

HIGH LANE BENCH REQUEST

Report of the Corporate Director of Place Management & Regeneration

1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To request the use of delegated ward budget to install one replacement bench on Buxton Road in High Lane, opposite the Royal Oak Hotel.

2. INFORMATION

- 2.1 At the meeting of the Area Committee held on 23 June 2021, the Area Committee gave consideration to a proposal for the use of the delegated budget to install two replacement benches at a cost of £2400 on Buxton Road in High Lane. One opposite the Royal Oak Hotel and one outside High Lane Pharmacy.

The Area Committee decided at that stage it would give approval for the installation of one Black Massey and Harris standard all steel bench on Buxton Road in High Lane outside High Lane Pharmacy and Medical Centre (near the Pedestrian Crossing) at a cost of £1,200 to be funded from the Area Committee's Delegated Budget (Marple South ward allocation) subject to further consideration of alternative options for the design, purchase and procurement of the bench that might be more sympathetic to the proposed installation location.

- 2.2 Subsequently the High Lane Residents Association and the local ward Councillors have asked if the approved positioning of the bench could be changed (from outside the Pharmacy to outside the Royal Oak Hotel).

3. MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 A Black Massey and Harris standard all steel bench will be required for a number of reasons. There is currently no Highways maintenance budget for benches. This is a low maintenance option which is more durable than wood. This bench fits with the Highways standard details and motifs within the Local Centres. Massey and Harris are a Stockport based company.

4. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 At the request of the High Lane Residents Association and the local ward councillors it is recommended that the positioning of the bench should be changed from outside the Pharmacy to outside the Royal Oak Hotel.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Location map and photo.

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