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Minutes of a meeting of the Bradford East Area Committee held on Thursday 26 March 2015 at City Hall, Bradford

Commenced 1800
Concluded 1945

PRESENT – Councillors

LABOUR	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	BRADFORD INDEPENDENT GROUP
Billheimer	Griffiths	Karmani
Khaliq	J Sunderland	
H U Khan	R Sunderland	
I A Khan	Wallace	

Councillor Imran Khan in the Chair

55. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

- (1) In the interest of transparency Councillor Karmani disclosed an interest in Minute 62 as his work related to Child Sexual Exploitation.
- (2) In the interest of transparency Fatima Butt disclosed an interest in Minute 59 as she lived off Poplars Park Road which was referred in Appendix 4 of the report.

Action: Assistant City Solicitor

56. MINUTES

Resolved -

That the minutes of the meeting held on 17 December 2014 be signed as a correct record.

That the minutes of the meeting held on 22 January 2015 be signed as a correct record subject to Minute 51, resolution 2 to be amended to “relevant ward councillors” rather than Members of Bowling and Barkerend Ward.

Action: Assistant City Solicitor



57. **INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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

58. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions submitted by the public.

59. **DEVOLVED BUDGET - SAFER ROADS SCHEMES**

All wards

The report of the Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture (**Document “AE”**) sought approval for a programme of Safer Roads Schemes for Bradford East for the 2015/16 financial year.

It was reported that there had been an addition of waiting restrictions at the New Line/Sulby Grove junction to Appendix 3.

Members raised concerns as to why the Leeds Road/Harrogate Road feasibility study was not on the priority list when there had been fatalities and why this had not been funded by a developer.

The Principal Engineer clarified that schemes were prioritised on a value for money basis taking into account the potential for casualty reduction and project costs. The entry for Leeds Road/Harrogate Road was for a feasibility study rather than an actual scheme.

A Ward Member felt there should have been 4 vehicle activated signs on Pullan Avenue rather than 2.

Resolved –

- (1) That the Bradford East Area Committee approves a programme of Casualty Reduction schemes for 2015/16 listed in Appendix 1 to Document “AE”.**
- (2) That the Bradford East Area Committee approves the proposed programme of Traffic Management schemes for 2015/16 listed in Appendices 2 and 3 of Document AE subject to the addition of the Leeds Road/Harrogate Road feasibility study as a replacement for Census Radar Surveys in Appendix 2 and addition of waiting restrictions at the New Line/Sulby Grove junction to Appendix 3.**
- (3) That a further report be presented to the Bradford East Area Committee in Autumn 2015 to update members on progress with the 2014/15 schemes programme and give consideration to the allocation of any residual funding.**
- (4) That any Traffic Regulation Orders, or any legal procedures linked to the processing of traffic calming measures or pedestrian crossing facilities which are necessary to implement the chosen schemes be approved for processing and advertising subject to the scheme details being agreed with the local Ward Members.**

- (5) That any valid objections to the advertised Traffic Regulation Orders, traffic calming or pedestrian facilities be submitted to this Area Committee for consideration or in the event of there being no valid objections the Traffic Regulation Orders be sealed and implemented and the traffic calming or pedestrian facilities be implemented as advertised.
- (6) That, subject to consultation with ward members, those items highlighted in Appendices 4 & 5 be removed from the list for future consideration in accordance with the methodology detailed in paragraph 3.3 of Document "AE".

Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Environment and Waste Management
Action: Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture

60. **BRADFORD EAST AREA - Bowling and Barkerend/Idle and Thackley
DEVELOPER TRAFFIC REGULATION
ORDERS/TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES**

The report of the Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture (**Document "AF"**) sought to update members on Traffic Regulation Orders and Traffic Calming measures associated with planning approvals in Bradford East .

Resolved –

- (1) That members note the approved Traffic Regulation Orders and Traffic Calming measures as detailed in Appendices 1-3 of Document "AF".
- (2) That any valid objections to these proposed Traffic Regulation Orders and Traffic Calming measures be reported to this Area Committee for consideration or, in the event of there being no valid objections, the Orders be sealed and measures implemented as advertised.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Environment and Waste Management
Action: Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture

61. **HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE NON-CLASSIFIED ROADS AND SURFACE
DRESSING ALLOCATION FOR BRADFORD EAST - 2015/16 All wards**

The report of the Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture (**Document "AG"**) provided information on Capital Highway Maintenance funding for 2014/15 – 2015/16 and made recommendations on the allocation for Non-Classified road resurfacing schemes and Surface Dressing sites in Bradford East for 2015/16.

Resolved –

That the Bradford East Area Committee approves the proposed programme of works for 2015/16 as shown in Appendix 2 and 3 to Document "AG".

Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Environment and Waste Management
Action: Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture

62. **ARRANGEMENTS BY THE COUNCIL AND ITS PARTNERS
TO TACKLE CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION**

**All Wards in
Bradford East**

The Strategic Director of Children's Services submitted **Document "AK"** which highlighted issues relevant to the Area Committee which arose from the resolution passed unanimously by Council on 21st October 2014 regarding child sexual exploitation (CSE) and from the detailed report accepted by the Executive on 13th January 2015, regarding the same issue.

The Assistant Director Children's Specialist Services reported on the preventative work taking place and the work of "The Hub" such as a multi-agency co-located service which was established in January 2012 based at Javelin House.

It was reported that online training on child sexual exploitation was available to Members.

Members were informed that a lot of work was being undertaken with all faiths and community groups to raise awareness of CSE.

It was reported that there were 480 young people known to the child sexual exploitation hub and 106 of these were from Bradford East area; in respect of prosecutions since the start of the Hub in 2012; 90 individuals had been arrested, a number had been charged and these cases were going to court, there had been 23 convictions.

