

HEANOR AND LOSCOE TOWN COUNCIL

ACTION PLAN 2016-17

Introduction

Heanor and Loscoe Town Council is part of one of the smallest areas of civil administration in England and provide the statutory tier of local government closest to the people. Town and Parish Councils are an essential part of the structure of local democracy and have a vital role in acting on behalf of the communities they represent.

They:-

- give views, on behalf of the parish, on planning applications and other proposals that affect the parish
- undertake projects and schemes to benefit local residents
- work in partnership with other bodies to achieve benefits for the Town/Parish
- alert relevant authorities to problems that arise or work that needs to be undertaken within the Town/Parish area
- help the other tiers of local government keep in touch with their local communities

Town/Parish Councils have a wide range of powers which essentially relate to local matters, such as looking after community buildings, open spaces, allotments, play areas etc. They also have the power to raise money through taxation, the precept, which is the Town/Parish Council's share of the council tax.

In order to help us plan for the year ahead, the Town Council has put together an Action Plan which details the key objectives and related actions that we to achieve during 2016/2017, in addition to its fulfilment of our normal overall responsibilities.

Heanor and Loscoe Town Council is responsible for:-

- Heanor Town Hall
- The Old Fire Station
- The Wilmot Street Centre
- Red River Local Nature Reserve - Loscoe
- Winding Wheels - High St, Loscoe and Church Street, Heanor
- Allotment Sites - Glue Lane, Woodend and Roper Avenue
- Outdoor Gym Equipment
- Parish signs, summer planting

Aims/objective	Action	By	Timescale/ Review
To hold monthly/regular Town Council/committee meetings in order to receive information, address matters arising and action (where necessary) on all aspects of council business.	Calendar set at ATCM	H<C	Annually at ATCM
To utilise Council website and noticeboards to provide timely and accurate information to residents.	Regular review/update of contents.	Town Council staff	Ongoing
To be an active participant in the Planning Consultation process.	Respond to planning applications.	H<C	On receipt of planning application
To provide allotment sites, to maintain a good working relationship each Allotment Association.	Liaise with Allotment Associations	Town Clerk	Quarterly
To achieve Foundation Level of the Local Council Awards Scheme.	To meet requirements for the Foundation Award	H<C Town Clerk	Ongoing
To improve the Red River Local Nature Reserve site for the benefit of the community by ensuring public access, to manage, maintain and develop the site to improve habitats and encourage bio-diversity of species.	To fund a Service Level Agreement with Groundwork	H<C	Annually
To maintain the high quality and range of function rooms available to the public. Maintenance/improvement/review Function Rooms	Maintenance programme	Town Clerk	Ongoing
To provide regular events to reach a diverse audience, accessible to all.	Organise funded/part funded calendar of events	H<C	Annually