

Borough Benefits from New Community Chest



COMMUNITY groups are set to monopolise a near £1M windfall thanks to the green efforts of the borough's residents.

The scheme will see the groups given a share of the money the council saves through its recycling efforts.

Community Panels will be charged with awarding funds to local groups from a Community Chest which will hand out £200,000 in the first year and £380,000 each year for the next two years.

Each panel will be made up of a local councillor and community groups, including sporting groups, churches and the scouts and guides.

Applications to become a panel member will begin in October when the 'Have Your Say' advertising campaign will be encouraging people to have their own say. Local community groups will be encouraged to apply for grants, which could be for anything related to their local communities such as a new roof for a scout hut or a CCTV camera. Panels will be appointed in November to begin deliberating on applications with projects getting underway in January and February.

Each panel will then decide on applications to recommend to the main Selection Panel, made up of the Chair of the Tameside Strategic Partnership (TSP)

Cllr Roy Oldham; Executive Member for District Assemblies, Cllr Jim Fitzpatrick; and an opposition member who will decide which applications have been successful.

Cllr Roy Oldham said: "This is a win, win situation for everyone as far as I am concerned. We are consistently telling our residents how well they are doing when it comes to recycling their household waste and here's the proof.

"Handing the money back to community groups should not only encourage more residents to recycle, but it will also mean less waste going to landfill which benefits everyone.

New Vice Chair for TSP Board

Dr Tim Riley (Chief Executive NHS Tameside and Glossop) took on the role of TSP Board Vice Chair at the last meeting of Board in September. Dr Riley takes over the role from former Vice Chair Ian McCrae who recently retired.

Dr Riley commented on the new role, "Having the opportunity to be a Vice Chair of the TSP is a fantastic opportunity to help drive the superb collaboration that exists between public services in Tameside and achieve the improvements in which local people can see real benefit".



TSP Conference (July 2009)

“Another great and inspirational event”



New Principal for Tameside College

A new Principal has taken the helm at Tameside College. Peter Ryder, formerly Principal at Leeds College of Technology, took on the role at the start of this term. Peter says that building on the College's strengths, including its strong ties to employers, will be among his priorities for the future.

Mr Ryder commented: "My main priority is to listen to staff, students and our partners to understand the College's strengths and help to build on them. I want the College to be recognised as outstanding both locally, regionally and beyond."



Building on the success of January's event, the recent TSP Conference welcomed 100 guests from 35 different organisations at Hyde Town Hall on the 15th July. The main focus of the Conference was to consider how the Partnership could work together differently to ensure better outcomes against our Local Area Agreement. Delegates considered how improved collaborative working could deliver better outcomes and improve service delivery – this discussion was led by Diane Neale (Leadership Centre for Local Government). Other agenda items included 'LAA Outcomes 2009' presented by Megan Nurse (Assistant Chief Executive, TMBC) and Tony Okotie (Director, T3SC); and 'Delivering services differently in Tameside' presented by Stephanie Butterworth (Executive Director of Community Services, TMBC).

Feedback from delegates was excellent with 97% either satisfied or very satisfied with the event. The discussion led by Diane Neale and the group-working opportunities both received good feedback. The latter of these gave delegates the opportunity to role-play in small groups, each focusing on a different topic with the hope of identifying innovative ways of thinking to tackle various issues in Tameside.

Topic areas included:

- Alcohol related issues
- Obesity
- Environmental issues
- Worklessness
- Housing

Outcomes from the group work were approved by TSP Board on the 11th September 2009 and have been sent to all Partnership members.

The next TSP Conference is to be held in Summer 2010.

College Keeps on Truckin’

Mercedes Benz and Tameside College are working in partnership to deliver the mandatory LGV Certificate of Professional Competence (CPC).

The certificate will complement the excellent work currently being done within the College in regard to Driver Goods Vehicle National Vocational Qualifications (NVQ’s). The Drivers CPC is now a legal requirement for all drivers handling LGV’s over 3 ½ tonnes and Tameside College are proud to be providing the qualification for drivers throughout the North West in association with Mercedes Benz UK.

