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Dated this 21st Day of March 2024

To the Mayor and Members of Prescot Town Council

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO ATTEND a meeting of Prescot Town Council to be held on Thursday 28th March 2024

<u>at</u>

Prescot Town Hall

commencing at 6.00 p.m.

Alex Spencer TOWN CLERK

AGENDA

1	TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES	Verbal
2	PUBLIC OPEN FORUM	Verbal
	To provide members of the public with the opportunity to ask questions of the Council.	
3	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	Verbal
	In accordance with Standing Order 5.k.iii, members are invited to indicate and interests they may have in relation to items on the agenda for the meeting.	
4	MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING	Pages
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16	RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC	
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	By virtue of Standing Order 3D, that members of the press and public be excluded for the remainder of the meeting given the confidential nature of the business to be transacted or for other special reasons.	
17	GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT 2024-25	Pages
	Members are asked to CONSIDER the report and AGREE the recommendations contained within.	45 - 47

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

28th MARCH 2024

REPORT TITLE:

Minutes of Previous Town Council Meeting

BACKGROUND TO THE REPORT:

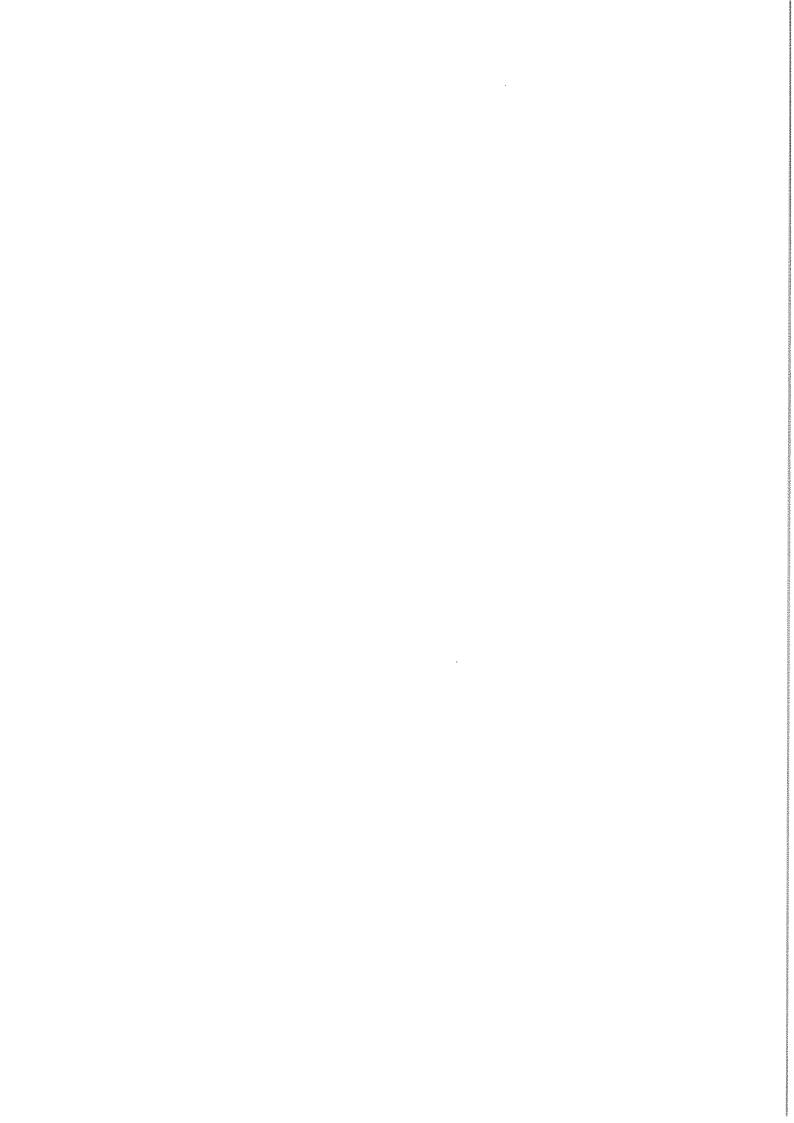
As members are aware the minutes of all Town Council Meetings are required to be agreed as a true and accurate record of the business transacted at the meeting.

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To **APPROVE** and **SIGN** the minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 15th February 2024.

REPORTS PREPARED BY:

Alex Spencer – Town Clerk



A meeting of the COUNCIL for the TOWN OF PRESCOT was held on THURSDAY, 15TH FEBRUARY 2024 in PRESCOT TOWN HALL, commencing at 6.00 P.M.

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors M. Burke, P. Cook, J. Edgar, T. Murray, I. Smith, T. Smith M. Sommerfield, D. Wilson and F. Wynn.

TOWN COUNCIL OFFICERS PRESENT

A. Spencer (Town Clerk)
L. Sephton (Deputy Town Clerk)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Sarah Craven

112. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs J. Burke and G. Wickens.

113. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

There were no requests from the public to address Council.

114. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of Interest were received from the following: -

- Cllr M. Burke for Items 11, 12, 18 and 19
- Cllr P. Cook for Items 13 and 19
- Cllr J. Edgar for Item 19
- Cllr T. Murray for Items 13, 18 and 19
- Cllr I. Smith for Items 11, 12 and 19
- Cllr T. Smith for Items 13 and 19
- Cllr M. Sommerfield for Item 19
- Cllr D. Wilson for Item 19
- Cllr F. Wynn for Item 19

115. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the minutes of the previous Council meeting held on 25th January 2024 be **APPROVED AND SIGNED** as a true and accurate record of the business transacted.

116. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to NOTE minutes of:

- 1. (Draft) Finance, Policy and Human Resources Committee, 18th January 2024
- 2. (Draft) Events Committee, 1st February 2024

Members **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to suspend standing orders to change the order of the agenda and bring forward items 18 and 19.

117. LEASE AGREEMENTS RELATING TO BROWN'S FIELD AND EATON STREET PARK, AND CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED HEADS OF TERMS OFFERED BY KNOWSLEY COUNCIL FOR EACH SITE

The Town Clerk presented the report to Members outlining Council's current responsibilities for each site and their financial impact, and presenting proposed Heads of Terms offered by Knowsley Council and the financial repercussions for Council if these terms were accepted.

It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that:-

- 1. The proposed heads of terms offered by Knowsley Council relating to Brown's Field and Eaton Street Park be rejected, and that leases already in effect continue.
- 2. That the Town Clerk notifies Knowsley Council of Council's resolution at the earliest opportunity.

118. ANNUAL BUDGET AND PRECEPT DEMAND 2024/25

The Town Clerk presented the proposed 2024/25 budget to Members and outlined the required precept demand if the proposed budget was resolved.

It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that:-

- 1. Council's gross expenditure for 2024/25 be set at £381,427.36.
- 2. The 2024/25 precept demand be set at £334,336.86, equating to £88.66 per Band D equivalent property, and that the Town Clerk notifies Knowsley Council accordingly.
- 3. To implement salary and pension increases for 2024/25 in line with recommendations of the National Joint Council for England (NJC) and Merseyside Pension Fund.
- 4. The proposed charging schedule for 2024/25 as stated at appendix two to the report.

- 5. In the event of the "Elections" budget line becoming depleted owing to the calling of a/multiple bi-elections during 2024/25, Members resolve cost centre virement and/or the use of Council's General Reserve to supplement the "Elections" budget line.
- 6. The Town Clerk obtains quotations for Grounds Maintenance Works for Eaton Street Park and Browns Field (based on previous grounds maintenance specification) and that these quotations are presented at the next meeting of Council for Members to enter into agreement for 2024/25 grounds maintenance works.
- 7. Works identified at paragraph 6.9 of the report are actioned and resolve to utilise 2023/24 underspends to fund their completion, with remaining underspends being committed to Council's General Reserve.

119. REPORT ON COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS DURING 2023/24

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **NOTE** progress against resolutions as presented in Appendix One to the report.

120. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LEADER

There were no announcements from the Leader.

121. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE TOWN CLERK

The Town Clerk provided the following announcements: -

Prescot Christmas Lights Switch On 2024

Members will recall that at the last meeting of Full Council, the Town Clerk informed Members that a meeting had been convened with Dale Milburn – Executive Director Regeneration and Economic Development (Knowsley Council) and representatives of the Prescot Business Club to discuss the potential for a Christmas Lights Switch-on event in 2024 in addition to other events during the year.

The meeting had been convened following the Christmas Lights Switch on nonevent in 2023, where Prescot businesses and the community expressed disappointment that no event went ahead.

The Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk met on Friday 2nd February 2024, and the following were discussed:-

• Knowsley Council is likely to have a significant 2024/25 budget gap (in region of £5.6 million) and KMBC Members are currently being consulted on budget proposals to set a balanced budget in 2024/25.

- The contract for Christmas lights in Prescot and Huyton expires in 2024.
- At the time of meeting, in consideration of budget pressures faced by Knowsley Council, Christmas lights will be installed and switched on, however there will not be a formal switch on event.
- Kirkby will continue to have Christmas lights and a supporting switch on event given that these costs are met by business services charge which is factored into unit rental agreements. Kirkby has a Christmas budget of circa £15,000.00, in addition to a further £55,000 for events throughout the year all of which is generated through the business service charge.
- Prescot businesses do not have a service charge applied. Therefore, if a budget were to be created for a Christmas Lights Switch-on event, this would be through business donations/sponsorship.
- The combined budget for Christmas Lights and a Switch on event would be in the region of £45,000.00 Lights £30,000.00 and Event £15,000.00 (NB, this will be the final year under Christmas lights contract)
- Knowsley Council would write to Prescot Town Council and Ward Councillors to ask whether Prescot Town Council may wish to support a Christmas event and/or other community events during 2024/25.
- In terms of other events during the course of 2024/25, again, because of Knowsley Council's budget position, events have been removed or scaled back. Therefore, in 2024/25 planned events in Prescot included:
 - o Serious Nonsense Festival scaled back to one day
 - o Prescot Elizabeth Fayre
 - o 50th Anniversary of Knowsley Council ad hoc events during the year.
- Prescot Business Club representative suggested that businesses may continue to support events in town centre around themes or times of the year e.g. Easter trail.
- A further meeting would be convened once Dale Milburn had written to ward councillors, Prescot Town Council and the Prescot Business Club.

Proposed Pavilion Build at Brown's Field

Members will be aware of Knowsley Council's / the Football Association proposal for the construction of a pavilion at Brown's Field.

The Town Clerk has continued to meet with Knowsley Council, the Football Association, Berkley FC and the Friends of Brown's Field with the latest meeting taking place in December 2023.

Arising from this meeting are plans attached to this announcement, which Knowsley Council intend to submit for planning application before the end of February 2024.

Steve Wells Associates – the consultants appointed by Knowsley Council to undertake planning design and community consultation have completed topographical surveys of the site and will undertake community consultation as part of the planning application submission.

All costs associated with the proposed construction will be met through a combination of S.106 and funding from the FA. However, the FA have indicated that resolution of the lease relating to Brown's Field must be confirmed before any

funding can be made available given inclusion of the unilateral three-month break off clause provides uncertainty of tenure.

In terms of proposed use of the Pavilion, at the time of writing Berkley FC and the Friends of Eaton Street Park will be the natural primary users of the building. However, the community consultation undertaken by Steve Wells Associates may identify other potential users who may want to hire facilities within the building — thereby generating an income to support running costs. Potential additional users include Merseyside Youth Association and Merseyside Police — although these have yet to formally commit to using the building.

122. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS FROM REPRESENTATIVES AT CONFERENCES OF OUTSIDE BODIES

The Town Clerk provided an update following his attendance of the Prescot Business Club on 31st January 2024.

It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to NOTE the report.

123. MAYORAL ENGAGEMENTS

It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to NOTE the Mayoral Engagements listed.

Cllrs I. Smith and M. Burke left the room.

124. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application Ref	Location	Comments
Whitakers Garden Centre Manchester Road Prescot The Clock Face 54 Derby Street		No objections
23/02765/LBC	The Clock Face 54 Derby Street Prescot	No objections
23/02773/LBC	The Clock Face 54 Derby Street Prescot	No objections
23/02795/ADV	Clock Face Public House 54 Derby Street Prescot	No objections
23/02796/LBC	Clock Face Public House 54 Derby Street Prescot	No objections
19/00297/NMA3	Land at Greenwoods Close Cross Street And at former Watch Factory Site, off Bookbinders Lane Prescot	No objections

125. PLANNING DECISIONS

No planning decisions were received.

Cllrs I. Smith and M. Burke returned to the room.

126. COMMUNITY FUNDING APPLICATIONS

Members considered community funding applications from three organisations:

1. Knowsley Council who was seeking £250.00 to support the Knowsley Flower Show – specifically to fund a shuttle bus for Prescot residents to attend the Flower Show.

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the sum of £250.00 for the funding application from the Knowsley Council.

2. Green Fingers Community Allotment Plot who was seeking £500.00 of Community Funding to purchase a plastic shed to be used on site.

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the sum of £500.00 for the funding application from Green Fingers Community Allotment Plot.

3. Friends of Eaton Street Park who was seeking £500.00 of Community Funding for renovation works to a storage space within Eaton Street Park which is used to support community activities run by the group.

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the sum of £500.00 for the funding application from the Friends of Eaton Street Park.

127. ARMISTICE DAY 2023 FEEDBACK REPORT

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the recommendations of the report.

128. CHRISTMAS CRACKER 2023 FEEDBACK REPORT

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the recommendations of the report.

129. SENIOR CITIZEN CHRISTMAS DROP IN 2023 FEEDBACK REPORT

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the recommendations of the report.

