

Ward Discretionary Budget – Purchase of Noticeboard**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 purchase of a new noticeboard at the junction of Dale Road and Stockport Road in Marple North Ward

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The current noticeboard (see Appendix A) at the junction of Dale Road and Stockport Road is well used but in a poor state of repair with no fittings or screen to protect posters displayed and isn't lockable which means it can be used for commercial adverts rather than community events which is the intended purpose. A recently installed noticeboard in Marple District Centre has a note to inform residents or groups that posters can be left at adjacent shop units. A similar arrangement can be made for this noticeboard so that the board is managed with old posters removed and no commercial adverts.
- 2.2 Helen Middleton is a local artist and furniture maker as well as a Youth Group leader and has offered to design the noticeboard. Helen Middleton is well versed in working with local people and organisations to create the design for the noticeboard.
- 2.3 The noticeboard can be manufactured for under £1,000. This will provide a bespoke noticeboard at this location and can be linked in with information/maps planned for Rose Hill and Marple train Stations and Marple District Centre such as the Voluntary Community Toilet scheme.
- 2.4 New posts will be required as the current ones will need restoration as they are currently unsightly. The costs of new posts will be in the region of £500.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The Area Committee is recommended to request that the Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources approves the use of £1,500 from the Ward Discretionary Fund (Marple North ward allocation) towards the cost of replacing the noticeboard and posts.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

There are none.

Anyone wishing to inspect the above background papers or requiring further information should contact richard.daniels@stockport.gov.uk

Appendix A

Current Noticeboard Dale Road Junction with Stockport Road

