CENTRAL STOCKPORT AREA COMMITTEE

Meeting: 20 August 2020
At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

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

1. MINUTES

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 23 July 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 they had in any of the items on the agenda for the meeting.

No declarations of interest were made.

3. URGENT DECISIONS

No urgent decisions were reported.

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

(i) Chair's Announcements

No announcements were made.

(ii) Public Question Time

No public questions were submitted.

(iii) Petitions

No petitions were submitted.

(iv) Open Forum

A representative of the Deputy Chief Executive reported that no organisation had indicated that they wished to address the Area Committee as part of the Open Forum arrangements.

(v) Ward Flexibility Funding - Brinnington and Central Ward

A report was submitted (copies of which had been circulated) setting out proposals for the allocation of Ward Flexibility Funding in 2020/21 for the Brinnington and Central Ward in order to support the social and impact of Covd-19.

The report identified that where there was an ongoing need, activity mobilised as a direct response to Covid-19 should continue and where an offer needed to be redesigned to meet the challenges of living with Covid-19 this could take place. Where gaps in the community offer remained, this needed to be filled.

A virtual partnership of front line workers from the Council, schools, Clinical Commissioning Group, Stockport Homes, Greater Manchester Police etc had undertook work in Lancashire Hill with the newly formed mutual aid group. This would support improved local understanding as well as building relationships between services and the community in order to respond effectively and build resilience.

Accordingly the Brinnington and Central Ward Councillors proposed to earmark Ward Flexibility Funding as follows:-

Investment	**Amount**
Developing the community offer operating from Heaton Norris Pavillion	£1,000
Supporting the development of the Lancashire Hill Mutual Aid group	£1,000
Working with the local Team around the Place to support further community capacity	£1,000

RESOLVED – That the earmarked allocations be noted and detailed proposals be submitted to the Brinnington and Central Ward Councillors in due course during 2020/21.

Executive Business

5. PROPOSED BRIDGE REPLACEMENT AT THOMSON STREET, STOCKPORT AS PART OF THE MCF EDGELEY TO STOCKPORT SCHEME

A representative of the Corporate Director for Place Management and Regeneration submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) providing an update on progress on the Edgeley to Stockport Mayor's Challenge Fund (MCF) scheme and in particular the replacement and upgrading of the former footbridge over the West Coast Main Line between Thomson Street and King Street West in Edgeley which formed part of the scheme.

The report also sought support for Officers to enter into an agreement with Network Rail for the provision of an upgraded bridge to accommodate cycle use as well as pedestrian use, and for the maintenance of the bridge thereafter.

RESOLVED – That the Cabinet Member for Economy and Regeneration be recommended to authorise Officers to enter into an agreement with Network Rail for the construction of a

wider replacement bridge over the West Coast Main Line at Thomson Street and the future maintenance thereof.

6. PROPOSED A6/RAILWAY ROAD JUNCTION CHANGES - 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 from a consultation on proposed changes to the A6/Railway Road junction, and providing Officer responses to comments received and seeking support for the amended proposals.

RESOLVED – (1) That the Cabinet Member for Economy and Regeneration be recommended to approve the implementation of the updated proposals in accordance with the drawing at Appendix E, including any necessary acquisition of land by agreement or preparation of a Compulsory Purchase Order in accordance with democratic processes if negotiations to acquire such land by agreement fail.

(2) That Members be provided with an update on the scheme at the first available opportunity and a separate briefing be arranged for Members on all the cycle schemes in the town centre with regard to how they link together.

Community Engagement (Continued)

7. NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

PC Carl Johnson attended the meeting to report on neighbourhood policing issues within the Central Stockport area. He also reported on recent crime committed in the Central Stockport area.

The following issues were raised/comments made:-

- Complaints were conveyed about anti-social behaviour around St. Mary's Church and Covent Garden in close proximity to people's homes, some of which was from homeless people and rough sleepers in the area.
- An issue was raised regarding anti-social behaviour on Rectory Fields
- The work in trying to combat the problem of off road bikes in Brinnington was commended.

RESOLVED – That PC Carl Johnson be thanked for his attendance.

Non-Executive Business

8. 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/075220 - Unit 1B, Peel Centre, Great Portwood Street

In respect of plan no. DC075220 for the subdivision of Unit 1B in the Peel Centre into a maximum of three retail units at Grat Portwood Street

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.

9. PLANNING APPEALS, ENFORCEMENT APPEALS AND 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 action within the area represented by the Central Stockport Area Committee.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

Executive Business

10. 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 7.02 pm