

**MARPLE 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 Marple District Centre Action Plan.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 Following the work last year with the Institute of Place Management the District Centre Manager for Marple worked with local stakeholders including local businesses, landowners, community groups, and Ward Members to develop an Action Plan for Marple. 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 Marple Area Committee meeting in March 2023 and it was agreed the District Centre Manager 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:

	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Funding Allocation</b>
1.	Public Noticeboard to help share information and promote events and activities	£1,000
2.	Maps to help promote attractions supported by Improved Signage	£2,500
3.	New Voluntary Community Toilet scheme	£500
4.	Contribution to delivering events	£500
5.	Introduce planters with pollinators	£500

### **3. MARPLE DISTRICT CENTRE ACTION PLAN**

- 3.1 As set out in the March Area Committee report the individual actions within Marple 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) Supported Marple Fest Kings Coronation event organisers to deliver celebration event.
  - b) Continue to provide business support to local businesses and organisations and circulate information on workshops and support available.
  - c) Locally sourced and designed noticeboard ready for manufacture and installation
  - d) Supported Stockport Spring Clean tidy ups.
- 3.3 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 Marple continues to develop strong positive relationships with colleagues in the Council, local businesses and community organisations in Marple. This strong partnership approach is reflected in the positive delivery of a number of the actions within the Marple District Centre Action Plan.
- 4.2 The Committee is requested to:
- a) Note the partnership approach to developing the Marple District Centre Action Plan.