

BRAMHALL & CHEADLE HULME SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE

Meeting: 12 March 2020

At: 6.30 pm

PRESENT

Councillor Linda Holt (Chair) in the chair; Councillor John McGahan (Vice-Chair);
Councillors Brian Bagnall, Helen Foster-Grime, Mark Hunter, Mike Hurleston,
Alanna Vine, Lisa Walker and Suzanne Wyatt.

1. MINUTES

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 30 January 2020 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

The following interest) were) declared:-

Personal Interests

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Interest</u>
Helen Foster-Grime	Agenda Item 4(xiii) – ‘Ward Flexibility Funding – Help the Hatters’ as a former member of the applicant organisation.
Mark Hunter	Agenda Item 4(vi) – ‘Open Forum – District Centres Update’ as his wife was employed by Manchester Metropolitan University who had authored the report.

3. URGENT DECISIONS

No urgent decisions were reported.

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

(i) Chair's Announcements

There were no announcements made.

(ii) Neighbourhood Policing

The Chair reported that a representative of Greater Manchester Police had been unable to attend the meeting, however a summary of policing activities within the area represented by the area committee had been circulated to members in advance of the meeting.

(iii) Neighbourhood Service Structure

Peter Cooke (Neighbourhoods Manager, Stockport Council) and Jane Bardsley (Senior Neighbourhood Officer, Stockport Council) attended the meeting and submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) providing an update on the creation of the Neighbourhoods Team and outlining the duties of the officers within the new team.

The following comments were made/ issues raised:-

- It was proposed that officers in the Neighbourhoods Team would continue to have regular meetings with councillors to discuss issues of concern.
- Members would continue to need to have direct contact with officers rather than relying solely on online forms to report problems.
- It was stated that the use of online forms would ensure that issues are directed to the most appropriate officers. It was commented that in the past, officers in the Neighbourhoods Team had been redirecting issues to highways officers which built in additional delay.
- Councillors often became involved in issues after residents had already completed online forms but had not received a response or the issue had not been resolved. As a result, councillors would need to maintain direct contact with officers to escalate such issues.

RESOLVED – That Peter Cooke and Jane Bardsley be thanked for their attendance.

(iv) Public Question Time

No public questions were submitted.

(v) Petitions

No petitions were submitted.

(vi) Open Forum - District Centres Update

Paul Richards (Director of Development and Regeneration, Stockport Council) attended the meeting and submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) providing an overview of the recent Scrutiny Review into the health and prosperity of the borough's District Centres and seeking early views from Members to shape a future programme of work that would feed into the Council's Local Plan and future delivery of regeneration and investment.

The following comments were made/ issues raised:-

- The potential impact of the proposed £300,000 loan fund was queried. In response, it was stated that the proposal was to stimulate the district centres and bring vacant units back into use. The scheme was based on one that had been developed and used in Trafford where 37 grants had been made with a 97% repayment rate.
- The Council's finance team would undertake due diligence to ensure that loans were awarded appropriately.

- The next phase of the programme was to look to undertake some of the 'quick win' interventions identified in the report for each district centre.
- Many district centres were largely open during core business hours which meant that residents returning to the area from work were unable to use the majority of the shops and restaurants.
- Consideration needed to be given to making improvements to the festive displays in the district centres which has less of an impact than those in some adjacent authority areas.
- There remained a disconnect between the licensing and planning functions of the authority that in some respects served to disincentivise people to live within the district centres.
- Concern was expressed that some of the larger local centres, such as Heald Green, were omitted from the scope of the report.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

(vii) Ward Flexibility Funding - Bramhall & Woodford Rotary Club

Michael Lacey attended the meeting and submitted an application on behalf of Bramhall & Woodford Rotary Club for a grant from the Ward Flexibility Budget towards the cost of holding the 2020 Duck Race and Family Fun Day in Bramhall Park.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application from Bramhall & Woodford Rotary Club for a grant of £500 from the Ward Flexibility Budget (Bramhall North ward allocation) towards the cost of holding the 2020 Duck Race and Family Fun Day in Bramhall Park.

(viii) Ward Flexibility Funding - Bramhall Together Trust

Roger Prydderch attended the meeting and submitted an application on behalf of the Bramhall Together Trust for a grant from the Ward Flexibility Budget towards the cost of holding a series of events throughout the year.

RESOLVED - That approval be given to an application from Bramhall Together Trust for a grant of £500 from the Ward Flexibility Budget (Bramhall South & Woodford ward allocation) towards the cost of holding a series of events throughout the year.

(ix) Ward Flexibility Funding - Chester's Croft Residents Association

Rita Sandelance and Anne Nerney attended the meeting and submitted an application on behalf of Chester's Croft Residents Association for a grant from the Ward Flexibility Budget towards the cost of equipment to improve the appearance of Spath Lane East.

RESOLVED - That approval be given to an application from Chester's Croft Residents Association for a grant of £1,000 from the Ward Flexibility Budget (Cheadle Hulme South ward allocation) towards the cost of equipment to improve the appearance of Spath Lane East.

(x) Ward Flexibility Funding - Woodford Community Council

Jane Sandover attended the meeting and submitted an application on behalf of Woodford Community Council for a grant from the Ward Flexibility Budget towards the cost of a replacement noticeboard.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application from Woodford Community Council for a grant of £444 from the Ward Flexibility Budget (Bramhall South & Woodford ward allocation) towards the cost of a replacement noticeboard.

(xi) Ward Flexibility Funding - African & Caribbean Community Association

Tolu Fiberesima attended the meeting and submitted an application on behalf of the African & Caribbean Community Association for a grant from the Ward Flexibility Budget towards the cost of computer and projection equipment.