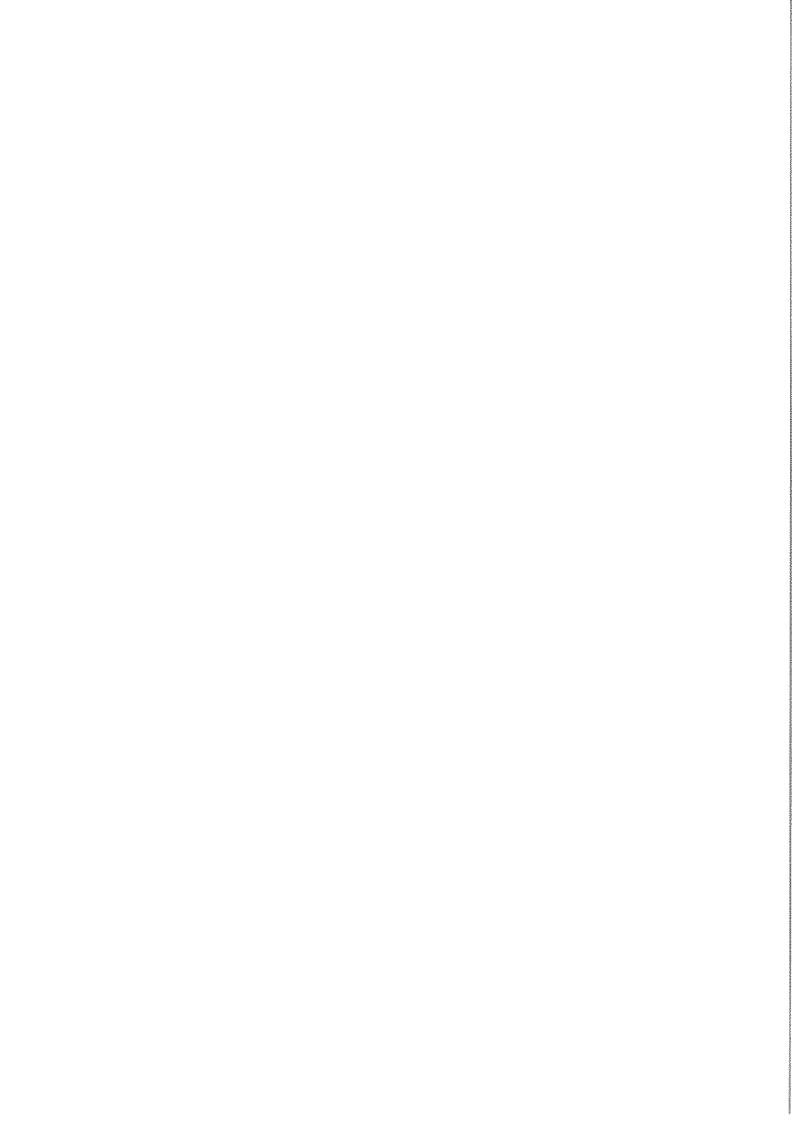
130. EVENTS CALENDAR 2024-25

It was ${\bf UNANIMOUSLY}$ ${\bf RESOLVED}$ to ${\bf APPROVE}$ the recommendations of the report.

The meeting closed at 7:26 p.m

Dated: 28th March 2024 Signed:......

Cilr Tracey Murray (Mayor of Prescot)



TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

28th MARCH 2024

REPORT TITLE:

Minutes of Committees

BACKGROUND TO THE REPORT:

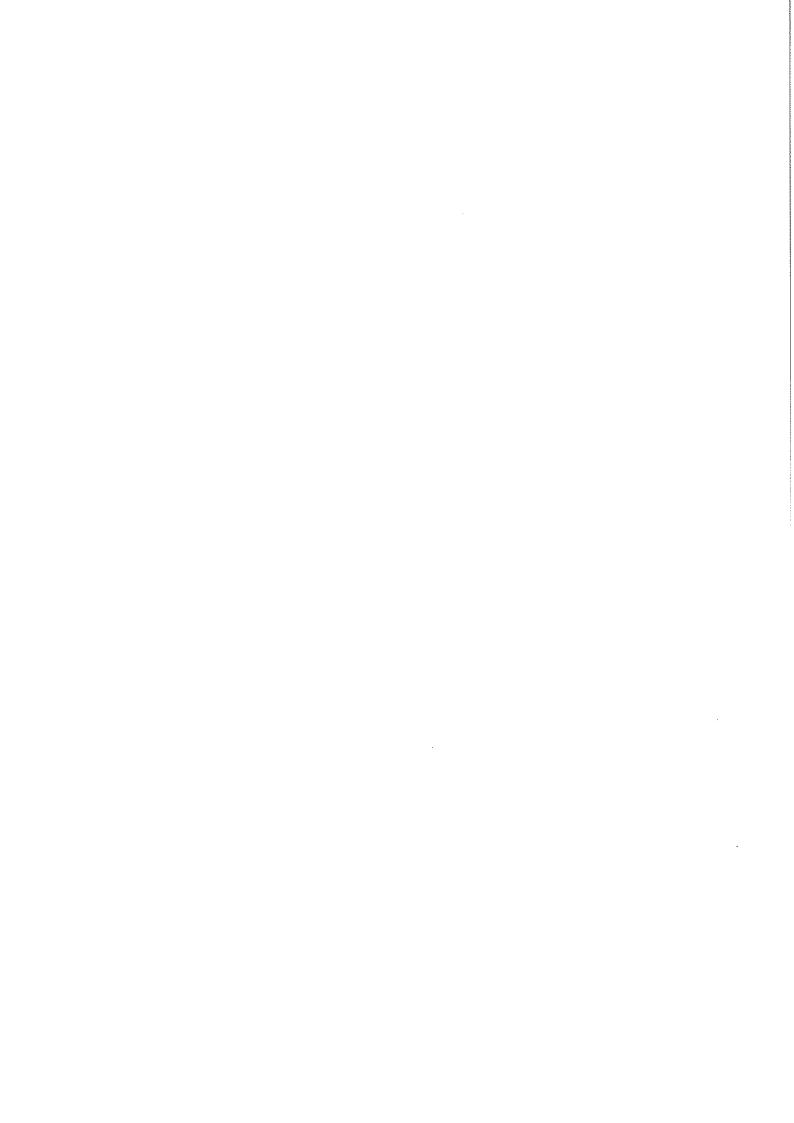
In order to ensure all members are kept up to date with the decisions reached by committees a copy of the minutes for each council committee meeting is provided.

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To **NOTE** the minutes of the committee meetings provided.

REPORTS PREPARED BY:

Alex Spencer - Town Clerk



A meeting of the EVENTS COMMITTEE for the TOWN OF PRESCOT was held on THURSDAY 7TH MARCH 2024 in the PRESCOT TOWN HALL, commencing at 6:00 P.M.

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors J. Burke, M. Burke, P. Cook, J. Edgar and M. Sommerfield.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

L. Sephton (Deputy Town Clerk)

36. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr T. Murray.

37. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received.

38. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Events Committee meeting held on 1st February 2024 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

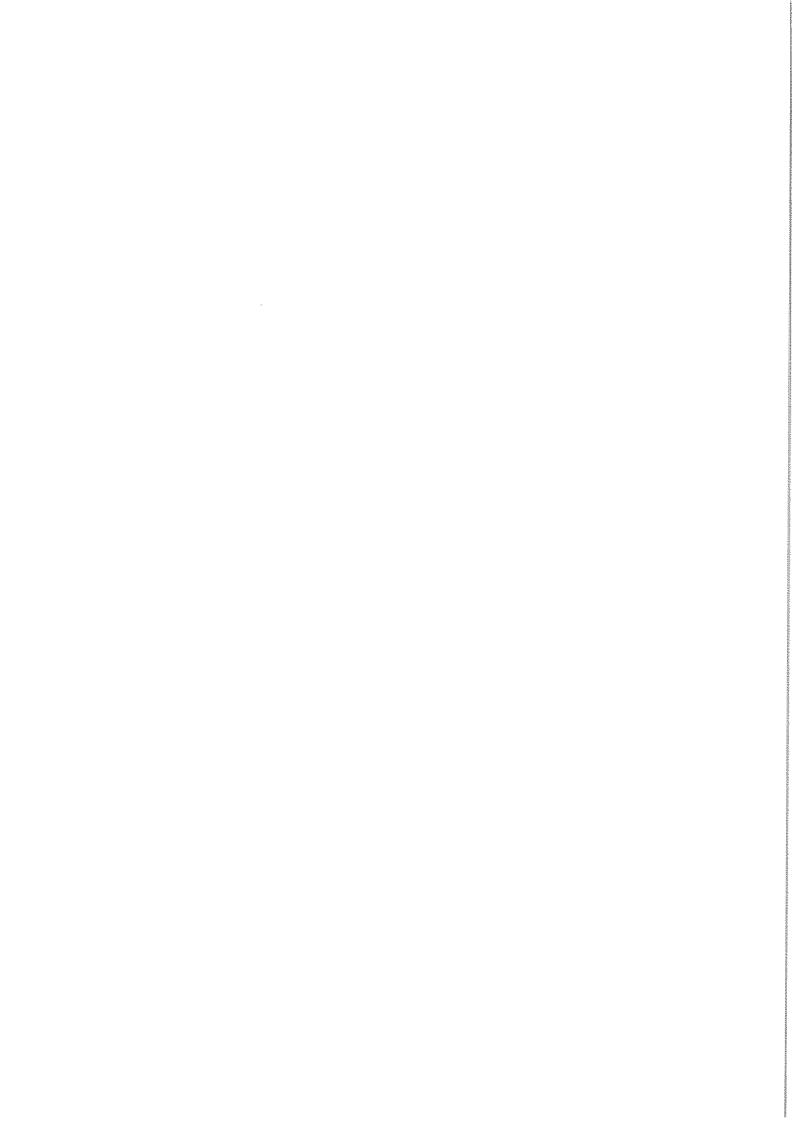
39. PRESCOT CARNIVAL 2024

The Deputy Town Clerk updated members on Prescot Carnival and it was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** to:-

- Book the Batala Samba drumming band for £600.
- For the Deputy Town Clerk to get information and prices from FACE2FACE agency for princesses and superhero's and to make a booking if the costs are similar to last year's event.
- For the Deputy Town Clerk to request if the Urban Queenz Dance group are available to perform.
- For the Deputy Town Clerk to request Town Councillor availability for supporting the event.
- For the Deputy Town Clerk to request if local community groups are able to support the set up and takedown of the event.

The meeting closed at 6:21 p.m.

Dated: TBC	Signed:
	(Cllr M, Sommerfield, Chair of Events
	Committee)



PRESCOT TOWN COUNCIL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

28th MARCH 2024

REPORT TITLE:

Report on Council Resolutions During 2023/24

BACKGROUND TO THE REPORT

At a meeting of Annual Council in May 2023, Members resolved that a report be produced at each council and committee meeting to update Members on progress against previously agreed resolutions.

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To provide an update to Members of progress against previously agreed council or committee resolutions.

REPORT PREPARED BY:

Alex Spencer - Town Clerk



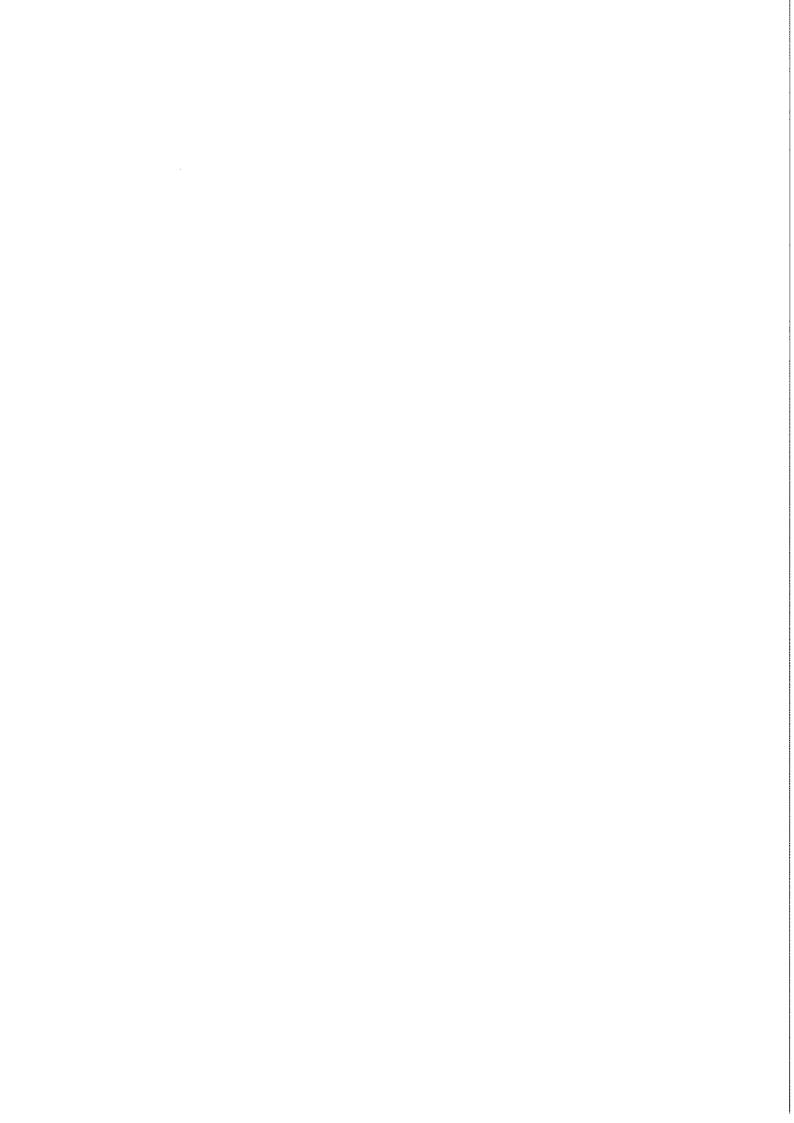
Report on Council Resolutions During 2023/24

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 At a meeting of Annual Council in May 2023, Members resolved that a report be produced at each council and committee meeting to update Members on progress against previously agreed resolutions (where a resolution required progression officers/partners).
- 1.2 Given that members meet throughout the civic year, it is sometimes difficult to remember what resolutions have been made at each council or committee meeting, and perhaps more importantly, difficult to assess progress against those resolutions.
- 1.3 Therefore, through Member resolution to introduce this report, Members will be able to chart what has been agreed at each council or committee meeting and what progress has been made by officers.
- 1.4. Appendix One to this report details Members' resolutions and progress to date.

