



Glossopdale Area Forum
Glossopdale Community College, Talbot Road Site
Wednesday 24th September 2008

Topic: Your Council Tax

Questions and Answers

Question 1 – From a resident:

Who was responsible for choosing the topics and priorities for us to consider. Could we not have done this?

Answer – Councillor Bingham:

The topics and priorities have come from a larger number of themes that are linked to partnership working by the authorities who deliver the services. They are also linked to national targets set by central government.

Is there a topic missing?

Resident's comment:

I was interested to see that there is no reference to help for ordinary householders, who live in conservation areas, and how they can benefit from this. This is in contrast to all the grants that have been received for bids for larger conservation schemes.

I am concerned about the amount of support given to individual householders to maintain their properties in conservation areas.

Answer:

We normally target grants at areas rather than individual houses. Glossopdale has benefited from conservation funding from the Borough Council, County Council, English Heritage and the Heritage Lottery Fund for a number of years. There is presently a £2.6 million scheme (Glossopdale Townscape Heritage Initiative) that includes a budget of £150,000 for grants to properties in the town centre to be spent by 2010.

HPBC has done well to get this funding compared to other areas.

Question 2 – From a resident:

I believe that there is a definitive map showing footpaths in the Glossop area and a definitive statement on footpaths.

Are these definitive map and statements legal documents?

Answer – Derbyshire County Council:

We will find out and get the answer back to the forum. Derbyshire County Council has subsequently confirmed that the definitive footpath map and statements do have legal status.

Question 3 – From a resident:

I live in Padfield and we have been offered land to rent and we want to turn it into allotments, but HPBC has said we cannot do this, but we have been told by HPBC that it can be used for leisure purposes.

Are allotments not for leisure?

Answer – DL:

I am not aware of the details but I will find out and get back to you.

Question 4 – Councillor G Oakley:

I have been impressed with the new pavements in Glossop High Street, but they are starting to look dirty. Is there a maintenance programme to keep the pavements looking new?

Answer – DL:

There is an initial programme to keep them clean and then a longer term programme. The pavements will be professionally cleaned once the pointing is complete across all areas. The cleaning has been ordered, but is on hold until the snagging items have been completed. The day to day cleaning will then pass to HPBC street care.

Comment:

Some areas have been replaced with tarmac already.

Answer:

We are aware of this and this is a temporary repair, due to the need to gain access to services. The area will be re-laid in stone.