and open spaces and report to council services re neighbourhood nuisance instances

#### PRIORITY 3 - TO IMPROVE STREET CLEANING IN THE WARD

#### What we will do to deliver this priority

- 1) Reduce fly tipping across the ward
- 2) Increase bulky item collections
- 3) Promote knowledge and education on bin usage and contaminated bins

#### How we will deliver this priority

- Attend regular patch walk meetings with local residents and Love Your Street team identifying issues and devising action plans and updating at each patch walk to ensure identified issues have been actioned
- Deliver Bring Out Your Rubbish days/ skip days as a community effort including local residents groups
- Develop and support existing residents groups who are interested in hosting litter pick events and providing equipment where needed ie. Gloves, bags and pickers
- Promotion of free waste disposal services available to residents eg bulky item collection, recycling centre opening times etc
- Advertise ways to report fly tipping and the consequences eg: penalties, risks to health etc
- Work with internal services and external services such as Hull Culture & Leisure, Love Your Street to identify hotspot areas of waste management and fly tipping

#### CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION

Ward plans across the city have been created, and will continue to be updated, with direct input from you as residents.

The results of our surveys will help us to understand our communities, set priorities and keep them up to date, evaluate work we have done, and keep improving.

#### YOUR VIEWS MATTER

We are committed to listening and involving you in decisions that affect you. As a result, we understand that there will be times when we need to engage with you on specific ward-based issues. To do this, we will follow the council's corporate process for research, consultation and feedback, and commit to meeting Hull City Council's Corporate Standards for Research, Consultation, Data Collection and Analysis.

These are some examples of how you can get involved in your local area and have your say:

- Complete the People Panels questionnaire
- Attend public forums and ward events
- Come along to local meetings
- · Check notice boards for updates and information
- Use social media to find out whats happening in your area and follow Wyke Neighbourhood team
- Go along to police street surgery at Romney Gardens or police drop in at Beverley Road Baths
- Access customer service point drop in at Springbank Community Centre
- Use the council website to report issues or ring direct on 01482 300 300 or going to https://www.hull.gov.uk/
- Discuss with your ward councillors
- Contact the Wyke Area Neighbourhood Team on WykeNeighbourhoodteam@hullcc.gov.uk

#### TOGETHER WE CAN

As residents of Central Ward you can expect us to work in partnership wherever possible to impact positively on the identified priorities, we will commit to monitor such activity and endeavour to evaluate whether we are delivering. We also recognise that sometimes the desired impact fails to materialise for any number of reasons, however we will consider what went wrong and learn lessons to try again. Data we publish will be publicly available and we aim to be transparent and open.