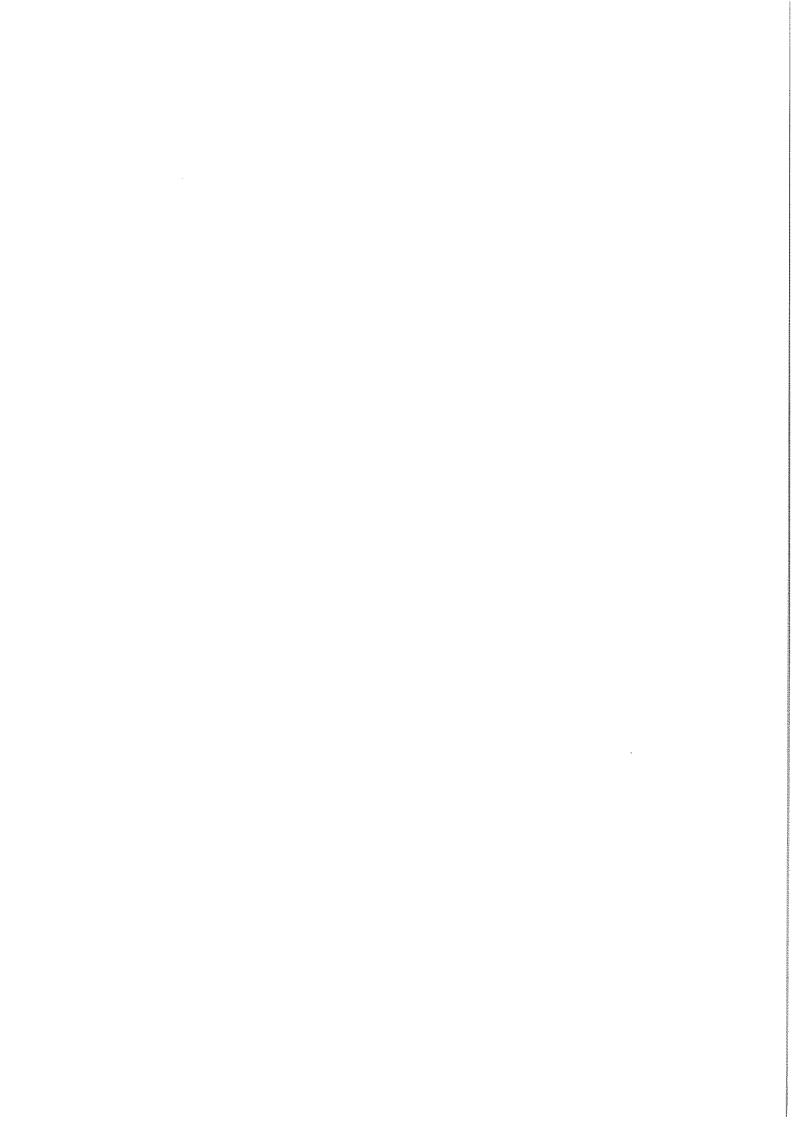
2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Members are asked to: -
 - 1. Consider previous council resolutions and progress detailed within Appendix One
 - 2. Note the contents of this report



Appendix One

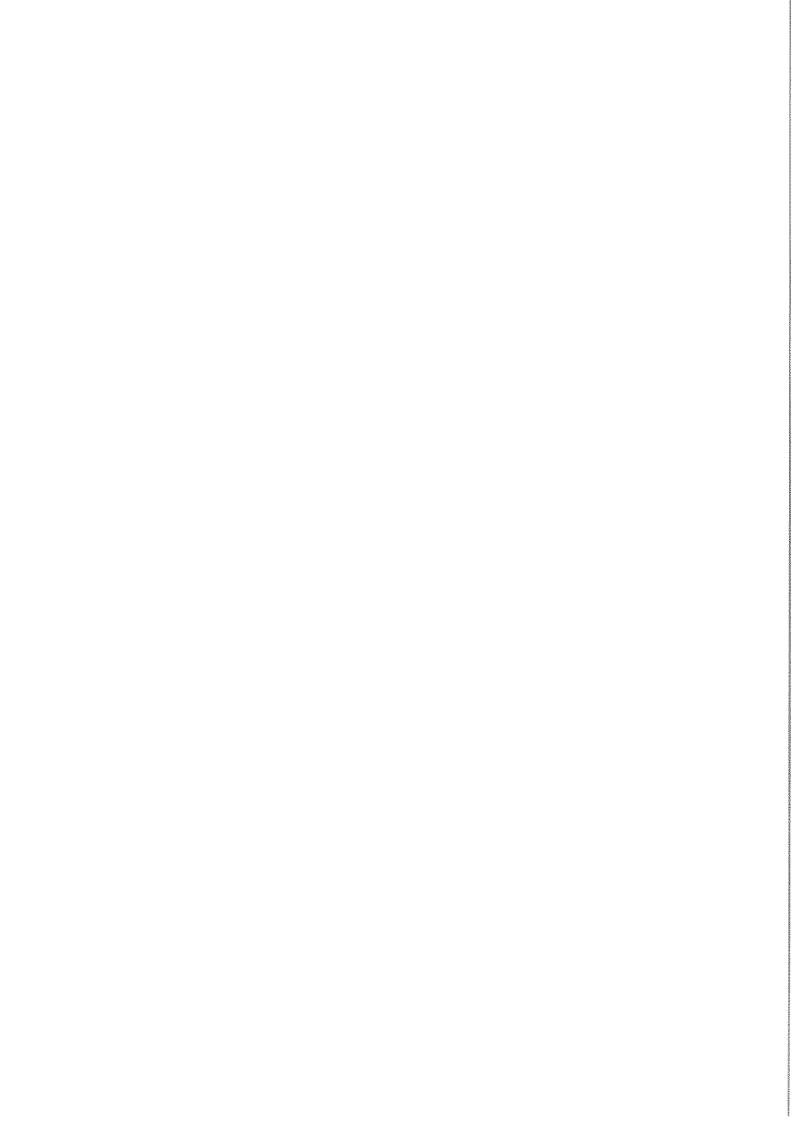
Date of Meeting	Minute Number	Resolution	Progress to Date
18/05/2023	11	That Standing Orders and Financial Regulations be amended to become gender neutral.	Completed: Where possible, 2023/24 Standing Orders and Financial Regulations have become gender neutral
18/05/2023	11	That Standing Orders be amended to include a resolutions report for each council and committee meeting.	Completed: 2023/24 Standing Orders have been amended to reflect that a "Resolutions Report" should be reported at each council and committee meeting.
18/05/2023	133	That meetings of Events Committee within the 2023/24 Municipal Calendar will not have a fixed date, but will instead be stated at "To be confirmed"	Completed: The 2023/24 Municipal Calendar has been amended to include these changes.
18/05/2023	13	That the meeting of Annual Council for 2024/25 be moved to 30 th May 2024.	Completed: The 2023/24 Municipal Calendar has been amended to include this change.
29/06/2023	22	That Clirs J. Burke, M. Burke and T. Murray become members of the proposed working group to take this work forward (regarding siting of Town Hall Clock at Prescot Town Hall) and to report back to Council once the work of the Working Group is completed.	Completed: A meeting of the working group was convened on 13 th September 2023 with members agreeing a design and way forward to be resolved by Full Council in September 2023.
29/06/2023	31	A letter of thanks be sent to Britannia Fleet for donating and delivering container to Prescot Town Council.	Completed: As per Member resolution, the Town Clerk composed a letter to Britannia Fleet and delivered it personally.



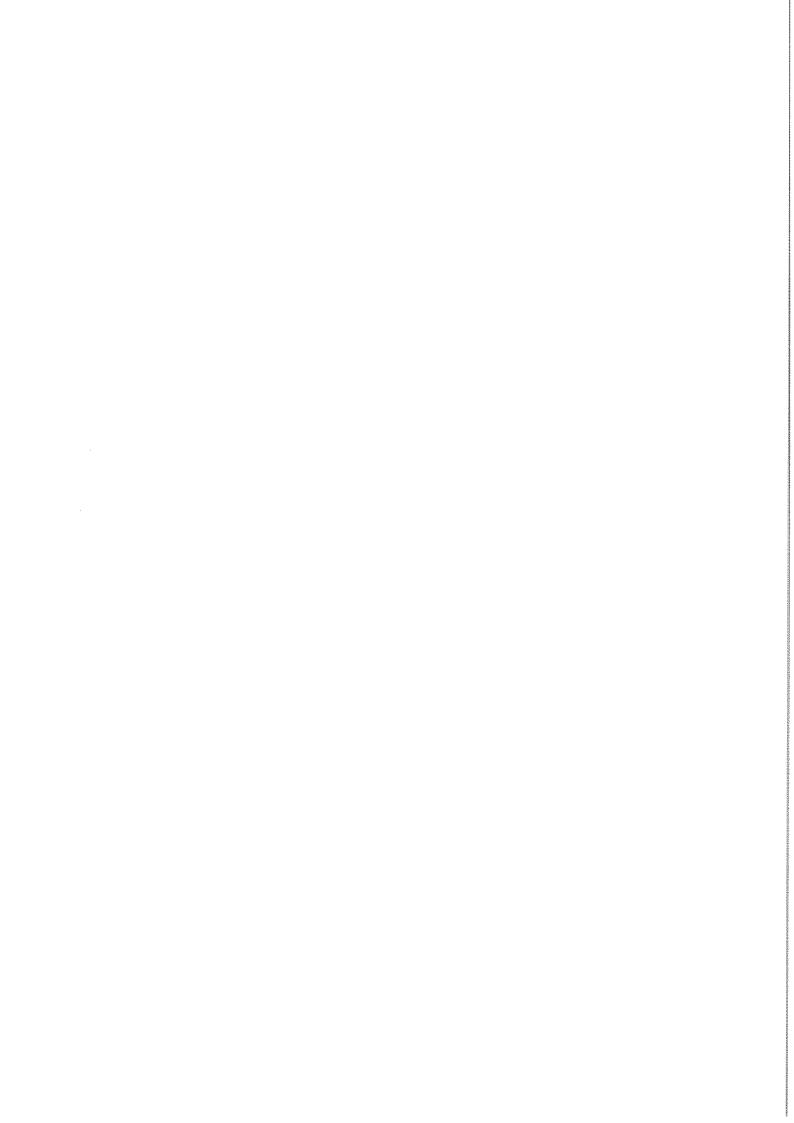
Date of Meeting	Minute Number	Resolution	Progress to Date
29/06/2023	36	Approved Community Funding Application to L35 Radio for £489.00.	Completed: Officers have processed payment and receipts for expenditure have been received.
29/06/2023	36	Approved Community Funding Application to the Friends of Prescot Cemetery & Churchyard for £500.00.	Completed: Officers have processed payment and receipts for expenditure have been received.
29/06/2023	36	Approved Community Funding Application to Willowbrook Hospice for £500.00.	Completed: Officers have processed payment and receipts for expenditure have been received.
29/06/2023	36	Approved Community Funding Application to Lady Margaret Bowling Green, with officers to purchase consumables on behalf of club.	Completed: Officers purchased consumables on behalf of bowling club and invoices have been received.
29/06/2023	37	Approval of Section Two of Council's Annual Governance & Accountability Return and submission to PKF Littlejohn as external auditor.	Completed: The Town Clerk submitted Council's 2022/23 AGAR on 30 th June 2023.
28/09/2023	52	Instruct the Town Clerk to contact Knowsley Council regarding the issues raised by residents during public open forum (Prescot Town Centre Parking Management Scheme and Street Lighting at Grosvenor Road)	Completed: The Town Clerk contacted Keith Moyles of Knowsley Council regarding the issues raised by residents and provided email addresses for each resident. The Town Clerk also requested that Clirs Smith and Wynn be contacted as a priority with an update on the approval process for the scheme.
28/09/2023	62	Approved Community Funding Application to Prescot Cables Junior Football Club for £500.00.	Completed: Officers have processed payment and receipts for expenditure have been received.



