

## **HEATONS & REDDISH AREA COMMITTEE**

Meeting: 29 July 2024

At: 6.00 pm

### PRESENT

Councillor Dean Fitzpatrick (Chair) in the chair; Councillor Dena Ryness (Vice-Chair); Councillors Liz Crix, Colin Foster, James Frizzell, Gary Lawson, John Taylor, Claire Vibert, David Wilson and Rachel Wise.

### **1. MINUTES**

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 17 June 2024 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

There were no Chair's announcements.

#### (ii) Neighbourhood Policing

The Chair reported that a representative of Greater Manchester Police had been unable to attend the meeting, but welcomed any neighbourhood policing questions or issues to be raised.

It was commented that although a representative of Greater Manchester Police was not in attendance at the meeting, members were in regular contact with the Police.

No questions or issues were raised.

#### (iii) Public Question Time

Members of the public were invited to put questions to the Chair on any matters within the powers and duties of the Area Committee, subject to the exclusions set out in the Code of Practice.

Two public questions were submitted relating to Item 8 - City Region Sustainable Transport Settlements – A6 Corridor Improving Journeys

RESOLVED – That the Director of Place Management be requested to respond to the questioners in writing.

One further public question was submitted relating to Item 15 - Broadstone Road, Keswick Road & Briarfield Road, Reddish – Toucan Crossing Objection Report.

The following comments were made/issues raised: -

- It was commented that the questioner's address was included in the proposal so should have received notification by letter in addition to the public notices posted.
- It was noted that the alternative proposal submitted by the questioner had been included in the report.

RESOLVED – That the Director of Place Management be requested to respond to the questioner in writing.

(iv) Petitions

Members of the public and community groups were invited to submit any petitions.

No petitions were submitted.

(v) Open Forum - Reddish District Centre Action Plan

Darren Flannery attended the meeting to provide an update on delivering the Reddish District Centre Action Plan including recent successes and priorities for the next 6 months.

The following comments were made/issues raised: -

- Members expressed their appreciation for the work that had already been undertaken and were pleased with the success of events such as ReddFest and were looking forward to the Christmas Light Switch On event planned for later in the year.
- It was stated that the work in the community to support residents with their skills, raise awareness of statutory responsibilities and also helping the volunteers was welcomed.
- The opportunities for development of a food and hospitality workshop for businesses across Stockport would be organised to be held in September 2024.
- It was suggested that the potential for a cargo bike hire scheme could be explored for future development.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

(vi) Ward Flexibility Funding - Heatons Heritage Society

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal and Democratic Governance submitted an application received on behalf of Heatons Heritage Society for a grant of £1,000 from the Ward Flexibility Budget (£250 from each ward allocation) towards the cost of commissioning and installing a blue plaque for the Grade II Listed building - Crown Inn.

RESOLVED - That approval be given to an application from Heatons Heritage Society for a grant of £1,000 from the Ward Flexibility Budget (£250 from each ward allocation) towards the cost of commissioning and installing a blue plaque for the Grade II Listed building - Crown Inn.

(vii) Ward Flexibility Funding - Disability Opportunities in Sport UK (DOSportUK) CIC

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal and Democratic Governance submitted an application received on behalf of DOSportUK for a grant of £400 from the Ward Flexibility Budget (Heatons South ward allocation only) towards the cost of Stockport Jets Basketball sessions aimed at people with a learning disability and/or autism, but also open to all ages and abilities.

RESOLVED - That consideration of this item be deferred to a future meeting of the Area Committee to allow the applicant to attend.

## **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. Deputy Chief Executive 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. In order 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/planning](http://www.stockport.gov.uk/planning). Copies of the schedule of plans, or any part thereof, may be obtained upon payment of the Council's reasonable charges).

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal & Democratic Governance outlined the procedure approved by the Council for public speaking on planning applications.

