REPORT TO: Area Committee

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REPORT OF: Leader of the Council; Deputy Leader of the

Council

REPORT TITLE: Addendum to the One Stockport Borough Plan report:

**Central Stockport Area Committee summary** 

## 1. Introduction

1.1. This addendum builds on the Borough Plan update report shared with Area Committees. It outlines the comments we have had from Scrutiny and feedback from elected members to have a clearer overview of how feedback from Area Committees in December is informing the development of our draft One Stockport Plan.

1.2. This Plan is a partnership plan. It has been developed across partners. Whilst not all partners can present the plan a video has been prepared to support joint presentation. This is available here: <a href="https://vimeo.com/504358042/0f7ce422ab">https://vimeo.com/504358042/0f7ce422ab</a>

## 2. Feedback from Scrutiny and Area Committees

- 2.1 The draft One Stockport Plan has been shared as widely as possible to seek any feedback and comments on how this has been brought together. This includes sharing with all partnership forums and groups who have taken part in the development of the Plan so far. This includes being shared with all Scrutiny and Area Committees. Feedback received has been built into our engagement report. In response to scrutiny members feedback we have also further expanded the summary of area committee feedback received in the engagement report. The engagement report will be updated in advance of Full Council to incorporate any further feedback not received in time for the publication of this report.
- 2.2 Comments received on the draft plan were broadly within the following themes:
  - There was feedback on making clearer the importance of local and district centres as well as the town centre. Recognising the diverse and thriving communities across Stockport.
    - The 'Creative and Flourishing Stockport' priority has been updated to reflect this.

- Broad consensus about the importance of working closely together to
   address the challenge of inequalities. A strong message that this needed
   to be a fundamental part of our Plan and that our actions needed to
   tangible and ambitious to improve outcomes in education, health and
   mental health for those experiencing inequality.
  - Success measures throughout the borough plan have been expanded upon. This focus will also be further embedded within our developing delivery plans and outcomes framework.
- The Plan is engaging, it was **great to see cross-partnership working in action** and embedded within a share plan alongside a hopeful, ambitious and inclusive vision for our Borough.
  - Collaboration is embedded as a core partnership value. We will also now focus on the development of shared partnership delivery plans, where these are not already in place, and a shared outcomes framework.
- The need to focus on tangible, but ambitious, action and be clear on the impact that we want to see and by when. This included being clearer on where new areas of work would be launched.
  - This will be further embedded within our developing delivery plans and outcomes framework.
- That we needed to ensure that the Plan was meaningful for local people, including ensuring that it was easy to access, understand and reflected all communities in Stockport.
  - We will work with local members and communities to shape how we bring the plan to life in local areas. In relation to the plan we will develop an accessible web Plan as well as an easy read version of the plan. We will work together with our communities to ensure the plan is published in a variety of formats in order to be accessible.
- We also heard feedback on specific areas that whilst already captured within the Plan there was an ambition to emphasise the ambition or focus. Such as:
  - The power of culture and creativity in impacting wider outcomes across our communities;
  - Cross-cutting benefit of social value;
  - Importance of education and schools for children, young people and families:
  - a clearer call to action for residents to be resilient not just in terms of the economy but also for the climate.

2.3 The updated draft plan incorporates feedback received to date from across all groups involved in the development of the plan. This plan is also being discussed at all area committees prior to Cabinet. This feedback will be shared separately for the Cabinet meeting.

## 3. Feedback from Central Stockport Area Committee

3.1 Outlined below are the specific points raised at Central Stockport Area Committee and how we have responded to these:

| Comments   | Response   |
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| The importance of training and employment for young people | Strengthened our vision on pg. 13 to highlight 'We imagine Stockport in 2030as a placelearning and developing new skills, and enjoy fulfilling work locally, at all stages in your life'   |
|  | Within An Enterprising and Thriving Stockport (pg. 39) we have ensured that aspirations of our children and young people will be built into the development of our Local Plan.  We will: Co-develop a Local Plan which guides and informs the development of homes and jobs and protection of the built and natural environment needed by our Borough by engaging with our communities and building in the aspirations of our children and young people on climate, green spaces and employment. |
|  | Within 'A Skilled and Confident Stockport' (pg. 42) we have strengthened our priority for employment opportunities for young people.   |
|  | We Will: Support all employers to recruit from our priority groups of young people not in employment through the Grow the Steps to Work scheme as well as through developing inclusion supported employment and recruitment practice. including Care Leavers, Young People with SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disability) needs, and young people that are NEET (Not in Education, Employment, or Training).   |
|  | We have also strengthened our priorities on apprenticeships. Point 5. We Will: Continue to promote apprenticeships as well as  |

| Comments  | Response  |
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|   | high quality level 3 and level 4 provision to ensure that we support those who need it to enter the labour market and to progress in their careers and to higher levels of earnings in secure employment. This includes increasing apprenticeship opportunities across local employers, including public services, for young people with SEND and those who are long term unemployed  |
| Everything we do should be seen in the context of reducing carbon | We have strengthened the need for action within 'The opportunities and challenges that shape our vision'.  Climate change is a global emergency, and we are aiming to be carbon neutral by 2038. We are entering a decisive decade where radical change is needed. Locally we are experiencing increased risks of flooding, brought on by the effects of climate change. We will need action at every level, from national governments right down to local communities. |
| Would like to see tangible strands of work that have an impact    | Specific delivery plans for our priorities will be developed in collaboration with our partners and communities.  We will be developing an outcomes framework with our partners to ensure we can be accountable and measure success effectively.  |

## 4. Next Steps

- 4.1 In reflection of feedback from previous area committees and scrutiny committees, members views are particularly sought on:
  - What more we can do to make the Borough Plan meaningful within your local communities;
  - Views on how we ensure the Plan is impactful;
  - Views on what more we could be building into the plan on inequalities.