

# Minutes of a meeting of the Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on Thursday, 27 July 2023 in Council Chamber - City Hall, Bradford

Commenced 4.30 pm  
Concluded 7.40 pm

## Present – Councillors

LABOUR	CONSERVATIVE	BRADFORD SOUTH INDEPENDENTS
Jamil Humphreys Ahmed Godwin Johnson Wood	Coates Nunns	Clarke

## NON VOTING CO-OPTED MEMBERS

Susan Crowe	Bradford District Assembly Health and Wellbeing Forum
Trevor Ramsay	i2i patient involvement Network, Bradford District NHS Foundation Care Trust

**Observers:** Councillor Ferriby, Portfolio Holder Healthy People and Places

## Councillor Jamil in the Chair

### 12. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

No disclosures of interest in matters under discussion were made.

### 13. MINUTES

**Resolved –**

**That the minutes of the meeting held on 21 June 2023 be signed as a correct record.**

### 14. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

There were no appeals submitted by the public to review decisions to restrict documents.

## 15. REFERRALS TO THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

**The following referral was been made:**

Council – 11 July 2023

At the meeting of full Council on 11 July 2023 the following motion was considered and referred to the Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

### COUNCIL (AND SCHOOLS) PROVISION OF PLANT-BASED FOOD

Bradford Council, together with our partners, is taking a comprehensive range of actions to tackle the climate emergency, reduce our carbon footprint, improve our environment and deliver clean growth.

As reported to the Regeneration and Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 15 November 2022, we have almost halved the Council's total emissions from 42,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e to 22,000 tonnes between 2014-15 and 2021-22 and we are continuing to make progress.

This year the Council has adopted a Good Food Strategy to improve access to healthy food and make it more affordable for people across the District to make informed choices about what they eat. The Strategy recommends encouraging residents to choose a more balanced, more plant-based diet.

Through our Facilities Management service to schools we enshrine choice in the offer which includes plant-based options for students and a full vegan diet for anyone who requests it. National nutritional guidance still recommends a balanced diet is most easily accessible to all children if it includes fish, poultry, meat and dairy products so we continue to offer those choices too.

An increasing number of our Council-run events – such as the recent Culture and Climate Symposium and the Culture Is Our Plan showcase – are already offering fully plant-based catering, and there is a commitment for future events to satisfy a percentage of plant-based options.

All relevant UN and UK Climate Change Committee reports emphasise the need to significantly reduce our use of animal products in response to the climate crisis. In the UK, for example, approximately 10% of greenhouse gas emissions are estimated to be linked to agriculture, most of which is the methane produced by livestock.

The agriculture sector has reduced greenhouse gas emissions by around 16% between 1990 and 2020, according to Defra data. Whilst this is heading in the right direction there is clearly much more to do if we are to meet our Net Zero target.

The 2022 Farm Practices Survey indicated that 64% of farmers thought it important to consider greenhouse gases when making farm business decisions.

The 2021 National Food Strategy, led by Henry Dimbleby, set a ten-year goal of a 30% reduction in meat consumption in the UK.

The West Yorkshire Combined Authority's 2020 Emission Reduction Pathway Report estimates that a 32% reduction in red meat and dairy consumption is needed across the region if our goal of net zero carbon is to be met by 2038.

Our district is two-thirds rural and our farmers and food producers make an important contribution to the local economy and the local environment by providing good quality local food.

Council therefore:

Requests that the Director of Public Health provides a report to Health and Social Care Overview & Scrutiny setting out the Council's progress on delivering our food strategy including how it can support residents in the cost of living crisis, local businesses in a changing world and reducing our carbon footprint including any options for extending plant-based catering across all Council-run external sites (leisure centres etc.) whilst retaining freedom of choice for individual dietary preferences or requirements.

**Resolved:-**

**That the referral be noted and that further consideration be given to how to appropriately deal with the full scope of the issues raised.**

***Action: Overview and Scrutiny Lead***

## **16. KEIGHLEY COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELLBEING CENTRE UPDATE**

The report of the Bradford District and Craven Health & Care Partnership (BD&CH&CP) (**Document "E"**) gave an update to develop a Community Health and Wellbeing Centre from which a wide range of services was provided and would improve the health and wellbeing of the local population by addressing not only the medical needs, but also the wider determinants of health.

The Chief Finance Officer of the BD&CH&CP was in attendance and at the invitation of the Chair gave a synopsis of the report.

A question and answer (Q&A) session ensued:

- Information was sought on the most realistic timescale on the eventual initiation of the centre?
  - The delivery of this scheme and the range of community engagement and involvement activities were on a magnitude level due to the wide area of consultation and partnership collaboration. Nevertheless, it was confident to state that the revised project plan

had been developed and the planned works were to commence on site in Autumn 2024 with the anticipation of the building completion by Summer 2026;

- Pertaining to the prospect of patients with serious health issues, did the structural design plan of the building take into consideration the needs of future patients with physical and impairment needs?
  - The development of the business case also took into consideration anticipated need for reasonable adjustments so as not to discriminate against disabled people;
- In reference to mental health services, what actual services would be delivered?
  - Services that were consistent with the sector but also to establish practices to streamline services in a more resourceful and well-organised quality of service;
- Had there been any discussion in relation to creating support provisions for young people who may be referred to CAMHS as a result of experiencing poor mental health, or difficult feelings or experience?
  - Detailed discussions were yet to be addressed however this was a subject matter that would be taken into consideration;
- What were the anticipated future costs of the building following completion?
  - There would be no further costs associated with the building; and,
- How would clean growth (alignment to the governments clean growth objectives and contributing to the achievement of Net Zero Carbon targets) and the increasing and closer collaboration between employers expected to be achieved?
  - The process would entail bringing people together and reaching out to everyone.

