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Knowsley Better Together COVID-19: Investing in the future of Knowsley

By continuing to put its well-established Knowsley Better Together principles into action, Knowsley Council is working hand-in-hand with local residents and partners to ensure that local communities have the support needed to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, as together we look towards Knowsley's ambitious aims for the future.

The Knowsley Better Together principles bring people, groups, and organisations together for the benefit of Knowsley. Throughout the pandemic, putting these principles into action enabled Knowsley Council and its partners to work alongside local communities and support people when they most needed help. In the Council's role to lead the Borough's ongoing, long-term COVID recovery programme, these longstanding principles are more important than ever.

Despite the challenges faced throughout the pandemic, the Council's long-term ambitions for the Borough provide the foundations for a strong recovery – with its robust financial management and decisive decision-making in recent years putting it in a strong position to respond to existing and emerging pressures facing local people, whilst investing in Knowsley's long-term future.



The Knowsley Better Together principles have been vital in the co-design of the Council's £25m COVID-19 Recovery Investment Package. As a result of in-depth work to understand the challenges and pressures facing residents and businesses after the pandemic, the Council has made £14.6m of permanent investment to respond to extra demand for key services and support Knowsley's ambitious growth plans.

Alongside this, a further £10.4m of investment in key areas will allow the Council to fund permanent additional investment into:-

- Expansion of the Knowsley Better Together Hardship Fund, which was a lifeline for so many residents throughout the pandemic and continues to be crucial in the face of the current cost of living crisis which is facing the Boroughs' hard-pressed communities;
- Supporting and delivering vibrant town centres - enhancing and restoring each of the Borough's town centres whilst bringing new jobs, delivering physical improvements, and further raising local confidence;
- Increasing the maintenance of parks and green spaces, alongside the development of additional allotments for community use; and,
- Establishing a Knowsley Future Investment Fund of over £5m, providing the flexibility needed to respond to future challenges and opportunities.

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