



The Town Council's Forthcoming Committees are as follows:-
Plans & Environment Committee – 20th March 7pm & 10th April 7.30pm
Community Development Committee – 20th March at 7.30pm
Policy & Resources Committee – 3rd April at 7.30pm
Annual Towns Meeting – 15th May at 7pm
Annual Meeting of the Full Council Meeting – 15th May at 8pm

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Braunstone Town Council

Services we provide for you

Corporate Management

Including Administrative support to Members • Finance and Audit • Insurance • Staff and Member Development/Training • Maintenance of the Council's property • Website/social media • Capital Projects • Partnership Working • Consultation • Performance Management

Community Centres

Including Function and Meeting Rooms at our Braunstone Civic Centre and Thorpe Astley Community Centre • Licensed Bar facility • reduced rates for local residents A COMPLETE LIST OF COMMUNITY GROUPS, CLUBS, FITNESS / LEICESTERS ACTIVITIES IS AVAILABLE ON THE TOWN COUNCIL'S WEBSITE

Open Spaces & Parks

Including maintenance of Holmfield Park - Play equipment, multi-sports play area, • Franklin Park – Play area and Community Orchard/Nature area • Mossdale Meadow – Play equipment, MUGA, Skatepark, Outdoor Gym, Football, changing rooms • Merrileys Nature Park with woodland walk • Shakespeare Park – Play Equipment, Tennis, Football, Changing Rooms, Bowling Green & Pavilion • Thorpe Astley Play areas and open spaces • Thorpe Astley Park Area including Fitness Trail, Floodlit Tennis Courts and Muga, Senior Football Pitch • Civic Centre Grounds

Planning & Environment

Including Planning Applications – available for public inspection at the Civic Centre. Public Participation at all plans meetings, Commenting on planning and environmental issues affecting the area including traffic orders, structure plans, licence applications, health and housing plans and air quality matters • Street Seats and Notice Boards • Sale of Poop Scoops available from Braunstone Civic Centre and Thorpe Astley Community Centre

Community Development

• Social Inclusion

Including the Connect Service Shop • Annual Summer Fete • Grant Scheme • Sponsored arts/entertainment programme • free use meeting rooms for community groups • Civic events and support for festivals such as Christmas and Diwali • Commemorative events such as Remembrance Day and Armed Forces Day • Town Mayor • Annual Awards of Merit • Community Orchard Project • Financial contribution to provide Citizens Advice Bureau Service at the Civic Centre • Assistance to Community Groups in sourcing external funding.

• Young People

Annual grant available to local schools and young people's groups.

• Crime Reduction

Crime Reduction Co-ordinator providing Administration for the Town wide NHW Scheme and support to NHW schemes within the Town, including the Braunstone Town Watchers • Close working with key partners to respond to crime and anti-social behaviour, monitoring crime trends • Communicating the latest news on crime issues including the use of social media and distribution of information on crime prevention initiatives, details of Police Beat Surgeries • CCTV at Lubbesthorpe Way Subway, Winstanley School and Civic Centre • Personal/shed alarms, cycle locks, Smart Water available to purchase at the Civic Centre and Thorpe Astley • Speed activated sign.

Message from Mr Nick Brown

Leader of Braunstone Town Council on behalf of Braunstone Town Councillors

Thank you for taking the time to read this newspaper. It sets out what our intended actions and projects above the existing service level.

As well as considering its budget for the forthcoming year, the Town Council also has to bear in mind the longer time financial risks that face many parish and town councils at the present time. By long term planning the Council is able to mitigate these risks yet continue to provide its existing level of service as well as carry out projects as part of its action plan, with minimal impact to the Council Tax payer. This has also included provision to allow for the Town Council to take over the running of the Braunstone Library services subject to agreement with Leicestershire County Council. This approach has been unanimously supported by the Town Council.

Our achievements over the past year are published in our Annual Report each June– please let us know if you would like a copy. If you have any comments about our services, please contact us either through your local Councillor or the staff at the Town Council's offices.

Services	2014/2015 Net Exp £	2015/2016 Net Exp £	2015/2016 per head £
Corporate Management	74,657	66,566	5.04
Community Centres	207,007	193,683	14.67
Open Spaces and Parks	132,952	143,781	10.90
Planning & Environment	25,601	20,958	1.59
Social Inclusion	43,832	72,300	5.47
Young People	9,650	9,372	0.70
Crime Reduction	21,628	20,930	1.59
TOTAL PRECEPT	515,327	527,590	39.96
Less Council Tax Support Grant	52,046	49,786	
NET PRECEPT	463,281	477,804	

Plans for 2015/2016

The Town Council has unanimously agreed a 2.2% increase on Braunstone Town services in 2015/2016. In addition to the continuing with the existing level of services, the Town Council aims to achieve the following during the forthcoming year:-

- In order to prevent the potential closure of the Braunstone Town Library, the Town Council is currently in discussion with Leicestershire County Council with a view to the Town Council taking on the responsibility for the running of the Braunstone Town Library as a Community Library during the year
- Subject to the outcome of the future of the Library, to reconfigure the Council's property and review its existing resources to ensure a linked up service with existing Connect Service Shop
- To co-ordinate this with other planned capital improvement projects to the Council's Civic Centre including essential repairs works to achieve best value for money.
- To support our partners in providing a base to a newly appointed Local Area Co-ordinator, who will operate a pilot scheme in the area offering support to local vulnerable people.
- To continue to represent the residents of Braunstone Town on the Lubbesthorpe Strategic Group to be able to monitor the future development of the site for any potential adverse impact on the Town.
- To implement savings projects with a view to reducing running costs, including the introduction of LED lighting systems in the Council's premises.
- With support of external funding complete the Holmfield Park Improvement Project.
- To commence work towards the redevelopment of the Shakespeare Park sporting facilities.
- To work towards achieving accreditation for the newly created Local Council Awards Scheme
- To complete necessary works to enable the permanent opening of the Franklin Park Community Orchard

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