Thank you Madam Mayor for the opportunity to report to the Council the latest developments on various matters relating to the Middleton Township.

We have held the following Township Committees, sub-committees and working parties in the last cycle:

1. **Township Committee**
   Middleton Township Committee Meeting has taken place twice during this quarter, on both occasions the meetings took place at Middleton Arena.

   The first Middleton Township Committee took place on Thursday 8th January 2015.

   The meeting was attended by around 12 members of the public, and during the Open Forum the following questions were raised:
   - The residents of ‘Waters Edge’ raised the matter of the adoption of the complex.
   - Concerns were raised about double parking on Phyllis Street.
   - An update on the road surveys of the A6045 (Heywood Old Road) was requested.
   - Concerns were raised about parking on Morton/ Lodge Street.
   - An update of Wood Street and traffic concerns were raised.

   The Committee approved minutes from previous meetings of Township Committee and Middleton Planning Sub-Committee, in addition a number of reports were also submitted and included; Non-regulated Council Car Parks, Section 106, Town Centre Conservation Area Improvements, Investment Estate Rationalisation of Shop Assets, Sites of Biological Importance Update (SIBS), Township Plan Update and Options for Properties let on Agricultural Land Leases.

   Middleton Township Committee also took place on Thursday 5th March 2015.

   The meeting was attended by around 10 members of the public, and during the Open Forum the following questions were raised:
   - Concerns were raised about parking on Morton/ Lodge Street.
   - An update request was made for the ‘Bell’ at Middleton Cemetery.
   - A concern was raised about investment opportunities in Middleton.
   - Concerns about litter in Birch Village

   The Committee approved minutes from previous meetings of Township Committee and Middleton Planning Sub-Committee, in addition two reports were also submitted and included; Middleton Town Centre Public Realm Investment and Middleton former Scout Hut.

2. **Township Sub-Committees and Working Parties**
   The cycle of sub-committees commences this quarter, and some of the issues raised are detailed below:

   **Culture, Leisure and Tourism**
   The Middleton Culture, Leisure, Tourism Community Cohesion and Health & Wellbeing Working Party met on Thursday 15th January 2015 and discussed a number of issues including Events in 2015-2016, the group also received a presentation on activities at
Middleton Arena.

**Regeneration**
The Middleton Regeneration Group has met twice during this quarter and has discussed a number of issues such as Middleton Public Realm Investment, Tonge Hall, Providence Chapel and Wood Street area.

**Planning**
Middleton Planning Committee has taken place twice during this quarter and considered a number of applications.

**Environment Forum**
The forum met on 19th February 2015 and received reports from ‘local friends of groups’, updates from Middleton Clean & Green and information on local issues/ grot spots.

**Devolved Funding and Services**
The committee met twice during this quarter. The first meeting took place on Thursday 22nd January 2015 and considered applications from the following;
- An application for Middleton Holiday @ Home 2015
- An application from Hollin Estate Management Board for Arts & Crafts Sessions in Hopwood
- An application from the ‘Get Set’ Project (Status Environment Team) for Environmental Projects throughout Middleton.

Members approved £17,210 of Middleton Township Funds.

The Committee met again on Wednesday 25th March 2015 and considered applications from the following;
- Big Games 2015 request
- Hollin Lane Traffic Signal Study
- Mayday Festival 2015 Funding
- The Angel Project
- Wood Street Bollards and Pedestrian Guard Rail
- Boardman Fold Bollards
- Long Street Methodist Church Roof Repairs
- Installation of a stair lift at Alkrington Tennis & Social Club
- Bowlee Community Park Kissing Gates
- Absolute Angling at Alkrington Woods

Members received a report which detailed investment for gateways and Clean & Green funding which has been allocated to each Township.

Members approved £23,259 of funding and were advised of a further £1,979.00 allocated via Delegated Decision Powers, although in both cases funds are subject to Terms & Conditions being met.

**Clean & Green Funding**
Middleton Members are very happy to receive funding from the Corporate Pot to fund the Clean & Green Team, which has run successfully, funded by Township funds, here in Middleton for the last two years. The scheme, over the last two years, here in Middleton has undertaken a large number of projects, and in particular has been well received by Councillors and residents alike.

**Public Realm**
Middleton Members were delighted to receive a report which provided options for the improvement of one of Middleton’s major gateways, and have worked with officers to identify heritage ‘hotspots’ which will improve the appearance of the THI area. Funding
allocated will also allow the expansion of the works previously undertaken as part of the THI Grant.

**Middleton's Day of Action**

A day of action took place at Alkrington Moss, Middleton on 5th March 2015. This consisted of multi-agency inputs into the area to reassure residents that the police and council agencies were aware of and addressing their concerns regarding Crime, Safety and Environmental issues.

The event was well supported, with GMP, Community safety, Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service, Environmental Management, and Youth Services all taking part. Local elected members were present supporting the event and discussing local concerns with residents.

A brief summary of the events are below.

- **GMP:** Provided Mobile Police Pod on site. High Profile policing in the area, utilising specialist units including ‘Mounted Patrols’ and the ‘Tactical Aid Unit. There was a mixture of PR and enforcement, with drug warrants being executed.
- **Community Safety Unit:** Provided staff on the day. Security reviews at resident’s requests, ASB warnings to perpetrators and burglary reduction/ security products offered to residents.
- **GMF & RS:** Provided staff and vehicles, including a community Fire Engine that played music and blew bubbles. They also undertook fire risk assessments and patrolled the area looking for potential fire hazards.
- **Environmental Management:** Provided staff for the day. Provided dog ‘poo bags’ and litter picking equipment. Patrolled the area and issued fixed penalty tickets for fly tipping. Arranged collection of waste and cleaned up graffiti and other grot spots.
- **Youth Services:** Provided ‘Play Bus’ to provide diversionary activities for youths. Provided outreach staff for the day. Arranged joint litter picks with local youths and engaged with youths to prevent ASB in the areas.

**Fusilier Lee Rigby**

On Sunday 29th March a private service was held in Middleton Memorial Gardens for Fusilier Lee Rigby. Family, friends and dignitaries gathered for the dedication service. Middleton Members were incredibly proud to support the unveiling of a lasting memorial to Fusilier Lee Rigby, Members have worked alongside officers and the family of Fusilier Lee Rigby to ensure that an appropriate memorial was erected in the Middleton Memorial Gardens.

Thank you Madam Mayor. I will be pleased to answer any questions from Members of the Council about these or any other matters relating to the Middleton Township Committee.