

Townships Plan

2020 - 2022

The Townships plan will focus on local Township priorities in line with the Council's new values – **Proud, Passionate, Pioneering and open**

Townships are crucial to developing the 'Place' agenda, facilitating local decision making and have devolved powers in relation to a number of Council Services, including –

- Environmental Management (Street Services and Clean & Green Team)
- Highways & Engineering (Highways Investment Programme, Highways Capital Programme)
- Community Centres
- Libraries
- Development Control (Empty Properties, S.106 Agreements)
- Township Funds

Devolution of the above services to Townships contributes to the achievement of corporate objectives.

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Lead Cabinet Member: Councillor Janet Emsley

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The Council has three key values to deliver our vision; a vision that directs and underpins everything we do:

Prosperous People and Places

Townships Key Priorities

1. To ensure coordination and support in connection with the performance and delivery of Council Services to each individual Township.
2. To allocate devolved funding at a local level to projects that respond to the needs of local communities.
3. To promote Community Development and support development of Community Projects to empower local people within their own communities.
4. To respond to issues raised in the public arena by means of a structure of both formal and informal meetings.
5. To work with Council Services and our partners to facilitate local decision making, to support the aspirations of the Borough's residents, businesses and visitors, with additional focus on driving forward the Public Service Reform agenda on a Township basis.
6. To consider the further devolution of powers, services and budgets to Townships.



Heywood Township Key Activities

Ref	Priority	Examples	Link to corporate priority
HT1	Cleaner, Greener and Safer Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribute to efforts to remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere to address the climate emergency. • Reduce the number of grot spots. • Maintain Green Flag status. • Support community safety initiatives that tackle crime and disorder. • Support a safe and efficient strategic highways network. • Redesign and improve traffic flow through the Town Centre. 	Prosperous People & Places
HT2	Thriving Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with partners, businesses, voluntary sector and the community to strengthen links, encourage participation and encourage pride in our Township. • Support health and wellbeing initiatives and sporting activities. • Support choice and engagement for our children and young people. • Support our Armed Forces Family. • Support the range of Township events to increase community participation and engagement. 	Prosperous People & Places
HT3	Economic Prosperity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support Heywood business initiatives. • Support, encourage and promote new and existing businesses. • Support and promote ongoing events to increase footfall for local businesses. 	Prosperous People & Places
Budgets	<p>Heywood Township funds can be used to offer support to organisations and projects that are of direct benefit to the community, environment and economy of Heywood. Any local constituted community organisation can request funding support from Heywood Township for project support. Special consideration will be given to groups without their own funds/with limited alternative means and those in areas not benefiting from other funding opportunities. All projects must show how they will address the Heywood Township priorities.</p>		

Middleton Township Key Activities

Ref	Priority	Examples	Link to corporate priority
MT1	Children & Young People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage engagement in sport/arts/culture/heritage via Township grants. • Support the Youth Service in events and activities. • Work with partner agencies to provide sports, arts and outdoor activities. • Contribute to improving the health and wellbeing of children and young people in Middleton Township through schemes such as Holiday@Home and Fit, Read and Feed. • Provide young children with a healthy start by supporting breast feeding in the Town. • Continue to support our Armed Forces Family. 	Prosperous People & Places
MT2	Cleaner, Greener & Safer Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create and maintain good quality open spaces, reduce grot spots and continue to utilise the Clean & Green Team. • Support groups looking to apply for funding to increase the 'recognition' of open spaces through schemes such as Green Flags. • Encourage groups to apply for funding for 'Grow & Eat' schemes such as orchards in community open space facilities. • Contribute to efforts to remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere to address the climate emergency, including improving air quality through cleaner air schemes such as a 'tree corridor'. • Support 'Friends of' groups to encourage pride and responsibility. • Increase enforcement activity around environmental crime. • Work with partners to reduce crime and disorder, and the perception of crime. 	Prosperous People & Places
MT3	Tourism & Prosperity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote tourism via the THI scheme and historic buildings within the town. • Support events and activities that encourage visitors to Middleton's retail offer and increase economic prosperity. • Encourage and support further regeneration projects via Township funds. • Encourage local groups to apply for funding for cultural and heritage projects. 	Prosperous People & Places
Budgets	Middleton Township funds can be used to offer support to organisations and projects that are of direct benefit to the community and the environment of Middleton. Councillors, Council Services, partner agencies, third sector organisations and forums/working parties are invited to submit projects on relevant application forms for funding from Middleton Township funds.		

