

CHEADLE AREA COMMITTEE

Meeting: 2 February 2021

At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillor Anna Charles-Jones (Chair) in the chair; Councillor Keith Holloway (Vice-Chair); Councillors Graham Greenhalgh, Carole McCann, David Meller, Adrian Nottingham, John Pantall and Iain Roberts.

1. MINUTES

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 15 December 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 which they had in any of the items on the agenda for the meeting.

No interests were declared.

3. PROGRESS ON AREA COMMITTEE DECISIONS

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service (Legal & Democratic Governance and Monitoring Officer) 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.

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

(i) Chair's Announcements

The Chair announced that depending on Covid-19 restrictions at the time, there would be a second Covid-19 safe and socially distanced litter pick in Heald Green on Saturday 20 March 2021. Details were available from Councillor Adrian Nottingham.

The Chair also expressed thanks to Council Officers for their response to residents' concerns during Storm Christoph which had occurred recently, especially for those residents living on Lavington Avenue, St David's Road and Boundary Road, Cheadle.

(ii) Public Question Time

Members of the public were invited to submit questions to the Chair of the Area Committee on any matters within the powers and duties of the Area Committee, subject to the exclusions set out in the Code of Practice.

One public question was submitted asking if the Committee could consider recommending that 'painted line' cycle lanes in Stockport were either removed or protected with kerbs or something similar.

The following comments were made/issues raised:

- The Council was committed to applying the guidance set out in LTN 1/20 to all future cycling and walking schemes wherever possible, in addition to other current guidance, design standards and best practice.
- A Member considered that there was good evidence to demonstrate that off road cycling or dedicated cycle lanes should be provided in the future as a minimum standard.

RESOLVED – That a written response be sent to the questioner.

(iii) Petitions

No petitions were submitted.

(iv) Open Forum

In accordance with the Code of Practice no organisation had indicated that they wished to address the Area Committee as part of the Open Forum arrangements.

(v) Ward Flexibility Funding - Churches Together in Heald Green

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service & Monitoring Officer (Legal & Democratic Governance) submitted an application for Ward Flexibility Funding received on behalf of Churches Together in Heald Green towards funding a youth worker who would develop and deliver material for use in local schools, deliver a youth club facility and drop in centre when safe to do so and deliver detached youth work in Heald Green, particularly in known trouble spots.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to Ward Flexibility Funding of £1,000 to Churches Together in Heald Green toward funding a youth worker who would develop and deliver material for use in local schools, deliver a youth club facility and drop in centre when safe to do so and deliver detached youth work in Heald Green, particularly in known trouble spots; to be funded from the Ward Flexibility Budget (Heald Green Ward allocation).

5. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

No development applications were submitted.

6. PLANNING APPEALS, ENFORCEMENT APPEALS & ENFORCEMENT NOTICES

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service and Monitoring Officer (Legal & Democratic Governance) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) listing any outstanding or recently determined planning appeals and enforcements within the area represented by the Cheadle Area Committee.

The following comments were made/issues raised:

- Members welcomed the progress that had been made in relation to the ongoing enforcement action at 73, 106 and 108 Crossefield Road, Cheadle Hulme.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

7. ONE STOCKPORT BOROUGH PLAN

A representative of the Corporate Director (Corporate and Support Services) and Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) providing an update on the campaign to date, an outline of Phase 2 and also sought to gain support from all wards and set out how Members and their communities could get involved going forward.

As part of the Council's economic recovery work and ongoing engagement with the community and voluntary sectors, the One Stockport campaign had been launched in Spring 2020. The campaign's overarching aims were to support local businesses, connect our communities, and promote health and wellbeing. In addition, the campaign aimed to ensure a coordinated approach to consider how Stockport could build back better.

Kirsteen Roe (Service Director – Citizen Focus, Stockport Council) attended the meeting and made a presentation on the One Stockport campaign.

