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## **Briefing to West Oldham District Executive**

# **Progress on Alleygating Schemes**

### **For Discussion/ For Information**

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#### **Summary of the issue:**

To provide an update to the District Executive on alleygating schemes in West Oldham District.

#### **Recommendations:**

To note the contents and make any recommendations on the process for alleygating

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## 1. Alleygating

1.1 Over the years the District Executive has allocated funding to a number of alleygating schemes in each ward.

1.2 The below outlines the status of schemes in each ward

### **Coldhurst**

- **Schemes on hold** – impractical and/or not enough support:  
2-62 Colwyn St, 1-65 Widdop St  
154-200 Garforth Street, 14-36 Brierley Walk  
31-61 Colwyn St, 154-180 Middleton Road  
6-76 (Evens) Mitchell Street, Surgery 283 Rochdale Road, Madina Mosque and Islamic Centre Stansfield St
- **Recently completed scheme:**  
86 - 98 Belmont Street
- **Pending scheme** due to be in next PSPO – Aug 2016, Funding allocated:  
11-29 Colwyn St + W/house, 146-152 Middleton Rd
- **Recent enquiry** – no funding allocated:  
52 – 80 Belmont Street (no PSPO required)                      £1,900

### **Medlock Vale**

- **Schemes on hold** – impractical and/or not enough support:  
5-13 Miller Rd, 5-7 Keble Ave, 8-16 Oriel Ave  
66-94 Manley Rd, 2-38 New Rd, 51-89 Langham Rd  
1-27 Kennedy St, 218-224 Lee St  
48-70 Langham Rd, 53-69 Burlington Ave  
133-153 Gainsborough Ave, 55-77 Manley Rd, 2-22 Lorne St, 2-8 Clydesdale St, Unit 1-5 Clydesdale works  
275-301 Frederick St, 34-38 Keble Ave, 2-22A Eton Ave  
2-36 Mirfield Rd, 22-34 Lune St, 1-27 Lorne St, 31-49 Manley Rd  
14 – 38 Dowry Street and 18 – 64 The Spur
- **Pending Schemes** due to be in next PSPO – Aug 2016, Funding allocated::  
2-50 Grendon Ave, 1-51 College Rd, 259-273 Frederick St and 260 & 262 Windsor Rd  
303-325 Frederick St, 24-42 Eton Ave, 35-39 Keble Ave

### **Werneth**

- **Schemes on hold** – impractical and/or not enough support:  
58-94 Oxford St, 4-12 Lincoln St, 23-29 Monmouth St, 9-17 Gloucester St Sth  
62-114 Coppice St, 51-85 Windsor Rd, 3-15 Napier St, 112-124 Werneth Hall Rd  
1-59 Lacrosse Ave, 72-124 Grange Ave  
1-33 Bath St, 4-56 Oxford St 37-59 Tamworth St  
48-58 Derby St, 41-49 Chester St, 4-20 Dorset St, 11-27 Warwick St  
2-28 Hornby Street, 11-37 St Thomas St North  
1-11 Hampshire Road, 1-5 Wiltshire Rd, Dr's Surgery Block Ln

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215-257 Chamber Rd, 22-36 College Ave, 4 Cartmel Close  
80-126 Cambridge St, 28-38 Stafford St, 81-103 Derby St, 141a-151 Oxford St  
6-18 Stafford St, 90 & 92 Derby St, 109-141 Oxford St

- **Recently completed schemes:**

202-236 Frederick St, 197-199 Chamber Rd, 1-9 Ainsdale Close, 2 College Ave  
29-39 Selkirk Ave, 165-179 Grange Ave, 2-16 Eskdale Ave, Bowling Club

- **Recent Enquiry:**

1-21 Radnor St, 44-64 Lincoln St, 24-50 Hereford St, 41 Gloucester St North  
21-53 Oxford St, 24-40 Rutland St

1.3 The process for Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO)

- Requires over 90% resident support – this element can be time consuming depending on how engaged residents area and how willing they are to take the lead in getting support from their neighbours. Many enquiries fail at this stage.
- Allocation of funding – In some cases the DE has allocated funding upfront on the basis that there is expectation that schemes will come forward with resident support. In some cases DE funding is allocated only when there is enough resident support.
- Collate crime information – There has to be some crime reduction justification for a Public Space Protection Order.
- Identify alternate routes – An area can be secured for a PSPO as long there is also identification of a reasonable alternative route from pedestrians. The PSPO has to include alternate route maps for each scheme.
- Consult and obtain Police comments/data – To provide further justification for the PSPO the Police are asked to provide further information on crime incidents in the locality
- Consult and obtain Highway comments – Highways provide a professional view on any proposed PSPOs, in case there is a Public Right of Way
- Consult and obtain Legal comments to ensure that the PSO is compliant with legislation
- Compile and complete PSPO report for sign off – the above information has to be compiled into a report that has to be approved and signed off by the Portfolio Holder and the Executive Director
- Once signed off a 28 day legal notice will be published
- If there are no objections the gates will be ordered and installed
- If there are objections to any scheme, it will be parked whilst a report for TRO is prepared

1.4 The schemes are processed by the Crime Reduction Officer who is also responsible for:

- Creating, maintaining, and processing legal orders for criminal offenders
- Attending court for legal proceedings – Oldham and Tameside
- Undertake surveys of vulnerable victim's properties
- Supporting the Police to identify top offenders and develop plans to tackle offending behaviour
- Providing advice to the wider partnership on hotpot locations, personal safety, crime reduction techniques, and crime reduction measures

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- Responding to resident enquiries about alleygates, neighbour disputes, crime reduction advice, personal safety

1.4 The Council alleygating policy is being redesigned with a view to working towards 100% resident support for any schemes, and a co-operative offer where there will be an emphasis on residents taking responsibility prior to gates being funded – i.e. forming a Homewatch scheme for their area, maintaining and looking after the alleyway.

## **2. Timescales**

2.1 As the legislation Changed from Gating Orders to Public Space Protection Orders there was a long delay for schemes being implemented. However, we are working with the Crime Reduction Officers to attempt to speed up the process.

2.2 We recognise that PSPO schemes should be processed quicker than they currently are and will aim to issue a PSPO every 3 months, if there are any schemes ready to process.