Members commented on a number of issues which included:

- Was work being undertaken in terms of child abuse within families?
- 500 children on protection plans seemed high, how did that compare with neighbouring authorities?
- How confident should Members feel that all mechanisms were in place to safeguard children?
- The report needed to include all the information available or at least made reference to it; Ofsted reports should have been included in the report as background documents.
- There were issues that had been flagged up in the Ofsted report which were not detailed in the report.
- The statistics were different in the various documents that were available relating to CSE; information presented needed to be smarter and understandable; It was important to be open and transparent.
- Members were not fully aware of the process of reporting suspected child sexual exploitation; ward partnership teams should be more involved in providing support in this area.
- It was crucial to have a good system in place that flagged up at risk cases.
- A lot of good work was being undertaken in this area; risk factors needed to be identified early; but felt there was not enough preventative work being undertaken.
- Would be useful to see the work of the Hub and a map of hot spots and key areas.
- Needed to be aware that vulnerable people over 18 were equally targeted and exploited.
- It should be the role of Ward Partnership Teams to engage schools in this serious issue.

- In relation to paragraph 2.25 of Document “AK” the report should include other models such as young women within families from different community settings.
- It would be useful to have information on children in care of this authority and those living in Bradford in the care of other local authorities.

In response to Members’ questions it was reported that:

- A lot of work was being undertaken relating to child abuse in families; over 500 children were on child protection plans; however sexual abuse within families was the smallest category.
- The number of child protection plans in question were slightly higher in Bradford than neighbouring authorities; additional cases had been referred to Social Services since the Hamzah Khan serious case review.
- The national picture made people feel more confident in coming forward and reporting CSE.
- A lot of preventative work was being undertaken as detailed in paragraph 2.17 onwards of the report.
- An electronic link to the Ofsted report could be sent to Members.
- The systems in place to tackle CSE were now more robust than ever; professionals knew children at risk well.
- In recent months the Council had made a significant investment in developing the functionality of the integrated children’s system to allow children’s services staff to “flag” cases of children at risk of CSE; West Yorkshire Police had also developed a similar “flagging” system which identified for all officers and relevant police staff cases where there was a risk of CSE.
- All Members need to be urged to undertake online CSE training.
- Regular reports on CSE could be provided to the Committee; officers were honest about the information presented.
- Schools had a significant role to play in supporting young people and having trained pastoral staff in school.

Resolved –

- (1) That having considered Executive Document “AM”, Bradford East Area Committee welcomes the work being undertaken and requests that its views and comments be taken into consideration during the Council’s operational approach in exercising its duties to keep children safe from child sexual exploitation in the Bradford East area.**
- (2) That the Strategic Director, Children’s Services be requested to submit a further report in six months time, on the progress made in keeping children in the Bradford East area safe from child sexual exploitation.**
- (3) That the Strategic Director Children’s Services inform all Members of the process for reporting suspected child sexual exploitation to their Local Police Safeguarding Team.**
- (4) That all Members be urged to undertake the online training relating to Child Sexual Exploitation.**

- (5) That the future report due to be submitted to the Committee in six months time includes information on children in the care of the City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council and those living in Bradford in the care of other local authorities.
- (6) That in relation to paragraph 2.25 of the report the Strategic Director Children's Services be requested to include other models giving examples from different community settings.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Children's Services

Action: Strategic Director, Children's Services

63. COMMUNITY CHEST BUDGET ALLOCATION 2014/2015 All wards

The report of the Bradford East Area Co-ordinator (**Document "AH"**) outlined the allocation of the Community Chest Budget for the financial year 2014/2015.

Resolved –

- (1) That Bradford East Area Committee notes the allocation of Community Chest Grants to local groups in the Bradford East Constituency for the financial year 2014 / 2015.
- (2) That the Bradford East Area Co-ordinator be asked to submit a report on the allocation of Community Chest Budget to local groups in Bradford East at the end of the financial year 2015 / 2016.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Corporate

Action: Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture

64. BRADFORD EAST WARD PLANS All wards

The report of the Bradford East Area Co-ordinator – Neighbourhoods and Customer Service (**Document "AI"**) invited members to consider progress made on the delivery of actions identified within Bradford East Ward Plans 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015 in response to priorities identified through the Ward Assessment process. In addition, the report presented the Bradford East Ward Plans 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016.

Resolved –

- (1) That the Bradford East Area Committee approves and adopts the six Ward Plans 2015 - 2016.
- (2) That the Bradford East Area Committee requests Council Officers, partner agencies and community organisations to support the implementation of the six Ward Plans 2015 - 2016.
- (3) That the Bradford East Area Committee notes and welcomes the work undertaken to deliver on the priorities in the 2014 – 2015 Ward Plans.

- (4) That the Bradford East Area Co-ordinator reports back to this Committee on the progress in addressing the priorities contained in the Ward Plans 2015 - 2016.

Overview & Scrutiny Committee: Environment and Waste Management

Action: Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture

65. COUNCIL WARDEN SERVICE

All wards

The report of the Bradford East Area Co-ordinator (**Document “AJ”**) provided an update to the report, presented to the meeting of Bradford East Area Committee on 26th June 2014, regarding the devolution of the Council Warden Service.

There was a short discussion relating to Community Protection Notices and the serving of warning letters to householders who accumulated rubbish in their gardens.

Resolved –

That the Bradford East Area Committee notes and welcomes the information in Document “AJ” which is intended to inform decisions on this devolved service in Bradford East.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Corporate

Action: Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture

66. CHAIR’S CLOSING REMARKS

The Chair thanked retiring colleagues Councillors Khaliq, Billheimer, Middleton and Sher Khan for the work they had undertaken on the Bradford East Area Committee.

Chair

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