

# REPORT TO COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

## COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARDS



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**Agenda Item** 9  
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### 1.0 BACKGROUND

A central objective under the strategic plan is to improve the council's communication networks. Action COM13 is to develop a schedule of potential locations for new noticeboards in areas across the town with natural footfall.

The council presently has four external noticeboards:

- Council Offices
- Longridge (opposite The Welcome)
- Princess Street (by post-boxes)
- The Moor (Middle Walk end)

Redrow are installing a new noticeboard on the Tabley Park development which the town council will have keys for. Bellway are being approached about a noticeboard on their site too.

Whilst many communication methods have progressed, noticeboards are still useful in reaching some members of the community who are not actively looking to be engaged, for example the council has had job applicants from people who have seen adverts on the council's noticeboards.

### 2.0 POTENTIAL LOCATIONS

The table below outlines a number of locations which may be suitable for the installation of a new noticeboard (subject to permissions). They are in areas with a naturally high footfall, located near key services.

Area	Specific Location	Type	Rationale
The Heath	Wall of Hooked on the Heath	W	A main access to a popular open space. Wall mounted boards are lower cost.
Manor Park North (opt. a)	Green space corner of Thorneyholme Drive	F	Near two primary schools. Simple installation.
Manor Park North (opt. b)	In hedgerow outside Manor Park School	F	More prominent for school drop-off at this school. Permission may be more challenging (highway)
Parkgate Lane (opt. a)	Behind fence of green space corner of Mobberley Road/Parkgate Lane	F	Close to row of shops. More prominent, but privately owned land.
Parkgate Lane	Behind wall of Fire Station	F	Close to row of shops. Permission

(opt. b)	green		may be easier (Fire Authority)
Blackhill Lane	Opposite/outside Bexton School	F	Close to Bexton School
Westfield Drive	Green in centre of road	F	Walking route to the Academy
Entrance to Tatton Park	Outside fence, opp. Wallwood.	F	Popular attraction/walking route in town centre
Nr Lime Walk	On fence at footpath between Delmar Rd and South Downs.	W	Popular walking route and access to Booths Hall.
Windmill Wood	Goughs Lane entrance	F	Popular walking route

*(F – freestanding, W – wall mounted)*

The Town Centre Manager is in discussions with local supermarkets about space for internal noticeboards / use of existing noticeboards within stores.

Good quality noticeboards will last decades, but the approximate cost for a 2 x A1 noticeboard (as per most existing) is £2,000. Any programme of new noticeboards would therefore be phased over a number of financial years. It would be sensible, therefore, to prioritise new locations where the committee considers the greatest benefit would be achieved. The budget for street furniture is held by the Environment and Transport Committee, therefore should this committee wish to see additional noticeboards installed, a recommendation to that committee should be made.

### **3.0 DECISION REQUIRED**

The committee should:

- a) Determine a prioritised list of locations for new noticeboards (including any areas missed from the table above)
- b) Make a recommendation to the Environment and Transport Committee that it looks to install noticeboards at recommended locations