CENTRAL STOCKPORT AREA COMMITTEE

Meeting: 30 January 2020
At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillor Philip Harding (Chair) in the chair; Councillor Dickie Davies (Vice-Chair); Councillors Sheila Bailey, Laura Clingan, Becky Crawford, Amanda Peers, Andy Sorton, Charlie Stewart, Kerry Waters, Wendy Wild, Elise Wilson and Matt Wynne.

1. MINUTES

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 5 December 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors and officers were invited to declare any interests they had in any of the items on the agenda for the meeting.

The following interests were declared:-

Personal Interests

Councillor	Interest
Andy Sorton	Agenda item 4(v) 'Open Forum: District Centres Update' as his partner works for the library service.
Matt Wynne	Agenda items 8-11 with regard to various Mayor's Cycling and Walking Challenge Fund Schemes as a member of Walk Ride SK3.

3. URGENT DECISIONS

No urgent decisions were reported.

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

(i) Chair's Announcements

No announcements were made.

(ii) Neighbourhood Policing

A representative of the Deputy Chief Executive reported that no member of the local Neighbourhood Policing Team was able to attend this meeting of the Area Committee.

(iii) Public Question Time

Members of the public were invited to put questions to the Chair of the Area Committee on any matters within the powers and duties of the Area Committee, subject to the exclusions set out in the Code of Practice.

Three public questions were submitted as follows:-

- The first question related to deposits of infill at Woodhouse Farm, Reddish Vale causing damage to the surface of the unadopted public highway.

- The second question related to the consultation undertaken by the Council on the Mayor's Cycling and Walking Challenge Fund – Offerton to Stockport and how it could be improved in the future to improve access to the consultation for residents, improve community engagement and ensure that the consultation included all the residents and businesses affected by the proposals.

- The third question related to the petition submitted to the last meeting of the Area Committee requesting that the proposed relocation of the bus stop adjacent to 31 Banks Lane, Offerton did not take place and whether it had been considered in the decision making process.

RESOLVED – That written responses be sent to the questioners.

(iv) Public Realm

In the absence of the Public Realm Officer, it was:-

RESOLVED - That a written report on current public realm issues within the area represented by the Central Stockport Area Committee be sent to members of the Area Committee within the next seven days.

(v) Open Forum: District Centres Update

A representative of the Corporate Director for Place Management and Regeneration submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing a number of proposals arising from a recent scrutiny review into the health and prosperity of the borough's District Centres. It sought early views from Members to shape a future programme of work that would feed into the Council's Local Plan and future regeneration and investment.

The report also proposed a number of proposals that could be implemented quickly whilst further engagement took place over the coming months.

The following comments were made/issues raised: -

- The need for dedicated staff capacity in the district centres was essential in making the proposals in the report work.
- There was a lot of work which needed to be carried out to increase footfall in Castle Street, Edgeley and there was a need to harness community groups to help attract people to the shops and facilities.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

(vi) Petitions

Councillor Dickie Davies submitted the following petitions :-

Safety crossing at Bridgehall Primary School

The petition requested a safety crossing outside Bridgehall Primary School and moving the layby section where cars parked outside the community centre on Siddington Avenue as cars could not pass in both directions.

This petition had been signed by 145 residents

The condition of the pavements and green along Adswood Road, Culver Road and the intersecting green; and the shops at the bottom of Adswood Road.

The petition highlighted discarded rubbish (bin bags on the green and at the bus stop, discarded cans, bottle cartons etc) and requested that littering be addressed in local schools as one of the means of trying to combat the problem.

This petition has been signed by 27 residents.

RESOLVED – That the petitions be referred to the Corporate Director for Place Management and Regeneration for investigation.

5. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

A development application was submitted.

(NOTE: Full details of the decisions including conditions and reasons for granting or refusing planning permission and imposing conditions are given in the schedule of plans. The Corporate Director for Place Management and Regeneration is authorised to determine conditions and reasons and they are not therefore referred to in committee minutes unless the committee makes a specific decision on a condition or reason. In order to reduce printing costs and preserve natural resources, the schedule of plans is not reproduced within these minutes. A copy of the schedule of plans is available on the council's website at www.stockport.gov.uk/planning. Copies of the schedule of plans, or any part thereof, may be obtained from the Place Directorate upon payment of the Council's reasonable charges).

A representative of the Deputy Chief Executive outlined the procedure approved by the Council for public speaking on planning applications.

(i) DC/073782 Edward Street, Stockport

In respect of plan no. 73782 for the demolition of the existing building, erection of 133 apartments and associated works at Edward Street, Stockport

a representative of the applicant spoke in support of the application

It was then

RESOLVED – That the Planning and Highways Regulation Committee be recommended to grant planning permission, subject to conditions.