Ken Bate Commercial Director for the College said: “This is a real coup for Tameside College. It speaks volumes about the quality of our provision. The introduction of the CPC legislation is an issue that affects us all no matter what badge you have on the front of your vehicle.

A fleet of specially converted and liveried training vehicles has been made ready by Mercedes and will



be utilised to deliver the programme. Peter Ryder, Principal of Tameside College comments: "The College has developed a very strong reputation for employer responsive training and we are proud to be working with Mercedes Benz. This partnership brings together two organisations committed to delivering the very best for the Logistic industry. "

Local GP - new Chair NHS Tameside and Glossop

Dr Kailash Chand is the newly appointed Chair of the NHS Tameside and Glossop Board.

As the local leaders of the health economy, NHS Tameside and Glossop provide £400 million of health services on behalf of 250,000 residents. Its vision is ‘Better Health and well-being for all’ and it is striving to make a real impact on poor health and inequalities in Tameside.

Dr Kailash Chand has been a GP for over 25 years, and served patients at his Stamford House practice in Ashton for more than 20 years. In 2001 he was awarded as runner up in the “Doctor of the Year Awards” chosen by the Royal College of General Practitioners and Doctor Magazine.

Currently a member of the Professional Executive Committee for NHS Tameside and Glossop and Chairman for Tameside and Glossop British Medical Association (BMA), he also holds various positions on BMA committees, and serves as a member of a number of health and scrutiny panels within the local borough. This year he was awarded “Fellowship” by the BMA for his services to the profession and patients.

He is the Vice Chairman of the International Council of Indian languages and culture, which promotes integration and understanding in multiracial Britain, and is well known and respected locally for his voluntary work with communities. Kailash also writes extensively about community health matters, in the local, regional and national press.

Before taking up this appointment in August , Kailash retired from his position as a GP. Kailash has also followed his predecessor at the NHS Ian McRae onto the TSP Board.

Dr Chand said: “ I am well aware of both the difficult challenges and exciting opportunities facing the local NHS.”

Chief Executive of NHS Tameside and Glossop Dr Tim Riley said: “Kailash has shown dedication to the NHS and his local community for many years and will bring a wealth of experience to our Board”.



Reviewing Advice on Immigration

Members of the partnership met recently to review the availability of advice on immigration issues in Tameside. This is provided by a partnership between the Council, Greater Manchester Immigration Aid Unit (GMIAU); Tameside Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB); and Rogerson Galvin Solicitors. Many members of the partnership had contributed to the successful settlement in Tameside of a small group of UN refugees from Ethiopia, the Oromo people. Work was ongoing to support people who had become separated from their relatives who remained in Ethiopia or had fled to Kenya, to reunite these families. This work is largely funded by the Legal Services Commission who contract with quality marked organisations to provide these specialist services. The present contracts have been extended to September 2010, and a degree of uncertainty remains as to the level of funding and form of contract that will be available after this date.



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Smokefree Alliance gets Partnership Backing

The Health Partnership Board endorsed the launch of Tameside Smokefree Alliance. Work began early in the year following a series of tobacco control workshops and a visit from the Department of Health National Support Team. The Alliance manages a multi-agency response to tackling tobacco harm in Tameside. The main aims of the Alliance are based upon the recommendations made by the National Support Team, which underpin identified national priorities. These are detailed in a Tobacco Control Action Plan which is currently in draft format.

A comprehensive communications plan for tobacco control is also being developed which will provide consistent, coherent and co-ordinated messages for staff, partners and the general public. The work of the Alliance looks at the enforcement of the Health Act 2006 in relation to smokefree premises and the sale of tobacco products to people under the age of 18.

The Alliance received recent praise following an update visit from the National Support Team for Tobacco Control.



