

BRAMHALL & CHEADLE HULME SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE

Meeting: 14 September 2023
At: 6.30 pm

PRESENT

Councillor Suzanne Wyatt (Chair) in the chair; Councillor Ian Powney (Vice-Chair);
Councillors Helen Foster-Grime, Keith Holloway, Mark Hunter, Dallas Jones, Mark Jones
and Alex Wynne.

1. MINUTES

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 3 August 2023 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 declarations of interest were made.

3. URGENT DECISIONS

No urgent decisions were reported.

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

(i) Chair's Announcements

The Chair reported on the successful and well attended scarecrow competition which had taken place in Bramhall village on 9 September 2023.

It was also reported that the Food & Groove events were scheduled to take place in Bramhall Village Square on 24 September 2023 and 22 October 2023, a Makers Market took place in the Cheadle Hulme precinct on the first Saturday of every month and a BBQ, hosted by the Friends of Hesketh Park, was due to take place on 23 September 2023.

(ii) Neighbourhood Policing

It was reported that a representative of Greater Manchester Police was unable to attend the meeting due to personal commitments. It was noted that a written update had been provided by Greater Manchester Police and circulated to Members in advance of the meeting. The Chair informed the Committee that representatives would be invited to attend the next meeting of the Area Committee in October 2023, however welcomed any neighbourhood policing questions or issues to be raised.

The following comments were made/ issues raised:

- Members expressed concern that a representative had been unable to attend recent meetings of the Area Committee and felt that a meeting with GMP at an alternative time would enable Members to raise the concerns of residents with the police directly.
- It was requested that an update on recent crime statistics be circulated to Members of the Area Committee for their information.
- It was noted that an arrest had been made in connection with car meets around Stanley Green and extended their thanks to officers for their regular updates on the matter.

(iii) Public Question Time

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

A member of the public expressed their thanks to Members and officers for their work since the last meeting of the Area Committee towards securing funding for a feasibility study relating to accessibility for highway users on Bramley Close, Bramhall.

(iv) Petitions

A representative of the Assistant Director – Legal & Democratic Governance (Monitoring Officer) reported on the receipt of a petition, signed by 11 signatories, calling on the Council to consider introducing speed bumps on Woodford Road.

RESOLVED – That the petition be referred to Highways for investigation.

(v) Open Forum

No organisation had indicated that they wished to address the Area Committee as part of the open forum arrangements.

(vi) Ward Flexibility Funding - Stockport Women and Girls' Network

A representative of Stockport Women and Girl's Network attended the meeting and submitted an application for a grant of £426 (£142 from each ward allocation) towards the cost of organising an event for Stockport's first celebration of Diwali with local Indian residents, providing activities such as arts and crafts, singing, dancing and educational workshops.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application from Stockport Women and Girls' Network for a grant of £426 from the Ward Flexibility Funding Budget (£142 from each wards allocation) towards the cost of organising an event for Stockport's first celebration of Diwali with local Indian residents, providing activities such as arts and crafts, singing, dancing and educational workshops.

5. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

Development applications were submitted.

(Note: full details of the decisions including conditions and reasons for granting or refusing planning permission and imposing conditions are given in the schedule of plans. The Director for Place Management is authorised to determine conditions and reasons and they are not therefore referred to in committee minutes unless the committee makes a specific decision on a condition or reason. To reduce printing costs and preserve natural resources, the schedule of plans is not reproduced within these minutes. A copy of the schedule of plans is available on the council's website at www.stockport.gov.uk/planningdecisions. Copies of the schedule of plans, or any part thereof, may be obtained from the Place Directorate upon payment of the council's reasonable charges).

A representative of the Assistant Director – Legal & Democratic Governance (Monitoring Officer) outlined the procedure for public speaking on planning applications.