The following comments were made/issues raised:

- Members felt that it was important to develop the idea of localities and suggested that these should be examined further. It may be that smaller localities would work better, particularly in terms of examining levels of deprivation. Members requested more detail was included relating to retail and employment
- Members commented that it may be necessary to move away from long term plans and have a more agile approach.
- Members welcomed the aspiration of the plan to make it connect locally and acknowledged that the plan was a work in progress which would need to be reviewed and adapted regularly.
- It was important that district centres were developed and made viable for the longer term, and that neighbourhoods and communities were brought together.
- It was important that measures were introduced which enabled Officers to gauge the impact that the plan had.
- Members were advised that the aim was to 'bring the plan to life' by using photographs and case studies.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

8. DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT MRN FUND - A34 IMPROVEMENT PLAN

A representative of the Corporate Director (Place) and Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) which advised the Area Committee of the proposals for twelve schemes which were consulted upon to support the overall vision to

improve the A34 corridor. The scheme's proposals aimed to alleviate congestion, unlock growth potential in the surrounding area and enhance accessibility by sustainable modes.

The following comments were made/issues raised:

- Members were advised that the proposals linked into the 'Bee Network' and the Cheadle Towns Fund.
- It was also important that the proposals linked into Manchester as this would enable a lot of journeys to be undertaken, particularly for those people working in the city centre. In response, Members were advised that an initial meeting had taken place with Manchester City Council exploring the possibility of undertaking work across the boundaries of the two local authorities.
- Members acknowledged the changes that had taken place to the proposals for High Grove Road, Cheadle and remarked that residents, in the main, were supportive of them
- The new traffic calming measures on Foxland Road, Gatley were welcomed and Members asked if Officers could look into making this a 'school street' as well.
- Members asked whether it was possible to alter the waiting restrictions on Brookfield Crescent, Cheadle to enable more cars to park.
- A discussion took place relating to the timing on pedestrian crossings and whether the waiting time could be shortened. Members were advised that this was a matter for the Greater Manchester Urban Traffic Control Unit.
- Members requested more details of the Department for Transport's Major Road Network Fund scheme was and what the expectations were in relation to it.
- Members stated that they were pleased that the schemes had taken into account the consultation responses and this had been well received by local residents.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted in particular the results of the recent consultation exercise carried out with residents and businesses, and the Cabinet Member for Economy and Regeneration be recommended to approve the proposed measures; and that the Council would underwrite the local contribution and make up any shortfall.

9. NEW CARE HOME (CHEADLE MANOR CARE CENTRE), 177 STOCKPORT ROAD, CHEADLE - TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

A representative of the Corporate Director (Place) and Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) requesting the Area Committee to consider a proposal to introduce 'No Waiting At Any Time' restrictions and a 'No Right Turn' in relation to the new care home at Cheadle Manor Care Centre, 177 Stockport Road, Cheadle.

The following comments were made/issues raised:

- Members stated that it was important to ensure that the proposals were enforced and that the situation was monitored and reviewed carefully.

RESOLVED – That the Cabinet Member for Sustainable Stockport be recommended to approve the legal advertising of the Traffic Regulation Orders set out in Appendix A and, subject to no objections being received within twenty one days from the advertisement date, the subsequent making of the Order.

10. BROWN LANE/FERNLEA AND BRANDON AVENUE, HEALD GREEN - NO WAITING AT ANY TIME TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service and Monitoring Officer (Legal and Democratic Governance) submitted a report of the Corporate Director (Place) and Deputy Chief Executive (copies of which had been circulated) setting out a proposal to introduce No Waiting at Any Time restrictions at the junction of Brown Lane/Fernlea and Brandon Avenue, Heald Green.

The following comments were made/issues raised:

- Members requested that the proposed Traffic Regulation Order be revised so that the No Waiting at Any Time on Fernlea be extended by a further 10 metres on both sides to make it easier for motorists entering and exiting the road as the junction was narrow and bottlenecks occurred.

RESOLVED – (1) That the Corporate Director (Place) and Deputy Chief Executive be requested to amend the proposed Traffic Regulation Order so that the No Waiting At Any Time on Fernlea be extended by a further 10 metres on both sides.

(2) That residents be reconsulted on the amended proposal in (1) above and the outcome reported back to the Area Committee.

The meeting closed at 7.06 pm