



Hull  
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# University ward plan 2023 to 2028



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## WELCOME STATEMENT

Welcome to the University 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 with you as residents as well as with our various partners we can make a positive impact in university 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 make a positive change for local people on issues that affect your quality of life, and further enhance the community role of your local councillors. The Plan was developed by using knowledge gained through conversations with local people and by looking at the issues you have raised with us and the organisation we work.

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

## OUR PRIORITIES

Priority 1 - To improve safety and wellbeing

Priority 2 - Improve cleanliness of local environment including open and green spaces

Priority 3 - Investing in infrastructure, housing, highways and the local community

Having reviewed all the information, conversations, and local initiatives there are clear themes that are identified as of importance to residents in University Ward. In partnership with Humberside Police, Humberside Fire & Rescue Service, council service areas (e.g. Youth Services, Neighbourhood Nuisance Officers, Environmental Enforcement Officers, Streetscene Services, Highways and Traffic Officers), community and voluntary sector organisations we will look to develop projects to respond to these ambitions for the ward.

## PRIORITY 1 – TO IMPROVE SAFETY AND WELLBEING

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

- 1) Work with local residents and students, 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.
- 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 providing and promote healthy activities.

### **How we will deliver this priority**

- Meet regularly with partners including Humberside 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.
- Street lighting improvements
- When appropriate support the provision of target hardening equipment including bike locks and lights, personal alarms, window, shed & garage security equipment.
- Update residents and partners on actions taken to improve road safety.
- Use social media to highlight potential fraud and scams.
- Work with students to ensure they have safety guidance and support.
- Regular patch-walks to proactively identify issues and report appropriately.

## PRIORITY 2 – IMPROVE CLEANLINESS OF LOCAL ENVIRONMENT INCLUDING OPEN AND GREEN SPACES

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

- 1) Work with community groups to enhance and improve cleanliness of existing local greenspaces.
- 2) Support funding to organisations who aim to deliver these aims and objectives.
- 3) Look for solutions to address fly tipping/waste management issues across the ward
- 4) Maintain street and area cleanliness exploring new and alternative approaches to improving the environment
- 5) Work with Love Your Street, environmental crime officers on environmental inspections to combat problems in neighbourhoods in terms of graffiti, contaminated bins, and litter.

### **How we will deliver this priority**

- Liaise with partners such as Living with Water to develop planting schemes in and near to water retention areas to improve attractiveness of areas
- Explore additional bins across the ward
- Continue with a programme of Bring Out Your Rubbish Days depending on available resources and funding.
- Audit and arrange regular cleaning of street furniture in the ward that are subject to graffiti
- Work with local schools, along with environmental officers to discuss graffiti, fly tipping to key stage pupils
- 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.
- Liaise with partners to develop planting schemes to improve the natural environment and encourage nature and wildlife into the ward.

## **PRIORITY 3 – INVESTING IN INFRASTRUCTURE, HOUSING, HIGHWAYS AND THE LOCAL COMMUNITY**

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

- 1) Protect grass verges and other highways assets from damage caused by parked vehicles.
- 2) Develop environmental schemes to enhance areas.
- 3) Work with local high street shops to seek alternative parking solutions.

### **How we will deliver this priority**

- Respond to all reports of vehicles causing damage to verges and other highway assets. Assess options available and funding preventative measures to discourage similar behaviour.
- Work with local schools and the University to encourage the delivery of the 'Active Travel Strategy'.
- Continue to develop and implement schemes to improve road safety, parking issues and footpath improvements including a programme of resurfacing/repair, speed restrictions, traffic regulation orders and dropped kerbs.
- Work with local businesses and highway authorities to undertake appropriate parking surveys and feasibility studies.

## **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 these continuing conversations 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 being led by 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. This will ensure that we collect valid and robust data, in a consistent and accurate way, which can confidently be used in decision making, with the resident voice at its heart.

As well as the Peoples Panel 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.

By reviewing information and data from all the above sources we hope to ensure that priorities are still relevant and to consider and work on different initiatives and/or projects that help tackle the priorities.

## TOGETHER WE CAN

As residents of University 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 making a positive change. We also recognise that sometimes the desired impact fails to materialise for any number of reasons, however we will consider what went wrong, learn lessons and try again. Data we publish will be publicly available and we aim to be transparent and open.