RESOLVED - That approval be given to an application from the African & Caribbean Community Association for a grant of £138.42 from the Ward Flexibility Budget (£46.14 from each ward allocation) towards the cost of computer and projection equipment.

(xii) Ward Flexibility Funding - Friends of Shahnameh

Mohammed Ali Sadegholnejat attended the meeting and submitted an application on behalf of the Friends of Shahnameh for a grant from the Ward Flexibility Budget towards the cost of events for the local Persian community during the year, but particularly the annual celebration of The Book of Kings/ Shahnameh.

RESOLVED - That approval be given to an application from the Friends of Shahnameh for a grant of £290 from the Ward Flexibility Budget (£110 from each of the Bramhall north and Bramhall South & Woodford ward allocations and £70 from the Cheadle Hulme South ward allocation) towards the cost of events for the local Persian community during the year, but particularly the annual celebration of The Book of Kings/ Shahnameh.

(xiii) Ward Flexibility Funding - Help the Hatters

Eddie Powell attended the meeting and submitted an application on behalf of Help the Hatters for a grant from the Ward Flexibility Budget towards the cost of a number of initiatives at Stockport County Football Club.

RESOLVED - That approval be given to an application from the Help the Hatters for a grant of £142.82 from the Ward Flexibility Budget (£47.61 from each ward allocation) towards the cost of a number of initiatives at Stockport County Football Club.

(xiv) Ward Flexibility Funding - Stockport Volunteer Police Cadets

A representative of the Deputy Chief Executive submitted an application received on behalf of the Stockport Volunteer Police Cadets for a grant from the Ward Flexibility Budget towards the cost of providing crime prevention equipment.

RESOLVED - That approval be given to an application from the Stockport Volunteer Police Cadets for a grant of £100 from the Ward Flexibility Budget (Bramhall North ward allocation) towards the cost of providing crime prevention equipment.

5. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

Development applications were 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 & 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/planningdecisions. 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 for public speaking on planning applications.

(i) DC072037 - 202 Woodford Road, Woodford

In respect of plan no. DC072037 for a proposed two storey side extension and a single storey rear extension at 202 Woodford Road, Woodford, it was

RESOLVED – That the Planning & Highways Regulation Committee be recommended to grant planning permission subject to the removal of permitted development rights.

(ii) DC074660 - 6 Kings Close, Bramhall

In respect of plan no. DC074660 for the demolition of existing dwelling and a new residential housing development comprising 3no. dwellings and 1no. detached garage, accessed via shared private driveway with associated landscaping and external works at 6 Kings Close, Bramhall,

a member of the public spoke against the application; and

a representative of the applicant spoke in support of the application.

It was then

RESOLVED – That the Planning & Highways Regulation Committee be recommended to undertake a site visit to assess the impact of the proposed development on the character of the area, residential amenity and highway safety.

(iii) DC074737 - 140 Moor Lane, Woodford

In respect of plan no. DC074737 for a proposed first floor side extension and a part single storey, part two-storey rear extension and proposed front bay window, alterations to the existing roof and proposed render finish to the resultant house at 140 Moor Lane, Woodford, it was

RESOLVED – That the Planning & Highways Regulation Committee be recommended to grant planning permission subject to the removal of permitted development rights.

(iv) DC075132 - 457 Chester Road, Woodford

In respect of plan no. DC075132 for a proposed two-storey side extension, single storey rear extension, proposed side garage and alterations to the existing front porch at 457 Chester Road, Woodford, it was

RESOLVED – That the Planning & Highways Regulation Committee be recommended to grant planning permission.

(v) DC075742 - Threeways Farm, Woodford

In respect of plan no. DC075742 for the change of use of barn from agricultural to residential and erection of a single storey side extension at Threeways Farm, Woodford, it was

RESOLVED – That the Planning & Highways Regulation Committee be recommended to grant planning permission subject to the removal of permitted development rights.

(vi) DC075746 - 222 Woodford Road, Woodford

In respect of plan no. DC075746 for the erection of a two storey dwelling (revisions to DC073670) at 222 Woodford Road, Woodford,

a representative of the applicant spoke in support of the application.

It was then

RESOLVED – That the Planning & Highways Regulation Committee be recommended to grant planning permission.

6. PLANNING APPEALS, ENFORCEMENT APPEALS AND ENFORCEMENT NOTICES

A representative of the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) listing any outstanding or recently determined planning appeals and enforcements within the area represented by the Bramhall & Cheadle Hulme South Area Committee.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

7. MOOR LANE, WOODFORD (JUNCTION OF FODEN LANE)

A representative of the Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report of the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration (copies of which had been circulated) detailing a proposal to introduce 'No Waiting At Any Time' traffic regulations orders on Moor Lane, Woodford following a request from the Highway Ward Spokesperson for the Bramhall South & Woodford Ward to investigate traffic issues on Moor Lane, Woodford at the junction with Foden Lane, as it had been reported that on occasions vehicles are parking up Moor Lane on both sides of the junction.

RESOLVED - That approval be given to the legal advertising of the following traffic regulations orders and, subject to the receipt of no objections within 21 days of the advertisement date, the subsequent making of the orders at a cost of £760 to be funded from the Area Committee's Delegated Budget (Bramhall South & Woodford ward allocation):-

No Waiting at Any Time

Moor Lane, Woodford

South Side - From a point 10 meters north west of the intersection of the western kerb line of Foden Lane, to a point 16.5meters south east of the intersection of the eastern kerb line of Foden Lane.

8. EVENT APPLICATION - CHESHIRE FEST, BRAMHALL PARK

With the consent of the Area Committee, this item was withdrawn.

9. 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 on decisions taken by the Area Committee since the last meeting and the current position on the Area Flexibility and the Delegated budget.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 8.58 pm