

**ROCHDALE TOWNSHIP ACTION AND RESOURCES
DELEGATED SUB-COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING
Thursday, 19th October 2017**

PRESENT: Councillor Cecile Biant (Chair); Councillors Shakil Ahmed, Sultan Ali, Heakin, Sheerin, Sullivan, Winkler, Zaheer and Zaman.

OFFICERS: N McKendrey and V White (Neighbourhoods Directorate) and C Denyer (Resources Directorate)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor Shaun O'Neill and 2 members of the public

APOLOGIES

16 Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Nickson

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

17 There were no declarations of interests.

URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

18 There were no urgent items of business

MINUTES

19 DECISION;

That the minutes of the Rochdale Township Action and Resources Delegated Sub-Committee held on 29th June 2017, be approved as a correct record

BALDERSTONE AND KIRKHOLT COMMUNITY MEETING

20 DECISION:

That the minutes of the Balderstone and Kirkholt Community Meetings held on 20th June and 14th September 2017, be noted.

BAMFORD AND OAKENROD AREA FORUM

21 DECISION:

That the minutes of meeting of Bamford and Oakenrod Area Forum held on 4th September 2017 be noted

BRIMROD, MARLAND AND SUDDEN AREA FORUM

22 The Sub-Committee considered the minutes of the meeting of the Brimrod, Marland and Sudden Area Forum held on 22nd June and 14th September 2017.

Further to minute 3 of the meeting held on the 14th September 2017 - Minutes of the Last Meeting and Matters Arising - the Sub-Committee requested that the Director of Neighbourhoods be advised of the excellent work undertaken by officers to removal of the fly tipping and the clean-up of the area.

Further to minute 4 – Police and Communities Together- the Committee were advised of the ‘Safe Drive Stay Alive’ Campaign for new drivers. Details of the event scheduled to be held on Thursday 9th November 2017 from 7pm to 8.30pm at the Middleton Arena are available on the website at www.SafeDriveGM.co.uk

DECISION:

That the minutes of meetings of the Brimrod, Marland and Sudden Area Forum held on 22nd June and 14th September 2017 be noted.

CASTLETON AREA FORUM

23 DECISION:

That the minutes of meeting of the Castleton Area Forum held on 27th June and 15th August 2017 be noted.

CENTRAL ROCHDALE AREA FORUM

24 DECISION:

That the minutes of the meetings of the Central Rochdale Area Forum held on the 24th July and the 18th September 2017 be noted.

HEALEY AREA FORUM

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DECISION:

That the the minutes of the meeting of the Healey Area Forum held on 27th July 2017 be noted.

KINGSWAY AREA FORUM

26 DECISION:

That the minutes of the meetings of the Kingsway Area Forum held on 15th June and 31st August 2017 be noted.

MILKSTONE AND DEEPLISH AREA FORUM

27 DECISION:

That the minutes of meeting of the Milkstone and Deeplish Area Forum held on 17th July 2017 be noted.

NORDEN AREA FORUM

28 The Sub-Committee considered the minutes of the meetings of the Norden Area Forum 13th June and 12th September 2017.

Further to minute 3 of the meeting held on the 12th September 2017 – Greater Manchester Police - the Sub-Committee requested that the Director of Neighbourhoods be advised of the excellent work undertaken by officers with regard to the their speedy response and management of the recent travellers’ encampment on Caldershaw Road, Rochdale

DECISION:

That the minutes of meetings of the Norden Area Forum held on 13th June and 12th September 2017 be noted.

SPOTLAND AND FALINGE AREA FORUM

29 DECISION:

That the minutes of the meetings of the Spotland and Falinge Area Forum held on 13th July and 24th August 2017 be noted.

ROCHDALE TOWNSHIP CLEAN AND GREEN PRIORITY GROUP

30 DECISION:

That the minutes of meetings of the Rochdale Township Clean and Green Priority Group held on 20th July and 28th September 2017 be noted.

ROCHDALE TOWNSHIP COMMUNITIES AND ENGAGEMENT PRIORITY GROUP

31 DECISION:

That the minutes of meeting 9th August 2017 of Rochdale Township Communities and Engagement Priority Group be noted.

