

Minutes of a meeting of the Bradford South Area Committee held on Thursday 27 March 2014 at City Hall, Bradford

Commenced 1705
Concluded 1815

PRESENT – Councillors

| LABOUR | QUEENSBURY INDEPENDENTS | INDEPENDENT |
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| A Thornton | L Cromie | Robinson |
| Dodds | | |
| Ferriby | | |
| Jabar | | |
| Johnson | | |
| Ruding | | |
| Warburton | | |

Councillor Johnson in the Chair

71. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

The following disclosures of interest were received:

- (i) In the interest of transparency Councillor Ferriby declared an interest in the item relating to Devolved Budgets Safer Roads Scheme (Minute 77) as the request for a residents parking scheme on New Works Road was on the road she lived on, however she stressed that she had had no input into the scheme coming forward.
- (ii) In the interest of transparency Councillor Ruding declared an interest in the item relating to Highway Maintenance (Minute 76) as his son lived on Wibsey Bank, one of the roads earmarked for repair in the maintenance programme.

ACTION: *City Solicitor*

72. MINUTES

Resolved –

That the minutes of the meeting held on 23 January 2013 be signed as a correct record.



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

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

74. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions submitted by the public.

75. **POLICING ACROSS BRADFORD DISTRICT**

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

Chief Inspector Damien Miller and Inspector Andrew Addy were present at the meeting to provide Members with information on how the new policing arrangements would specifically impact on the Bradford South area and to respond to Member's questions.

A Member welcomed the community approach taken to policing and ascertained what new technologies were being rolled out to support Police Officers. In response the Chief Inspector explained that new technologies such as the use of mobile laptops were being rolled out, to enable officers to access the police computer system and allow them to deal with the issues at the scene rather than having to go back to the station. He also indicated that hand held devices were also being rolled out.

A Member questioned whether the issue of parking had been looked as there was a proposal to place the 6 Wyke Police Community Support Officers at the Wyke Police Contact Point on Huddersfield Road. In response the Chief Inspector stressed that there was ample on street parking available and therefore he did not see it as an issue.

In response to a question on policing numbers within Bradford South, the Chief Inspector assured Members that there were no proposals to reduce the number of frontline officers, but that savings would be found through senior officer restructuring and that adequate cover would be provided during any senior officer annual leave periods.

In response to a question on what impact the current Community Safety Partnership review would have on the new arrangements, the Safer Communities Delivery Coordinator clarified that the CSP remained a statutory obligation and that it did not necessarily impact on these new policing arrangements.

A Member stated that although he was confident the new policing arrangements would work, a report should be brought back to this Area Committee on how the new Community Safety Neighbourhood Hub would work in practice.

The Chief Inspector assured Members that the current Police Officers and PCSOs would retain their ward area responsibilities, and that there had been a concerted effort to deploy more frontline officers which was now bearing fruit in terms of a reduction in crime.

The Chair welcomed the continuation of the arrangements at ward level, but expressed reservations at the proposed co-location of the Area Coordinator's officer and the Safer Neighbourhoods Team, suggesting that communication between the different services was key rather than physical location.

Resolved -

- (1) That Bradford South Area Committee welcomes and supports the introduction of a dedicated Police Inspector for Bradford South working in conjunction with the Area Co-ordinator.
- (2) That Bradford South Area Committee is pleased that there will be a Sergeant for each Ward working in co-ordination with Ward Officers.
- (3) That Bradford South Area Committee supports the idea of Deployable Locations in Bradford South for frontline officers and recommends that such a location is identified for each Ward.
- (4) That Bradford South Area Committee does not accept co-location of the Bradford South Area Co-ordinator's Office with the Bradford South Safer Neighbourhood Team is necessary to strengthen Partnership Working between the Police and the Council's Neighbourhoods & Customer Service. The key factor is communication not location.
- (5) That a report on the newly established Community Safety Neighbourhood Hub be presented to the November 2014 meeting of the Area Committee, outlining how the work of the Hub promotes benefit to area policing in Bradford South.