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Operation Treacle

Halloween and Bonfire nights are often associated with parties and family fun across the Manchester region and country. However for some communities they become victims of anti social behaviour and criminal damage. Others, often children, become government statistics highlighting the dangers of fires and fireworks.

This autumn sees key agencies throughout the Greater Manchester area working closely together to reduce the negative impact of these events upon communities, under the name of Operation Treacle.

Phase 1 – from 1 September until 25 October - Trading Standards and GM Fire and Rescue Service work together to minimise irresponsible sale of fireworks.

Phase 2 – from 26 October – 9 November - Police, Patrollers and GM Fire and Rescue Service deal with fire related anti-social behaviour and provide reassurance to communities.

Phase 3 – 10 – 30 November - agencies work to safely destroy and store illegal fireworks.

This operation was launched in 2008 and Tameside achieved the greatest reductions in anti social behaviour, firework nuisance and criminal damage throughout Greater Manchester.



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Partners help set new Children and Young People Plan (CYPP)

The Children and Young People Plan aims to make Tameside the best place it can be for children and young people to grow up. Schools, children's services, the voluntary sector, and public sector agencies all need to play a part to achieve this aim, working to support children, young people and their families.

All members of the Tameside Children and Young People Strategic Partnership have a statutory duty to co-operate and must play their part in delivering the Children and Young People plan. The trust will hold its individual members to account for delivering their part of the shared plan and must publish a review of progress against the plan every year.

The plan will include how the outcomes in all 5 Every Child Matters areas – being healthy, staying safe, enjoying and achieving, making a positive contribution and enjoying economic wellbeing, will be improved.

Discussions are underway to refresh the plan by getting as many views as possible and to ensure that managers and teams are engaged agreeing the objectives and targets that will be set for 2010-13. The new Plan will take effect from April next year. There's been a constant review of the first plan with much evidence of its positive impact.



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New Cohesion Strategy Under Consultation

The Cultural and Community Cohesion Partnership is continuing to consult with partners to create a new Community Cohesion Strategy for Tameside. A big thanks to everyone who has taken the time to complete one of our 'What does Community mean to you?' surveys (if you haven't you can do so online until the beginning of November <http://public.tameside.gov.uk/forms/f1216communitycohesion.asp>). It's been a busy few months, the Partnership is happy to report that for the first time ever, Masjid Hamza Mosque on Katherine Street, Ashton Under Lyne took part in National Heritage Open Day. On September 10, local schools took part in a tour of the Mosque where they learnt about the Muslim faith, what happens in a Muslim place of worship and how local communities celebrate Eid. Following this, on September 12, the mosque opened its doors to the wider community for a series of tours and presentations.

The Tameside Diwali celebrations took place on Sunday October 11. The event was organised and delivered by the Council's Arts and Events Team in partnership with members of the Hindu community in Tameside and with support from the Culture and Community Cohesion Partnership. Celebrations took place in and around Ashton Town Hall and included music and dance performances, traditional craft stalls, food and free activities. A massive lantern parade made its way round the Town Centre before the event finished with the official Diwali light switch on. Thousands of people attended the event.

The Partnership is also currently supporting the Arts and Events Team to plan an event to celebrate Eid ul Adah in early December 2009 in Hyde. If you would like to be involved in the Eid steering group please contact Haje Rakhman on 0161 342 3337.



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Update on Future Jobs Fund

The Partnership continues to monitor the impact of recession on the local economy and at its meeting in September discussed the introduction of new initiatives designed to mitigate its effects on particular groups. A report on the Future Jobs Fund which aims to create new jobs for unemployed young people (aged 18-24 claiming Jobseekers Allowance for approaching 12 months) and for people in unemployment 'hotspots' will commence operation soon and a full report will be made to the next meeting in December.

A draft Social Enterprise Strategy for Tameside produced jointly by the T3SC, the Council's economic development unit and St Peter's Partnership was launched. The draft is open for comment until 7th December. For a copy please contact Kaushika Mistry on 0161 342 2685

Work on a strategy for the City Region has been developed at a pace, and the partners received a report on the new Greater Manchester Strategy; "Prosperity for All" which is designed to deliver sustainable economic growth in the sub region.