Date of Meeting	Minute Number	Resolution	Progress to Date
28/09/2023	62	Approved Community Funding Application to Prescot Mission Christmas for £500.00.	Completed: Receipts for meat vouchers have been received.
28/09/2023	62	Approved Community Funding Application to The Friends of Molyneux Drive and Forestry Space for £500.00.	Completed: Receipts for works and consumables at Molyneux Drive Forestry Space have been received.
28/09/2023	67	That the Town Clerk completed a final proof read of the draft Annual Report and that it be sent off to printers previously used by council to produce a final copy.	Completed: The Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk have completed a proof read and confirmed with printer that printing can proceed. We are currently waiting for copies to be delivered before distribution.
28/09/2023	69	That the Town Clerk contacts Knowsley Council's Planning Officers to determine what permissions are required for the clock to be installed on the rear wall (overlooking the car park) of Prescot Town Hall.	Completed: Planning advice has been provided by KMBC with advice that express advertising consent needs to be applied for. This has been completed by the Town Clerk.
28/09/2023	69	Once planning advice has been obtained, that the Town Clerk sources from Good Directions 1 x set of spade style black hands with the minute hand at a length of 900mm.	Completed: The Town Clerk has contacted Good Directions and has placed orders as resolved.
28/09/2023	69	Once planning advice has been obtained, that the Town Clerk sources from Kirkby Signs 1 x 2200mm diameter aluminium sign in the pocket watch design presented to Members.	Completed: The Town Clerk has contacted Kirkby Signs and has placed orders as resolved.
30/11/2023	94	Approved Community Funding Application for Prescot Rotary Club for £500.00.	In Progress: Officers have processed payment and are awaiting submission of receipts for expenditure.



Date of Meeting	Minute Number	Resolution	Progress to Date
30/11/2023	97	 Appoint Mr David Blanchflower as Council's 2023/24 Internal Auditor and That the deep dive conducted by the Internal Auditor should be comprised of Testing of Income and Expenditure Testing of VAT Review of internal controls and their documentation 	Completed: Mr David Blanchflower has been contacted to be appointed at Council's Internal Auditor, and the three "deep dive" areas have been discussed. Mr Blanchflower will be visiting Prescot Town Council in February/March 2024.
15/02/2024	117	 The proposed heads of terms offered by Knowsley Council relating to Brown's Field and Eaton Street Park be rejected, and that leases already in effect continue. That the Town Clerk notifies Knowsley Council of Council's resolution at the earliest opportunity. 	Completed: The Town Clerk notified Knowsley Council on 16 th February 2024 of Council's resolution not to accept proposed Heads of Terms.
15/02/2024	118	 Council's gross expenditure for 2024/25 be set at £381,427.36. The 2024/25 precept demand be set at £334,336.86, equating to £88.66 per Band D equivalent property, and that the Town Clerk notifies Knowsley Council accordingly. 	Completed: The Town Clerk notified Knowsley Council on 16 th February 2024 of Council's 2024/25 precept demand.
15/02/2024	126	Approved Community Funding Application for Knowsley Council Flower Show for £250.00.	In Progress: Offer letter has been sent to Knowsley Council however payment will be made in 2024/25 upon receipt of invoice
15/02/2024	126	Approved Community Funding Application for Friends of Eaton Street Park for £500.00.	In Progress: Officers have processed payment and are awaiting submission of receipts for expenditure.



	In Progress: Officers have processed payment and are awaiting submission of receipts for expenditure.
Progress to Date	In Progress: Officers have processed payment and a submission of receipts for expenditure.
Resolution	Approved Community Funding Application for Green Fingers Community Allotment for £500.00.
Minute Number	126
Date of Meeting Minute Number Resoluti	15/02/2024



TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

28th MARCH 2024

REPORT TITLE

Announcements from the Town Clerk

BACKGROUND TO THE REPORT

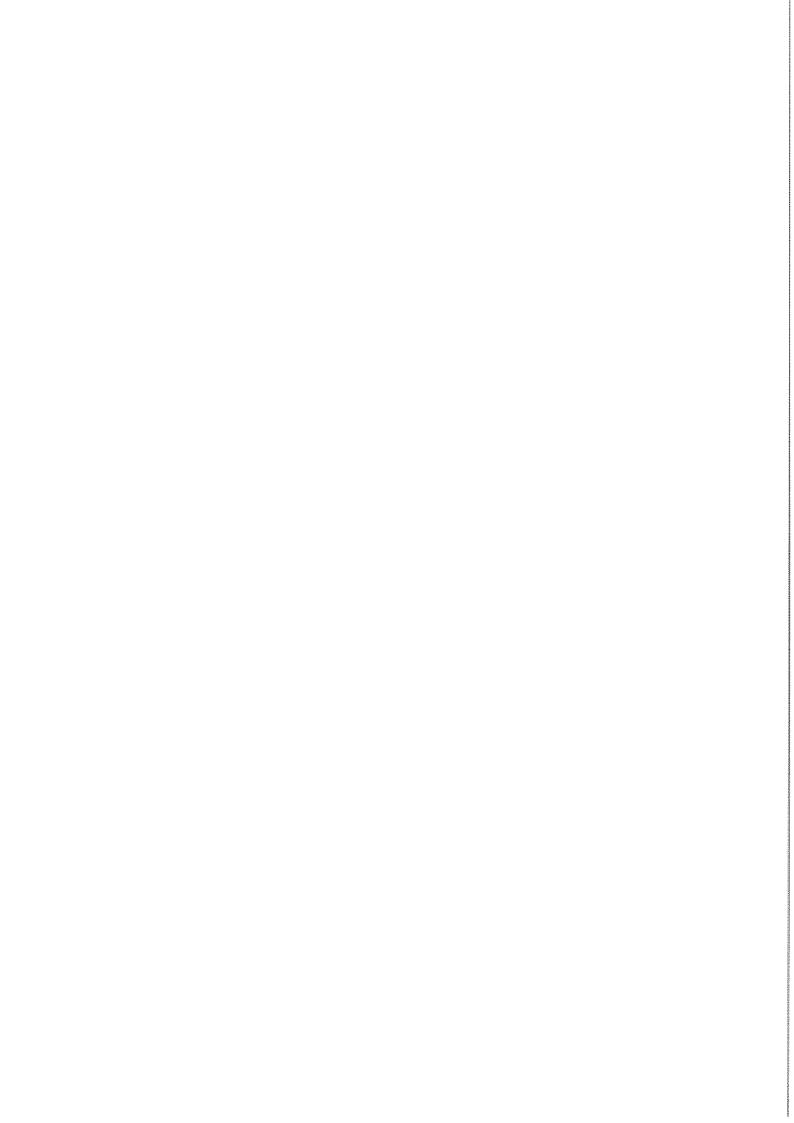
To provide Members with an update of work progressed and meetings attended by the Town Clerk.

PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report is submitted **FOR INFORMATION ONLY.**

REPORT PREPARED BY

Alex Spencer – Town Clerk



TOWN CLERK ANNOUNCEMENTS - March 2024

Notification to Knowsley Council Regarding Proposed Heads of Terms Relating to Browns Field and Eaton Street Park

Following resolution by Council on 15th February 2024, the Town Clerk notified Knowsley Council that proposed Heads of Terms relating to Brown's Field and Eaton Street Park would not be accepted.

After notifying of Council's resolution, the Town Clerk repeatedly contacted Knowsley Council as to where things lay from their perspective as he was acutely aware that a contract for 2024/25 grounds maintenance works would need to be entered into; and Council's insurance renewal also need to be submitted.

The Town Clerk was contacted on 15th March 2024, during which, Knowsley Council indicated that (from their perspective) Heads of Terms remained on the table and that the Town Council should be responsible for all on-site maintenance.

In consideration of this, following legal advice obtained from Council's solicitor, the Town Clerk has once again outlined Council will discharge its obligations as per leases currently in effect (i.e. to keep sites in a "clean and tidy condition" and to maintain boundary walls), but that anything beyond this is the responsibility of Knowsley Council and will be challenged in the event of responsibility being disputed.

Local Democracy Project 2024/25

Officers have contacted all five primary schools seeking availability for the 2024/25 Local Democracy Project, and all five have now confirmed their attendance:-

22nd May 2024: Our Lady's Catholic Primary

12th June 2024: St Luke's Primary 19th June 2024: Prescot Primary 26th June 2024: Evelyn Primary

10th July 2024: St Mary & St Pauls Church of England

The Town Clerk will shortly seek Member availability to support the project and to provide a run-through of the 2024/25 programme.

Internal and External Auditor 2023/24

The Town Clerk is in the process of preparing for this year's internal audit inspection and submission to external auditor.

Council's Internal Auditor (David Blanchflower) will complete his inspection on 3rd April 2024, and the Town Clerk has liaised with him to agree "deep delve" areas of inspection as previously resolved by Council.

Accounts sign off and Council's internal audit report will be presented to Finance, Policy and HR Committee in April for recommendation to Full Council in May.

PKF Littlejohn, as the appointed External Auditor for smaller authorities has contacted Council and outlined its publication and Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) submission requirements – the deadline for which will be 30th July 2024.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

1.1 Members are asked to consider and note the report and accompanying appendices.

PRESCOT TOWN COUNCIL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

28th MARCH 2024

REPORT TITLE:

Reports and Presentations from Representatives at Conferences or Outside Bodies.

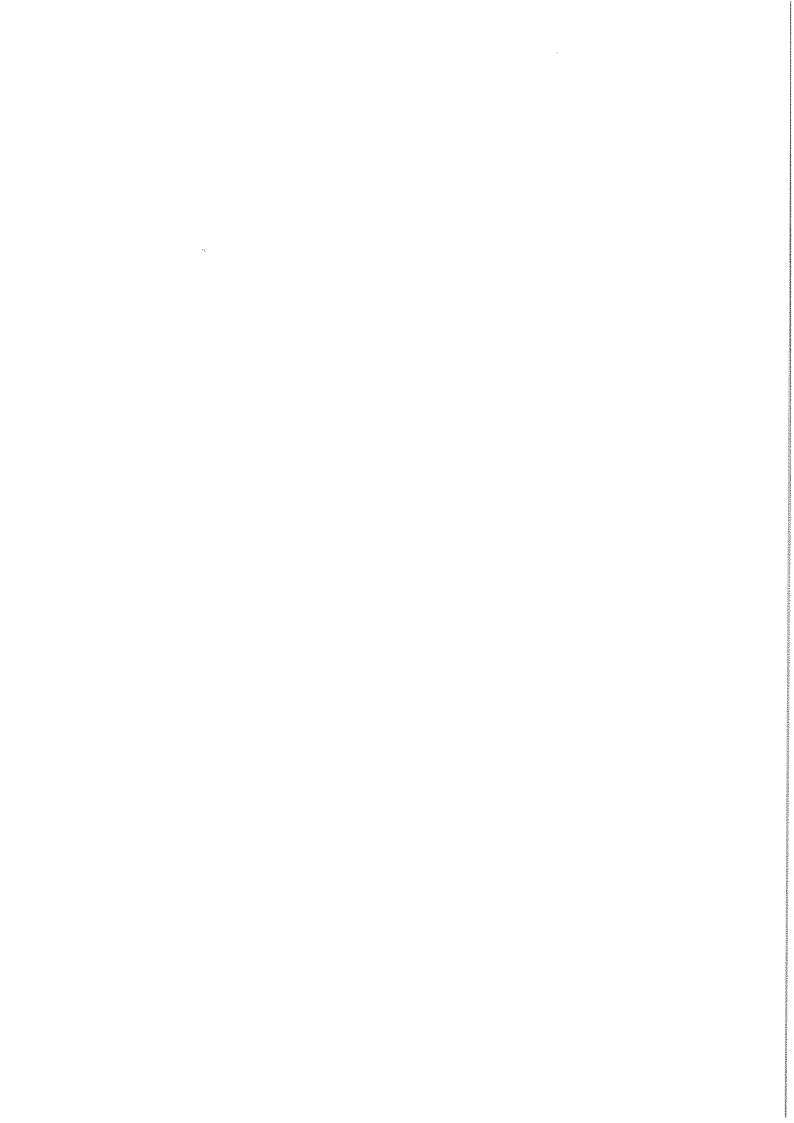
BACKGROUND TO THE REPORT

Members will be aware that at its meeting of Annual Council, representatives (Members and/or officers) for outside bodies are resolved.

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To update of what meetings of outside bodies have been attended, and what was discussed and resolved at those meetings.

REPORT PREPARED BY:



Merseyside Police Participatory Budget Event

On 14th March 2024, the Town Clerk attended Merseyside Police's Participatory Budget Event at New Hutte Community Centre, Halewood.

This event was an opportunity for organisations based in Cronton, Halewood and Whiston to make presentations to secure funding from Merseyside Police – a funding pot of £25,000.00 being established through seized proceeds of crime.

The format of the event was akin to BBC1's Dragon's Den, with organisations making a "pitch" for funding to outline why it was needed and the difference it would make within the immediate community if funding was secured.

The types of organisations in attendance varied considerably from boxing clubs, community centres, football clubs and grow your own community groups.

In advance of attending the event, each organisation submitted an application form to Merseyside Police outlining why funding was required, how it would be used, the community impact if funding was secured and to ensure eligibility criteria was met.