ACTION: *Strategic Director Environment and Sport*

(Corporate Improvement Committee)

76. HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE NON CLASSIFIED ROADS AND SURFACE DRESSING ALLOCATION 2014/15

The Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture submitted a report (**Document "AW"**) which 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 for 2014/15.

The Strategic Director stated that the proposed schemes and been both machine and site inspected.

A Member suggested that the proposed works relating to Edrich Close Low Moor currently on the reserve list should be looked at again as the road was in a very poor condition.

Resolved -

That the proposed programme of works for 2014/15 as shown in Appendix 2 and 3 to Document "AW" be accepted.

ACTION: *Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture*

(Environment & Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

77. DEVOLVED BUDGET - SAFER ROADS SCHEMES

The Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture submitted a report (**Document "AX"**) which sought approval for a programme of Safer Roads Schemes for Bradford South for the 2014/15 financial year. The Strategic Director added that the increasing focus now was on reducing casualties and that this was a condition of funding.

Resolved -

- (1) That the programme of casualty reduction schemes for 2014/15 listed in Appendix 1 to Document "AX" be approved.
- (2) That the proposed programme of Traffic Management schemes for 2014/15 listed in Appendices 2 and 3 to Document "AX" be approved.
- (3) 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.
- (4) 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.

ACTION: *Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture*

(Environment & Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

78. ACTION PLAN SUPPORT (REVENUE) IN 2014/15

The Strategic Director Environment and Sport submitted a report (**Document "AY"**) which outlined the resources available from Action Plan Support (Revenue) in 2014/15 to support priorities within the Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2014-17.

The Chair suggested that the funding should be utilised to support the provision of an additional Ward Officer and Council Warden and that organisations requiring revenue support could still apply for funding via Community Chest Grants.

A Member stated that she would be voting against such a proposal on the basis that local organisations would be deprived of funding, although she was not against the proposal per se.

Resolved -

- (1) That the Action Plan 2014-17 priorities through Action Plan Funding for 2014/15 be supported.
- (2) That Bradford South Area Committee allocate the Bradford South Action Plan Support (Revenue) 2014/15 budget to support the provision of an additional Ward Officer and Council Warden, over and above the to be agreed allocation, following the implementation of the 2014/15 Council Budget.

ACTION: *Strategic Director Environment and Sport*

(Corporate Improvement Committee)

79. DRAFT BRADFORD SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN 2014-17

The Strategic Director Environment and Sport submitted a report (**Document “AZ”**) which presented a Draft Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2014-17 for consideration by the Area Committee.

Members expressed their thanks to officers for producing a comprehensive plan.

Resolved -

- (1) **That the draft updated Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2014-17 be approved and adopted.**
- (2) **That Bradford South Area Committee requests Council Officers, partner agencies and community organisations to support the implementation of the Updated Interim Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2014-17.**
- (3) **That Bradford South Area Committee requests the Area Co-ordinator to continue to work with the relevant officers to support the implementation of the Area Committee Action Plan, as adopted, and to prepare a schedule of reports about progress, to be presented to future meetings of the Area Committee.**
- (4) **That the Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2014-17 should be considered in future revisions of District-wide strategies and budget-setting processes.**

ACTION: Strategic Director Environment and Sport

(Corporate Improvement Committee)

80. CHAIR'S CLOSING REMARKS

The Chair announced that this would be his last meeting as Chair of the Bradford South Area Committee as he did not intend to stand as Chair in the forthcoming Municipal Year and he thanked Members, Officers in the Area Coordinators Office, Highways and Committee Secretariat for supporting him during his tenure as Chair.

The Deputy Chair of the Area Committee, Councillor Ferriby on behalf of the Committee expressed her thanks to the Chair and to the strong leadership he had shown over the years.

Chair

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