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Boost for Older People

The Really Important Questions held its 10th annual conference on 1st October with over 120 older people meeting with representatives from the Tameside Strategic Partnership to discuss how they could all work together to improve services for older people. Discussions on the day covered the following topics including Having More Choice and Control, Mental Health and Well-Being in Later Life, Services That Can Help You To Remain Active and Improve Your Independence, Affordable Warmth, The Role of the Elderly Care Matron, Bringing Generations Together, Dignity In Care and Transforming Community Services.

The 'Lust for Life' booklet containing information on groups, activities and services which will support older people to lead full and satisfying lives has been reprinted. Copies of the booklet can be obtained from all public libraries and also viewed at <http://www.tameside.gov.uk/olderpeople>. If you have difficulty obtaining or viewing the document please contact email: public.information@tameside.gov.uk



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Financial Benefits of Supporting People Revealed

Research commissioned by Communities and Local Government (CLG) shows that a national investment of £1.61bn Supporting People funding generates a net financial benefit of £3.41bn. per annum. In Tameside applying this model to local data, we calculate that our investment of £7.2m generates a net financial benefit of £19.3m per annum.

Research by CLG considers what the financial impact would be if Supporting People funded services were replaced by the most appropriate alternative, i.e. an option that would provide the highest degree of independent living.

For example, single homeless people in temporary accommodation – if support was not available the model estimates the cost of continuing to provide the temporary accommodation, but without the support. It assumes that without the support service users will lack stable housing, emotional support and life skills training leading to a number of potential impacts and consequent costs:

- failure to progress from temporary to permanent housing
- risk of sleeping rough
- offending behaviour
- admissions to hospital
- increased use of Accident and Emergency departments
- drug treatment costs



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New Step Ahead Workers Reach Out

Although Hattersley's Step Ahead service is approaching its sixth anniversary it is certainly not set in its ways and is always receptive to new ideas and initiatives to respond to local needs.

The constant feature of Step Ahead is that it provides local people with a 'one stop shop' where they can access advice, information and guidance on benefits, jobs, volunteering opportunities, and local courses ranging from basic skills and leisure interests to IT and job related skills.

Step Ahead benefits greatly from working partnerships with mainstream partners such as Jobcentre Plus, Connexions, local colleges and employers. The focus is on providing an individual and local service, where local people feel at ease discussing their particular issues.

One of the latest initiatives has seen the recruitment of two out-reach workers who are visiting people in their own homes to discuss their particular issues and offer advice and support.

In essence these Learning Mentors are there to encourage people to take up some form of learning but often they need to help people with other issues that are affecting them, such as housing issues, health related matters or domestic issues.

Hattersley Neighbourhood Manager, Janet Frost, said: "We know that in some instances learning and employment is not the highest priority for people and we are looking to help remove barriers that may prevent them taking up learning, such as lack of confidence, motivation or access to childcare or benefits advice.

"This may range from signposting someone to a particular agency, to sitting down with them and letting them chat about their problems. We know that often there isn't a quick-fix to a particular issue and for many just getting out and about, joining a leisure class or group can be a major step forward.

"We have a network of partners and volunteers and between us we can usually work something out for an individual. We are here for people when they want to take their next Step Ahead."



Andrew Gwynne welcomes Tameside Community Hero to Ten Downing Street

Andrew Gwynne MP invited some constituents down to a reception held at Ten Downing Street. Andrew took Sarah Kew, a Community Regeneration Manager from the Denton South Partnership and Denton South Community Campaigner Claire Francis to the event.

The "Community Heroes reception" is held at Ten Downing Street, and is an opportunity for MPs to recognise people who have made a contribution in their community. At last weeks event they all had a picture taken with the Prime Minister, Gordon Brown MP and his wife Sarah Brown.

