

Marple & District Allotment Association Fencing

Report of the Director of Place Management

1. MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

1.1 Proposal for funding £932.89 from the Ward Discretionary Budget for the replacement of a 7 metre length of boundary fencing that separates the Seven Stiles Allotments from the public footpath.

2. INFORMATION

- 2.1 The fence separates the allotment and public footpath. In this area there is a steep bank down into the allotment where there is a stream and culvert. The Allotment Association are concerned that the path is starting to break away and only some old chain link fencing is preventing a person or small child slipping down the embankment into the allotment. The footpath is extensively used by parents taking children to a from school the junior school, children from the secondary school and walkers going through to the canal and Brabyns Park. There is also a potential security risk for the allotment in that anyone with intent could push their way into the allotment site.
- 2.2 A new fence was installed some ten/twelve years ago but at the time this seven metre stretch was covered by chain link fencing with dense bushes behind. This area was left on the understanding that it was good for some years to come, that was many years ago and inevitable this section has deteriorated.
- 2.3 The work is beyond the capabilities of the allotment members and needs to be undertaken by a professional fencing contractor subject to having the required Public Liability Insurance, Risk Assessment, and Method Statement.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To fund the Marple & District Allotment Association £932.89 for their fencing request from the Ward Discretionary Budget.
- 3.2 The Marple Area Committee proposes to the Cabinet Member for Parks, Highways & Transport Services for the recommendation to be approved.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

There are none

Anyone wishing to inspect the above background papers or requiring further information should contact Jonathan Headlam on telephone number Tel: 0161 474 3142 or alternatively email jonathan.headlam@stockport.gov.uk