



Preston
City Council

A message from the Leader



Councillor Matthew Brown
Leader of Preston City Council



Your Council is committed to delivering high quality services, despite the extreme economic challenges we are all currently facing. We are working closely with our community and business partners and are here to help our residents as much as possible as the cost of living continues to rise.

We are working towards our ambition and vision of a fairer city for all, through our Community Wealth Building agenda, sometimes referred to as the 'Preston Model'. This simply means the Council and its partners spending locally where we can, to keep the wealth local, to benefit local people. This includes promoting Preston as a Real Living Wage city and working together with partners across communities, businesses, charities and education to deliver fairer forms of economic activity and ownership.

Our allocation of the Government's UK Shared Prosperity Funding is helping us to achieve this by working with a wide range of charities, business support, skills and training providers, sports organisations and the voluntary sector to fund frontline services that get the help to those who need it the most. We're also proud to be progressing our Climate Change Agenda with our city-wide partners and communities to better understand what we can do to tackle the climate crisis.

Alongside providing quality essential services, this year will see even more investment and improvements made to our city centre. We have been fortunate to secure more than £45m from Central Government that is being spent to support our city and its people.

As part of our Town's Fund project, The Harris Your Place is progressing well, as is the building of Animate - a brand new, Council-owned, £45m entertainment and leisure complex, both due to open in 2025. Building work will also start this year on the much-anticipated and much-needed Preston Youth Zone, a dedicated place for our young people to hang out, learn new skills and socialise in a safe space. This collectively regenerates our city to benefit all Prestonians signalling a big shift from failed approaches of the past.

Also on the cards for 2024 is a long list of improvements to heritage buildings, pavements, cycle paths and lighting in the city centre, as well as upgrades to four of our treasured parks, thanks to our allocation of Levelling Up funding from the Government. We're working to:

- improve the health and wellbeing of our residents by encouraging active travel and more recreation time
- make the city centre a safer and friendly place to spend more time with friends and family
- reduce traffic in the city centre making Preston a greener place with better air quality
- create more jobs for local people and support our local businesses

Preston City Council's ambition and unflinching dedication remains high. We continue to strive for a vibrant, successful and prosperous future and our Councillors are honoured to serve our proud city and its people.



Voting 2024



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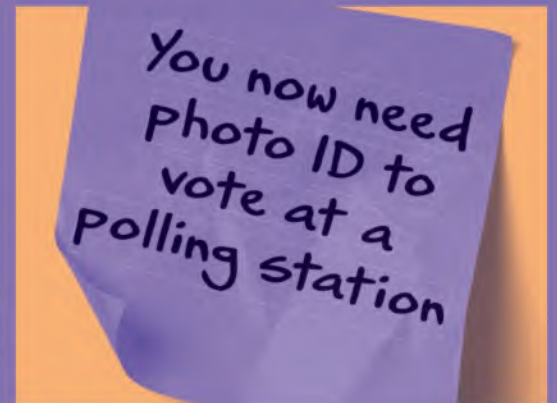


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