

## **HEATON AND LOSTOCK AREA FORUM**

MEETING – 19<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2013

Present – 10 members of the public attended the meeting

Councillor Bob Allen	Heaton and Lostock Ward
Councillor Alan Rushton	Heaton and Lostock Ward

### Also in attendance

Idris Jeewa	- Area Co-ordinator
Shelly Williams	- Business Support Officer
Kevan Roberts	- Environmental Services
PCSO Ben Brookfield	- Greater Manchester Police
PCSO Peter Mariette	- Greater Manchester Police

Apologies for absence were submitted by Julie Hilling MP and Councillor Colin Shaw.

Councillor Robert Allen in the Chair

### **1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME**

Councillor Allen welcomed everyone and introduced Councillor Rushton. He also introduced Idris Jeewa, Area Coordinator and other Council and partner officers present.

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM COUNCILLORS AND OFFICERS**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

### **3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 13 March 2013 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

### **4. PRESENTATION – REVIEW OF AREA WORKING ACTIVITIES 2011-2013**

Idris Jeewa, Area Coordinator gave a presentation in relation to area working which included schemes that had been undertaken during the period April 2011-March 2013. Mr Jeewa also outlined the funding that was available for the period 2013 - 2015.

The main points were:

#### **Area Working Funded – Schemes Undertaken**

- Total available budget for 2011-13 = £45,450
- Albert Rd West – carriageway resurface - £19,600
- Beaumont Drive – carriageway resurface - £7,000
- The Walkway – drainage repairs - £5,750
- Glengarth Drive TRO - £3,900
- Old Kiln Lane – gulley clear & replacement- £1,000
- High Bank Lane Street lighting - £850 contribution
- Chassen Rd – Highways Sign - £300
- Hi Vis waistcoats & slapbands for schools - £4,700
- Support to local groups - £400
- Committed Projects - £1,950

#### **Funding for 2013-2015**

- Flat Rate Budget - £13,750
- Highway Maintenance - £19,200

- The Criteria for the Highways maintenance budget is limited to the following:
  - Reconstruction
  - Refurbishment
  - Patching
  - Slurry Seal

### **Email Contact for Council Services**

- Full comprehensive list was given to members

### **Councillor Surgeries – 2013**

- The Heaton and Lostock surgeries were scheduled to take place on the first Wednesday of each month from 6pm to 7pm at Heaton and Lostock Children's Centre

A number of questions followed the presentations and were answered at the meeting.

Resolved – That the presentation be noted

## **5. BUDGET UPDATE**

Councillor Allen introduced Idris Jeewa, Area Coordinator who gave a brief overview on budgets that remained from last year and what was available for 2013-15.

At the end of the last meeting in March, £6,588 remained in the Flat Rate budget. Since the meeting, Members had allocated funds to the following projects and schemes:

- £4,715 purchase of hi-vis waistcoats and slap bands for all primary school children in the ward.
- £120 installation of H markings on Rydal Court which aided parking problems

- **Balanced remained** **£1,753**

The Area Forum had also allocated funds for the period of June 2013 – March 2015 on the following basis:

- £13,750 for the Flat Rate Budget
- £19,200 for the Highways Maintenance Budget.

Members had not yet made any decisions on how this money was to be allocated; decisions made would be reported back at future area forum meetings.

Resolved – That the presentation, together with, those projects approved under the Council's Scheme of Delegation be noted

## **6. QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION**

Councillor Allen introduced this item on the agenda and invited residents to ask any questions or put forward any comments they had regarding issues and concerns in the Ward.

Q1 It was asked why there had been a decision to hold Councillor Surgeries for Heaton and Lostock constituents?

A Councillor Allen explained that the Heaton and Lostock members had not held surgeries for a number of years and they wanted to trial them in the area.

Q2 Further to question 1 it was asked how the Councillor Surgeries were to be advertised?

A Councillor Allen stated that the information would be available on the Council website; in addition posters would be displayed in the library.

Q3 A query was raised about a question asked by the same resident at previous Area Forum meetings which related

to staff parking issues on Armadale Road, Ladybridge. Some staff were still parking on the road, was there anything the Council could do to resolve the matter?

A Councillor Allen stated he was of the opinion that all plausible options in getting the matter resolved had been explored and exhausted, he advised that he was quite happy to write to the schools in question again but stated that any enforcement action was unlikely as the stationary cars were not parked illegally.

Q4 A resident asked if there was the possibility for a messaged answerphone service for the Council's Contact Centre during out of office hours?

A Councillor Allen stated that this was not an unreasonable request and would investigate the matter further.

Q5 A resident asked if Councillor Allen had contacted another resident about a query he raised in relation to the development of the playing fields on Devonshire Road?

A Councillor Allen assured the resident that the gentleman in question had been notified personally and updated on the land development plans for the Devonshire Road site.

Resolved – That the questions be noted and that any unanswered questions would be included in the next meetings feedback sheet.

## **7. CHAIR'S CLOSING REMARKS**

Councillor Allen concluded the meeting by thanking everyone for attending and informed the audience that as soon as the next round of dates had been set residents would be communicated to through the usual channels.

(The meeting started at 7.00pm and finished at 8.40pm).