PRESENTATION - SECTION 106 AGREEMENTS/DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS

32 The Sub-Committee received a report and a presentation, of the Assistant Director (Planning and Development) on Section 106 Planning Agreements and the suggested process for the Township to identify potential schemes for the funding that was available.

The Sub-Committees were informed that matters relating to formal sport and affordable housing Section 106 agreements would be considered by the Cabinet but that matters relating to the local open space agreements within Pennines Township were to be brought forward for consideration by future meetings of the Pennines Township Delegated Sub-Committee.

From 1st April 2015 the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations had been tightened to restrict the pooling of more than five contributions to any specific piece of infrastructure. The Local Planning Authority were required to identify the use of any monies prior to planning permission being determined, with commuted sum payments limited to 'major' developments. As a result Section 106 discussions were now encouraged to form part of pre application process to provide greater developer certainty.

The Sub-Committee were advised of the section 106 formal sport projects compiled for the Township using the Playing Pitch strategy and other projects previously identified by Councillors and Sports Governing Bodies. Members of the Council had been requested to provide any comments they may have with regard to these schemes by no later than 30th October 2017.

Decision:

That the presentation be noted.

Eligible for Call-in: No.

OBJECTIONS TO TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER - ASHWORTH STREET, MOUNT STREET AND LOWER SHERIFF STREET, ROCHDALE

33 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Neighbourhoods that advised Members of objections and representations received in relation to a proposed introduction of a Traffic Regulation Order on Ashworth Street, Mount Street and Lower Sheriff Street, Rochdale.

The Sub-Committee was advised that the proposed Traffic Regulation order introduced prohibition of waiting restrictions on the south side of Ashworth Street from its junction with Mount Street for a distance of 10 metres in an easterly direction and from its junction with Lower Sheriff Street for a distance of 10 metres in a westerly direction. The proposed Traffic Regulation order also introduced prohibition of waiting restrictions on the east side of Mount Street from its junction with Ashworth Street for a distance of 10 metres in a southerly direction and on the west side of Lower Sheriff Street from the junction of Ashworth Street for a distance of 13 metres in a southerly direction, and the introduction of No Waiting restrictions from Monday to Friday from 8am to 5pm on the south side of Ashworth Street from a point 10 metres west of its junction with Lower Sheriff Street to a point 10 metres east of its junction with Mount Street.

The proposed restrictions on Ashworth Street were proposed in order to remove parked vehicles from the south side of the street, the effect of which would be to increase the available carriageway width in order to enable vehicles to pass between Mount Street and Lower Sheriff Street and would allow refuse collection vehicles to service Falinge Mews. The proposed restrictions on Mount Street and Lower Sheriff Street would prevent parking near to the junction of Ashworth Street and would improve the traffic flow conditions in the area.

Alternatives considered: The Committee could consider recommending that the proposal be abandoned. Should the Committee decide to not introduce the restrictions proposed then the issues with parked vehicles, which were reported to Rochdale Township, would not be addressed.

The Committee considered the views of Mr Khan, a member of the Golden Mosque on Lower Sheriff Street, Rochdale, who addressed the Committee in relation to his objections to the proposed Traffic Regulation Order.

In considering the report Members raised several concerns in relation to the proposed traffic regulation order.

Decision:

That the proposed Traffic Regulation Order, Borough of Rochdale ((Civil Enforcement of Traffic Contraventions) (Various Streets) (Rochdale Township) Order 2008) (Amendment) (No.124) Order be implemented, as advertised.

Reasons for the Decision:

In order to address the issues outlined in the submitted report it was necessary to introduce the proposed Order as originally advertised

Eligible for call in: yes

OBJECTIONS TO EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER - SMITH STREET, ROCHDALE

34 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Neighbourhoods that advised Members of objections and representations received in relation to a proposed introduction of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order, Borough of Rochdale (Smith Street, Rochdale) Experimental (Prohibition of Motor Vehicles), Experimental (Prohibition of Motor Vehicles (Except Buses)), Experimental Suspension of the (Borough of Rochdale (Smith Street, Rochdale) (Prohibition of Motor Vehicles (Except Buses)) Order 2013), Experimental Suspension of Part of the (Borough of Rochdale ((Civil Enforcement of Traffic Contraventions) (Various Streets) (Rochdale Township) Order 2008)(Amendment)(No.99) Order 2015) and Experimental Prohibition of Waiting Order 2017.

