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## Report of the Rochdale North Township Committee Chair

### Executive Summary

This report provides an update on recent activity relating to the Rochdale North Township.

### Key Points for Consideration

#### Rochdale North Township Committee

A Rochdale North Township Committee was held in February. The agenda items included reports detailing the need for Primary and Secondary School Places 2024-2028, the Township Plan and a review of Rochdale North Area Forums. A presentation was also provided by Rochdale Boroughwide Housing.

#### Township Area Forums

Rochdale North Township Area Forums at Central, Healey, Norden and Spotland and Falinge have been held over recent months with numerous issues being raised by residents linked to services provided by the Council and Greater Manchester Police. Examples include:

Central – discussions in connection with anti-social behaviour in certain parts of the Ward and Highway and Environmental Management related issues.

Healey – The Chief Superintendent attended to discuss GMP resources in the Ward and a discussion took place regarding the future of area forums.

Norden – Concerns over the planning process and highway issues were raised together with an update on Operation Dragster.

Spotland and Falinge – Operation Considerate was highlighted in addition to a discussion about the footpath opposite Preston Street.

#### Community Safety

Community Safety have been involved in a number of projects within the Rochdale North area over the past few months. A group of youths have been identified as being involved in anti-social behaviour (ASB) across the Healey area for which Acceptable Behaviour Contracts have now been issued. This continues to be monitored going forward. This work has been complemented by the Foundation 92 youth outreach mentors holding 1-1 sessions with youths involved in ASB

Work has been ongoing to obtain a Criminal Behaviour Order (CBO) for one of Rochdale North's most prolific ASB perpetrators. We are hoping to have this in place by the summer of 2024.

A number of target hardening products have been handed out to members of the public including residents in Shawclough as part of a wider target hardening project.

The area forums and township meetings still continue to be regularly attended across Rochdale North throughout the calendar year.

The boroughwide Public Spaces Protection Order to tackle anti-social use of off road bikes continues to go through the various legal stages and will shortly be going to Informal Cabinet.

## **Environmental Management**

### Central Rochdale

- Preparations are under way for Rochdale Town Centre to be judged in the National Britain in Bloom Town Centres competition. The Town Centre will be representing the North West.
- South Street play area renewal project has been completed.

### Healey

- Cronkeyshaw Common tree planting programme continues

### Spotland & Falinge

- Denehurst Park House project continues. Various meetings held with Strategic Housing, Groundwork Trust, Architects, Contractors, Friends of Denehurst Park, and the Jolly Josh Centre in Rochdale to progress this initiative. Still on schedule for the café to be open in the summer.
- Denehurst Park submitted for Green Flag award. Judging will be later this summer
- Falinge Park winter work programme which includes pruning / removing shrub beds to improve sight-lines and designing out crime continues.

## **Highways**

- During December and January 65 children were trained on the Level 1 / 2 Bikeability training course within the Township.
- Highway safety inspections are on target to identify defects and the in house service is continuing to manage the maintenance of the highway network in line with its agreed key performance indicators's. The team are currently up to date with reactive repairs and the routine gully cleansing programme. The service continue with an excellent record on safety call outs with 100% being attended to within the one hour target. We are continuing to deliver the winter service as we progress through the winter period.
- Our Bridges and Structures Team are continuing with the repair to the Smith Street Car Park Wall; and the Capital Delivery Team have commenced works on the re-signalisation of the Bury Road/Sandy Lane junction, and footway reconstruction works along Ings Lane

## **Youth Service**

- A Youth Worker has commenced school sessions at Falinge Park High School during lunchtime on a Thursday. The drop in sessions aim to improve wider wellbeing and address complex challenges with a holistic approach.
- The detached youth session in partnership with Rochdale Football Club on a Monday evening, 6pm-8.45pm at Heybrook Primary School Kick Pitch and the Friday Fusion session continue to go from strength to strength. Attendance numbers have grown and participation in sports, fitness and informal education have increased. Young people have formed positive relationships leading them to access other youth provision, for example signing pledges for the White Ribbon Campaign, exploring healthy and non-healthy relationships and also participating in the Children and Young People's Survey.
- The Youth Service has been responding to anti-social behaviour intelligence in the following areas – Denehurst Park, Edenfield Road, Whitworth Road and Meanwood School. It was found that a lot of young people from outside of the borough were visiting these areas. Monitoring continues in partnership with our transport colleagues.

## **Township Committee Chair**

*Thank you Mr. Mayor, I will be pleased to answer any questions from Members of the Council about these or any other matter relating to the Rochdale North Township.*