Once pitches were concluded, each organisation ranked their peers to establish first position (awarded £3,000), second place (awarded £2,500) and third (awarded £2,000)

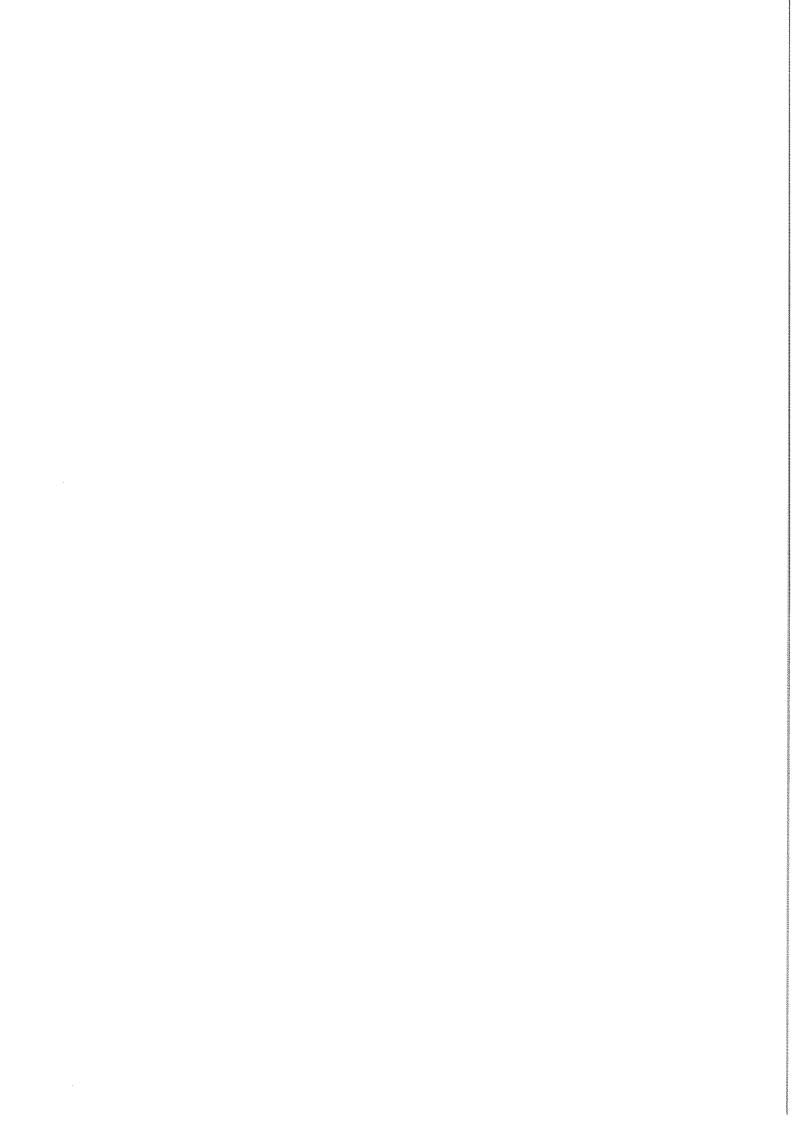
Funding remaining in the pot was then equally divided between those organisations falling out of the top three – roughly translating into £1,600 per organisation.

The event was successful, bringing together wide and varied community groups and providing a rationale to distribute seized proceeds of crimes within and for the benefit of these communities.

Merseyside Police intend to roll this event out to other areas across Merseyside which will include Prescot, and the Town Clerk intends to work with police colleagues to organise a similar event once a date is finalised.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

1.1 Members are asked to consider and approve the report



TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

28th MARCH 2024

REPORT TITLE

Mayoral Engagements

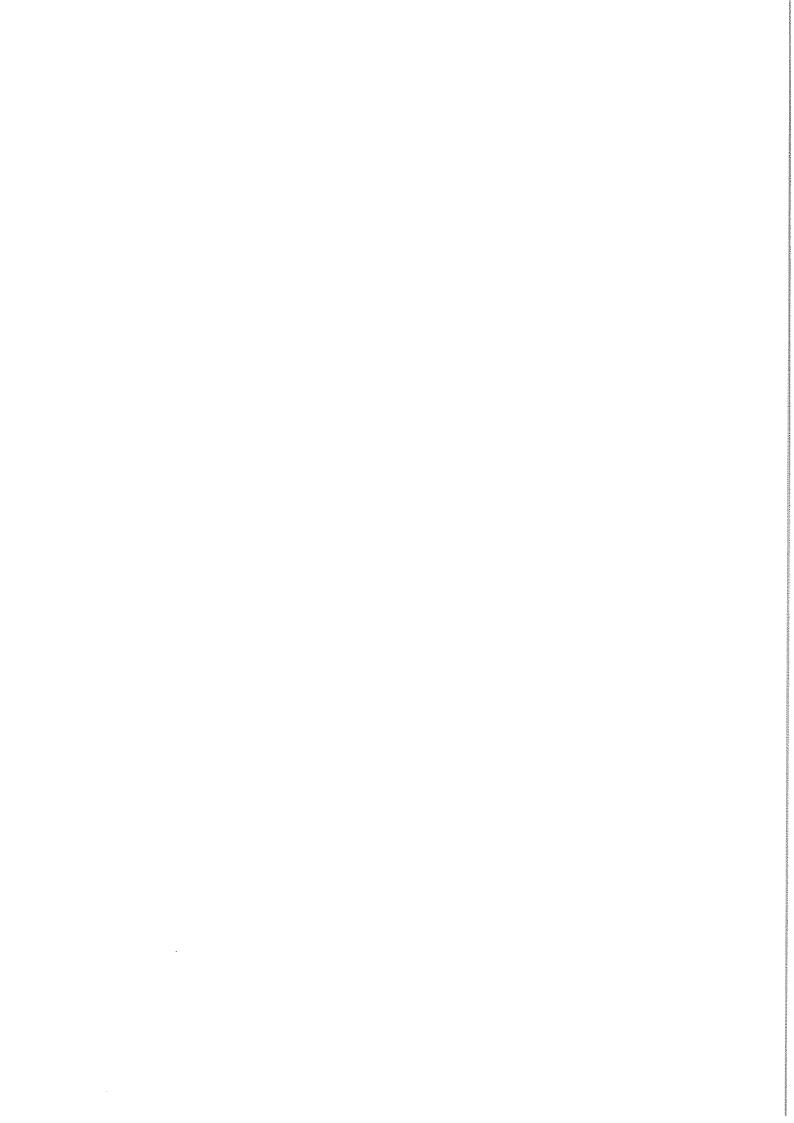
BACKGROUND TO THE REPORT

Details of Mayoral Engagements are attached.

PURPOSE OF REPORT

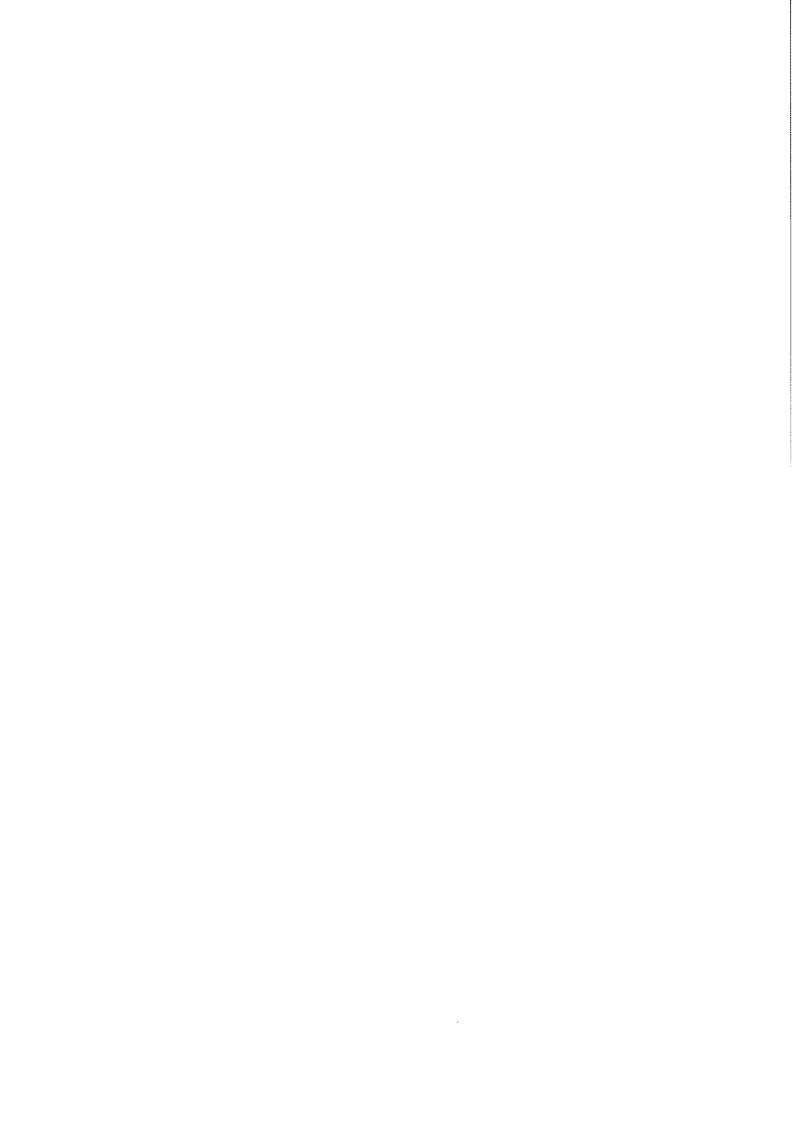
This report is submitted **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

REPORT PREPARED BY



MAYORAL ENGAGEMENTS

Date	Organisation	Event Name
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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

28th MARCH 2024

REPORT TITLE:

Planning Applications

BACKGROUND TO THE REPORT:

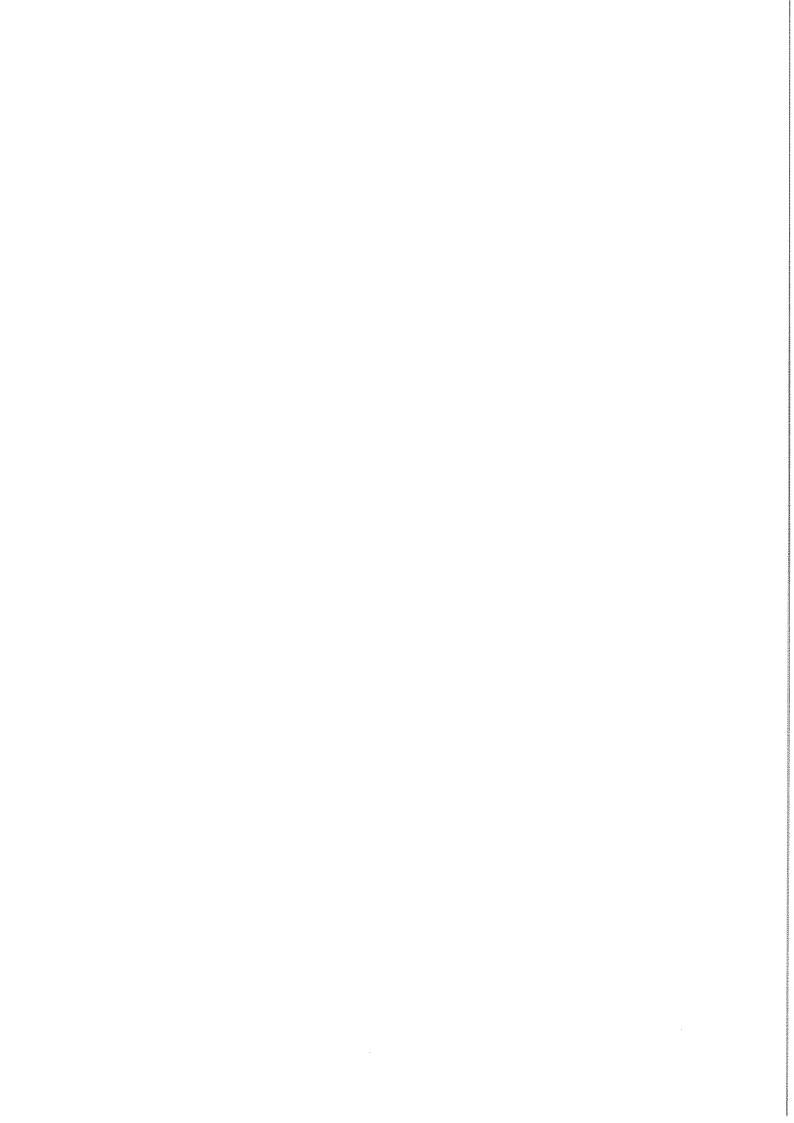
The Town Council are a primary consultee for all planning applications within the Town of Prescot. As such the local planning authority Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council provides weekly updates on all applications received relating to the Town.

PURPOSE OF ITEM:

To provide Members with details of the most recent applications forwarded by KMBC. Members are required to **CONSIDER** each application and **AGREE** to make comment if they feel so inclined. On occasion these will be supplemented on the day of the meeting by additional information received after the release of the summons but before the meeting.

