

HAZEL GROVE DISTRICT CENTRE ACTION PLAN UPDATE

Report of the Director of Development and Regeneration

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To provide an update on delivering Hazel Grove District Centre Action Plan.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Following the work last year with the Institute of Place Management the District Centre Manager for Hazel Grove has worked with local stakeholders including local businesses, landowners, community groups, and Ward Members to develop an Action Plan for Hazel Grove. The Action Plan is based on the recommendations in the Institute of Place Management Reports together with other local intelligence gathered over the last 12 months.

- 2.2 The Action Plan reflects local priorities and includes quick wins and longer term actions all of which to help towards creating a strong, healthy and sustainable District Centre. The Plan was discussed at the Stepping Hill Area Committee meeting in March 2023 and it was agreed the District Centre Manger would return to the Area Committee on a quarterly basis with an update on delivery of the Action Plan.

- 2.3 Each District Centre was allocated £5,000 to assist with delivering projects within their specific Action Plans. Local stakeholders were involved in identifying priority projects for the £5,000 and the agreed allocation was as follows:

	Project Description	Funding Allocation
1.	Planting and tidy ups of 3 sites – Civic Hall, Commercial Road, NHS Clinic site	£3,000
2.	Car park signage improvements	£1,000
3.	Community noticeboard	£1,000

3. HAZEL GROVE DISTRICT CENTRE ACTION PLAN

- 3.1 As set out in the March Area Committee report the individual actions within Hazel Grove District Centre Action Plan have been grouped under four pillars:
- 1) Business Support

- 2) Physical Regeneration
- 3) Events and Animation
- 4) Vision and Strategy

3.2 Good progress has been made on a number of the actions within each of the four pillars including:

- a) A number of new businesses have been supported with business advice and introductions to partner organisations
- b) In partnership with local groups Spring Clean tidy ups have taken place.
- c) Opportunities to introduce greenery into the Centre are progressing well including installing new planters at the Civic Hall.
- d) Developing a Volunteer scheme for ensuring areas are well maintained.

3.3 Projects that have secured funding via the £5,000 allocation are progressing although not yet at the stage to spend the allocation.

3.4 Appendix A provides a copy of the full Action Plan with a progress update for each action.

4. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 Richard Daniels, the District Centre Manager for Hazel Grove continues to develop strong positive relationships with colleagues in the Council, local businesses and community organisations in Hazel Grove. This strong partnership approach is reflected in the positive delivery of a number of the actions within the Hazel Grove District Centre Action Plan.

4.2 The Committee is requested to:

- a) Note the partnership approach to developing the Hazel Grove District Centre Action Plan.