

**Ward Discretionary Budget – Planters Project****Report of the Director of Place Management****1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 The report sets out a request for additional funds to support the Planters Project currently taking place in Maple South on Market Street and Derby Way which is subject to UKSPF funding. The additional funding will allow for the project to be widened further and add greenery to shopfronts on Stockport Road and Hollins Lane.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The current planter scheme is part of a Project produced by Marple Vision made up of local traders and stakeholders working with Marple Men in Sheds. Men in Sheds will create the planters which will be uniform in size 1220 mm wide x 305mm deep x 380 mm height and the proposal is for these to be filled with compost and suitable planting which will then be decorated by fabricated metal artwork to give a uniform approach to that of Market Street and Derby Way. Initial approaches to traders on Market Street and Derby Way have ensured up to 10 planters have been allocated. It is accepted not all shopfronts will be suitable due to window heights and displays and shop frontages. A similar approach will be taken with Hollins Lane and Stockport Road. Business owners will be responsible for maintaining the planters along with the local youth club. The cost of creating the planters and metal artwork for this second phase is estimated at £2,000.

**3. RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 The Area Committee is recommended to comment on the allocation of funding to the and to request that the Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources approves the use of £2,000 from the Ward Discretionary Fund (Marple North ward allocation) towards the costs of planters, compost and plants and individual metal artwork.

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

There are none.

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