

CHEADLE AREA COMMITTEE

Meeting: 11 March 2025

At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillor Ian Hunter (Chair) in the chair; Councillor Carole McCann (Vice-Chair); Councillors Anna Charles-Jones, Jilly Julian, Huma Khan, David Meller, Mike Newman and Catherine Stuart.

1. MINUTES

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 28 January 2025 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.

The following interests were declared:-

Personal & Prejudicial Interests

Councillor

Interest

Anna Charles-Jones

Agenda Item 12 – ‘Objection Report – Greenway Road & Surrounding Roads Traffic Regulation Order’ as a resident of Greenway Road and a previous applicant for an access protection marker.

Councillor Charles-Jones left the meeting during the consideration of this item and took no part in the discussion or vote on the item.

Jilly Julian

Agenda Item 15 – ‘Stockport CAN Seed Fund Applications’ as the spouse of a member of the Abney Hall Park Group which submitted the application.

Councillor Julian left the meeting during the consideration of this item and took no part in the discussion or vote on the item.

3. URGENT DECISIONS

No urgent decisions were reported.

4. PROGRESS ON AREA COMMITTEE DECISIONS

A representative of the Assistant Director for Governance submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) updating the Area Committee on progress since the last meeting on decisions taken by the committee and its executive sub committee, and detailing the current position on Ward Flexibility Funding, the Brookfield Park Shiers Family Trust, Delegated Budget and Ward Discretionary Budget.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

(i) Chair's announcements

The Chair sought the consent of the Area Committee, to withdraw Agenda Item 10 – 'ITB Phase 2 – Manchester Road, Cheadle – Proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO)/Toucan Crossing/Traffic Calming Feature – Objection Report'.

RESOLVED – That Agenda Item 10 – 'ITB Phase 2 – Manchester Road, Cheadle – Proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO)/Toucan Crossing/Traffic Calming Feature – Objection Report' be withdrawn.

(ii) 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.

One public question was submitted in relation to the response to the flooding which occurred on New Years Eve 2024.

In response it was reported that flood mitigation works were ongoing. The Section 19 report was underway and the council would consult the Environment Agency.

(iii) Neighbourhood policing

The Chair reported that a representative of Greater Manchester Police had been unable to attend the meeting but noted that a written update on neighbourhood policing matters would be circulated to members.

(iv) Petitions

No petitions were submitted.

(v) Open forum - Cheadle Primary Care Networks

In accordance with the Code of Practice the Cheadle Primary Care Network wished to address the Area Committee as part of the Open Forum arrangements.

Dr Michael Evans (Clinical Director for Cheadle Primary Care Network) was in attendance at the meeting to support the discussion on this item.

The Chair then set out the procedure to support the discussion on the item.

The following comments were made/issues raised:

- Cheadle Primary Care Network was an integration of health and social care services
- The integration of services improved the overall patient journey; historically the two services had worked separately. Mental health practitioners were embedded in practices and facilitated quicker care.
- Many mental health conditions had a social cause; processes had been streamlined to allow patients to access the correct service in a more timely manner.
- Members expressed concern at the prevalence of the issue of loneliness affecting residents and suggested that the voluntary sector could assist to create better outcomes for patients and the community as a whole.
- The network was comprised of four practices, Cheadle Medical Practice, Gatley Medical Centre, Heald Green Health Centre and Finney Lane Surgery. All four operated as separate practices but worked collaboratively to offer services at a larger scale.
- Enhanced access appointments were offered in the evenings and at weekends with the aim of improving patient access to primary care and allow patients to benefit from more convenient appointment times.
- The network undertook community outreach activities such as 'tea with the GP' events at local community venues to improve awareness of local services run by Stockport Council and volunteer groups
- The network was working towards a population health plan, focussing on mental health, frail or older adults, loneliness and the low up take by Stockport's South Asian population of services such as screening and vaccines.
- Members asked about the Primary Care Network's work on neurodiversity, in particular access to assessments. In response it was confirmed that there was a backlog for assessments; many people had not been identified as neurodiverse during their education. It was also reported that health care professionals needed to better understand the referral process and what additional support was available to patients.
- Members asked whether information sharing could have a positive impact on patients accessing services. It was reported that whilst community services had access to records and shared notes, hospitals only had access to condensed records. The situation was progressing, in particular for end of life patients.
- Members asked whether the Network was made aware of new homes in their area and whether they were able to recruit staff to meet additional demand. In response it was confirmed that practices were informed of significant residential developments which enabled them to plan accordingly.
- Members asked whether there were any barriers to patients accessing services. It was reported that patients found some disconnect between the different services. Work was ongoing to identify gaps within the system and to make adjustments in order to better direct patients to relevant services.
- Members requested for further information on the outreach work being undertaken with the South Asian population in the Cheadle area. The network had engaged with Cheadle Mosque in order to gain an understanding of the needs and priorities for the

