

# Minutes of a meeting of the Bradford South Area Committee held on Thursday 24 July 2014 at City Hall, Bradford

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Commenced 1700  
Concluded 1750

## PRESENT – Councillors

LABOUR	QUEENSBURY WARD INDEPENDENTS	CONSERVATIVE
Dodds	L Cromie	Walls
Ferriby		
V Slater		
A Thornton		
G Thornton		
Wainwright		

**Apologies:** Councillor Jabar

**Observer:** Councillor Robinson

## Councillor Ferriby in the Chair

### 20. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

No disclosures of interest in matters under consideration were received.

### 21. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

### 22. MINUTES

**Resolved –**

**That the minutes of the meeting held on 26 June 2014 be signed as a correct record.**

### 23. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions submitted by the public.



## 24. PUBLIC HEALTH FUNCTION IN BMDC

The Director of Public Health submitted a report (**Document “M”**) which informed Bradford South Area Committee about the work of the Public Health Department, following the transfer of the Public Health function from the NHS to Local Government and a year's establishment in the Authority.

During a brief presentation, the Consultant in Public Health stated that the purpose of the report was to inform the Area Committee about the roles and responsibilities of Public Health following the transfer to the Local Authority. He added that although the initial transition to the Council had been a turbulent one, things had now settled down and colleagues had received a warm welcome from the Council.

He went on to outline the 3 main areas of responsibility of the Public Health function which was to improve health, counter the threat of infection and improve health and social care services.

In outlining the functions undertaken by Public Health, the work done in the area of smoking, obesity, sexual health, drug and alcohol misuse, welfare advisory, health protection and screening were highlighted.

During the discussion Members asked a number of questions and the responses provided by the Consultant in Public Health are set out below:

- A Member stated that she had visited Reevy Hill Children's Centre and experienced at first hand the excellent work done in tackling the issues around childhood obesity and she urged that this type of good practice should be shared with the other wards in the district. In response the Consultant agreed that good inroads had been made in the area of childhood obesity particularly in terms of the advice on diets and physical exercise, and he acknowledged the need to replicate this elsewhere.
- In relation to a question on alcohol misuse funding, the Consultant stated that although funding for this service was secured up to 2016, there was no indication at this stage of the funding arrangements beyond this date.
- In response to a question on smoking during pregnancy, it was explained that there was anecdotal evidence to suggest that family history of smoking played a part, and therefore a lot of work was going on to address this problem, and to this end a midwifery led stop smoking service was being developed.
- In relation to a question on the coordination of the different strands of Public Health work, the Consultant reassured Members that work done by other agencies was looked at in order to avoid any duplication.
- In relation to a question on physical activity, the Consultant advised Members that most of the work that the obesity team undertook was in the area of weight management.

### **Resolved -**

- (1) That the views and comments of the Bradford South Area Committee be noted.**
- (2) That an update be provided in 12 months time to this Area Committee and that work is undertaken with the Bradford South Area Coordinator to strengthen the Health element of the Area Committee Action Plan.**

**ACTION:** *Director of Public Health*

(Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

## 25. ANNUAL UPDATE ON ROAD SAFETY IN BRADFORD SOUTH

The Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture submitted a report (**Document “N”**) which sought to update members on current casualty levels and trends in Bradford South and on the Road Safety education, training and publicity initiatives aimed at reducing these casualties.

A Member stated that she had visited a number of Schools who had taken up the offer of road safety training and she stressed the need to extend this to other schools in the district. In response the Casualty Reduction and Road Safety Partnership Manager stated that road safety packs were sent out to all schools in the district, however only the priority wards were targeted in terms of training take up such as Little Horton ward, as there were a limited number of staff able to provide the training.

In relation to a question on injuries sustained by cyclist, the Road Safety Manager stated that a basic cycle skills training course was provided to schools to raise awareness, however a Government led scheme was now the main provider in this field.

### **Resolved -**

- (1) That the information in respect of casualty trends and Road Safety activities in Bradford South be noted.**
- (2) That the Bradford South Area Committee continues to support the evidence based approach to determine Road Safety priorities.**
- (3) That the Road Safety Team be thanked for the work done and that a progress report be presented in 12 months time.**

***ACTION: Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture***

(Environment & Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

## 26. A641 BUS LANE & HIGHWAY SAFETY SCHEME UPDATE

The Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture submitted a report (**Document “O”**) which updated members on the bus lane and safety improvement works undertaken on the A641 corridor during 2013. The Strategic Director gave a resume of the improvements that had accrued since the scheme had been implemented, in particular improving bus flow and journey times and reducing collision rates in the vicinity of Netherlands Avenue.

The Chair stated the as a Ward Councillor she had seen at first hand the benefits the scheme had brought to the area.

In relation to the issue of bus lane infringement and fines, the Strategic Director stated that although there had been greater adherence to the 24 hour bus lane, more fines had been issued for the outbound peak evening times, but he hoped that these numbers would reduce over time.

A Ward Member was present at the meeting and stated that he had been approached by a Private Hire firm asking why they were unable to use the bus lane. In response the Strategic Director explained that the bus lane was principally for buses and to extend their use for Private Hire vehicles would create confusion for other drivers as it was sometimes difficult to distinguish the vehicles, whereas Hackney Carriage vehicles were very distinctive. A Member stated that this policy of allowing Hackney Carriage Vehicles to use bus lanes had been a West Yorkshire wide policy decision.

A Member also stated that in relation to bus lane infringements certain drivers were unwilling to heed the signs; however experience had shown that following an initial spike in the number of fines issued, this number would decrease over time.

**Resolved -**

**That the Area Committee notes the content of the report and that officers be thanked for work on the scheme, particularly in improving connectivity.**

***ACTION: Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture***

(Environment & Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

## **27. BRADFORD SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN 2011-14 UPDATE**

The Bradford South Area Coordinator submitted a report (**Document “P”**) which outlined the work of the Bradford South Area Co-ordinator’s Office in the period 1 October 2013 to 31 March 2014 to support Ward priorities within the Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2011-14.

**Resolved -**

**That the work of the Bradford South Area Co-ordinator’s Office in the period 1 October 2013 to 31 March 2014 to support Ward priorities within the Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2011-14 be noted and that officers be thanked for the work done throughout the year.**

***ACTION: Bradford South Area Coordinator***

(Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

## **28. 2014/15 COMMUNITY CHEST GRANTS**

The Strategic Director Environment and Sport submitted a report (**Document “Q”**) which detailed the Community Chest Grants awarded from applications received prior to the 31 May 2014 deadline for the benefit of communities within Bradford South

**Resolved -**

- (1) That the wide range of applications from groups, organisations and individuals across Bradford South be noted and welcomed.**
- (2) That the Bradford South Area Co-ordinator’s Office continue to ensure the effective allocation of the Community Chest budget by providing appropriate advice and support to applicants.**
- (3) That officers be thanked for their work on Community Chest and in progressing the applications.**

***ACTION: Interim Strategic Director Environment and Sport***

(Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

Chair

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

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