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DENTON COMMUNITY FORUM

Day: Wednesday
Date: 18 November 2026
Time: 6.30 pm
Place: Yew Tree Community Centre, Circular Road, Denton, M34 6EY

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1.	**WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, AND HOUSEKEEPING (5 MINUTES)**	
2.	**ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS (30 MINUTES)** Residents to join table discussion on either the Council's annual budget setting process, or regeneration and growth in Denton.	
3.	**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** To receive any apologies for the meeting from Members of the Community Forum.	
4.	**MINUTES AND ACTIONS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING** That the minutes of the previous meeting of the Denton Community Forum on 17 June 2026 be approved as a correct record. To also consider updates on activity since the previous meeting of the Community Forum.	
5.	**GROWTH, REGENERATION, AND DEVELOPMENT (25 MINUTES)** To receive a presentation from the Senior Regeneration Manager.	1 - 14
6.	**COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT: PRIDE IN PLACE IMPACT FUND (20 MINUTES)** To hear from representatives of the Dane Bank Green Space Charity and Yew Tree Community Centre.	15 - 16
7.	**CIVIC PRIDE, CLEAN STREETS, LOCAL HERITAGE, AND LEISURE PROVISION (15 MINUTES)**	17 - 20

From: Democratic Services – any further information may be obtained from the reporting officer or from , to whom any apologies for absence should be notified.

To receive an update on developments from the Chair and highlight opportunity for residents to report any current issues.

8. QUESTION TIME (15 MINUTES)

To consider any questions received in writing by members of the public.

Denton Community Forum Development Update

Background

- July 2022 Tameside MBC submitted a grant application to round two of the UK Gov's Levelling Up Fund (LUF).
- Although unsuccessful in round two, the UK Gov ultimately awarded £16.764m in the third and final round of LUF.
- The LUF funding is to be used to deliver three key projects:
  - Town Centre Public Realm Improvements to support active travel in and around the town centre
  - Denton Town Hall refurbishment work
  - Denton Festival Hall works to facilitate future redevelopment
- The Levelling Up Fund application was supported by the Mayor's Challenge Fund Active Travel Scheme for the A57 and is being progressed concurrently.

1. Denton Public Realm

Progress

- Denton Public Realm Masterplan design team was appointed summer 2025.
- Masterplan approved by TMBC Executive Cabinet in December 2025, providing authority to deliver the short-term projects and progress designs for medium-term projects.
- TMBC Greenspaces team start to deliver town centre improvements in Autumn 2025 including work in Remembrance Gardens, Victoria Park, and around Denton Town Hall.





Progress cont.

- Design team progressed general arrangement and spatial coordination plans for Victoria St/Market St (by Civic Square) through early 2026.
- The plans were consulted on in July/August, targeting properties neighbouring the site location.
- The design team is currently progressing technical designs prior to construction.
  Construction work expected to begin on Victoria Street/ Market Street in Spring 2027.
- Design team appointed to progress medium-term projects in August 2026, project sites include Stockport Rd, Manchester Rd, Crown Point Junction, Gould St and cycle loop.
- Consultation on the draft medium-term proposals programmed for December 2026.





Project sites

1. Manchester Road
2. Crown Point Junction
3. Stockport Road interchange
4. Market Street / Civic Square street spaces
5. North-South Gateway: Queen Street
6. Cycle Hub
7. Green Links: Victoria Street & Gould Street
8. Schools Streets pilot
9. Local active travel loop
10. Environmental branding & wayfinding



2. Denton Town Hall

Progress

- Design team appointed in the summer of 2025 to develop a package of works.
- Works to include outbuilding demolition, roof remediation, window repairs, masonry repairs, internal plastering and associated decoration, lift replacement, entrance modernisation and heating system replacement.
- Planning permission secured in December 2025 for the demolition the outbuilding.
- Invitations to tender issued in February 2026 via The Chest procurement portal.
- Preferred contractor selected in summer 2026 and contract signed and sealed October 2026.
- Work to start on site in November 2026 and due to be completed May 2027.



3. Denton Festival Hall

Progress

- February 2025 TMBC Executive Cabinet approved recommendations to obtain vacant possession of Festival Hall to explore partial conversation of the property.
- Occupants of Denton Festival Hall relocated later in 2025.
- Buttress commissioned to carry out a residential conversion appraisal in Summer 2025.
- Registered Providers (RPs) of social housing were engaged late 2025/early 2026 to understand interest in the redevelopment of Festival Hall for residential use.
- Sanderson Weatherall instructed in spring 2026 to promote Festival Hall on the open market.
- Design team appointed in May 2026 to develop a package of works to support the disposal of Festival Hall, improving the viability of future development. Proposed works included roof repairs/replacement and window replacement.
- Expressions of Interest currently being reviewed.
- Works to the building paused to avoid abortive work whilst discussions with prospective buyers are progressed.



4. A57 Active Travel Scheme

Update

- TMBC Engineers is developing a crossings package along the A57 linked to active travel schemes funded by the Mayors Challenge Fund (MCF).
- The proposals are being developed to improve pedestrian and cycle connectivity, along and across the A57, between Denton and Hyde.
- The current proposals include new crossings of the A57 at key locations along this busy corridor. The proposals being developed are:
  - St Anne's Road: A signalised crossing nearby the new bridge across the M67. The crossing would improve connectivity for both pedestrians and cyclists, across the M67 and the A57.
  - M67 Junction 2 Exit Slip, Denton: The existing signalised junction is being reviewed to try and accommodate a signalised pedestrian phase with push buttons.
  - Watson Street, Denton: Proposals are being developed to improve connectivity for pedestrians, cyclists, and where possible equestrian users, to access existing bridleways on either side of the River Tame.
  - Alfred Street: A new crossing of the A57 is proposed, just east of Alfred Street in Hyde.

Update

- The crossings package will require improved connectivity for cycle users, ensuring that the new facilities are well connected, and to provide segregation, where possible, between pedestrian and cycle users.
- The ambition is to ensure that the scheme connects to the proposed local active travel loop, which is being developed as part of the Denton town centre Masterplan, as well as to / from existing public rights of way along the A57 corridor.
- Potential delivery funding has been identified, through the Active Travel Fund (ATF), although this is subject to the necessary approvals, from TfGM and Active Travel England, and to a successful business case submission.
- Procurement is underway to obtain support from the project team who are developing the Denton Masterplan. This will ensure that the proposals are integrated into the overall plans for the town centre.

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Community Spotlight

Pride in Place Impact Fund –
Dane Bank Green Space Charity and Yew Tree Community Centre

Pride in Place Impact Fund

Funded Projects in Denton

- Play Equipment Upgrades for Victoria Park and Granada
- Denton West Cricket Club
- Dane Bank Green Space and Access Road
- Haughton Green
- St. George's Community Centre
- 1st Haughton Green Scout & Community Centre
- Yew Tree Community Centre
- Valley to Village Green Scheme
- Denton Youth Football

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Civic Pride, Clean Streets, Local Heritage, and Leisure Provision

Recent Activity and Reporting Issues

Denton

- Achieved the highest fly tipping enforcement performance of any council in the North West.
- New litter hub launched at St George's Church and Community Centre, Denton.
- The CCTV team was awarded a Chief Inspector's Good Work Minute for their excellent partnership working for the prevention and detection of crime and anti-social behaviour.
- A highway safety scheme at Ashton Road, Denton, has been successfully completed, improving safety for all road users.
- Two Fixed Penalty Notices for flytipping issued in Denton over three months.
- 19 highway trees planted.
- Three young people prosecuted over anti-social behaviour in Denton.



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Report Issues Online



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