community. Social events had taken place at the mosque with the aim of encouraging attendees to take up screenings for a number of conditions. The mosque had also been used to offer blood tests and other medical services.

- In relation to waiting lists, the target for an appointment was two weeks. Patients were no longer able to request an appointment with a specific GP. The Network had been able to provide a high number of appointments to patients in the past year.
- The funding model for primary care services was based on the number of patients were registered with each practice. Additional funding was granted to the network for the provision of evening and Saturday appointments and visits to care homes. Furthermore, funding was provided for performance based care, linked to patient outcomes.
- Members asked about the absence of a screening programme for prostate cancer in men. There was no test which met the criteria for a screening tool. It was reported, however, that patient groups with a high risk for prostate cancer were offered screenings.
- It was acknowledged that there were gaps in the support available for children with mental health issues. Members considered that educators and parents required guidance to support social emotional and mental health in children.
- Members thanked health care teams for their ongoing work and their work during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Members thanked Dr Evans for his attendance, his presentation and contribution to the wider discussion.

6. PARK USE APPLICATION - BRUNTWOOD PARK - EID IN THE PARK 06/06/2025

A representative of the Assistant Director for Governance submitted a report of the Director of Place Management (copies of which had been circulated) which detailed an application from the Cheadle Muslim Association Welfare Trust to celebrate Eid in the Park at Bruntwood Park on a date to be confirmed due to the Moon Cycle.

It was commented that Eid in the Park was one of the biggest events in Cheadle and should be supported.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application received from Cheadle Muslim Association Welfare Trust to celebrate Eid in the Park at Bruntwood Park on a date to be confirmed due to the Moon Cycle, subject to all appropriate paperwork and licences being obtained and submitted to the Council at least one week prior to the event taking place.

(i) Ward flexibility funding application - Newbould Road Allotments

Sabina Naser attended the meeting and submitted an application on behalf of Newbould Road Allotments for a grant of £1,000 from the Ward Flexibility Funding Budget (Cheadle West & Gatley ward allocation only) towards the cost of the replacement of a section of boundary fencing to improve the security of the site.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application received from Newbould Road Allotments for an increased grant of £2,000 from the Ward Flexibility Funding Budget (£1,000 from the Cheadle West & Gatley ward allocation and £1,000 from the Cheadle

East & Cheadle Hulme North ward allocation) towards the cost of the replacement of a section of boundary fencing to improve the security of the site.

(ii) Ward flexibility funding application - Pixies Cheer

A representative of the Assistant Director for Governance submitted an application received on behalf of Pixies Cheer for a total grant of £1,000 from the Ward Flexibility Fund (£71.42 from Cheadle East & Cheadle Hulme North and £35.71 from Heald Green ward allocations) towards the cost of the team competing in the All Star World Championships and Worlds competitive cheerleading competition.

RESOLVED – That the application be deferred to the next meeting to allow further information to be provided.

(iii) Ward flexibility funding application - Stockport Sea Cadets

Guy Davenport attended the meeting and submitted an application on behalf of Stockport Sea Cadets for a grant of £117.64 from the Ward Flexibility Funding Budget (£58.82 from Cheadle East & Cheadle Hulme North and £58.82 from Cheadle West & Gatley ward allocations) towards the cost of purchasing archery equipment to start an archery club for the sea cadets and other cadet forces to be held at Stockport Sea Cadet unit

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application received from Stockport Sea Cadets for a grant of £117.64 from the Ward Flexibility Funding Budget (£58.82 from Cheadle East & Cheadle Hulme North and £58.82 from Cheadle West & Gatley ward allocations) towards the cost of purchasing archery equipment to start an archery club for the sea cadets and other cadet forces to be held at Stockport Sea Cadet unit.

8. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

A development application was 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. 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 upon payment of the Council's reasonable charges).