Pennines Township Key Activities

Ref	Priority	Examples	Link to corporate priority
PT1	<p>Focussing on our Communities and our Young People</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to facilitate existing community based meetings/forums. • Promote and support public facilities (including libraries) as an integral part of our communities. • Actively promote health and wellbeing in the Township. • Support children and young people to achieve their full potential. • Support community initiatives to celebrate our Township. • Continue to support our Armed Forces Family. 	<p>Prosperous People & Places</p>
PT2	<p>Cleaner, Greener & Safer Environment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide support to community groups to encourage pride and ownership of our public spaces. • Reduce grot spots and utilise the Clean & Green Team. • Support and encourage events in our parks and green spaces. • Contribute to efforts to remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere to address the climate emergency, and actively encourage the community to reduce their impact on the environment. • Work with partners to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour. • Actively work to minimise flood risk and support community resilience. 	<p>Prosperous People & Places</p>
PT3	<p>Regeneration</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with partners to promote Pennines Township as an attractive and welcoming place to visit, live and work. • Promote the Township’s tourism offer and wider visitor economy. • Work with businesses, individuals and groups to improve information, communication and promotion of events and activities. 	<p>Prosperous People & Places</p>
Budgets	<p>Pennines Township funds can be used to offer support to projects and organisations that are of direct benefit to the community and environment of the Pennines area. Councillors, Council Services, partner agencies, third sector organisations and area forums can submit projects on relevant application forms for funding from Pennines Township funds.</p>		

Rochdale North Township Key Activities

Ref	Priority	Examples	Link to corporate priority
RTN1	Communities First	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued development and review of area forums, focussed agendas, representative of their communities. • Contribute financially to, and support, events within the Township. • Support improvements in delivery of the Health & Social Care agenda. • Continue to support our Armed Forces Family. • Support a wider range of community groups in the development of community projects. 	Prosperous People & Places
RTN2	Cleaner, Greener & Safer Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribute to efforts to remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere to address the climate emergency. • Support Community Safety initiatives that tackle crime and disorder. • Continue to develop new sites, such as Syke Common, to work towards Green Flag status. • Encourage communities to take responsibility for alleyways and for suitable land and green spaces, to promote pride and ownership. • Work with partners to fund/develop initiatives to improve recycling rates. • Support and develop the Borough strategy for flood risk management. 	Prosperous People & Places
RTN3	Regeneration & Prosperity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work in partnership with Rochdale South Township to support improvements in the Town Centre. • Support and promote greater connectivity that increases footfall within our retail areas. • Assist with funding to make environmental improvements throughout the Township to the benefit of our residents. 	Prosperous People & Places
Budgets	<p>Rochdale North Township's vision is to create a friendly, clean and safe Township characterised by harmonious and diverse communities. Councillors, Council Services, partner agencies, third sector organisations and area forums can submit projects for funding to achieve these aims on relevant application forms for Rochdale North Township funds.</p>		

Rochdale South Township Key Activities

Ref	Priority	Examples	Link to corporate priority
RTS1	Communities First	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of area forums, focussed agendas, representative of their communities. • Encourage more self-reliance and engagement in the community to improve health and social care in the Township. • Contribute financially to, and support, community groups and events within the Township. • Facilitate consultation events to engage communities in decision making at a local level. • Support the provision of facilities (meeting places, sports training) for young people. • Continue to support our Armed Forces Family. 	Prosperous People & Places
RTS2	Cleaner, Greener & Safer Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribute to efforts to remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere to address the climate emergency. • Continue to develop new sites, such as Balderstone Park, to work towards Green Flag status. • Support Community Safety initiatives that tackle crime and disorder. • Encourage communities to take responsibility for suitable land and green spaces, to promote pride and ownership. • Work with partners to fund/develop initiatives to improve recycling rates. 	Prosperous People & Places
RTS3	Regeneration & Prosperity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work in partnership with Rochdale North Township to support improvements in the Town Centre. • Support a wider range of community groups, with a particular focus on education, I.T. skills and welfare advice. • Work with RBC Highways Service to deliver traffic schemes in response to our communities' priorities. • Assist with funding to make improvements to local roads, increasing road safety. 	Prosperous People & Places
Budgets	<p>Rochdale South Township's vision is to create a friendly, clean and safe Township characterised by harmonious and diverse communities. Councillors, Council Services, partner agencies, third sector organisations and area forums can submit projects for funding to achieve these aims on relevant application forms for Rochdale South Township funds.</p>		