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## New Leadership at Town Council Looks to the Future

The new leadership at Burntwood Town Council is committed to making it a 21st century council which truly engages with local residents. The Controlling Labour Group has already started its transformation of the way the Council operates by reducing the number of committees (and bureaucracy) and are committed to ensuring that the new Council is

- an **EFFECTIVE** community voice,
- an **OUTWARD-LOOKING** Council that focusses on the issues that affect Burntwood and its residents,
- a council that is **AMBITIOUS** for the town,
- an **ENABLING** Council that engages with residents and community groups and focusses on priorities,
- a **CONSENSUAL** Council that recognises different opinions and develops a positive tone and culture, internally and externally.

New Council Leader, Cllr Sue Woodward, said:

“With all of the recent changes at both the Town and District Councils, we have a real opportunity to make a step change in Burntwood. I’m genuinely excited about the possibilities to make a difference and am really pleased that I’ve had very positive responses from the Conservative Group.

There’s a great deal of good will that we should all pull together for the benefit of the town and I’m very optimistic for the next four years.”

Conservative Group Leader, Cllr Robin Place, said:

"On behalf of the Conservative Group of Councillors we will look towards a new era of cooperation with our Labour colleagues. We will look at working together for the betterment of everyone who lives and works in Burntwood.

Although we have political differences we will support the Labour administration and vote in favour of proposals that we feel benefit Burntwood. We need to look forward, not backwards, forget what happened in the past and see what we can all do for Burntwood."

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