6. PLANNING APPEALS, ENFORCEMENT APPEALS & ENFORCEMENT NOTICES

A representative of the Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) listing any outstanding or recently determined planning appeals and enforcement activity within the area represented by the Central Stockport Area Committee.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

7. STOCKPORT TOWN CENTRE LOAN SCHEME

A representative of the Corporate Director for Place Management and Regeneration submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) setting out a proposal to introduce a new interest free loan scheme to encourage businesses to occupy vacant premises in Stockport that would contribute towards the financial costs of physical improvements to the property. The scheme would be delivered in partnership with Totally Stockport (Stockport's Business Improvement District) and to ensure viability and sustainability the scheme would also provide applicants with access to a business support team who would offer a range of advice in addition to financial support.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

8. MAYOR'S CYCLING AND WALKING CHALLENGE FUND - OFFERTON TO STOCKPORT

A representative of the Corporate Director for Place Management and Regeneration submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing various Mayor's Cycling and Walking Challenge Fund proposals for Offerton to Stockport.

With regard to proposal A – Offerton Lane Crossing, the Area Committee supported Option 2 providing for a shared toucan crossing and shared footways/cycleways to both sides of Offerton Lane and not Option 1 as recommended in the report which would require Salcombe Road to become one-way.

With regard to proposal H – Hempshaw Lane Puffin Crossing, the representative of the Corporate Director agreed to look at additional options to reduce the speed of traffic on Hempshaw Lane.

RESOLVED – (1) That approval be given to proposals B,D,E,G & H (as detailed in the report) and the legal advertising of the associated package of Traffic Regulation Orders (as detailed in Appendix D of the report), insofar as they relate to the Local Distributor and Local Access Roads within their purview, and subject to the receipt of no objections within twenty one days of the advertisement date, the subsequent making of the Orders.

(2) That the Cabinet Member for Economy and Regeneration be recommended to give approval to proposals A2, F & G (as detailed in the report) and to the legal advertising of the associated package of Traffic Regulation Orders (as detailed in Appendix D of the report), insofar as they relate to Strategic Highways and District Distributor Roads, and subject to no objections within twenty one days of the advertisement date, the subsequent making of the orders.

(3) That the Cabinet Member for Economy and Regeneration be recommended to defer consideration of proposal C (Dialstone Lane Crossing) for further study and consultation before any amended proposals are brought before the Area Committee.

9. MAYOR'S CYCLING AND WALKING CHALLENGE FUND - HEATON NORRIS PARK BRIDGE

A representative of the Corporate Director for Place Management and Regeneration submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing the results of the consultation exercise carried out for the Heaton Norris Park Bridge proposals to replace the current Hatton Street footbridge over the M60 and associated links to Heaton Norris, Heaton Moor and Heaton Chapel including a Pocket Park on Belmont Street, 20mph zones, a crossing on the A6, works at Manchester Road and in Manchester Road Park.

The following comment was made/issue raised: -

- It was noted that the proposals for the scheme were very positive for the area including the pocket park and for the residents living in the neighbourhood.
- The support of the Friends of Heaton Norris Park and I Love Heaton Norris had been helpful in the process.

RESOLVED – That the Cabinet Member for Economy and Regeneration be recommended to give approval to the proposed measures for improved connections to the proposed new Heaton Norris Park Bridge (as detailed in Section 3 of the report) and:-

(i) give the necessary approvals to permit the submission of a planning application for a new cycling and walking bridge over the M60 and A560 (Great Egerton Street) and the associated ramps and steps.

(ii) give approval to the legal advertising of the associated package of Traffic Regulation Orders (as detailed in Appendix D of the report), and subject to the receipt of no objections within twenty one days of the advertisement date, the subsequent making of the Orders.

10. MAYOR'S CYCLING AND WALKING CHALLENGE FUND – LOWER BREDBURY TO BRINNINGTON – MULTI USER PATH

A representative of the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing the results of a consultation on the Mayor's Challenge Fund (MCF) proposal for the creation and upgrading of foot and cycle routes between Lower Bredbury and Brinnington including the creation of a Bridleway.

A public consultation held during October 2019 had shown that the vast majority (82%) of respondents were supportive of the scheme.

RESOLVED – (1) That the results of the recent consultation exercise carried out with residents and businesses in the Brinnington and Bredbury areas in relation to the proposal to enhance the walking and cycling link between Lower Bredbury and Brinnington be noted.

(2) That approval be given to the designation of a permissive path (as detailed in Appendix B of the report) and authorisation be given for the Council to enter into a dedication agreement with private landowners to create a public right of way (bridleway) to enable adoption by the Council and to authorise and approve the Council to designate a public right of way (bridleway) across Council land as detailed in Appendix C of the report.

11. MAYOR'S CYCLING AND WALKING CHALLENGE FUND – CHEADLE HULME CROSSING PACKAGE

A representative of the Corporate Director for Place Management and Regeneration submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) setting out the results of a consultation on the Mayoral Challenge Fund (MCF) proposals listed below for improvements to:-

- A controlled pedestrian and cycle crossing on Bird Hall Road at Grosvenor Road;
- A controlled pedestrian and cycle crossing on Councillor Lane at Calderbrook Drive
- A controlled pedestrian and cycle crossing on Councillor Lane at Tarvin Road;
- A controlled pedestrian and cycle crossing on Cheadle Road at Buckingham Road

RESOLVED – (1) That approval be given to the proposed works and legal advertising of the associated Traffic Regulation Orders (contained in Appendix C) relating to Local Distributor and Local Access Roads within the purview of the Area Committee and that the Cabinet Member for Economy and Regeneration be recommended to give approval to the proposed works and legal advertising of the associated Traffic Regulation Orders (contained in Appendix C) relating to Strategic Highways and District Distributor Roads within the purview of the Area Committee in relation to Proposals A, B and C (Councillor Lane/Tarvin Road, Councillor Lane/Calderbrook Drive and Bird Hall Road/Grosvenor Road/Carnforth Road) and subject to no objections being received within twenty one days from the advertisement date, the subsequent making of the Orders.

