

Minutes of a meeting of the Bradford East Area Committee held on Wednesday 22 July 2015 at City Hall, Bradford

Commenced 1800

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PRESENT – Councillors

LABOUR	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	BRADFORD INDEPENDENT GROUP
Iqbal	Fear	F Khan
I Khan	Griffiths (Deputy Chair)	
H U Khan	N Pollard	
	J Sunderland	
	R Sunderland (Chair)	

Apologies: Councillors Jamil and Karmani

Councillor R Sunderland in the Chair

1. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

The following disclosures of interest were received:

- (i) Councillor I Khan had considered Youth Services issues as a member of the Executive the subject matter under discussion in Minutes 5 and 6.
- (ii) Councillor J Sunderland was involved in the Springfield Centre.

ACTION: City Solicitor

2. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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



3. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions submitted by the public.

4. STREET DEDICATION TO HONOUR THE LATE PRIVATE CHRISTOPHER KERSHAW

The report of the Development Manager, Development Management (**Document “D”**) considers the proposal to name the new street after Private Christopher Kershaw

Councillor Fear would like to honour the Late Private Christopher Kershaw by registering the new street on the former site of Garrowby House, Queensway House and Oakwood House off Thorp Garth in his name.

Members expressed support for the above proposal.

Resolved –

That the Bradford East Area Committee approves the proposed street name “Christophers Court”.

***OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Regeneration and Economy
ACTION: Development Manager, Development Management***

5. DISTRICT WIDE YOUTH SERVICE PROVISION

All Wards

The report of the Interim Assistant, Neighbourhood and Customer Services (**Document “E”**) informed the Area Committee of the Bradford District wide provision undertaken by the Youth Service, which included, the Bradford East constituency area.

Some additional information in respect of Appendix A was submitted.

Members made the following comments:

- The issue of vulnerable young persons should be built into the report.
- Information on support provided to young carers should be reflected in future reports.
- In respect of services provided some persons get good help and others get no help.

Resolved –

That the district wide provision undertaken by the Youth Service as detailed in Document “E” be noted and that future reports provide information about the support that is or could be provided to young carers in the Bradford East area.

***OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Corporate
ACTION: Interim Assistant Director, Neighbourhood and Customer Services***

6. YOUTH SERVICE – EAST AREA

All Wards

The report of the Interim Assistant, Neighbourhood and Customer Services (**Document “F”**) gave an update on work undertaken by the Youth Service in the Bradford East area since the service was transferred to Neighbourhood and Customer Services on 6 July 2014. It also provided details of the budget for the Youth Service in 2015 / 2016.

Four young persons helped by the Youth Service were present at the meeting and made the following points:

- I was 18 years old, homeless and had no money.
- I signed up to the housing service but no properties were available. With nowhere to live I was living out of a sack.
- My support worker helped me to apply for a grant to get some food.
- The support provided by the youth service helped me to get new skills and my confidence back.
- I applied for an apprenticeship working in a school.
- There are youth centres where we can do cooking, play football, a studio for dancing and singing. There is a disco room and a pool table. It helps to keep people out of trouble.

Members made the following comments:

- Football and cooking sounds good, I played pool with some of the lads at the centre.
- The percentage of young people aged 13 – 19 attending Youth Service sessions has reduced.
- There seemed to be a significant difference in respect of outreach work in Bradford Moor, with the percentage of work carried out having come down.
- We should find other ways to engage with young persons and there should be an information box that says that other work is also going on with young persons.
- No work was done in schools.
- How do you decide where to do the work?
- I'm struggling with the information contained in Appendix B.
- There was a need for a review to check the quality of the service provided.
- It was possible to engage with children through mosques.
- Good practice and good bookkeeping was also important.
- The Bradford Moor provision should be checked.
- We need information in respect of NEET Tier 2 and 3.
- There should be a report to the Committee in the Autumn in respect of NEET Tier 1.
- The Council had retained 3 properties.
- Has the transition to a new structure been completed yet?
- Community groups could have applied for funding.
- There was no offer to prioritise by need.
- It is not clear what the outstanding maintenance bill was for the 3 properties.
- The buildings were not massive and have to be health and safety compliant.

The Bradford East Area Co-ordinator responded to members comments:

- The structure in Bradford East and the other 4 areas consists of a Senior Youth Worker, 5 full-time Youth Workers and part time staff.
- Each ward has a dedicated full time Youth Worker.
- The one to one work to deliver the NEET Tier 1 contract was outlined.

- Outreach work was delivered dependent upon need and resources.
- Work in schools was referred to including recent work in Hanson School.
- There were many factors involved in determining where to deliver sessions including considering where young people enjoy going, resources, buildings and historical factors.
- Sometimes you may spend a day with only one person who is NEET.
- A Youth Worker explained that a lot of Eastern European young people were not logged on the system and not shown in the report.
- There is lots of other provision for young people in Bradford East, not funded or delivered through the Youth Service.
- We have retained responsibility for 3 buildings in Bradford East. There is interest from other groups who want to use them.
- The transition to the new structure has been completed.
- A group has been established to take forward the recommendations from the Youth Offer report.

Resolved –

- (1) That the work undertaken by the Youth Service in the Bradford East Area as detailed in Document “F” be noted.**
- (2) That the Committee recommends that a review of the open access provision across Bradford East is conducted to demonstrate how the local authority’s duty to secure, as far as reasonably practical, equality of access to provision is delivered so young people can improve their well-being.**
- (3) That the Committee welcomes the reduction in the number of Tier 1 young people not in education, employment or training and requests a further report detailing how this work is carried out. The report should also include a report from Prospects Services Limited to be brought to a meeting in the Autumn.**
- (4) That the Committee requests that the Executive reconsiders the funding devolved to Area Committees using a revised system of funding weighting by the population of young people as recommended in the Youth Offer.**
- (5) That the Committee requests a budget and a plan is prepared to bring the Youth Service buildings up to standard within 2 years and that the plan and budget is sent to the Executive requesting funding is released into the Capital Plan from the Council’s Reserves to support the retention of those properties in Bradford East retained by the Executive.**
- (6) That the Committee requests that the Interim Director of Customer Services and Neighbourhoods brings a report to an Autumn meeting of the Committee detailing what work has been done to generate income to ensure the Youth Service buildings are managed and maintained on a sustainable basis for the future.**
- (7) That the Committee requests that consideration be given to the use of funding to support the development of innovative projects to support the development of the learning potential of young people.**

- (8) That the Committee requests that a further update is brought which details progress with the Youth Offer including how youth work is monitored and impact judged, including what has taken place to increase accessibility for disabled to open access sessions.
- (9) That this Committee approves funding of £10,000 for the Youth Opportunities Fund from the Area Activities Fund.

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Children's Services

ACTION: Interim Assistant Director, Neighbourhood and Customer Services

Chair

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