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## Decision Summary

**Committee:**

**DISTRICT COMMITTEE - BATLEY AND  
SPEN**

**Date:**

**TUESDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2017**

**Committee Clerk:**

**Susan Ginty**

**TEL:**

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**Chair**

Councillor Gwen Lowe

**Councillors Attended**

M Akhtar, F Fadia, M Grainger-Mead, D Hall, S Hall, L Holmes, V Kendrick, J Lawson,  
M O'Neill, S Pandor, A Pinnock, D Sheard, E Smaje and A Stublely

**Attendees**

Approximately 34 members of the public attended

**Apologies**

R Light, A Palfreeman and K Pinnock

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## **1 Welcomes and Introductions**

**Agenda** The Chair will welcome everyone and introduce members of the Committee to the public.

**Decision** Councillor S Hall was nominated as Chair until Councillor Lowe, who was delayed, reached the meeting.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and Councillors introduced themselves.

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## **2 Minutes of previous meeting**

**Agenda** To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 17 November 2016.

**Decision** **RESOLVED** – The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 17 November 2017 were approved.

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## **3 Interests**

**Agenda** The Councillors will be asked to say if there are any items on the agenda in which they have disclosable pecuniary interests, which would prevent them from participating in any discussion of the items or participating in any vote upon the items, or any other interests.

**Decision** Councillor V Kendrick declared an Other interest in Item 9, budget report 7, as a member of the Pentanque Club.

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## **4 Admission of the public**

**Agenda** Most debates take place in public. This only changes when there is a need to consider certain issues, for instance, commercially sensitive information or details concerning an individual. You will be told at this point whether there are any items on the Agenda which are to be discussed in private.

**Decision** All items were considered in public.

It was agreed to take Item 9 Budget Report, earlier in the agenda order.

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## 5 Deputations / Petitions

**Agenda** The Committee will receive any petitions and hear any deputations from members of the public. A deputation is where up to five people can attend the meeting and make a presentation on some particular issue of concern. A member of the public can also hand in a petition at the meeting but that petition should relate to something on which the body has powers and responsibilities.

**Decision** None received.

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## 6 Public Question Time

**Agenda** The Committee will hear any questions from the general public. Questions submitted in advance of the meeting may enable a fuller response to be given at the meeting.

If you wish to give notice of a question please contact: Councillor Gwen Lowe, Chair of Batley and Spen District Committee , Tel: 077169 98387, or email: Gwen.lowe@kirklees.gov.uk. Alternatively, contact Sue Ginty, Area and Neighbourhood Action Co-ordinator, on the contact details below.

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**Decision** Councillors responded to questions relating to:

- (i) The possibility of building additional sheltered housing accommodation.
  - (ii) The length of consultation time and scale of Council budget cuts.
  - (iii) The difficulty experienced by community groups of disposing of Christmas trees.
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## 7 Community Safety, Cohesion and Victim Support

**Agenda** An overview of the ongoing partnership work in relation to community safety and cohesion and updates on neighbourhood policing and the new Kirklees victim support service.

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Inspector Rauf  
Neighbourhood Police Team  
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Neighbourhood Policing Team - 101

**Decision** The committee received an overview of the Kirklees Community Safety Partnership Plan themes and an update on their delivery from Chris Walsh. There was also an outline of engagement work including the connecting communities programme, community tensions monitoring, the It's Up to You programme and cohesion activity, presented by Andrew Dolman.

Inspector Rauf outlined current staffing levels in the Neighbourhood Policing Team, crime trends, and key community safety messages to prevent crime. Residents were encouraged to report any suspicions of criminal activity.

A question and answer session followed.

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## **8 The Green Space Strategy, Service Standards for Parks and Open Spaces and Natural Kirklees**

**Agenda** Service standards for Batley and Spen parks and green spaces.

The Council is working with Natural Kirklees to support more people to get involved in caring for the natural environment and creating and maintaining spaces for everyone to enjoy.

For more information on Natural Kirklees and how you can get involved see:  
<https://www.environmentkirklees.org/>

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**Decision** The service standards for 2017-2018 on parks and greenspaces sites in Batley and Spen were presented by Rob Dalby.

The committee received an update from the Chair of Natural Kirklees.

There was a presentation from Patrick Crowley, a Kirklees Volunteer Co-ordinator, who described the role and support available to groups including setting up, organisation, site management plans, creative engagement, fundraising, publicity, and health and safety.

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## 9 Committee Budget Report

**Agenda** An overview of the District Committee budgets and consideration of grant applications and proposals for expenditure.

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**Decision** **The remaining district committee budget balances were noted.**

The following Fast Track and Discretionary Grants decisions were noted:

- (i) **£400** revenue discretionary grant – Spenborough Chamber of Trade, Savoy Square, Cleckheaton Christmas Tree Lights (Spen Valley)
- (ii) **£10** revenue – Clear It Up Birkenshaw – Birstall and Birkenshaw (£220 approved 15.03.2016). Total project costs were £230. An additional £10 revenue funding was allocated.

**Underspends to be returned to District Committee Revenue Budget:**

£1,879.73 Spen Valley – Cleckheaton Literature Festival  
(£7,727.00 revenue approved 15.03.2016)

**RESOLVED:**

**Revenue Approved:**

- (i) **£3,995** Grant – PCC of St Thomas the Apostle, Batley (Batley East Ward) to develop an area of land behind the church, adjacent to the community hall, to create usable car parking spaces.
- (ii) **£1,800** (£300 per ward) – Wacky Wednesdays summer activities for children and young people, at Oakwell Hall Country Park, in the summer 2017.
- (iii) **£8,320** – Tackling crime and anti-social behaviour in Birstall and Birkenshaw ward
- (iv) **£2,000** Grant – Birstall Chamber of Trade to purchase and install lights for twelve trees situated in the Market Place, Birstall.

**Capital Approved:**

- (v) £32,000 – Streetscene – to create four new Pentanque terrains at Firth Park, Heckmondwike (Spenn Valley)

**New Homes Bonus Approved:**

- (vi) **£14,000** – Public Health – Mental Health First Aid Training for community champions.
  - (vii) **£15,500** – Speed Indicator Devices maintenance and moves in Birstall and Birkenshaw: Cleckheaton; Heckmondwike; Liversedge and Gomersal. The cost identified for Cleckheaton ward was to be confirmed and any relevant adjustment to be made as necessary.
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**10 Dates of future meetings**

**Agenda** Meeting details are as follows:-

Thursday 16 March 2017, Batley Town Hall

Dates may be subject to change. Please check the Kirklees website, Batley and Spenn District Committee on Facebook, or local press for updates.

**Contact:** Susan Ginty  
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**Decision** Thursday 16 March 2017, 7pm at Batley Town Hall

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