A Keighley Central Ward Councillor was in attendance and with the permission of the Chair sought clarification on whether Holycroft GP surgery would be relocating into the new centre. In response, it was confirmed that this was the intention.

The Chair of the Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee was in attendance and at the invitation of the Chair made representations to the committee. He stated that delivery of the scheme to be overseen by the re-establishment of the Keighley Project Board was welcoming.

In bringing his representation to an end he sought information on the process that had been put into place to appoint board members. In response, it was explained that representation from voluntary and community sector organisations would be ideal; a professional official who was not part of the voluntary sector; and, other assistance that members wished to propose to make up the board members would be welcomed.

In response, the Councillor expressed his wishes for an elected official who was fully acquainted with the dynamics of the Keighley area be given a seat on the board, as the role of this function would be associated with the government funding of £3.4 million of the Keighley Towns Fund. In response, it was stated that this would be looked into further.

A Councillor of the Keighley Central Ward also in attendance and with the approval of the Chair sought information on whether Holycroft GP surgery was moving to the centre. In response, the officer confirmed that the subject of relocation of the surgery to the city centre was accurate.

During the discussion, members expressed favour works associated with the development of the new building in the city centre could be tendered out to the local community before wide circulation.

In response, officers confirmed that this was something that could be looked into.

**Resolved:-**

**That the report be noted and that a further update, to include information on the community engagement and involvement plan and services to be delivered from the Centre be presented to the Committee during the current 2023/24 Municipal Year.**

***Action: Bradford District and Craven Health and Care Partnership***

**17. THE BEST 1001 DAYS PROGRAMME - PILLAR ONE OF THE CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE & FAMILIES PRIORITY FOR BRADFORD DISTRICT & CRAVEN HEALTH & CARE PARTNERSHIP**

The Best 1001 Days (formerly Better Births) programme is pillar one of the Healthy Children and Families priority area for Bradford District & Craven. We work collaboratively across sectors and organisations, to achieve our vision: “Working together to improve experiences & outcomes for pregnancy, birth & beyond across Bradford District & Craven”. This is reflective of the Bradford District and Craven Health and Care Partnership Act as One way of working.

This report of the Bradford District and Craven Health and Care Partnership Act (**Document “F”**) highlighted some of the key achievements of the past year and outlined the future plans to improve the outcomes for maternity care across our place and reduce disparities in experiences by working as a whole system.

A representative was in attendance and with the invitation of the Chair gave a summary of the report.

A Q&A session ensued:

- What engagement work had been undertaken to raise awareness?
  - Community engagement events with a range of stalls, activities, and workshops with representatives from 12 organisations and around 40 parents from White, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Roma, Slovakian and Polish communities had been successfully taken place;
- How successful was the recruitment of volunteers?
  - Through the programme the service was continually looking at ways to increase recruitment and retention. A previous successful project in Bradford supported volunteers in Health Visiting Clinics across the district. Volunteers were recruited to support Health Visitors by

being trained to undertake weights and measurements of babies. This took some of the workload from the Health Visitors, enabling them to be freed up to have more time for important conversations with families, whilst providing the volunteers with valuable skills and experience to help them progress into either training or employment within the health and care sector;

- To what extent had efforts achieved joint collaboration?
  - Joint working included parent education, online, specialised classes face to face 1:1 session, classes in Urdu and Punjabi.
  - Additional projects within joint ventures entailed multilingual information, Continuity of Carer, community midwifery teams for complex needs, enhanced antenatal and postnatal care, joint collaboration with Airedale midwife – Birth Matters Service. The improvements to access to language line/interpretation services was being addressed and newly appointed Chairs for MVP will jointly lead the VoF workstream to ensure collaboration.

**Resolved:-**

- (1) That the Best 1001 Days programme initiatives to help reduce inequalities and help ensure the best possible start for life for babies born locally be noted and supported;**
- (2) That efforts to find a solution to the concerning impact of disadvantaged families in the district missing vital care due to the inability to afford transport costs be supported;**
- (3) That the lack of service provision for the most acutely unwell perinatal mental health patients due to the limited funding available for SMABS be noted;**
- (4) That the programme will continue to support the two NHS Foundation trusts following the recent CQC inspections, using the place-based ‘Act as One’ approach be noted; and**
- (5) That a further update on the Best 1001 Days programme, to include where possible data presented in numbers in addition to percentages; be presented in 12 months.**

***Action: Best 1001 Days Programme***

**18. DRAFT HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2023/24**

The report of the Director or Legal and Governance (**Document “G”**) presented a draft work programme 2023/24 for adoption by the Committee.

**Resolved:-**

- (1) That the information in Appendix A along with the amendments and additions made at that meeting be adopted as the Committee’s Work Programme 2022/23; and**

**(2) That the Work Programme 2023/24 be regularly reviewed during the year.**

***Action: Overview and Scrutiny Lead***

Chair

**Note: These minutes are subject to approval as a correct record at the next meeting of the Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee.**

THESE MINUTES HAVE BEEN PRODUCED, WHEREVER POSSIBLE, ON RECYCLED PAPER