REPORT PREPARED BY:

Liam Johnson - Administration Officer



KNOWSLEY METROPOLITAN BOUROUGH COUNCIL – WARD MEMBERS LIST PLANNING APPLICATIONS – WEEKLY VALID LIST WEEK ENDING 16.02.2024

PRESCOT

APP.NO:

24/00038/COU

CASE OFFICER:

APPLICANT:

Square Dot Consulting Limited

APP. TYPE: LOCATION: Full Application for Change of Use Self Pick Veg 66 Eccleston Street Prescot

PROPOSAL:

CHANGE OF USE FROM THE EXISTING CLASS E(A) TO HOT FOOD TAKEAWAY (SUI

GENERIS), ALONG WITH INSTALLING OF AN EXTERNAL EXTRACTION FLUE TO THE

REAR OF THE PREMISES

WARD:

Prescot North

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KNOWSLEY METROPOLITAN BOUROUGH COUNCIL – WARD MEMBERS LIST PLANNING APPLICATIONS – WEEKLY VALID LIST WEEK ENDING 23.02.2024

PRESCOT

APP.NO:

21/00597/NMA

CASE OFFICER: Maxine Wishart

APPLICANT:

Remstone Limited

APP. TYPE:

Non-Material Amendment

LOCATION:

Eccleston House Aspinall Street Prescot

PROPOSAL:

APPLICATION FOR NON-MATERIAL AMENDMENT TO PLANNING PERMISSION

21/00597/FUL (ERECTION OF A THREE STOREY APARTMENT BLOCK COMPRISING OF 18 NO. DWELLINGS TOGETHER WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW VEHICULAR

ACCESS TO ASPINALL STREET, CAR PARKING, LANDSCAPING AND OTHER

ASSOCIATED WORKS) — AMENDMENT SOUGHT FOR ALTERATIONS TO PROVIDE AUTOMATIC OPENING VENTS (AOV'S) ADDITION OF CUTOUT IN RIDGELINE FOR AOV SMOKE VENT AT SECOND FLOOR, ADMENDMENTS TO WINDOW TO FRONT AND REAR ELEVATIONS, DELETION OF GROUND FLOOR WINDOW TO NORTH ELEVATION,

INCLUSION OF OBSCURE GLAZING TO FIRST FLOOR NORTH ELEVATION

WARD:

Prescot North

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APP.NO:

21/00597/NMA1

CASE OFFICER: Maxine Wishart

APPLICANT:

Torus62 Limited

APP. TYPE:

Non-Material Amendment

LOCATION:

Eccleston House Aspinall Street Prescot

PROPOSAL:

NON-MATERIAL AMENDMENT FOLLOWING THE GRANTING OF PLANNING
PERMISSION 21/00597/FLIL (ERECTION OF A THREE STOREY ARABITMENT BLOCK

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ASSOCIATED WORKS) - VARIATION OF CONDITION 2 (APPROVED PLANS

DOCUMENTS SCHEDULE 1) TO REPLACE SUPPORTING STATEMENT (TORU)S WITH

SUPPORTING STATEMENT (TORUS) REV B

WARD:

Prescot North

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KNOWSLEY METROPOLITAN BOUROUGH COUNCIL – WARD MEMBERS LIST PLANNING APPLICATIONS – WEEKLY VALID LIST WEEK ENDING 01.03.2024

PRESCOT

APP.NO:

24/00081/DEMCON

CASE OFFICER: Maxine Wishart

APPLICANT:

Daniel Thwaites

APP. TYPE:

Demolition Determination

LOCATION:

The Clock Face 54 Derby Street Prescot

PROPOSAL:

PRIOR NOTIFICATION FOR DEMOLITION OF LEAN – TO BUILDING TO THE NORTH OF

THE STABLE RANGE AT THE CLOCK FACE

WARD:

Prescot North

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KNOWSLEY METROPOLITAN BOUROUGH COUNCIL - WARD MEMBERS LIST PLANNING APPLICATIONS - WEEKLY VALID LIST WEEK ENDING 15.03.2024

PRESCOT

APP.NO:

24/00036/FUL

CASE OFFICER: Maxine Wishart

APPLICANT:

McDonalds Restaurants Ltd

APP. TYPE:

Full Application

LOCATION:

McDonalds Restaurant Cables Retail Park Steley Way

PROPOSAL:

OPERATION OF DRIVE-THRU RESTAURANT WITHOUT COMPLIANCE WITH

CONDITION 1 OF PERMISSION 09/00639/FUL TO ALLOW 24-HOUR OPENING

WARD:

Prescot North

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APP.NO:

24/00058/FUL

CASE OFFICER: John Fleming

APPLICANT: APP. TYPE:

Knowsley Council Full Application

LOCATION:

16-20 Eccleston Street Prescot

INSTALLATION OF NEW ALUMINIUM SHOP FRONTS TOGETHER WITH NEW TILED

PROPOSAL:

STALL RISERS AND REMOVAL OF PROJECTING CANTILEVERED CANOPY OVER SHOPS NO'S 16-20, VARIOUS FAÇADE REPAIRS TO FRONT AND REAR ELEVATIONS, PLUS

NEW SHOP SIGNAGE AND PROJECTING NON ILLUMINATED SHOP SIGNS,

REFURBISHMENT OF 3NO, INTERNALLY PLUS EXISTING REAR STAIRS AND FLAT ROOFS, NEW WINDOWS AND DOORS TO ALL ELEVATIONS. ERECTION OF 2.1M HIGH

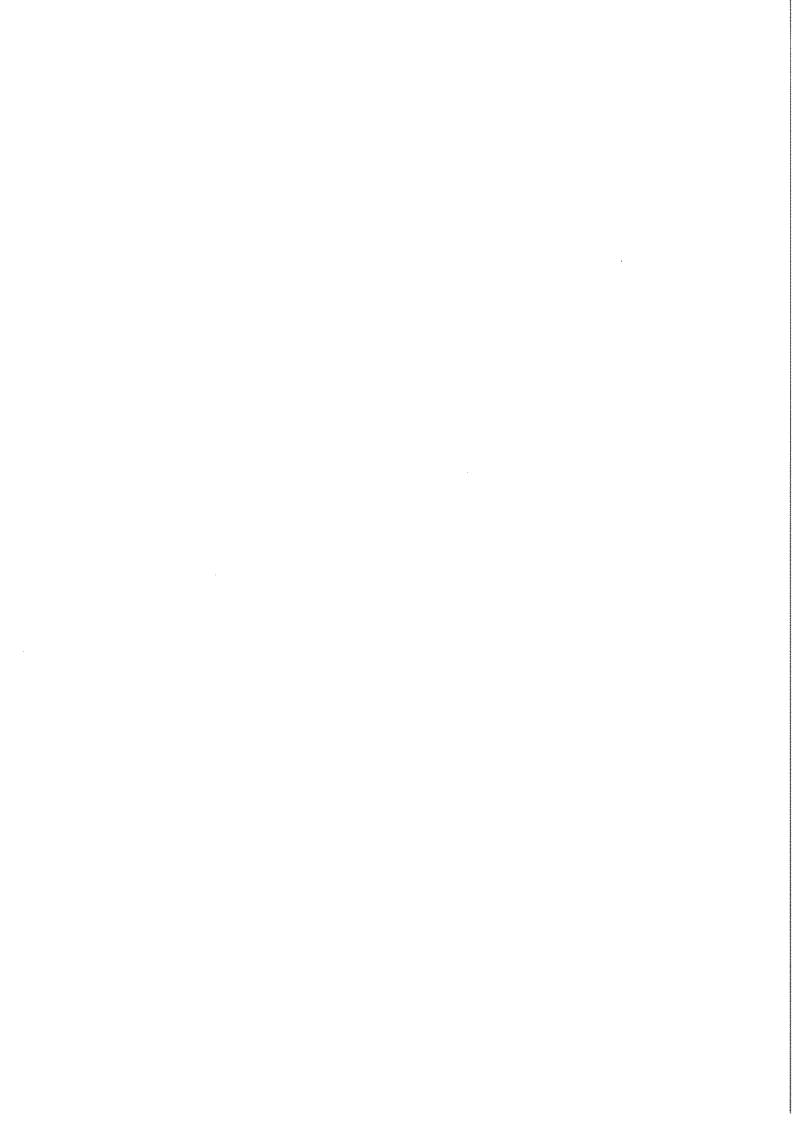
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WARD:

Prescot North

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Prescot Town Council Prescot Town Hall 1 Warrington Road Prescot Merseyside L34 5QX 0151 426 3933 Our Ref: 24/00065/KMBC1

Date: 11 March 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

PROPOSAL: PROPOSED PAVILION DEVELOPMENT, NEW FOOTPATH ACCESS,

CONTAINERS AND FENCE ENCLOSURE, LIGHTING, CCTV, PLAYING

FIELD DRAINAGE AND ASSOCIATED WORKS

LOCATION: King George V Playing Field, Wood Lane, Prescot, Knowsley, L34 1LU,

This is a formal consultation in respect of the above planning application. The application forms and any drawings submitted with it can be viewed via the internet on our website at:

https://planapp.knowsley.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=S8LHUGIXIBV00

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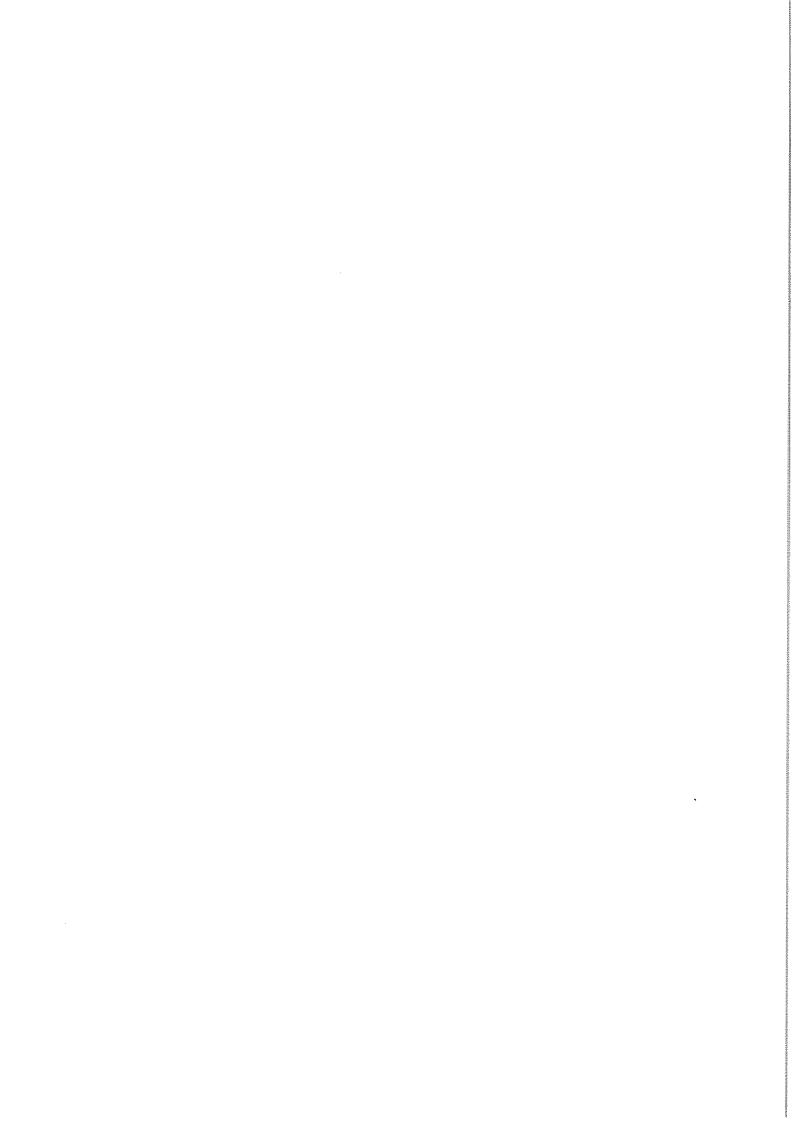
Please send any response you may have via e-mail to: dcconsultations@knowsley.gov.uk

If no reply is received within 21 days, the application will be determined on the assumption that you do not wish to submit any observations.

Should you wish to discuss the details of this application please contact Planning Services on 0151 443 2381.

Yours faithfully

Alan Kilroe Head of Planning & Building Control



Prescot Town Council Prescot Town Hall 1 Warrington Road Prescot Merseyside L34 5QX 0151 426 3933 Our Ref: 23/02714/FUL

Date: 19 March 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

PROPOSAL: CHANGE OF USE OF VACANT RETAIL UNIT FOR USE AS A CHILDRENS

PLAY / ACTIVITY CENTRE

LOCATION: 9 The Prescot Centre, Eccleston Street, Prescot, Knowsley, L34 5GA,

This is a formal consultation in respect of the above planning application. The application forms and any drawings submitted with it can be viewed via the internet on our website at:

https://planapp.knowsley.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=S2FCIRIXHYX00

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PLEASE NOTE; AN URGENT RESPONSE IS REQUIRED TO THIS CONSULTATION

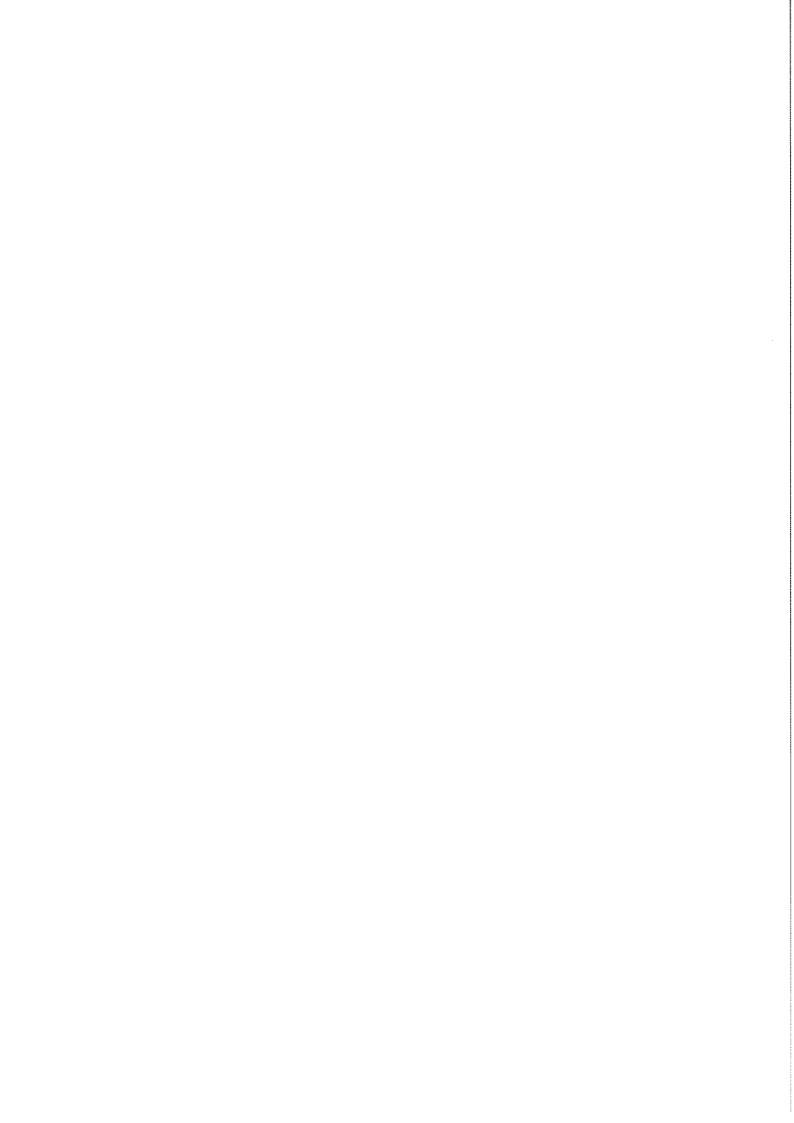
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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

