

**FEEDBACK FROM THE STEPPING HILL AREA COMMITTEE**

Report of the Democratic Services Manager

**1 INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 The report summarises decisions taken by the Stepping Hill Area Committee during 2017/18 relating to the Hazel Grove Ward.
- 1.2 The report also sets out the financial and budgetary powers of the Area Committee and expenditure relating to the Hazel Grove Ward.

**2 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 At the meeting of the Ward Committee on 21 June 2017 it was resolved that a report be submitted detailing activity at the Stepping Hill Area Committee relating to the Hazel Grove Ward since the last meeting of the Ward Committee on 18 September 2017.
- 2.2 All Stockport Area Committee are now webcast live and available for archived viewing for 12 months after the meeting at [www.stockport.public-i.tv](http://www.stockport.public-i.tv). Copies of all reports and minutes are also available on the Council's website at <http://democracy.stockport.gov.uk>.

**3 AREA COMMITTEE**

The following items were discussed or considered

**3.1 26 September 2017**

- 3.1.1 The draft SEMMMS Refresh Strategy document was considered. The issues raised included the need for improvements to train services serving the route to Hazel Grove and problems with timetable revisions; safer walking and cycling routes separated from cars; the potential A6-M60 by-pass; air quality on the A6.
- 3.1.2 Norbury Church Allotments were granted £500 toward the cost of a new meeting space.
- 3.1.3 A traffic order was approved for advertising for Commercial Road and Talbot Road for No Waiting at Any Time at the junction and to extend existing limited waiting.
- 3.1.4 Hazel Grove Carnival Association was given permission to use Torkington Park for the Winter Wonderland on 9 December 2017.
- 3.1.5 The Area Committee also appointed Councillor Johnstone to lay a wreath on behalf of the Council at Hazel Grove War Memorial.

### **3.2 7 November 2017**

- 3.2.1 The Area Committee presented a number of awards to Community Heroes nominated by members of the public for their contributions to their communities. Those from Hazel Grove included:-

- Stockport Sharks Swimming Club based at Hazel Grove pool.
- The Furniture Station based in Hazel Grove

More information on the Community Heroes scheme, including how to nominate someone, can be found on the Council website at

<https://www.stockport.gov.uk/topic/community-heroes>

- 3.2.2 A Traffic Order was approved for advertising to consolidate existing Orders on Short Street and Lyme Street.

- 3.2.3 Circus Starr were given permission to use Torkington Park in May 2018.

### **3.3 12 December 2017**

- 3.3.1 Sgt Richard Lloyd of Greater Manchester Police attended the meeting to update the Area Committee on policing and community safety issues in the area.

- 3.3.2 The Area Committee considered proposed measures needed to support the opening of the A555 Manchester Airport Eastern Link Road, including a range of Traffic Regulation Orders and related measures. This decision was subject to approval by the Cabinet Member for Communities & Housing and were supported by the Area Committee.

- 3.3.3 A policy proposal was considered by all area committees to introduce additional boundary signage for local communities, supported through sponsorship.

- 3.3.4 The Hazel Grove Carnival Association was given permission to hold their event in July 2018.

- 3.4 In addition, councillors routinely raise matters relating to highway and environmental quality with the local Public Realm Inspector.

## **4 Funding**

- 4.1 Each Area Committee has two delegated budgets.

### **4.2 Ward Flexibility**

- 4.3 Each year, £3000 is allocated to each ward as part of the Ward Flexibility Budget. The Stepping Hill Area Committee has previously chosen to pool this budget into a shared budget for the three wards in the Area Committee (Hazel Grove, Offerton, Stepping Hill).

- 4.4 The purpose of this resource is to provide local councillors with a small fund from which it can support local groups or not-for-profit organisations for one off, capital

projects (not ongoing revenue funding) support and enhance the local community or local environment.

4.5 In common with a number of Area Committees, there is currently an underspend for these budget due to a reduction in the number of grant applications.

4.6 In 2017/18 the total budget was £19793.95 (including a £300 centrally deducted contribution toward the Borough-wide fund). So far, the following grants have been made:-

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| • Norbury Lacrosse Club – contribution toward costs of improvements to club facilities*  | 295.00  |
| • Bosden Farm Community Group – summer activities for young people*  | 1000.00 |
| • Stockport District Scouts – attendance at international camping trip*  | 208.33  |
| • Hazel Grove Tennis Club – contribution toward costs of improvements to playing surfaces*                                       | 1000.00 |
| • Norbury Church Allotment Association – contribution toward cost of new meeting space   | 1000.00 |
| • South East Manchester Community Rail Partnership - new wayfinding signage between Woodsmoor Station and Stepping Hill Hospital | 1265.00 |

*\* previously reported*

#### **4.7 Highways Delegated Budget**

4.8 The second budget available to the Area Committee is specifically to procure or highways and other environmental services in addition to core or regular services provided by the Council as part of either its normal revenue expenditure or capital programmes. The fund also covers the cost of introducing traffic management schemes that fall within the Area Committee's delegated powers to introduce.

4.9 Every year the Council agrees a Capital Programme of highway improvement or maintenance works, based on an assessment of need. Area Committees may request additional works funded from their delegated budget.

4.10 Expenditure under £300 in value can be made by officers after agreement with local councillors, and this would cover small scale highways activity such as advisory white lines or certain surveying work.

4.11 Each ward is allocated approximately £10,750 per year for this budget.

4.12 Including balances from 2016/17, the budget for Hazel Grove in 2017/18 is £26,330. Expenditure so far this year is £2,900 on the following items.

| <b>Location</b> | <b>Scheme</b>    | <b>Cost</b> |
|-----------------|------------------|-------------|
| Lyme Street *   | TRO              | £450        |
| Lyme Street *   | Dropped Crossing | £300        |
| Douglas Road *  | Experimental TRO | £2,150      |

*\* previously reported*

## **5 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

5.1 The Ward Committee is invited to note the report.

### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

There are none

Anyone wishing to inspect the above background papers or requiring further information should contact Jonathan Vali on telephone number 0161 474 3201 or alternatively email [jonathan.vali@stockport.gov.uk](mailto:jonathan.vali@stockport.gov.uk)