

## **NORTH WALSALL AREA PANEL MEETING**

**Wednesday, 18 December, 2013 at 5.00 p.m.**

**Council House, Lichfield Street, Burrowes Street, WS1 1TW**

### **Present**

Councillor Wesley (Chairman)  
Councillor J. Fitzpatrick  
Councillor S. Fitzpatrick  
Councillor Young  
Councillor Jukes  
Councillor Lane  
Councillor Phillips  
Councillor Harrison  
Councillor Thomas

### **Officers**

Jo Lowndes- Partnership Manager  
Vanessa Croft- Area Support Officer  
Laura Terry - Partnerships Officer  
Paul Leighton - Group Manager (Road Traffic Network)  
Matthew Underhill - Committee Governance & Business Manager

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### **Apologies**

Apologies for the duration of the meeting were received from Councillor Oliver, Councillor Jeavons and Michael Greenfield.

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### **Declarations of Interest**

Councillors S. Fitzpatrick, Thomas and Westley declared an interest in relation to the Participatory budgeting/ Verge parking item as they sat on the Planning Committee.

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### **Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985 (as amended)**

There were no items to be considered in private session.

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### **Minutes of the previous meeting**

The meeting considered the minutes of the meeting that took place on 20 November, 2013

## **Resolved**

**That the minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2013, copies having previously been circulated, be approved as a true and accurate record.**

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## **Participatory budgeting/ Verge parking**

Officers explained that the proposed scheme for Lancaster Place had received the largest number of votes. In response to Panel queries it was explained that if the scheme was approved a full viability assessment would be undertaken before work could begin. It was also explained that the maximum funding available was £41,600 and this would deliver between 4 and 6 parking spaces. A Panel Member expressed concern regarding the cost of these works. Officers explained that this was the cost of undertaking this work via the contract with Tarmac, although at this stage it was an estimate. Panel Members queried whether a more effective use of this funding would be dropped kerbs. Officers explained that a particular issue would be that some residents have already paid for dropped kerbs outside their properties. A Panel Member suggested that it might be productive to speak with whg to see if they would be willing to fund dropped kerb works. Officers also explained that should the Lancaster Place scheme receive approval the designs would be shared with local residents.

Councillors Young, F. Fitzpatrick and Phillips voted in favour of the verge parking scheme at Lancaster Place.

## **Resolved**

That the verge parking scheme at Lancaster Place was approved.

## **Termination of the meeting**

The meeting terminated at 5.45 p.m.

Chairman: .....

Date: .....