28th MARCH 2024

REPORT TITLE:

Planning Decisions

BACKGROUND TO THE REPORT:

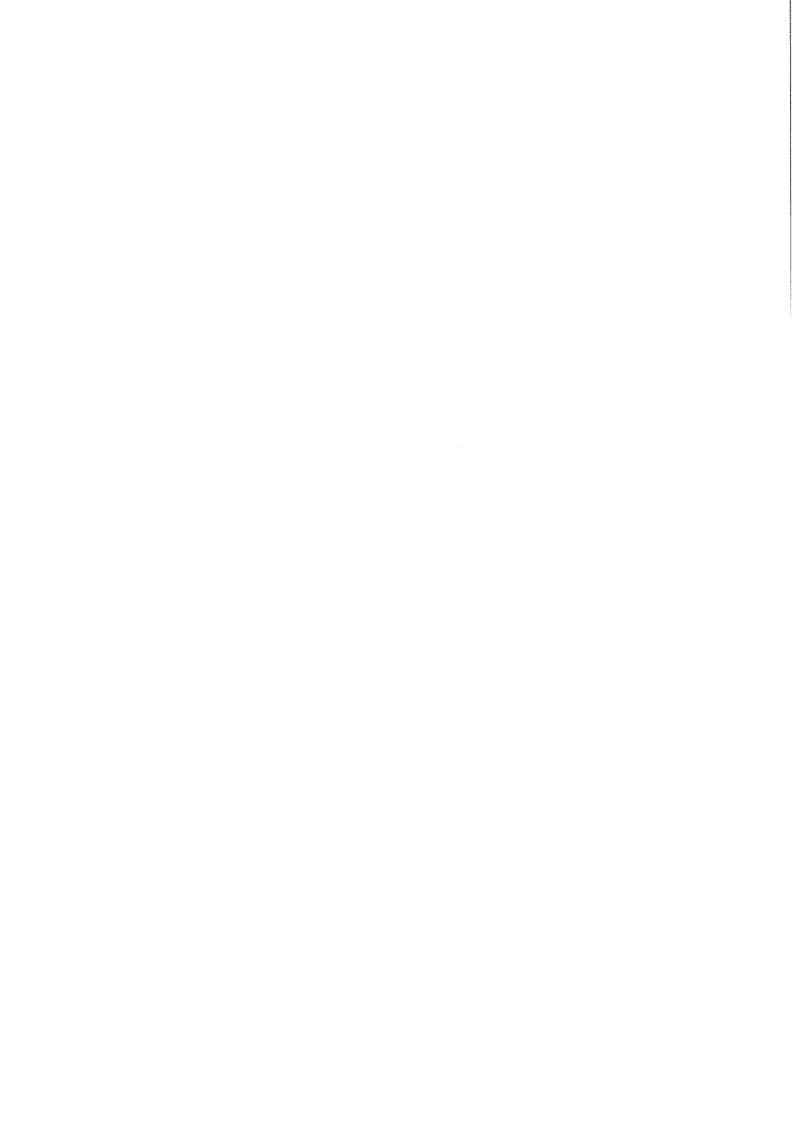
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PURPOSE OF ITEM:

To provide Members with details of the most recent decisions forwarded by KMBC. These are for **NOTING** only. On occasion these will be supplemented on the day of the meeting by additional information received after the release of the summons but before the meeting.

REPORT PREPARED BY:

Liam Johnson - Administration Officer



TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

28th MARCH 2024

REPORT TITLE:

Community Fund Bids

BACKGROUND TO THE REPORT:

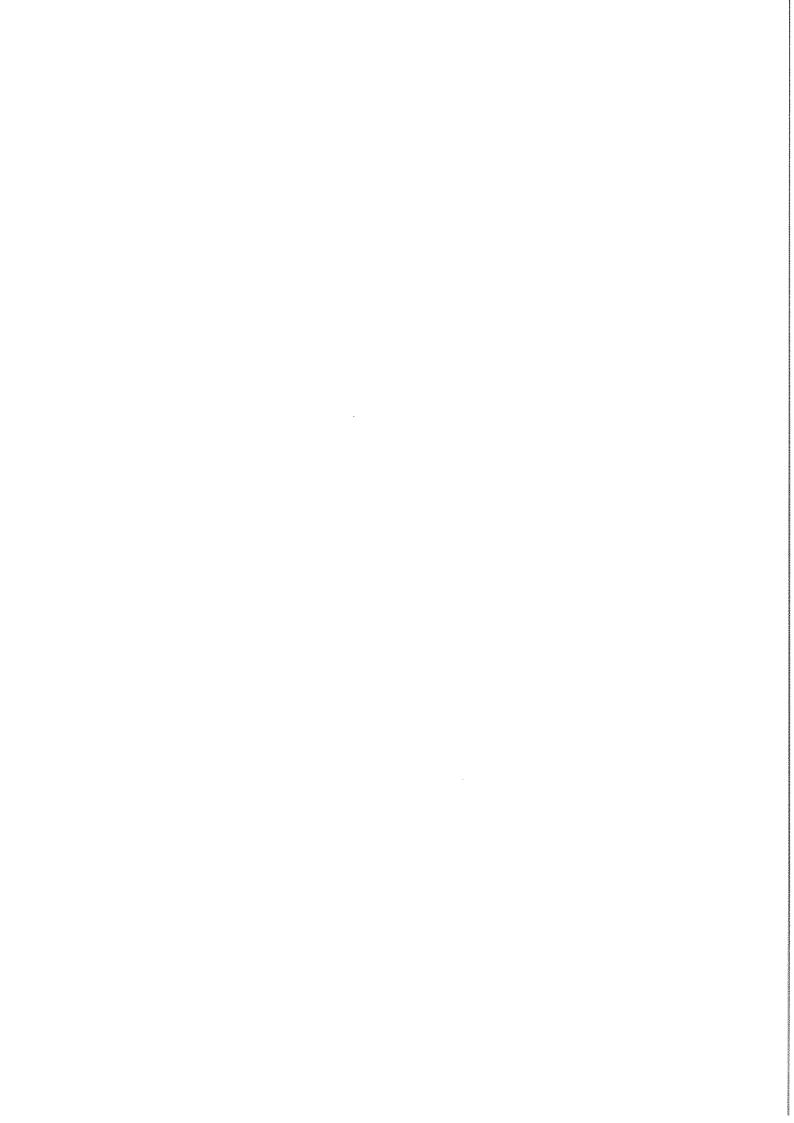
Funding Applications have been received from:

- Innovate Volunteering, Bryer Road Community Centre
- Knowsley Knerds

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To **CONSIDER** and **APPROVE, DEFER** or **REJECT** the funding applications.

REPORT PREPARED BY:





PRESCOT TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITY FUND APPLICATION FORM

Small Grant Funding of up to £500 for local community projects

SECTION 1 – Your Organisation		
Organisation Name and Address:	Innovate Volunteering, Bryer Road Community Centre, Bryer Road, Prescot L35 – 5DW	
Contact / responsible person:	Angela Bergquist	
Role in the Organisation:	Company Director	
Telephone:		
Email:		
What year was your group established?	2011	
Do you have a constitution?	Yes ⊠ No □	
Are you a registered Charity?	Yes ☐ No ⊠ Charity Number:	
What are the main aims and activities of your Group?	Bringing Communities Together Reducing Isolation Volunteering We run Bryer Road Community Centre, providing a range of activities for local residents	
Which area of Prescot are you based in?	Bryer Road	
Bank Details:	Sort Code: Account Number: Account Name:	

	ECTION 2 – Your Project	
Project Name:	Defibrillator	
When will this take place?	Ongoing for groups/events	
Please give details and costs of the activities and / or equipment that you are applying for:	We wish to purchase a Defibrillator for our common centre. We have several groups and sessions that take	place in
You will be required to evidence each item of	the centre. We have a regular U3A group that use the centre 3 times a week. They are particularly keen to get a defibrillator.	
expenditure if successful	We are fundraising in the centre – we have put out donation boxes, appeals on social media etc.	
	We are hoping that the £500 from this grant will pay for the majority of the cost and the donations we receive will make up the shortfall.	
How will this project make a difference in your community?	The defibrillator will be a lifesaving device for the community. We run many activities for the older generation.)
	We also have dance groups, children's activities and parties and we see this as a necessity for the community.	
Who will mainly benefit from your project? (please tick the	Groups	
boxes that apply to your	Young People	
project)	Older People	\boxtimes
	General Community	\boxtimes
	Resident Association	
	Sports or Arts	\boxtimes
	Minority groups (e.g. LGBT, Disabled, BME)	
How many people will benefit from your project?	On a typical week we have 216 regular local res attending a whole host of activities, groups, exer and dance classes. With approximately 1/3 of th residents being over 65 yrs.	cise
	In addition, there are 16 staff members/volunteers ranging from age 24 to 68yrs.	
	Weekends tend to be birthday parties (children a adult) and also include communions, christening licenced events and cover all age ranges and gr	s, oup
	numbers can range from around 20 to 100 depe on the event. On average we estimate approx. 8 weekend.	_

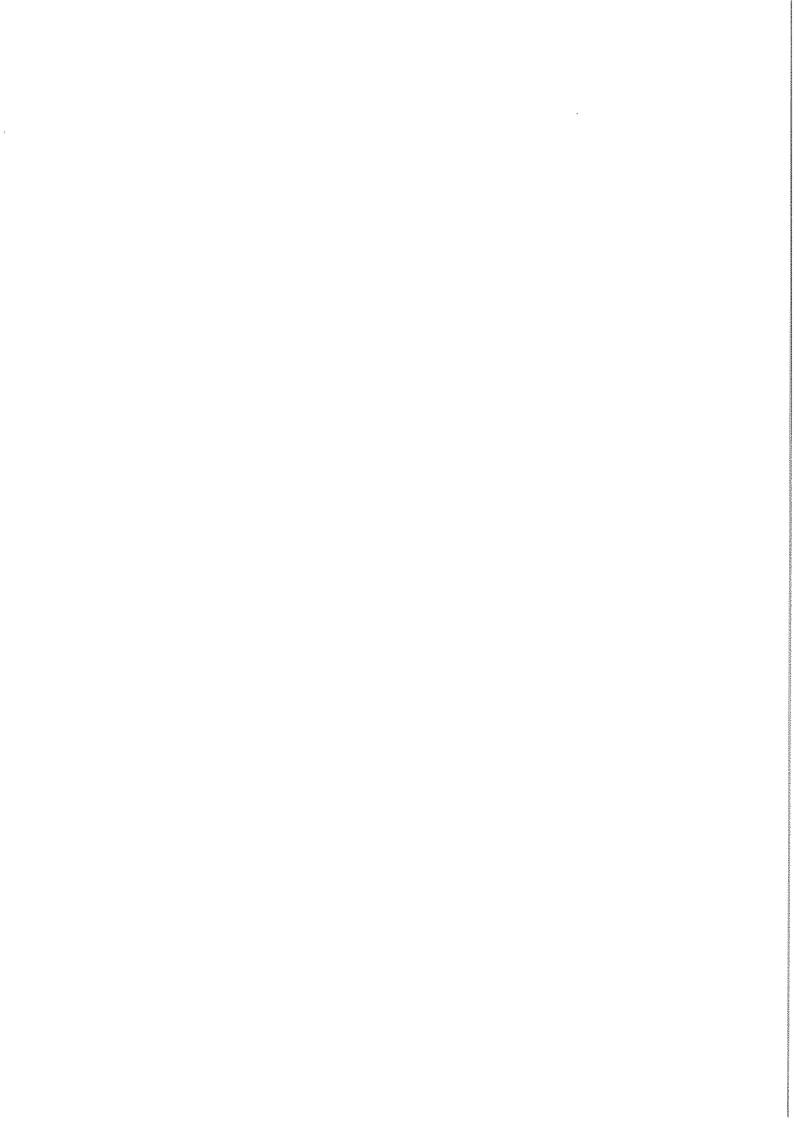
	All people accessing the centre and the community will benefit.	
How much funding are you asking for? (Max £500 please include an itemised list of costs to support your request)	£500 The cost of x1 – Beneheart Mindray C1A Defibrillator & Internal AED Wall Bracket - £783.00	
Have you secured funding from anyone else?	We have been asking for donations at the centre.	
How will your project recognise the support of the Town Council	We will promote the Town Councils support next to the defibrillator and on social media.	
Who will be running the	☐ Unpaid Volunteers	How many
activity? N/A	☐ Paid Volunteers	How many
	☑ Paid Staff	How many - 4

