

## **REPORT OF THE ANNUAL REVIEW OF OUTCOMES TOUR - 2024**

### **Report of the Deputy Chief Executive**

#### **1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1. Each year members nominate key schemes that have recently been implemented to be reviewed as part of the Annual Review of Outcomes Tour. These sites have usually been determined at committee meetings and have sparked interest amongst the council members.
- 1.2. In previous years, the case officer for each site provided relevant questions for attendees to answer during the tour. Responses were collected on paper and the findings were reviewed internally.
- 1.3. This year, a new methodology for collecting responses and reporting on the findings was tested. Similarly to previous years, the case officer for each site provided relevant questions that were then turned into an online questionnaire that attendees could fill out while on site through a link in an email or a QR code. The online responses were then reviewed and analysed and turned into the Report of the Annual Review of Outcomes Tour.
- 1.4. The purpose of this is to make the questionnaire more efficient. It also allows officers to create a report that includes all the key information in one place and that can be reviewed by all relevant staff. This helps to support our on-going agenda for high-quality design across the borough.

#### **2. ANNUAL REVIEW OF OUTCOMES TOUR – 2024**

- 2.1. The tour took place on the 4th of October 2024 and was attended by 26 people, including councillors, development management and planning policy officers.
- 2.2. Starting in the heart of Stockport's Underbanks the tour then made its way through Bredbury, Marple, Heaton Mersey and Cheadle Hulme. The 9 sites that were visited are as follows.
  - 35-37 Great Underbank (DC/081590)
  - 13 Little Underbank (DC/072745)
  - 28 & 25 Little Underbank (DC/075539)
  - 15 Lower Hillgate (DC/071303)
  - 18-20 Lower Hillgate (DC/081205)
  - Cow and Calf Hotel- Bredbury (DC/081474)
  - Canal and River Trust Yard- Marple (DC/074338)
  - The Poplars- Heaton Mersey (DC/076883)
  - Seashell Trust- Cheadle (DC/060928)

### **3. CONCLUSION**

- 3.1. The Annual Review of Outcomes Tour provided councillors and planning officers with valuable insights into the various developments that have garnered interest in recent meetings. By visiting key sites in The Underbanks, Heaton Mersey, Marple, Cheadle Hulme, and Bredbury, participants engaged directly with the developments and contributed their observations through targeted questionnaires.
- 3.2. The findings of the report underscore the importance of continued learning from previous schemes which benefit the council in the operation of its planning powers
- 3.3. Next year it is proposed that officers make recommendations of sites which could be considered for the outcome tour in committee areas. In recent experience, Councillors often find it difficult to identify sites which could be visited because they are uncertain whether a particular development has been completed. It is also recommended that a similar approach is taken each year which includes an online survey and subsequent summary report. This will continue to support our on-going agenda of achieving high-quality design across the borough.
- 3.4. Members of Planning and Highways Regulation Committee are requested to comment on and note the report.

### **ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS**

The Report of the Annual Review of Outcomes Tour is attached as an additional document.

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