



# Ashton upon Mersey Conservatives *Raising the Standard*

The newsletter from your Conservative Councillors

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## Trafford Council Leader runs for Mayor of Greater Manchester

### Councillor Sean Anstee seeks lead role in 'Northern Powerhouse'

The Leader of Trafford Council, Sean Anstee, is the Conservative candidate running for Mayor of Greater Manchester in May. Sean is also a resident of Ashton upon Mersey Ward and is being supported in his bid to become Greater Manchester's first Mayor by the ward's three councillors.

Sean said *"I will be the Mayor with true experience of Greater Manchester. I want to make where I grew up even better. Politicians in Westminster have been more interested in playing party political games than getting on with what our community needs. From May, for the first time ever, we will have our opportunity to do something different!"*



Councillor Sean Anstee with the Ashton upon Mersey Ward councillors

*I started life in Partington. It's a brilliant part of Greater Manchester but like many parts of our city region it has challenges. Families in places like where I grew up deserve better transport, better housing and greater access to good jobs.*

*I grew up with my mum and brothers and attended my local comprehensive, finishing at 16 to start an apprenticeship at Barclays. I went on to work at the Manchester offices of an American bank who have invested and created jobs in Greater Manchester. This allowed me to complete my degree part-time with Manchester Metropolitan University.*

*I want everybody in Greater Manchester to have opportunities to realise their potential so nobody is held back and nobody is left behind. We are a city that is on the verge of something special, if we choose to take the opportunity."*

Being delivered with this issue of *Raising the Standard* is 'News from Sean Anstee', the first campaign paper from Sean, which sets out his vision for Greater Manchester.



Councillor Sean Anstee

## New approach needed for village events

### Focus is for bigger and better Christmas fair

The Ashton upon Mersey Ward councillors, working alongside the Friends of Ashton Village (FoAV), have decided to concentrate efforts on organising just one village event per year for the time being. Currently they organise a summer fair and one at Christmas.

The FoAV chairman, Councillor John Lamb said "Whilst recognising the popularity of the events, the effort of organising two each year was proving increasingly demanding for our small committee. We therefore took the view to concentrate our efforts into an annual village event at Christmas and to build on its successes. This will include talking to village traders and local residents about the best way to bring some Christmas decorations into the village in future."

The village events started from a celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012 and have grown since then. Councillor Lamb added that the committee would still wish to celebrate key Royal occasions with a village event as and when they arise.

The ten village events to date have involved street stalls, school choirs, children's roundabout rides and local brass bands. The December 2016 event concluded with a spectacular firework display.



Ashton village enjoying the Christmas fair.



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## Boundary Changes - next stage

There were nearly 20,000 responses to the Boundary Commission's initial proposals for changes to Parliamentary constituencies. Encouragingly, these included many local Conservative representations opposing the moving of Ashton upon Mersey Ward out of Altrincham & Sale West and into the Stretford & Urmston Constituency. Many local residents have indicated that they opposed that particular proposal too.

The next stage of the review of constituencies is the publishing of all the representations for commenting on by others. All the representations were published on 28th February 2017 and comments on them are invited for four weeks until Monday 27th March 2017. The representations are published on the Boundary Commission website at [www.bce2018.org.uk](http://www.bce2018.org.uk). The Commission encourages everyone to see what others have said about the initial proposals and to make comment.

**On the website, you can add your views to those featured.**

Following the secondary consultation, the Commission will be considering all representations received from both consultations, and will consider whether any revisions are needed. If they decide to revise the proposals, they will consult again on revised boundaries.

Any such further consultation will happen towards the end of 2017, or in early 2018. Details will be included in future editions of *Raising the Standard*.

## Large new street parking scheme proposed for local residents

Trafford Council are responding to requests from both local residents and Ashton upon Mersey Ward councillors for consideration to be given to a residents' parking scheme and additional waiting and loading restrictions in an area bounded by Glebelands Road (A56 to Park Road), Merton Road, Atkinson Road to the A56, then back to Glebelands Road.

**In May, residents of the streets involved will receive a questionnaire which will ask for their opinions as part of a comprehensive informal consultation process.**

For some time, roads to the west of Cross Street have been experiencing high levels of on-street parking demand from shoppers and from employees of businesses in the locality.

The proposal will seek to introduce residents' parking schemes and additional waiting and loading/unloading restrictions.

The results of the consultation will be analysed and a number of varying opinions are expected. The scheme will likely be amended before being included in a further report seeking approval to formally advertise the Council's intention to introduce a Traffic Regulation Order to control parking.

## 'Most Desirable' Sale recognised in survey

The Sale area has been named as the fourth most desirable place in England in which to live. A study by the Centre for Economics and Business Research rated the M33 postcode area fourth highest in its survey.

Many factors were considered including the standard of schools, employment, affordable housing, available green space and commuting times. A range of sources of information were used to compile the list including the 2011 Census and a host of data from the Office for National Statistics.

Top of the list was Bebington, Wirral. No other postcode areas in Greater Manchester featured in the results and there were no London postcodes either.

## DATE FOR YOUR DIARY Ashton Park Picnic in the Park Sunday 11th June 1pm to 4pm



## Fairer funding for our schools

A review of government funding received by schools has resulted in most Trafford schools actually receiving less despite the fact that they are among the lowest funded in the country which is why our MP Graham Brady asked the Prime Minister this question in the House of Commons:

*"The Prime Minister knows that Trafford schools are the best in the country but among the 40 worst funded areas. Perversely, the draft funding formula would cut funding for Trafford. Will she seek to find a formula that helps all of the worst funded areas?"*

Mrs May responded with a reminder that the proposals are being consulted upon and that the government will look closely at the responses to the consultation.

All three Ashton Ward councillors supported a recent motion placed before Trafford Council asking the government to look again at the proposals.



## Meet your Ashton Councillors at their regular Advice Surgeries.

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday  
of the month,

11am to 12 noon.

Now held at Fiona Gardens,  
off Atkinson Road, Sale.

No appointment necessary.

