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Southcoates Ward Plan 2023/2028



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WELCOME STATEMENT

Welcome to the Southcoates Ward Plan for 2023-28, we hope that you will find the information contained in our plan to be useful. In particular, we wanted to prioritise the issues that you have indicated are important to you, and we want to show how we hope to address these issues by providing examples of projects we wish to undertake or support.

We believe that through working together in partnership with you as residents as well as with our various partners we can make a positive impact in Southcoates Ward.

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of the Ward Plan is to demonstrate how we intend to work towards revitalising our neighbourhoods by collaborating with our residents to tackle the issues that matter to you on your doorstep. We want to improve outcomes for local people on local issues that affect your quality of life, and further enhance the community leadership role of your local councillors.

The Plan was developed by using ward knowledge gained through conversations with local people and reviewing all customer engagement/enquiries with the council and partners.

This marks the start of a new way of collaborating with our communities and compliments work underway with the Community Plan at a city level plus the emerging Area Plans. As well as changing what we do, this Plan will change how we do things. New and easy ways for people to have their say and get involved will be developed to ensure everyone can play a part in creating the Hull we all want to see.

Although this is a 5-year plan, we will review our ambitions and priorities annually from April, 2024 with direct input from you, as residents of the ward.

OUR PRIORITIES

Priority 1 - To maintain and improve the environment including local area and parks.

Priority 2 - To improve community engagement

Priority 3 - To improve community safety and wellbeing

Having reviewed all the ward we will look to develop projects to respond to these issues.

For socio demographic information about Hull and its residents visit the Hull Data Observatory – Welcome to the Hull Data Observatory

PRIORITY 1 – TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT INCLUDING OPEN AND GREEN SPACES

What we will do to deliver this priority

- 1) Work with community groups to bring about improvements to local greenspaces that local residents want to see
- 2) Protect grass verges and other highways assets from damage caused by parked vehicles
- 3) Support healthy school holiday programmes in the ward
- 4) Support funding to organisations who aim to deliver these aims and objectives
- 5) Provide a network of high quality open spaces and natural environments
- 6) Work to create, sustain and improve an environment that promotes physical and mental well being across all settings
- 7) Develop environmental schemes to enhance areas.
- 8) Maintain street and area cleanliness exploring new and alternative approaches to improving the environment.
- 9) Work with Love your Street, environmental crime officers on environmental inspections to combat problems in neighbourhoods in terms of graffiti, contaminated bins, and litter.
- 10) Continue to address fly tipping/waste management issues across the ward

How we will deliver this priority

- Respond to all reports of vehicles causing damage to verges and other highway assets by assessing options available and funding preventative measures to prevent similar behaviour
- Look to provide future investment from the ward budget and other ward allocations to improve the play offer in local parks with the support of Hull Culture and Leisure Limited
- Continue to work with agencies like Living with Water to promote and engage with current and future projects aimed at reducing the risk of flooding in Southcoates following the 2007 floods.
- To ask residents via engagement activities such as ward forums, meetings, newsletters and social media what they would like to see in their open spaces
- Support the delivery of the 'Active Travel Strategy' at the local level, supporting the cycling and walking culture within our neighbourhoods and reducing our impact on climate change
- Liaise with partners to develop planting schemes to improve the environment and improve the look of the area.
- Provide additional waste bins in selected areas
- Continue with a programme of Bring Out Your Rubbish Days depending on available resources and funding

PRIORITY 2 – TO IMPROVE COMMUNITY SAFETY AND WELLBEING

What we will do to deliver this priority

- 1) Work with local residents, Humberside Police and partners to address and reduce crime and anti-social behaviour in the community.
- 2) Respond to road safety concerns from residents and partners particularly those concerns outside schools in order to ensure the safety of all residents and pupils
- 3) Support the delivery of 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 help foster and promote healthy activities and past times like Child Dynamix, Freedom Centre, St Johns Church and St Aidans church.

How we will deliver this priority

- Meet regularly with partners including the police to respond to emerging issues and agree a plan of action to tackle issues raised.
- Consider funding initiatives by partners that directly target crime reduction measures.
- Provide ward funding for the provision of target hardening equipment including window and door security and shed and garage alarms.
- Continue to provide funding to Probe Limited to carry out home security visits as a result of referrals from the police
- Update residents and partners on actions taken to improve road safety.

PRIORITY 3 – IMPROVE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

What we will do to deliver this priority

- 1) Work with local residents giving them a voice to see what they would like to improve
- 2) Work with the three local primary schools attending assemblies and lessons giving the youth on the ward a voice.
- 3) Providing information on ward twitter and facebook pages and updating HCC web pages
- 4) Work with local community groups attending ward surgeries to give those with no social media access to council and councillors
- 5) Installing and updating of community noticeboards
- 6) Working with youth services at events to hear what the youth would like to see happen.

How we will deliver this priority

- Meet regularly with partners including the police to respond to emerging issues and agree a plan of action to tackle issues raised.
- Consider funding initiatives by partners that have been received from residents.
- Provide ward funding for community groups and schools.
- Continue to provide funding to Probe Limited to carry out home security visits as a result of referrals from the police
- Update residents and partners on actions taken to improve communications.

CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION

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. This will ensure that we collect valid and robust data, in a consistent and accurate way, which can confidently be used in evidence-based decision making, with the resident voice at its heart.

We will continue to engage with you through a variety of other ways, this could be public forums, specific localised meetings, street surgeries with partner agencies such as Humberside Police or Humberside Fire and Rescue, ward-based events, newsletters and through our social media platforms. Your ward councillors will continue to be active in the ward and hold regular surgeries for you to engage with them directly.

Information on how you can get involved and help shape your neighbourhood can be found on the council's Neighbourhood Team webpage - www.hull.gov.uk/neighbourhoodteam .

TOGETHER WE CAN

As residents of Southcoates Ward you can expect us to work in partnership wherever possible to impact positively on the identified priorities. 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.

Background information on the ward's demographic profile and data used in developing this plan will be available on the council's Neighbourhood Teams webpage in due course.