

## **REQUEST FOR FUNDS RELATING TO WOODLEY PRECINCT SHUTTER ART**

### **Report of the Director of Place Management**

#### **1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 The report sets out a request for funds to facilitate the completion of a project to carry out shutter artwork in Woodley Precinct.

#### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 Vibrant Street artwork has transformed areas in the Town Centre and on Canal Street and a similar programme of shutter artwork in Reddish has received numerous positive comments from traders and on social media. This request is to fund a similar shutter artwork project at Woodley Precinct to improve the attractiveness of the area when the numerous metal shutters are down. Colourful artwork can transform community spaces and make them feel more welcoming and also create a stronger sense of place. Councillors Rosemary Barratt and Joe Barratt have discussed using the Ward Discretionary Budget with Council Officers.

#### **3.FUNDING REQUIRED**

- 3.1 The Project will involve commissioning a local street artist or artists to provide artwork for a number of the shutters on the shops in Woodley Precinct that face the main road. Discussions have taken place with traders who are supportive and Grit Studios and local Youth leaders have also been consulted. The proposal is that a local street artist would be commissioned to consult with local people and traders to jointly produce the artwork so that it is Community led. There has already been a positive response from the residents who attend the Bredbury & Woodley Community Neighbours Drop In.

The proposal is to allocate £4,000 from the Discretionary Budget to this project. This is comparable to funding provided to other similar shutter art projects.

#### **3. RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 The Area Committee is recommended to request that the Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources approves the use of £4,000 from the Ward Discretionary Fund (Bredbury and Woodley ward allocation) towards the costs of the shutter artwork project.

#### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

There are none

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