

**STOCKPORT COUNCIL**  
**EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMARY SHEET**

**Subject: Benches in the North Heatons Area**

**Report to: (a)** Heatons & Reddish Area Committee  
2021

**Date:** Monday, 1 February

**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:

To approve the cost for the supply and installation of benches in the North Heatons Area

**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.

## **Benches in the North Heatons 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 at Heaton Moor/Shaw Road District Centre and also Thornfield Park

#### **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 Ward**

The Spokesperson for Heatons South has previously highlighted the apparent lack of seating facilities in the North Heatons Ward. Benches can provide a useful facility for elderly or vulnerable pedestrians who may need a rest; and they can serve to enhance the enjoyment of the environment - whether in a Greenspace or on the Highway.

In consultation with the Spokesperson and Network Assets, the following locations have been identified as suitable for the installation of a seating facility:

- Heaton Moor Shops close to the Co-op 78 Heaton Moor Road facing toward the Heaton Moor Road/Lea Road
- Shaw Road Shops between 1 and 33 Shaw Road (exact location to be confirmed).

Please note in addition to the above an additional bench has been agreed outside 102 Heaton Moor Road (Triple S Uniform Shop) and will be paid for with funds raised by the Dementia Group.

The lack of seating at Thornfield Park has also been previously highlighted. Usually benches in Parks would be paid for by donation, generally as memorial benches or as part of an improvement scheme. However, with the prospect of neither in the near future the funds to pay for them is very limited. Therefore, in addition to the above the Heaton North Councillors are also asked to consider funding the following benches.

- Thornfield Park in the middle of the park at the centre circle x 3

The Ogilvie KC bench selected (see attached) is an all steel construction and designed to be vandal resistant. However, it should be noted that due to limited maintenance funds, should any of the benches be vandalised beyond repair it will not be replaced.

Budget breakdown:-

Cost of works £2,200.00 (2 x benches at £1,100 per bench supply and installation)

Or

Cost of works £5,500.00 (5 x benches at £1,100 per bench supply and installation)

Available budget Heatons North £10,011

#### **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.

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#### **Background Papers**

There are no background papers to this report.

Anyone wishing further information please contact Wayne Bardsley, Public Realm on 474-2588.