Declaration:

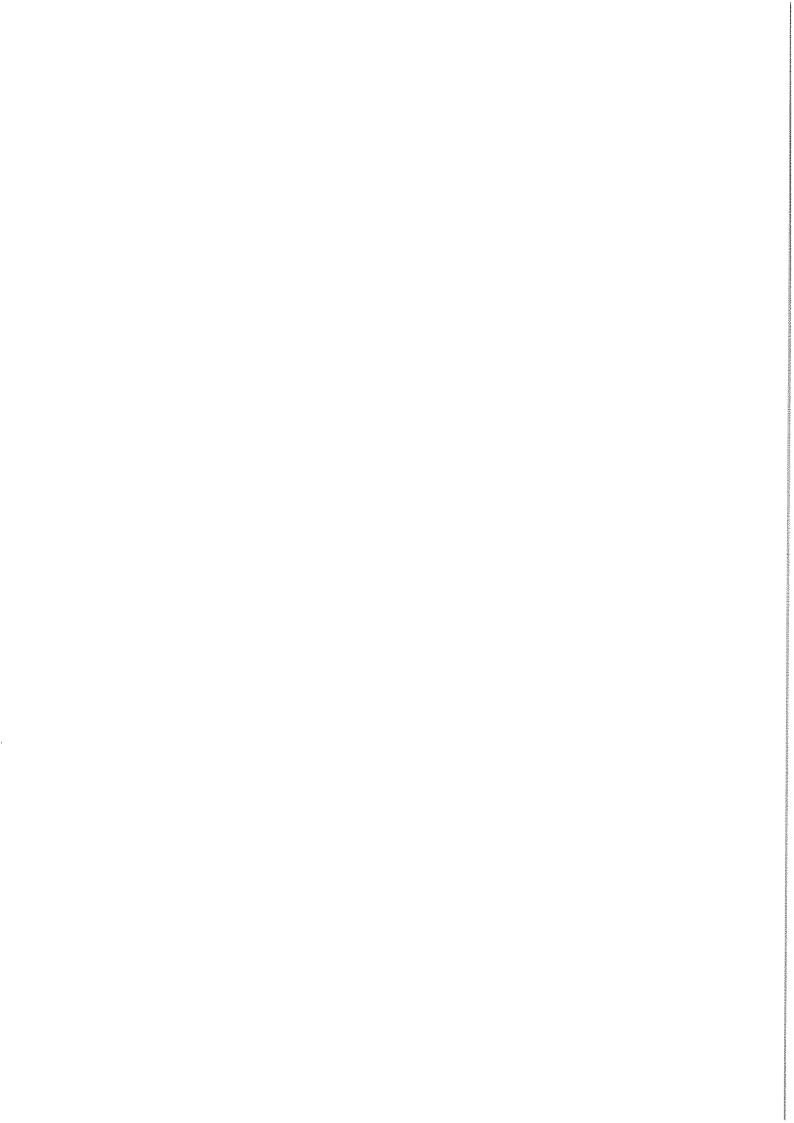
I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the information supplied on this	Signed: A. Berquist
application form is correct. This application is in compliance with the guidance notes and I confirm that I	Position: Director
have the authority to sign on behalf of the organisation making this application.	Date: 31/01/2024

All successful applications will be required to submit proof of expenditure no later than 3 months after the project completion date. Failure to so will result in <u>clawback</u> of funding. You agree to this term by submitting the application.

By submitting this form, you agree that we will process your data in line with our privacy notice, which can be accessed via our website www.prescot-tc.gov.uk.









PRESCOT TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITY FUND APPLICATION FORM

Small Grant Funding of up to £500 for local community projects

SECTION 1 – Your Organisation		
Organisation Name and Address:	Knowsley Knerds 77 Brook Street	
Contact / responsible person:	Leslie Jordan	
Role in the Organisation:	Treasurer	
Telephone:		
Email:		
What year was your group established?	2023	
Do you have a constitution?	Yes 🛚	No 🗌
Are you a registered Charity?	Yes Charity Number:	No ⊠
What are the main aims and activities of your Group?	Host an open weekly session to play board & card games with the aim of reducing social isolation.	
Which area of Prescot are you based in?	Brook Street, Robert Foulkes Centre / Prescot South	
Bank Details:	Sort Code: Account Number: Account Name:	

SECTION 2 – Your Project		
Project Name:	Knowsley Knerds	
When will this take place?	Tuesday Evenings 6-9pm	
Please give details and costs of the activities and / or equipment that you are applying for: You will be required to evidence each item of expenditure if successful	A total of £500.00 Community Funding £200.00 Refreshments – Tea, Coffee, Juice, Bottled Water, Biscuits, Milk, Coffee Mate and Sugar £300.00 Various Board Games (from £5 to more elaborate games costing £60)	
How will this project make a difference in your community?		
Who will mainly benefit from your project? (please tick the boxes that apply to your project)	Groups Young People Older People General Community Resident Association Sports or Arts Minority groups (e.g. LGBT, Disabled, BME)	

How many people will benefit from your project?	Up to 60 per week	
How much funding are you asking for? (Max £500 please include an itemised list of costs to support your request)	A total of £500.00 Community Funding £200.00 Refreshments – Tea, Coffee, Juice, Bottled Water, Biscuits, Milk, Coffee Mate and Sugar £300.00 Various Board Games (from £5 to more elaborate games costing £60)	
Have you secured funding from anyone else?	National Lottery Awards for All bid in process to fund the rental of facility.	
How will your project recognise the support of the Town Council	Will display on website and social media, in addition, we will put on promotional materials.	
Who will be running the activity?	☑ Unpaid Volunteers	How many - 3
	☐ Paid Volunteers	How many
	☐ Paid Staff	How many

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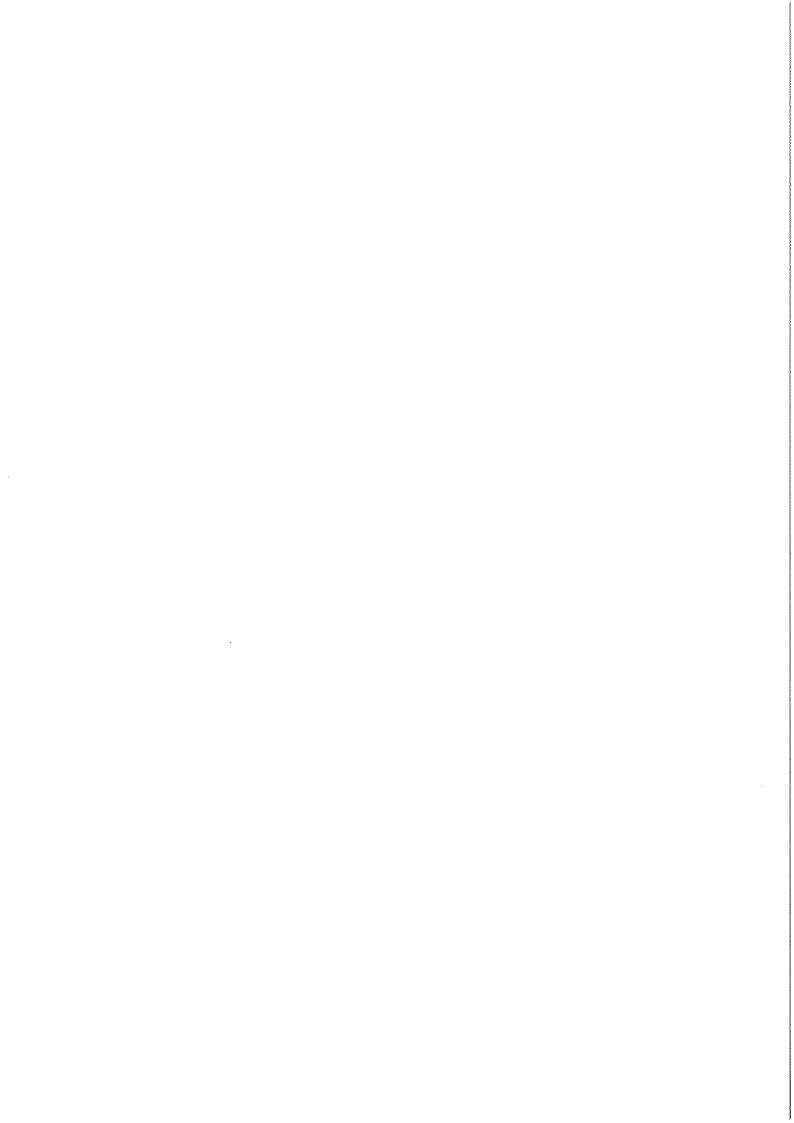
I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the information supplied on this application form is correct. This application is in compliance with the guidance notes and I confirm that I have the authority to sign on behalf of the organisation making this application.

Signed:

Position: Treasurer

Date: 17/03/2024

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PRESCOT TOWN COUNCIL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 28TH MARCH 2024

REPORT TITLE:

Proposed closure of Prescot Town Hall on 10th April 2024

BACKGROUND TO THE REPORT

Members will be aware that former Town Councillor, Town Clerk and Freeman of Prescot, Daniel Wilson passed away on 15th March 2024.

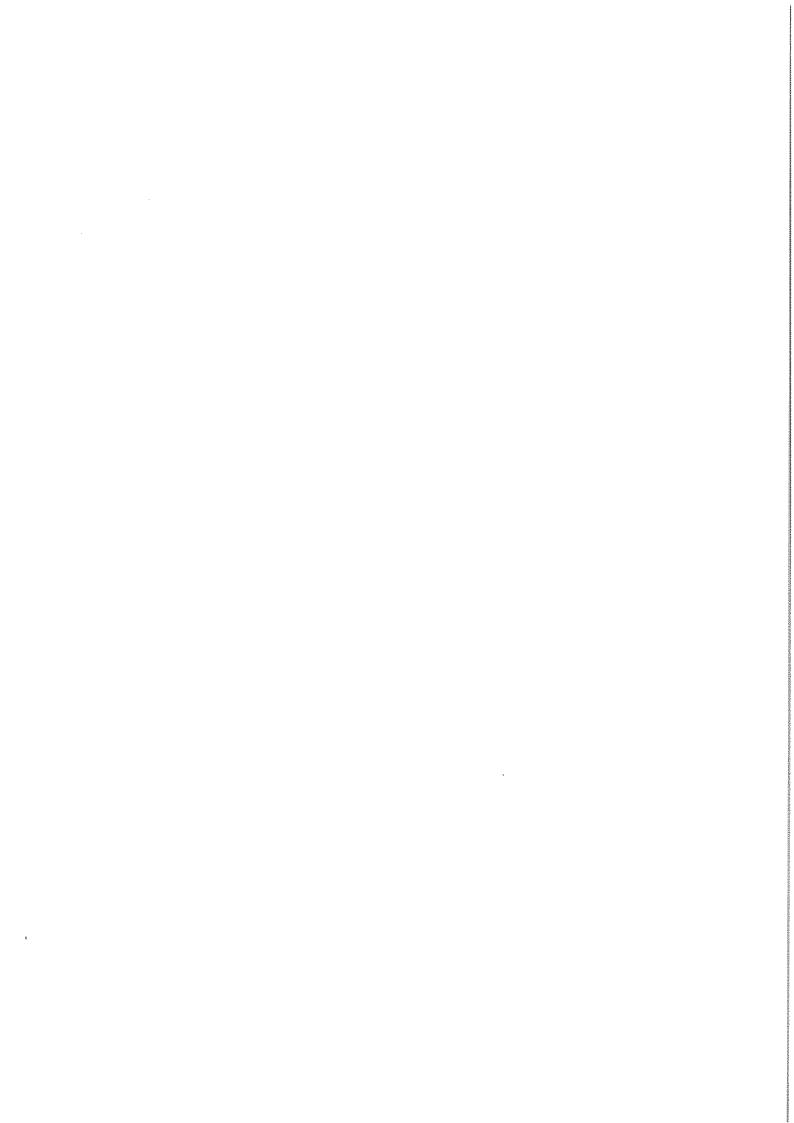
Dan's funeral service has been arranged for 10th April 2024.

As a mark of respect and to enable officers to prepare for and attend this service, Member resolution is sought to close Prescot Town Hall on this day.

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To seek Member resolution for the closure of Prescot Town Hall on 10th April 2024.

REPORT PREPARED BY:



Proposed closure of Prescot Town Hall on 10th April 2024

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Members will be aware that former Town Councillor, Town Clerk and Honorary Freeman Daniel Wilson passed away on 15th March 2024.
- 1.2 Dan's funeral service has been arranged for Wednesday 10th April 2024 at Prescot Parish Church.
- 1.3 As a mark of respect to Dan, and to enable officers to prepare for and attend his funeral service, the closure of Prescot Town Hall on this day is proposed.
- 1.4 Officers have reviewed town hall bookings on this date, and can confirm that two bookings would be affected if the proposed closure was resolved:-
 - 1. A grant funding workshop between 9:00am to 5:00pm (this is a provisional booking and is not yet confirmed by the hirer)
 - 2. Line dancing between 2:15pm and 3:15pm.
- 1.5 Officers are acutely aware that this request is extra-ordinary, but so was Dan.
- Officers worked with Dan day-in, day-out over many years, and would like to remember him a fitting way – both ahead of, during and after his funeral service – hence why an allday closure to Prescot Town Hall is proposed.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Members are asked to: -
 - 1. Resolve the closure of Prescot Town Hall on 10th April 2024.
 - 2. Instruct officers to notify the two bookings affected by the closure; and that alternative dates are arranged if possible/requested
 - 3. Note the contents of this report

