

REPORT TO ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

ADDITIONAL NOTICEBOARDS

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1.0 BACKGROUND

A central objective under the strategic plan is to improve the council's communication networks. Action COM33 is to install 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) and 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. Noticeboards are updated at least once per month.

The Community Committee reviewed potential locations for new noticeboards at its October meeting and resolved to recommend to this committee that it fund two new noticeboards to be installed on the Freeholders Hut and by the Parkgate Lane parade of shops.

2.0 PROPOSAL

The installation of a noticeboard on the Freeholders Hut is straightforward as it is owned by the council and will accommodate a wall mounted board. The proposed noticeboard would be a landscape A1 posterboard which would accommodate 2 x A2 posters or 8 x A4 posters. The cost for this would be approximately £650.

The installation of a noticeboard near the Parkgate Lane parade of shops is more complicated and costly. The best location would be behind the fence on the green space at the front of the road, this is privately owned and discussions would need to take place with the landowner. A freestanding noticeboard would be required at an approximate cost of £1,780 for a 2 x A1 panel board (the same size as the Longridge and Council Offices boards). Subject to committee approval of the cost, this will be discussed with the landowner to ascertain if permission can be secured.

3.0 DECISIONS REQUIRED

The committee should consider the recommendation from the Community Committee to install noticeboards as outlined.