The Sub-Committee was advised that concerns had been raised by members of the public when the new bus station opened relating to the safety of pedestrians wishing to cross Smith Street. Elected Members had requested that the Highways Service consider these concerns as at the time pedestrian desire lines between the town centre and Number One Riverside resulted in pedestrians conflicting with buses using the bus station.

Removing the conflict between buses and pedestrians had required the introduction of a new Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) on Smith Street to prohibit its use by motor vehicles at its eastern end. Buses were required to use Water Street to access the bus station. In discussions with Transport for Greater Manchester, it was agreed that if a TRO were promoted, it would be in the form of an experimental order so that the impact on buses could be fully assessed over a period of time. An Experimental TRO had been introduced on 29th January 2017 and during the 6 month objection period, 4 objections had been received. The objectors main concerns were in relation to the potential for a delay to bus services which the order created.

Alternatives Considered: The experimental order could not be made permanent but this would not address the conflict between pedestrians and buses.

In considering the report Members of the Committee raised concerns in regard to the introduction of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order prior to the redevelopment of the town centre having taken place.

Decision:

That the proposed Traffic Regulation Order, Borough of Rochdale (Smith Street, Rochdale) Experimental (Prohibition of Motor Vehicles), Experimental (Prohibition of Motor Vehicles (Except Buses)), Experimental Suspension of the (Borough of Rochdale (Smith Street, Rochdale) (Prohibition of Motor Vehicles (Except Buses)) Order 2013), Experimental Suspension of Part of the (Borough of Rochdale((Civil Enforcement of Traffic contraventions) (Various Streets) (Rochdale Township) Order 2008)(Amendment) (No.99)

Order 2015) and Experimental Prohibition of Waiting Order 2017 be implemented, as advertised.

Reasons for the Decision:

In order to address the issues outlined in the submitted report it was necessary to introduce the proposed Order as originally advertised

Eligible for call in: yes

ROCHDALE TOWNSHIP FUNDS 2017/18

35 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Neighbourhoods which updated the Sub-Committee on revenue and capital expenditure, commitments and balances of Rochdale Township Fund 2017/2018, to enable the Sub-Committee to allocate funds to proposed projects.

The Sub-Committee were asked to note the expenditure, commitments and balances of Rochdale Township Funds 2017/18 as detailed in Appendix 1 and 2, the decisions made under delegated authority as detailed in Appendix 3 to the submitted report and to consider and approve, defer or refuse the allocation of funds to proposed projects detailed in Appendix 4. Members of the Rochdale Township Action and Resource Sub-Committee were requested to note that the projects had been identified for funding from Rochdale Township Funds 2017/18. Members were asked to decide whether to approve, reject or defer the allocation of revenue and capital funds to the proposed projects listed in Appendix 4.

In order to reduce the potential for carry forward of funds during 2017/18, Members were asked to agree to give delegated authority to make decisions on any deferred projects to the Townships & Communities Manager, in consultation with the Chair, Vice Chair and opposition spokesperson of the committee.

Alternatives considered - in considering the report, Members were asked to decide whether or not to approve the allocation of funds to projects/schemes as appropriate.

DECISION:

1. That the expenditure, commitments and balances of the Rochdale Township Funds 2017/18, as detailed in Appendices 1 and 2 of the submitted report be noted;
2. That the decisions made under delegated authority as detailed in Appendix 3 of the submitted report be noted;
3. That the Townships and Communities Manager, in consultation with the Chair, Vice Chair and opposition spokespersons of the Committee, be given delegated authority to make decisions on any deferred projects.
4. That applications for Township Funds, (as outlined in Appendix 4 of the submitted report); and be dealt with as follows:-

Applicant	Project /Scheme	Decision
RP/05/17	Rivington Street Car Parks Repairs	Approve an allocation of £7,510 from the Township Revenue Fund

Reason for decision:

The management of the Rochdale Township Fund is delegated to the Rochdale Township Action & Resources Delegated Sub Committee to determine. The Rochdale Township Funds are allocated to projects that benefit the Township's community and environment, and realise the Township priorities. The Sub-Committee undertook monitoring and a review of the use of the Rochdale Township Funds to ensure continued efficient and effective use of those Funds.

Eligible for Call-in – Yes