

STOCKPORT COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: Local Initiative Report - Marple Memorial Park, Art Project Hard-standing Area

Report to: (a) Marple Area Committee

Date: Wednesday, 22 July 2020

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 requested to consider the following proposed Local Initiative scheme:

To create a hard-standing area accessible to all behind the former Bowling Pavilion within Marple Memorial Park to access the planned artwork panel

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 - Marple Memorial Park, Art Project Hard-standing Area

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 highway maintenance scheme on Marple Memorial Park

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 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:-

Marple North and Marple South and High Lane Wards

The Friends of Marple Memorial Park are working on a new project with Art Stop CIC to add a large Intergenerational Artwork Panel to the brick wall of the former Bowling Pavilion. The panel will feature roundel artwork created by local people of all ages similar to the award winning project at Rose Hill Station and will build upon the success of the work done by Friends of Rose Hill Station in 2018-19. It could also be the next step in a Marple-wide Intergenerational Art Trail.

The former Bowling Pavilion – long ago converted to a tool store and mess room by the council and now shared with Friends of the Park - was originally constructed in 1923 by local soldiers who returned from the WWI battlefields in memory of their comrades who fell and did not come home. So the building is actually a war memorial and Friends of the Park feel it's very important to remember and commemorate this, despite it no longer being used for its original purpose.

Due to the origins of the Pavilion, its setting and the fact that the park itself came into being as a war memorial - the theme of the artwork will reflect this history - but in an uplifting way - picking up on the WWI theme, maybe the Hollins Mill, where so many people once worked, but also reflecting the beauty, peacefulness, nature and floral and fauna of the park. The theme will also reflect the current times we find ourselves in.

The hard standing surface is needed to ensure safe access for all types of pedestrians to get up close and view the roundel artworks, including visitors with prams or pushchairs, wheelchair and mobility scooter users, or less mobile walkers.

The proposal is to create a compacted accessible hard-standing measuring 8.5m x 3m at the widest central point, curving to 1.2m at either end, providing full wheelchair access to the artwork panel and ample room for turning.

Budget breakdown:-

Cost of works £774.37 – to be split 50:50 between the two wards

Available budget Marple North £15,274. Marple South and High Lane £9,161

4.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 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.

Background Papers

There are no background papers to this report.

Anyone wishing further information please contact Wayne Bardsley, Public Realm on 07800 671638.