Andrew Gwynne MP said:

"I was extremely proud that Sarah Kew had the opportunity to meet Gordon and Sarah Brown in the reception for Community Heroes in 10 Downing Street."

"Sarah was chosen by me because of the dedicated work, over a number of years, by her team to regenerate the Haughton Green and Denton South area in my constituency. The results of the work of the Denton South Partnership and the regeneration team have really helped to transform the area. I honestly wish I could have invited all the people who made such a change to the area down to the reception at No 10."

Sarah Kew said:

"It was such an honour to come to Downing Street to meet the Prime Minister and his wife Sarah. There was a wonderful atmosphere and it was very a memorable day. I am very grateful to Andrew for arranging it."



In the picture are (L-R) Sarah Brown, Sarah Kew Community Regeneration Manager from the Denton South Partnership, Claire Francis, Community Campaigner, Andrew Gwynne MP, Prime Minister Gordon Brown MP

Partnership successful in £60,000 bid

The Partnership was awarded £60,000 recently to help understand and provide better services around migration. The funding was provided by Government Office North West who were impressed with Tameside's proposals to improve understanding on the impact of migration and provide better services in helping new migrants speak English.

Tameside's bid was produced by the TSP with Tameside Council and T3SC leading the process. The funding will be used to understand how migration into Tameside impacts on services provided by the Partnership and the people receiving those services.

A key strand of the bid is to provide extra resource to Tameside's English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) service. The service had been experiencing a backlog but with this new funding that will be cleared. The bid is not about short term improvements, a second key element is fully understanding Tameside's migrant communities so that future service delivery meets the needs of all Tameside's residents.

The work is being championed by the Culture and Community Cohesion Partnership and will be delivered over the next six months. For more information contact David Berry on Tel: 342 3149.

Crime Prevention Grants for Small Shops

New government grants are available to help small businesses with crime prevention measures during the recession.

Grants of up to £3000 are up for grabs for individual shops and up to £50,000 for parades of shops. This is part of a Home Office launch of a national £5 million pound grant scheme that could provide real help for small retailers in Tameside.

Like any grant scheme, there is a fixed allocation for Tameside and priority will be given to shops that are keen to take action to work in partnership with crime reduction advisors to reduce crime. Applications must be received by Wednesday 30 September.

The aims of the grant scheme are to reduce the risk of crime against businesses, support small retailers who have been affected adversely by crime in the last two years and strengthen local retail partnerships to work together to reduce crime and disorder.

The money can be spent on alarms, tagging, anti-fraud equipment, cameras and monitoring equipment.

The scheme is welcome news for lead councillors who have supported the Chamber of Commerce in trying to get this sort of help for small businesses.

Cllr Kieran Quinn, Executive Member for Economic Services said: "We are keen to do as much as we can to help businesses through uncertain times and to support the police in their efforts to make more businesses aware of the help available to them."

Keeping up the efforts to reduce crime in Tameside is a top priority of the council. Cllr John Taylor, Executive member for Co-ordination Services said: "This grant boost will help us to continue to work together with the police and businesses to make sure Tameside is as safe as we can make it for residents and business."

Tameside's Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership has a special focus on reducing crime against business.

Chief Superintendent Zoë Hamilton from Greater Manchester Police said: "The grant to shops is a bonus that will support the existing work of our Crime Reduction Advisors and Neighbourhood Policing Teams."

Tameside 'Ask the Panel' Research 2009

Tameside Council welcomed members of the Tameside Citizens' Panel to voice their opinions at the second 'Ask the Panel' event. The event was held on the 20th July 2009 at Dukinfield Town Hall and gave 36 of Tameside's residents and 'Ask the Panel' members the opportunity to express their views in person and engage with The Partnership on key topics.

The TSP identified four key policy areas that would benefit from citizen consideration and feedback:

- Crime
- Childhood Obesity
- Housing Market Challenges
- The Recession

The 'Ask the Panel' events are an excellent source of information on residents' views and opinions – the data gathered is invaluable and is used to inform and monitor progress towards the Sustainable Community Strategy aims.

