

## WESTHOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL

### ACTION PLAN 2017-2018

The Westhoughton Town Council has previously obtained Quality Council status and also a re-accreditation for Quality Council status. The Town Council's Quality Council status expired in January, 2016 and the Town Council has applied for The Foundation Award, Local Council Award Scheme, which replaces the Quality Council status.

In 2017-2018, the Town Council will continue to be actively involved in the community, and operate in a legal and efficient manner, with Councillors and Officers upholding a high standard of conduct in accordance with the Town Council's Code of Conduct.

The Town Council has two meetings each month. The Calendar of Meetings, and agendas and minutes are posted on the Town Council's Notice Board, which is situated at the front of Westhoughton Town Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend the meetings and may raise any item relating to Town Council activities or items within its powers under the **Agenda Item – Adjournment to allow public question time relating to Town Council activities and items within its powers**. Bolton Council consults the Town Council on Westhoughton Planning Applications and members of the public may also speak prior to a Planning Application being considered by the Town Council.

Westhoughton Town Council comprises of 18 Town Councillors whose contact details are listed on the Town Council Notice Board, in the Westhoughton Town Guide, in the Annual Report of the Council, on the Town Council Newsletter and on the Town Council web site – [www.bolton.gov.uk/westhoughton](http://www.bolton.gov.uk/westhoughton). Town Councillors may be contacted directly by members of the public requiring help or advice.

The Town Council will organise and fund the following Civic events – the Mayoral Sunday Service, the Remembrance Day Parade, the Community Carol Service and two Pretoria Pit Disaster Memorial Services.

The Town Council will continue to support the youth of the town by funding the Get Active Westhoughton Youth Project and the Bolton Lads & Girls Club Westhoughton Outreach & Detached Programme, and the awarding of grants for youth/sporting recreational facilities and activities.

The Town Council also has grants budgets for the awarding of grants for Senior Citizens' Projects and for General Projects.

The Town Council is committed to crime prevention and will continue to fund the Town Centre CCTV scheme, to employ a Homewatch Liaison Officer who encourages the formation of new Homewatch Schemes and supports Homewatch Co-ordinators, and it is also funding a hire car which is used as a Police Team Vehicle.

The Town Council will produce a free Westhoughton Town Guide, which will be delivered to houses in Westhoughton, and a Quarterly Newsletter which will be left at Westhoughton Town Hall, Westhoughton Library and shops and outlets throughout the Town .

The Town Council will donate funds towards the renovation of Westhoughton Local Nature Reserves and the renovation of Westhoughton Public Rights of Way and Bolton Council will organise the work.

The Town Council will continue to organise and fund the siting of Christmas Lights in Westhoughton Town Centre, along with some donations from local shops and businesses and Bolton Council.

The Town Council will award a Civic Medal, a maximum of two Young Persons Awards, and an Environmental Award. A Harold Daniels Memorial Award, which has been donated by Cllr A Price, will be presented to the recipient of the Civic Medal, to be kept for one year only. The Town Council will arrange an Awards Presentation Evening.

The Town Council will award a grant to the Daisy Hill in Bloom Committee to assist with the planting of tubs, planters, shrubs and bulbs etc. in the Daisy Hill area, and will fund the purchase and planting of plants, and the maintenance and watering of the large beehive planters and rail planters, in the Town Centre, which were funded by Bolton Council in 2015.

The Town Council will purchase 200 re-usable poppies for siting on lamp standards and railings for Remembrance Day.

The Town Mayor, Councillor Miss Samantha Watkin, will attend events throughout Westhoughton and will fundraise for her charities which are