(i) DC/083007 - Land to Rear of 409 Chester Road, Woodford, Stockport, SK71QP

In respect of plan no. DC/083007 for the demolition of existing buildings and erection of a single dwelling with access from Chester Road (outline application with only landscaping reserved for future consideration) at Land to Rear of 409 Chester Road, Woodford, Stockport, SK7 1QP,

a representative of the applicant spoke in support of the application.

It was then

RESOLVED - That planning permission be refused for the reasons specified in the schedule of plans.

(ii) DC/088291 - 1 Eaton Close, Cheadle Hulme, Cheadle, SK8 5EY

In respect of plan no. DC/088291 for a retrospective planning application for alterations to two dwellinghouses, car parking, landscaping and boundary treatments (approved by planning permission reference DC/073373) at 1 Eaton Close, Cheadle Hulme, Cheadle, SK8 5E,

a representative of the applicant spoke in support of the application.

It was then

RESOLVED – That planning permission be granted.

6. PLANNING APPEAL, ENFORCEMENT APPEALS AND ENFORCEMENT NOTICES

A representative of the Assistant Director – Legal & Democratic Governance (Monitoring Officer) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) summarising recent appeal decisions; listing current planning appeals and dates for local enquiries; informal hearings for planning appeals, and enforcement action within the Bramhall & Cheadle Hulme South Area.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

7. DRAFT EDUCATION CONTRIBUTIONS SPD CONSULTATION

A representative of the Assistant Director – Legal & Democratic Governance (Monitoring Officer) submitted a report on behalf of the Deputy Chief Executive (copies of which have been circulated) inviting comments on the Draft Education Contributions Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) from Wednesday 13 September 2023 to Wednesday 25 October 2023.

RESOLVED – That the proposed consultation documents and intended period of consultation be noted.

8. FEASIBILITY FUNDING REQUEST - BRAMLEY CLOSE, BRAMHALL

A representative of the Assistant Director – Legal & Democratic Governance (Monitoring Officer) submitted a report on behalf of the Director of Place Management (copies of which had been circulated) which sought approval for funding to enable feasibility studies to be carried out looking at accessibility for all highway users along Bramley Close from its junction with Bramhall Lane South to Bramley Road.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to the undertaking of a feasibility study to investigate proposals to improve accessibility for all highway users along Bramley Close from its junction with Bramhall Lane South to Bramley Road at a cost of £4,000 to be funded from the Area Committee's Delegated Budget (Bramhall South & Woodford ward allocation).

9. PROGRESS ON AREA COMMITTEE DECISIONS

A representative of the Assistant Director – Legal & Democratic Governance (Monitoring Officer) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) updating members on progress since the last meeting on decisions taken by the Area Committee, and detailed the current position on ward flexibility funding and delegated budget.

It was reported that since the publication of the report the scheme for carriage-way repairs on Blossoms Lane costing £8,500 detailed within appendix B to the report, had been removed from the delegated budget records by officers. As such, £9,854 of funds remained in the Bramhall South & Woodford ward delegated budget.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

10. ANNUAL REVIEW OF OUTCOMES TOUR

(NOTE: The Chair was of the opinion that this item, although not included on the agenda, should be considered as a matter of urgency in accordance with Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 to enable the Area Committee to make nominations for the Annual Review of Outcomes Tour sufficiently in advance of the proposed date of the Tour to enable the necessary logistical arrangements to be made).

A representative of the Assistant Director – Legal & Democratic Governance (Monitoring Officer) submitted a report on behalf of the Deputy Chief Executive (copies of which have

been circulated) detailing a proposal to hold the Annual Review of Outcomes Tour on Friday 24 November 2023.

RESOLVED – (1) That the Scholars Green development on Hulme Hall Road, school at Woodford Garden Village and care home on Robins Lane be nominated to be included on the list of sites to be inspected on the Annual Review of Outcomes Tour.

(2) That Members be nominated to attend the Annual Review of Outcomes Tour in due course.

The meeting closed at 7.28 pm