(i) DC/091482 - Units 7 To 8, Mercedes Benz Of Stockport, Brighton Road, Heaton Mersey

In respect of plan no. DC/091482 for the permanent placement of a new storage container.

It was then,

RESOLVED – That planning permission be granted.

(ii) DC/088058 - 410 Didsbury Road, Heaton Mersey

In respect of plan no. DC/088058 for the erection of a new dwelling to the garden of the rear of 410 Didsbury Road, Stockport, SK4 3BY.

a member of the public spoke against the application; and

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

MOVED AND SECONDED – That planning permission be granted.

For the motion 4, against 2, abstentions 4

MOTION CARRIED

It was then,

RESOLVED – That planning permission be granted subject to conditions and a Section 106 agreement.

## **6. APPEAL DECISIONS, CURRENT PLANNING APPEALS AND ENFORCEMENTS**

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal and Democratic Governance submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) listing any outstanding or recently determined planning appeals and enforcements within the area represented by the Heatons and Reddish Area Committee.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

## **7. REVIEW OF OUTCOMES TOUR**

A representative of the Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing a proposal to hold the Annual Review of Outcomes Tour on Friday 4 October 2024.

Members suggested that the developments on Harwood Road and Reuben Street would be the proposed sites.

RESOLVED – (1) That the developments on Harwood Road and Reuben Street be nominated to be included on the list of sites to be inspected on the 2024 Annual Review of Outcomes Tour.

(2) That Councillor Claire Vibert be nominated as the delegate to attend the Annual Review of Outcomes Tour on Friday 4 October 2024.

## **8. CITY REGION SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT SETTLEMENTS – A6 CORRIDOR IMPROVING JOURNEYS**

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal and Democratic Governance submitted a report of the Director of Place Management (copies of which had been circulated) providing the results of a consultation process on the CRSTS A6 Corridor: Improving Journeys, including proposals for improving bus journeys and active travel for the A6 corridor, from the border with Manchester to Stockport Town Centre. The scheme aimed to increase the number of people travelling by bus, improve bus journey time, the reliability of frequent services, and increase the number of people travelling using active travel. It included measures to improve road safety, reduce bus journey times, improve crossings

for pedestrians and cyclists, and cycle routes parallel and across the A6 to make walking, wheeling and cycling easier.

The following comments were made/issues raised: -

- Members welcomed the report and the long term vision and the continued pursuit of the scheme along the A6.
- It was commented that the lack of a direct, segregated cycle lane on the A6 was disappointing. In response, it was stated that if this was to be achieved, the scheme would be subject to an increased financial and time cost, there would need to be a very large number of land acquisitions and that cycling infrastructure would need considerable investment as part of the proposals.
- It was suggested that bus lanes could provide protection to cyclists on a direct route and that the hours of operation for the bus lanes could be extended.
- It was commented that School Street schemes were important and had the support of parents and that enforcement cameras could be introduced to reduce the burden on volunteers.
- Concern was raised regarding safety and lighting on the proposed cycle lanes.
- It was stated that there needed to be a more creative approach for better bus usage and more opportunities for walkers and cyclists.
- Comments were made regarding the St Thomas' Primary & Infant School schemes on Buckingham Road, Brownsville Road and Tatton Road North aspects of the schemes and that it be reviewed.
- Option 2A was the preferred option by the Committee.
- Members expressed an interest in receiving updates as the scheme was progressed.

RESOLVED – That the Area Committee recommended that the Cabinet Member (Parks, Highways & Transport Services) approves the implementation of the recommendations contained in Section 6 of this report and that the following 'elements' be reviewed by officers in consultation with ward councillors and that the Area Committee be updated of the discussions and activities accordingly: -

- (1) That Elements A and E – be reviewed, especially around the subject to review of the measures over the extent of the St Thomas' Primary and Infant Schools 'School Street' Schemes on Buckingham Road, Brownsville Road and Tatton Road North.
- (2) That Element B - Preference for Option 2A.

