

BRAMHALL & CHEADLE HULME SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE

Meeting: 25 January 2024

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,
Jeremy Meal and Alex Wynne.

1. MINUTES

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 30 November 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 on behalf of the Area Committee informed residents of the following:-

- It was announced that Trek had occupied the old Sainsburys building in village square. Members hoped that this would bring increased footfall and cyclists into the village.
- It was reported that Sustainable Bramhall had sought financing for cycle parking, with discussions between Members and the organisation ongoing.
- It was reported that work was ongoing to boost footfall in district centres and that a Food & Groove event was scheduled to take place in Bramhall Village Square on Saturday 9 March.
- It was announced that an event celebrating Chinese New Year was scheduled to take place in Bramhall Village Square on Saturday 10 February.

(ii) Neighbourhood Policing

It was reported that a representative of Greater Manchester Police was unable to attend the meeting due to operational commitments. It was noted that a written update had been 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 March 2024 and welcomed any neighbourhood policing questions or issues to be raised.

The following comments were made/ issues raised:-

- It was reported that Operation AVRO would be taking place across the borough on a date in February. Members expressed their thanks to Greater Manchester Police for arranging this and hoped the borough would benefit from the concentration of resources.
- It was highlighted that the crime statistics had decreased which was positive.
- Members expressed their thanks to the Neighbourhood Police team for their regular reports and highlighted how useful they were.

(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 number of public questions were submitted with regard to the feasibility study on Bramley Close and in relation to the Section 106 agreement at Bramley Close, including parking, Tree Preservation Orders and fences.

As the questioner was not in attendance at the meeting and in accordance with the Code of Practice, the Chief Executive was requested to respond to the questioner in writing.

(iv) Petitions

A petition was presented on behalf of residents of Hillbrook Road, Bramhall, signed by 18 signatories, calling on the Council to consider introducing a new parking scheme along the full length of the road.

Members requested that officers discuss the issue with ward councillors during the investigation.

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

(v) Open Forum

A representative of the Assistant Director (Legal & Democratic Governance) reported that no organisations had indicated that they wished to address the Area Committee as part of the Open Forum arrangements.

(vi) Ward Flexibility Funding - Woodford Cricket Club

A representative of Woodford Cricket Club attended the meeting and submitted an application for a grant of £930 from the Ward Flexibility Budget (Bramhall South & Woodford ward allocation) towards the cost of providing facilities and equipment to enable safe and inclusive training sessions for the club's girls team.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application from Woodford Cricket Club for a grant of £930 from the Ward Flexibility Budget (Bramhall South & Woodford ward

allocation) towards the cost of providing facilities and equipment to enable safe and inclusive training sessions for the club's girls team, subject to the Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources giving approval to a virement from the Ward Discretionary Budget to the Ward Flexibility Funding Budget.

(vii) Ward Flexibility Funding - Friends of Hesketh Park and Mellor Green

A representative of Friends of Hesketh Park and Mellor Green attended the meeting and submitted an application for a grant of £400 from the Ward Flexibility Budget (Cheadle Hulme South ward allocation) towards the cost of upgrading equipment used to enhance the appearance and usability of the park spaces.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application from Friends of Hesketh Park and Mellor Green for a grant of £400 from the Ward Flexibility Budget (Cheadle Hulme South ward allocation) towards the cost of upgrading equipment used to enhance the appearance and usability of the park spaces.

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/089331: 13 Regent Close, Bramhall, Stockport, SK7 1JA

In respect of plan no. DC/089331 for a Minor Material Amendment to application DC/082350 to amend approved plans (Condition 2) at 13 Regent Close, Bramhall, Stockport, SK7 1JA, it was

RESOLVED - That the application be withdrawn at the request of the applicant.

(ii) DC/090550: 32 Eskdale Avenue, Bramhall, Stockport, SK7 1DU

In respect of plan no. DC/090550 for the demolition of single-storey conservatory and construction of two-storey rear and side extensions and balcony to the rear with elevational alterations (Re-submission of DC/089930) at 32 Eskdale Avenue, Bramhall, Stockport, SK7 1DU

a member of the public spoke against the application; and

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

It was then

RESOLVED – That the consideration of this application be deferred to a future meeting of the Committee pending further discussions with regard to privacy concerns relating to the proposed bay window.

6. PLANNING APPEAL, ENFORCEMENT APPEALS AND ENFORCEMENT NOTICES

A representative of the Assistant Director – Legal & Democratic Governance 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 Committee area.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

7. ONE STOCKPORT: ONE FUTURE UPDATE

The Director of Strategy submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) providing an update on the One Stockport: One Future work and seeking feedback on the proposed approach to delivering this work.

The following comments were made/issues raised:-

- Members welcomed the inclusion of clean, green transport as an ambition and commented on the need to connect local areas and communities within the borough through public transport and the benefits that this would have.
- Members highlighted the importance of the long term vision and key themes shared in the update. It was reported that external partners had responded positively to the ambition shown and it was hoped that this would continue to gather support.
- Members expressed their thanks to officers and Members for the ongoing work and reiterated the importance of collaborative working in future.
- It was queried how the plan would address changing patterns of residential and employment habits, with many residents working outside of the borough and highlighted the need to work alongside neighbouring authorities.
- In response, it was stated that ongoing consideration would be given to creating jobs within the borough alongside new homes. Furthermore, it was agreed that partnership with other local authorities was important and that the update would serve as a pitch to other authorities to encourage engagement.

RESOLVED- That the report be noted.

8. NEIGHBOURHOODS AND PREVENTION PROGRAMME

The Director of Public Health and Director of Strategy submitted a report on behalf of the Executive Director for People and Integration (copies of which had been circulated) outlining the Neighbourhoods and Prevention Programme.

The following comments were made/issues raised:-

- It was queried how the plan would be filtered down to residents, to ensure that people received the best help possible.
- In response, it was stated that work was ongoing with officers and partner organisations to bring front-line workers together and that the Family Hubs were due to be launched in the summer which would support the work to engage with the workforces in each neighbourhood.
- Members commented that large-scale challenges would present themselves, and highlighted the need for people to be supported at home, which would help reduce hospital admissions. It was stated that better infrastructure would be required and that there were financial challenges that would need to be navigated to make this a reality.
- Members asked about the level of engagement with relevant teams and bodies within the Council.
- In response, it was reported that collaborative work was a key focus. It was noted that the feedback from a recent peer review had highlighted the strength of the programme based on its breadth.
- Members commented that engaging with residents to ensure that people understand the direction and aim of the Council presented the biggest challenge.
- Members commented on the polarisation within the borough and highlighted the importance of digital inclusion, to ensure greater reach and connection with residents in the borough.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

9. VIREMENT OF FUNDS FROM THE WARD DISCRETIONARY BUDGET TO THE WARD FLEXIBILITY FUNDING BUDGET

A representative of the Assistant Director – Legal & Democratic Governance submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) outlining a proposal for the virement of funds from the Ward Discretionary Budget to the Ward Flexibility Funding Budget.

RESOLVED - That the Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources be recommended to give approval to a virement of £930 from the Ward Discretionary Budget to the Ward Flexibility Funding Budget (Bramhall South & Woodford ward allocation).

10. 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.

RESOLVED- That the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 7.57 pm