Following detailed discussions with lead officers, a clear set of research objectives was developed along with a full discussion guide for each group supporting these objectives.

Feedback from participants was excellent:

- 100% of participants agreed that they had enjoyed taking part.
- 92% of participants agreed that everyone was given a fair chance to have their say.

Residents' views have been used to inform many of Tameside's new plans and strategies including the Childhood Obesity Strategy and Housing Strategy. Concerns around community safety are being addressed with a variety of new initiatives, as are issues surrounding the impact of the recession in Tameside. If you would like any more information please contact Lorraine Kitching - Principal Research and Consultation Officer, Policy and Partnerships Unit, 0161 342 3503 or lorraine.kitching@tameside.gov.uk

My Tameside is here!

How are you helping realise the vision?

The big plan on how the Partnership intends to reduce inequality and improve quality of life in Tameside is now alive and kicking. 'My Tameside' the Sustainable Community Strategy for Tameside is a ten year plan which sets the vision for the borough and the aims that will help realise that vision.

My Tameside is an update of the last Community Strategy 2007-17. The vision and aims of 'My Tameside' reflect what the people of Tameside have told us they want for the borough. My Tameside is all about making sure we are all working together to make Tameside a better place.

The Vision...

Tameside is a great place to live. We will make it even better. It will continue to be a borough where the people who live here feel at home, are able to get involved in the life of the community, where they can contribute to a prosperous local economy, feel safe and healthy, and take active responsibility for their environment.

The Aims...

***Supportive Tameside
Prosperous Tameside
Attractive Tameside
Learning Tameside
Safe Tameside
Healthy Tameside***

We all have a role to play in making Tameside better now and for future generations, My Tameside sets out how residents, businesses, the voluntary/community sector, and public sector can contribute and take responsibility for achieving our goals for the borough. The vision and aims have been agreed by TSP Board and approved by Tameside Council. My Tameside will be judged by how well we perform against 'Tameside Together' our Local Area Agreement.

To find out how you can get involved in delivering My Tameside or to get a copy visit the TSP website www.tameside-strategic-partnership.org.uk or contact David Berry on Tel: 0161 342 3149.

CHIEF CONSTABLE OPENS COMMUNITY GARDEN

Reporters, photographers and camera crews were invited to attend a photocall at Booth Street in Hyde where Greater Manchester Police Chief Constable Peter Fahy officially opened a new community garden.



The local residents' association transformed a piece of neglected land into an area that will benefit the whole of the community. The ground has been cultivated to include a sensory garden, vegetable patch and a grassed area with park benches and picnic tables for disabled residents.

Pupils from Leigh Primary School on Walker Lane were also involved in the project and will be tending to the garden now that it is open.

Chair of the local residents' association Don Dargavel said: "The garden will hopefully provide somewhere for the community to come together and become something of a focal point.

"When I think back to how the area had become neglected and overgrown with rubbish dumped on it and surrounded by damaged fencing the transformation has been tremendous.

"Hopefully with the school children helping tend the garden they will learn about their environment and look after their surroundings when they get older."

New Charter Group Chief Executive Ian Munro said: "It's a transformation, but what's great to see is the residents' commitment to looking after this garden. Simply spending money to improve an area does not guarantee success. Here, Walker Estate Residents' Association will ensure that this is an asset which

everyone locally can use and be proud about."

Chief Constable Peter Fahy said: "It is a pleasure to be asked to open the garden that will benefit so many members of the community.

"The residents' association has worked hard to improve this area for local people and it is by working together that Tameside can become a safer and more pleasant place to live and work."

Tameside Chief Superintendent Zoë Hamilton, Councillors Jim Fitzpatrick Joe Kitchen and Peter Robinson and New Charter Group Chief Executive Ian Munro also attended the event.

The garden has been funded by New Charter Housing Trust Group and Tameside Council has donated 200 flowers.

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