

STOCKPORT COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: Local Initiative Report - Heaton Mersey Common Entrance Wall

Report to: (a) Heatons & Reddish Area Committee
2020

Date: Monday, 9 March

Report of: (b) Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration

Key Decision: (c) **NO / ~~YES~~** (Please circle)

Forward Plan ☐ General Exception ☐ Special Urgency ☐ (Tick box)

Summary:

The Area Committee is asked to consider the following proposed Local Initiative scheme:

Repairs and cleaning to the Entrance Wall at Heaton Mersey Common.

Recommendation(s):

That the Area Committee supports the maintenance scheme outlined in the report and authorises the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration to order the work.

Relevant Scrutiny Committee (if decision called in): **(d)**
Communities & Housing Scrutiny Committee

Background Papers (if report for publication): **(e)**

There are none.

Contact person for accessing
background papers and discussing the report

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‘Urgent Business’: (f) **~~YES~~ / NO** (please circle)

Certification (if applicable)

This report should be considered as ‘urgent business’ and the decision exempted from ‘call-in’ for the following reason(s):

The written consent of Councillor _____ and the Chief Executive/Monitoring Officer/Borough Treasurer for the decision to be treated as ‘urgent business’ was obtained on _____ /will be obtained before the decision is implemented.

Local Initiative Report - Heaton Mersey Common Entrance Wall

Report of the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide the Area Committee with details of a proposed Local Initiative Scheme at Heaton Mersey Common.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Neighbourhood Project Officers have prepared an estimate for a proposed Local Initiative scheme in response to a specific request from Members of this Area Committee. Details of the scheme are provided below.

3.0 PROPOSED WORK

- 3.1 The following would be funded by this Area Committee's Highway Maintenance and Traffic Management delegated budget:-

Heatons South and Heatons North Wards

As I am sure you are already aware the entrance wall to Heaton Mersey Common has become a target for thieves in recent years who have systematically stolen the stone copings, in the process damaging the top brick course of the wall and leaving it in need of some repair work. Apart from the damage mentioned the wall is structurally sound having been inspected recently by both a Building Control Officer and a Structural Engineers Officer.

The wall has also been a target for graffiti, which has been removed by painting out the graffiti and has left the wall with red painted squares, which although covers the graffiti is not aesthetically pleasing.

The Neighbourhood Team on the request of a Local Councillor have been investigating the works required whilst considering what would be acceptable in terms of Conservation Area requirements and the risk of repeat thefts.

Therefore, the most viable option is to repair the damaged top course of brick and replace the top copings with imitation stone, which has been priced accordingly and if agreed the work could be ordered and take place as soon as possible.

The cleaning of the wall can be carried out at a cost by the Councils Hygiene Team to remove the red squares, the graffiti below and clean the whole of the wall.

We are asking if the Councillors could agree to split the cost between the Heatons South and Heaton North Wards (percentage to be decided at Area Committee) and fund the wall repairs and the cleaning of the wall, as the entrance wall crosses the border of both wards.

Budget breakdown:-

Cost of works £3,148.00 (£2,484.00 for the wall repairs and imitation stone coping replacement and £664.00 for the cleaning of the wall)

Available budget Heatons South £3443.00 Heatons North £3915.00

4.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 That the Area Committee supports the Local Initiative Scheme outlined in the report and authorises the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration to order the work.

Background Papers

There are no background papers to this report.

Anyone wishing further information please contact Wayne Bardsley, Neighbourhood Team on 474-2588