

## Minutes of a meeting of the Bradford East Area Committee held on Thursday 20 March 2014 at City Hall, Bradford

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Commenced 1800  
Concluded 1847

### PRESENT – Councillors

LABOUR	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	BRADFORD INDEPENDENT GROUP
Billheimer	Griffiths	F Khan
I A Khan	Leeming	
Khalig	Middleton	
	G Reid	

### Councillor I A Khan in the Chair

#### 53. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

The following disclosures of interest were received in the interests of clarity:

- (1) Councillor I A Khan's two brothers were Police officers in relation to Minute 57.
- (2) Councillor F Khan had a brother who worked in the Police force in relation to Minute 57.

**ACTION:** *City Solicitor*

#### 54. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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



## 55. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions submitted by the public.

## 56. HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE NON-CLASSIFIED ROADS AND SURFACE DRESSING ALLOCATION FOR BRADFORD EAST - 2014/15

**All**

The report of the Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture (**Document “AE”**) provided information on the Capital Highway Maintenance Element of the Local Transport Plan Settlement 2013/14 – 2014/15 and made recommendations on the allocation for Non-Classified road resurfacing schemes and Surface Dressing sites in Bradford East for 2014/15.

Members made the following comments:

- Some of these streets have housing developments and work could be carried out at the same time.
- Extra monies could be generated as a result of the housing developments

The Principal Engineer responded to Members comments and made the following points:

- Some of these developments are not a major priority but can be included as planning consent, with some also included as maintenance.
- In respect of additional monies there could be £500,000 allocated for Bradford district but there was no information yet on what it would be spent on.

**Resolved –**

**That the proposed programme of Works for 2014/15 as shown in Appendices 2 and 3 of Document “AE” be approved.**

***OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Environment and Waste Management  
ACTION: Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture***

## 57. POLICING ACROSS BRADFORD DISTRICT

**All**

The report of the Strategic Director, Environment and Sport (**Document “AF”**) informed Members of new policing arrangements for the Bradford District. Members were invited to consider how the Area Committee can work with the Police through the programme of change to improve community safety for neighbourhoods and communities.

Members made the following comments:

- Can junior police officers resolve issues as Inspectors once did?
- Sometimes you can come up across an obstacle when trying to deal with an issue. While a senior officer can deal with an issue quickly.
- At Eccleshill we have had three meetings and we have a productive ward partnership.
- We were told that crime statistic figures would come out next week.

- Meetings should be arranged to time with availability of statistics.
- Some ward areas may take sergeants away.
- I hope that this new model works and we get an updated report in six months time.
- Has the new model which was approved by the police high command been operated elsewhere in this country or the world?
- Why was the new policing model not introduced earlier?
- I have seen so many changes in the past and it was not possible to take 140 million pounds out of the police service budget and expect to receive the same service.
- The economic crisis and recession would lead to more crime.
- Would you tailor your resources to where there was more crime?
- We have not been successful in the past and I look forward to more positive crime statistics, with a reduction in criminal activity.
- What would the relationship between the Police and Council ward officers be like?
- Stability was important. Would the new structure last for a few years?
- Was there a plan to review the new structure?
- Neighbourhood watch should be with the neighbourhood team and not in the hub.

Representatives of West Yorkshire Police attended the meeting and made the following points:

- The Police Superintendent reported that he had worked in West Yorkshire for 17 years and before that in the Home Office and Edinburgh City Centre.
- In West Yorkshire Police we have a new Police Commander and also a Police and Crime Commissioner.
- The Inspector reported that he had worked in the police for 16 years which included CID in all ranks.
- It was proposed that there would be fewer bosses in the police and more police officers on the streets.
- There would be one Police Chief for Bradford district and one for Leeds district as well as ward teams.
- Yes, junior officers would be able to resolve issues and the situation would be better in the future.
- Anti-social behaviour would be dealt with by ward sergeants.
- If Members were not satisfied they can go and see me as I am the junior officers' line manager.
- It would work better as a ward sergeant would have responsibility for Bradford East ward as a whole.
- Ward sergeants would be important at a ward level as people who cause trouble move across the whole ward.
- Please bear with us the crime statistics would become available in April and we would have a meeting then.
- Sergeants were allocated to ward areas and they are their priority and they may be moved away temporarily in case of safety issues.
- Police patrol officers also have ward responsibility.
- There would be a post implementation review.
- The new model of policing was in operation in Edinburgh during the last eight years and also in Surrey for a number of years.
- There were fewer resources available to the police and we need to deliver more and make Bradford safer.
- If you take 140 million pounds out of the police service then you can expect less

- service.
- We are improving on delivery and have a better police intelligence product.
  - Bowling and Barkerend has more crime and Idle and Thackley has less crime and less police staff. Where there was most harm in a day more police staff would be sent there.
  - The level of accountability and productivity would increase over time.
  - Every three weeks there would be a meeting with between sergeants and ward officers.
  - Supporting each other by developing a good relationship and sharing information was very important.
  - The new structure was designed to be sustainable for a while. Things always change as would our structure.

The Safer Communities Delivery Co-ordinator responded to member comments and made the following points:

- The police team areas would mirror constituency and ward areas.
- All the relevant data would be brought together.
- Anti- social behaviour team members work in ward areas and in the district as a whole.
- As a neighbourhood service we are not just about crime and we also have a community engagement role.
- Neighbourhood Co-ordinators would be in the hub.

**Resolved –**

- (1) **That the report be noted.**
- (2) **That an update report be presented to the Committee in six months time.**

***OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Corporate  
ACTION: Strategic Director, Environment and Sport***

Chair

**Note: These minutes are subject to approval as a correct record at the next meeting of the Committee.**

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