(2) That the Cabinet Member for Economy and Regeneration be recommended to not approve Proposal D (Cheadle Road Parallel signal crossing) until a further study and consultation is undertaken before any revised proposals are brought to the Area Committee.

12. PROPOSED A6 AND HEATON LANE JUNCTION CHANGES AND HEATON LANE BUSWAY – CONSULTATION REPORT

A representative of the Corporate Director for Place Management and Regeneration submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) presenting the findings of the consultation on the proposed changes to the A6/Heaton Lane junction and introduction of a busway with 'bus gates' on Heaton Lane.

RESOLVED - That the Cabinet Member for Economy and Regeneration be recommended to approve the implementation of the updated proposals in accordance with the scheme's proposals contained in Appendix F and the statutory legal advertising of the associated Traffic Regulation Order detailed in Appendix G of the report, to be met by funding received for the Town Centre Access Plan (TCAP), and, subject to no objections being received within twenty one days from the advertisement date, the Order be made.

13. LITTLE MOOR IMPROVEMENTS - HALL STREET TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

A representative of the Corporate Director for Place Management and Regeneration submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) advising Members of an objection received to the proposed introduction of No Waiting At Any Time restrictions on Hall Street, Offerton.

RESOLVED – That, notwithstanding the objection received, the Cabinet Member for Sustainable Stockport be recommended to approve that the Traffic Regulation Order be made as advertised.

14. ROAD SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS - ST JOSEPHS RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

A representative of the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing a proposal to improve road safety for children and other road users in the area around St. Joseph's RC Primary School.

RESOLVED - That the Cabinet Member for Sustainable Stockport be recommended to approve the proposals for Road Safety around Schools in the vicinity of St. Joseph's RC Primary School as shown on the plans (as detailed in Appendix C to the report), the statutory legal advertising of the following Traffic Regulation Order and, subject to the receipt of no objections within twenty one days of the advertisement date, the subsequent making of the orders at a cost of £2,000 to be funded from the Road Safety around Schools Programme budget allocation:-

NO LOADING MONDAY – FRIDAY, 8am – 9:30am and 2pm – 4pm

Location	**Extents**
Etchells Street	From a point 3 metres south west of the intersection of the northern kerbline of St Petersgate for a distance of 22 metres. From a point 27 metres south west of the intersection of the northern kerbline of St Petersgate for a distance of 25 metres in a south westerly, then south easterly and then north westerly direction.
Tatton Street	From a point 28 metres south west of the intersection of the northern kerbline of St Petersgate for a distance of 28 metres in a south westerly, then south easterly and then north westerly direction.

15. PARK EVENT APPLICATION: APPLICATION TO HOLD SUMMER EVENT IN CALE GREEN PARK - 21 JUNE 2020

A representative of the Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report of the Corporate Director for Place Management and Regeneration (copies of which had been circulated) setting out a park event application from the Friends of Cale Green Park to hold its annual summer event on 21 June 2020.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application from the Friends of Cale Green Park to hold its annual summer event on 21 June 2020 on the production of the relevant paperwork.

16. PARK EVENT APPLICATION: USE OF WOODBANK MEMORIAL PARK FOR STOCKPORT CARNIVAL - 18 JULY 2020

A representative of the Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report of the Corporate Director for Place Management and Regeneration (copies of which had been circulated) setting out an application from Stockport Carnival Committee to utilise Woodbank Memorial Park on 18 July 2010.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application from Stockport Carnival Committee to utilise Woodbank Memorial Park on 18 July 2020, subject to all appropriate paperwork and licences being obtained and submitted to the Council at least one week prior to the event taking place.

17. PARK EVENT APPLICATION: WOODBANK MEMORIAL PARK - FAMILY FUNFAIRS

A representative of the Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report of the Corporate Director for Place Management and Regeneration submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) setting out an application from Stockport Carnival Committee to utilise Woodbank Memorial Park on 18 July 2020.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application from Michael Mulhearn Amusements to hold family funfairs on three separate occasions in Woodbank Memorial Park – Friday to Sunday 13th – 15th March 2020. 12th – 14th June 2020 and 21st – 23rd August 2020, subject to all appropriate paperwork and licences being obtained and submitted to the Council at least one week prior to the event taking place.

18. PROGRESS ON AREA COMMITTEE DECISIONS

A representative of the Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) updating the Area Committee on progress since the last meeting on decisions taken by the Area Committee and the current position on Ward Flexibility Funding.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 7.52 pm