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

(i) DC/087045 - Buckley House, Carrs Road, Cheadle

In respect of application DC/087045 for the construction of 6 Apartments and associated external works and landscaping.

a representative of the applicant spoke in support of the application

It was then

RESOLVED – (1) That the application be deferred to the Planning & Highways Regulation Committee to undertake a site visit with representatives of Local Lead Flood Authority.

(2) That Members be provided with a copy of the site drainage strategy.

9. PLANNING APPEALS, ENFORCEMENT APPEALS AND NOTICES

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

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

10. ITB PHASE 2 - MANCHESTER ROAD, CHEADLE - PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER(TRO)/TOUCAN CROSSING/TRAFFIC CALMING FEATURE - OBJECTION REPORT

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

11. OBJECTION REPORT - BLOOR DEVELOPMENT (FOXCOTE ESTATE) - PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS

A representative of the Director of Place Management submitted a report which set out the objections made in relation to the proposed Traffic Regulation Order No Waiting at Any Time and Moving Traffic Regulation Order(s) '20mph Zone' and 7.5t Weight Limit (Except for Access) and sought approval for the introduction of the Traffic Regulation Order/Moving Traffic Regulation Order(s) as originally advertised.

The following comments were made/issues raised:-

- Members reported that, whilst they were sympathetic to those residents who had not been informed of the proposed Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) when purchasing nearby homes, this was a matter for to be raised with their solicitors.
- Similar TROs were being implemented across the Borough, with many being retrofitted on existing roads.

RESOLVED – That the Cabinet Member for Highways, Parks & Transport Services be recommended to approve the following Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) on the Bloor Development (Foxcote Estate) in the Heald Green Ward be made as originally advertised:

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- 'No Waiting at Any Time' on Turnpike Crescent;
- a Moving Traffic Regulation Order(s) 20mph Zone and
- a 7.5t Weight Limit (Except for Access).

12. OBJECTION REPORT - GREENWAY ROAD & SURROUNDING ROADS TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

A representative of the Assistant Director for Governance submitted a report of the Director of Place Management (copies of which had been circulated) which set out objections made in relation to the proposed Traffic Regulation Order 'No Waiting at Any Time' on Greenway Road and surrounding roads in Heald Green.

Members expressed support for the approval of the Traffic Regulation Order.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) 'No Waiting at Any Time' on Greenway Road and surrounding roads in Heald Green be made as originally advertised.

13. HIGHWAYS MAINTENANCE DELEGATED BUDGET REPORT - BORROWDALE AVENUE, GATLEY

A representative of the Assistant Director for Governance submitted a report of the Director of Place Management (copies of which had been circulated) which provided details of a proposed highway maintenance scheme on Borrowdale Avenue, Gatley.

Members welcomed the proposals as they shared concerns regarding water running off from the nearby railway.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to the following highways maintenance scheme at a cost of £8,000 to be funded from the Highways Delegated Budget (Cheadle West & Gatley ward allocation):

Borrowdale Avenue, Gatley – Highway Gully Changes (larger pots and covers near nos. 6,20 and 26)

14. INSTALLATION OF BOLLARDS ON FINNEY LANE / ST ANNS ROAD SOUTH JUNCTION, HEALD GREEN

A representative of the Assistant Director for Governance submitted a report of the Director of Place Management (copies of which had been circulated) which sought approval of the supply and installation of 2 no. Middleton Bollards at the junction of Finney Lane and St Ann's Road South, Heald Green, to prevent motorists from driving their vehicles over the footway to avoid queuing traffic turning right onto St Ann's Road North.

RESOLVED – That the Cabinet Member for Parks, Highways and Transport Services be recommended to give approval to the installation of 2 no. Middleton style bollards at a cost of £1,200 to be funded from the Highways Delegated Budget (Heald Green ward allocation).

15. STOCKPORT CAN SEED FUND APPLICATIONS

A representative of the Assistant Director for Governance submitted a report of the Director of Place Management (copies of which had been circulated) which provided an update on the amount of funding remaining for each ward in the Stockport CAN Seed

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Fund for the Cheadle area and asked that the Area Committee determine the application for funding.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application received from Friends of Abney Hall Park Group for a grant of £400 from the Stockport CAN Seed Fund (Cheadle East & Cheadle Hulme North ward allocation) towards the costs for four more half days of pruning delivered by Manchester Fruit Tree Coop.

The meeting closed at 7.55 pm