

Report of the Keighley Area Co-ordinator to the meeting of Keighley Area Committee to be held on 27 November 2014.

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Subject:

Keighley Area Ward Plans 2014-15 Update

Summary statement:

This report outlines the work of the Keighley Area Co-ordinator's Office in the period April 2014 to September 2014 to support Ward priorities within the Keighley Area Ward Plans 2014-15.

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1. SUMMARY

1.1 This report outlines the work of the Keighley Area Co-ordinator's Office in the period April 2014 to September 2015 to support Ward priorities within the Keighley Area Ward Plans 2014-15.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 The work outlined in this report has been undertaken to support the Area Committee in the implementation of the Keighley Area Ward Plans 2014-15 utilising the four key elements of the Neighbourhood Service. These four key elements are:

- Integrated Area teams
- Streamlined locality planning and performance management
- Connecting the strategic to the neighbourhood
- Co-ordinating local partnership action

2.2 Partners, Services and Agencies are committed to supporting action planning at a Neighbourhood and Ward-level. They have supported Ward Planning and work with Keighley Area Co-ordinator's Office to address issues.

2.3 The development of Ward Assessments has been used to underpin the Keighley Area Ward Plans 2014-15.

2.4 Appendix A of this report outlines a number of specific actions, undertaken between April 2014 and September 2015, within Wards which have contributed to addressing the priorities within the Keighley Area Ward Plans 2014-15.

2.5 To enable these specific actions Ward Officers undertake and support a partnership approach which involve Ward Partnership Teams, other specific Ward Partnerships, Days of Action and other issue-based neighbourhood work. These are underpinned by Neighbourhood Forums, Single Issue Forums and other consultation and community engagement events and approaches.

2.6 Keighley Area Co-ordinator's Office continues to support Ward Planning by consultation with and involvement of local residents and partner agencies in decision making through: partnership bodies, local problem-solving groups, special events, action planning and through the work of Council Wardens.

2.7 The role of Council Wardens includes supporting community engagement to and their work has involved them in Days of Action, Visual Audits; work with schools and individual local residents. This is in addition to their responsibilities for Parking and Environmental Enforcement.

2.8 Keighley Area Co-ordinator's Office also provide support to new and continuing community initiatives as well as advice, guidance or support in relation to assisting the effective functioning of local Voluntary and Community Organisations as requested.



3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

No other considerations.

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

- 4.1 Addressing priorities with the Keighley Area Ward Plans 2014-15 has been undertaken from within resources of Bradford Council and partner organisations.
- 4.2 The Ward Plans' priorities have been used to assist the Area Committee in its Local Area Management role, and to inform the allocation of Area Committee budgets.
- 4.3 Officer support for co-ordination to implement elements of the Ward Plans has been provided by the Keighley Area Co-ordinator's Office.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

- 5.1 There are no significant risks and governance issues arising from the proposed recommendations in this report.

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

- 6.1 This work relates directly to the Local Government Act 2000 and to the Duty of Wellbeing placed upon the Council to promote and improve the well-being of the District.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

Ward Plan priorities promote fairness and inclusion while supporting Keighley Area Committee's commitment to equal opportunities for all.

7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Resources available to Keighley Area Committee, described in this report, and used to support Keighley Area Ward Plans 2014-15 will directly support the delivery of the District's Sustainable Community Strategy.

7.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

Actions to assist in identifying the greenhouse gas impacts of potential projects to be funded through the Ward Budget Allocations will be undertaken. These will include a consideration of for example energy efficiency opportunities in purchasing new equipment or refurbishing or modifying buildings.



7.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

7.4.1 Community Safety issues are acknowledged as a key contributor to the quality of life in neighbourhoods. A number of priorities supported in the period covered by this report demonstrate a positive impact on community safety issues across Keighley Area.

7.4.2 A key aspect of this work relates to supporting the Community Safety Plan, the Council's obligations under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Act 1998 and the work of the Community Safety Partnership.

7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

No direct implications arising from the Human Rights Act.

7.6 TRADE UNION

No direct Trade Union implications arise from this report.

7.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

The activity outlined in this report addresses priorities in all Wards in the Keighley Area.

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

None

9. OPTIONS

9.1 That Keighley Area Committee adopts the recommendations outlined in this report.

9.2 That Keighley Area Committee adopts the recommendations outlined in this report, with amendments.

9.3 That Keighley Area Committee decides not to accept the recommendations outlined in this report.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 That the work of the Keighley Area Co-ordinator's Office in the period April 2014 to September 2014 to support Ward priorities within the Keighley Area Ward Plans 2014-15 be noted.



11. APPENDICES

- 11.1 Appendix A detailing the Ward Actions for each Ward is a large document. In the interests of economy it has not been attached to this report. It can be viewed on Bradford Council's Internet site - www.bradford.gov.uk or by contacting Jane Lythgow in Committee Secretariat on 01274 432270.

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

- 12.1 The Ward Plans 2014-15 are large documents so have not been attached to this report. They can be viewed at:
<http://www.bradford.gov.uk/bmdc/communityandliving/neighbourhoods/actionplans.htm>





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