# STOCKPORT COUNCIL
## EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMARY SHEET

**Subject: Torkington Park, Buxton Road, Hazel Grove**

**Report to:** *(a)* Stepping Hill Area Committee          **Date:** Tuesday, 22 June 2021

**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:** To approve the costs for the placement of bollards (Inc. preliminary works) at an entrance to Torkington Park on Buxton Road.

**Recommendation(s):** The Area Committee is asked to consider the Corporate Director's report and make a decision on approving the aforementioned costs.

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee** (if decision called in): **(d)**
Communities & Housing Scrutiny Committee

**Background Papers** (if report for publication): **(e)**

There are none.

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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.

AGENDA ITEM

**Torkington Park, Buxton Road, Hazel Grove**

Report of the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration

1.  **INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To approve the costs for the placement of bollards (Inc. preliminary works) at an entrance to Torkington Park on Buxton Road.

2.  **BACKGROUND**

A local Ward Councillor contacted Network Management to report public concerns about an entrance to Torkington Park on Buxton Road. The concerns are that a child could run (unhindered) out of the park via the entrance and straight into the road which is a very busy arterial route.

Initially, the situation was assessed by an officer in the Greenspace Team; however, it was determined that a barrier of sorts within the park at the entrance would not be feasible as it would seriously impact disabled users and mobility scooters.

An assessment was then undertaken by Network Management and this identified a service cover on the pedestrian footway fronting the entrance. The placement of a barrier (45cm from the kerb edge) would interfere with access to the cover.

As an alternative, there is the option of installing two bollards on the footway (in addition to the existing bollard) to create the 'illusion' of a barrier to deter children running straight-out into the road. Please see the attached sketch drawing number: **NM18-6347-001**.

TLC have strongly advised the digging of a trial hole to check for any services in the footway before any street furniture is installed. They have provided a costing for the works as follows:

| Item | Unit | Q | £ | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tm crew to provide Lane Closure | item | 2 | 600 | £1,200.00 |
| Trial Dig up to 1.2m depth | 1 | 1 | 697.15 | £697.15 |
| Installation of Bollards | Item | 2 | £250 | £500 |
| Welfare Unit | item | 1 | 550 | £550.00 |
| Restricted hours uplift | | | | £589.43 |
| RPI Uplift | | | | £433.99 |
| | | | **Total** | **£3,970.57** |

The Ward Spokesperson has advised the officer in charge to report these costs to Area Committee so that consideration can be given to approving the funding from the delegated Ward Budget.

## 3. EQUALITIES/COMMUNITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Equal Opportunities

- To provide a suitable and safer environment for pedestrians and other road users. The scheme contributes to the Council's vision statement "Promote equal life outcomes for all by tackling known inequalities across the borough of Stockport".

Sustainable Environment

- To develop and sustain a healthy, safe and attractive local environment which contributes to Stockport. Stockport Council understands the responsibility it has to lead by example and help the broader community make a positive contribution to the local environment.

## 4. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Area Committee is asked to consider the Corporate Director's report and make a decision on approving the aforementioned costs.

**Background Papers**

Anyone wishing further information please contact Max Townsend on telephone number Tel: 0161 474 4861 or by email on max.townsend@stockport.gov.uk