## **9. BRENT ROAD, HEATON NORRIS**

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal and Democratic Governance submitted a report of the Director of Place Management (copies of which had been circulated) detailing Restricted Waiting (No Waiting Monday to Saturday 8.00am – 6.00pm) on part of Brent Road in Heaton Norris at a cost of £1,550 to be funded from the Heatons South Delegated Ward Budget.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to the legal advertising of the following Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) set out in Appendix A at a cost of £1,550 to be funded from the Heatons South Delegated Ward Budget and subject to no objections being received within 21 days from the advertisement date, the legal order can be made as follows: -

**Extend No Waiting Monday to Saturday 8.00am – 6.00pm:**

**Brent Road**

**North side from a point 7 metres east of the eastern kerb line of Green Lane for a distance of 65 metres in an easterly direction.**

**10. GORTON ROAD, REDDISH**

With the consent of the Area Committee, this item was withdrawn.

**11. VALE CLOSE - FOOTPATH IMPROVEMENTS**

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal and Democratic Governance submitted a report of the Director of Place Management (copies of which had been circulated) outlining the results of a Traffic Services investigation into improving a footpath on Vale Close Heaton Mersey.

RESOLVED - That the Cabinet Member (Parks, Highways and Transport Services) be recommended to approve the adoption of the footpath under Section 228 of the Highways Act 1980.

**12. PROPOSED PERMANENT TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER - SCHOOL STREET SCHEME - ST. THOMAS'S COE PRIMARY SCHOOL, HEATON CHAPEL**

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal and Democratic Governance submitted a report of the Director of Place Management (copies of which had been circulated) detailing the Permanent and existing Experimental Traffic Regulation Order in relation to St. Thomas's CoE Primary School, Heaton Chapel as set out in Appendix A of this report.

The following comments were made/issues raised: -

- It was suggested that the alternative of permanent signage should be explored. In response, it was stated that there were school streets in the borough which had these installed so this option could be reviewed however the process was complicated.
- The viability of camera enforcement for the scheme was questioned, to which it was stated that an application had been made to Government however this had been delayed as a result of the General Election.
- Members welcomed the potential for camera enforcement on school streets.

RESOLVED – That the Cabinet Member for Parks, Highways & Transport Services be recommended to approve the Traffic Regulation Order set out in Appendix A of the report be established on a permanent basis.

### **13. WARD DISCRETIONARY BUDGET - HEATONS SOUTH**

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal and Democratic Governance submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) outlining a request for the award of Ward Discretionary Budget to Norris Bank Open Space for a Covid Memorial sculpture.

RESOLVED – That the Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources be recommended to approve the allocation of £1,230 from the Ward Discretionary Budget (Heaton South) for the Norris Bank Open Space Covid Memorial.

### **14. BROADSTONE ROAD, KESWICK ROAD & BRIARFIELD ROAD, REDDISH (TOUCAN CROSSING OBJECTION REPORT)**

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal and Democratic Governance submitted a report of the Director of Place Management (copies of which had been circulated) detailing objections which had been returned in response to the legal advertising of a Toucan Crossing and associated measures.

The following comments were made/issues raised: -

- Concern was expressed regarding the loss of parking outside two properties on Broadstone Road and the impact this would have on residents.
- Members enquired about aspects of the scheme relating to Broadstone Road. In response, it was stated that it would be looked at and as part of the scheme it would be re-kerbed and widened.

RESOLVED – That approval be given for the legal advertising of a Toucan Crossing and associated Traffic Regulation Orders ('No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions and raised tables) be introduced on Broadstone Road, Keswick Road and Briarfield Road and objectors be informed of the decision.

### **15. PROGRESS ON AREA COMMITTEE DECISIONS**

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal and Democratic Governance submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) providing an update on progress since the last meeting on decisions taken by the Area Committee and detailing the current position on ward flexibility funding. The report also included the current position on the highway and traffic management delegated budget.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.