

Meeting:

REDESIGNATION OF HIGH LANE VILLAGE NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

Report of the Corporate Director (Corporate and Support Services) and Deputy Chief Executive

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1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 High Lane Village Neighbourhood Forum was formally designated on 14th September 2017 in respect of the High Lane Village Neighbourhood Plan and Area. Designation expires after 5 years, so the Forum's designation will expire at the end of 13th September 2022.
- 1.2 The Forum has applied to be re-designated.
- 1.3 The purpose of this report is to request the council's approval of the application, such that High Lane Village Neighbourhood Forum will be re-designated with effect from 14th September 2022.

2. Background

- 2.1 High Lane Village Neighbourhood Forum ("HLVNF", "the Forum") was formally designated on 14th September 2017 as the 'relevant body' to act in relation to the neighbourhood area of High Lane Village. In that capacity, the Forum prepared and submitted the High Lane Village Neighbourhood Plan.
- 2.2 Following the referendum on 16th September 2021, the High Lane Village Neighbourhood Plan was adopted as part of the Development Plan for Stockport for applications within the High Lane designated area.
- 2.3 For as long as it is the designated body, the Forum continues to act in relation to the plan, for example for any review of the Plan, and as a consultee body for applications in the area.
- 2.4 In accordance with the Town & Country Planning Act 1990, a designation for the relevant body ceases to have effect after 5 years. This does not affect an adopted Neighbourhood Plan or the designated area to which the Neighbourhood Plan applies. A body may apply to be redesignated. The current designation of HLVNF therefore lasts until the end of 13th September 2022.
- 2.5 The designation or redesignation of a relevant body is governed by the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 ("the Act"), as amended by the Localism Act 2011, and the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (the "Regulations").

3. Consultation Responses

- 3.1 The consultation will run in parallel to Scrutiny and Cabinet reports, with interim updates provided verbally, and a final summary reported to Full Council.
- 3.2 Marple Area Committee will also be kept informed of the application.

4. FINANCIAL AND RISK ASSESSMENT CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1 There are no financial or risk considerations. The relationship between the council and the High Lane Village Neighbourhood Forum are managed within existing resources. Re-designation is a continuation of existing arrangements.
- 4.2 The risk of not approving the re-designation includes reputational risk to the council and an absence of community involvement in an existing community-led Neighbourhood Plan.

5. LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 5.1 There are no adverse consequences of approving the re-designation. The council is required by legislation to give reasons to an organisation or body applying to be designated as a neighbourhood forum if the council refuses the application.

6. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPACT

- 6.1 Approval of the re-designation does not have any impact on council workforce or any partner organisation's workforce. It is a continuation of existing arrangements.

7. EQUALITIES IMPACT

- 7.1 There is no equalities impact from approving the re-designation of the Neighbourhood Forum.

8. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

- 8.1 There is no Environmental Impact arising from approving the re-designation of the Neighbourhood Forum, which represents a continuation of the existing arrangement.

9. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The application meets the legislative requirements of an application for designation, and officers are not aware of any concerns or reasons not to re-designate the Forum.
- 3.2 The cabinet is asked to confirm that it is satisfied that the application of HLVNF for redesignation as the relevant body for High Lane Village Neighbourhood Area complies with the legal requirements; and that the cabinet is satisfied for the council to approve the application.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

There are none

Anyone wishing to inspect the above background papers or requiring further information should contact Steve Johnson

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