

## Minutes of a meeting of the Shipley Area Committee held on Wednesday 27 January 2016 at Windhill Community Centre

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### PRESENT – Councillors

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR	GREEN
Barker	Ross-Shaw	Warnes
Ellis		
Heseltine		
Shaw		
Townend		
Whiteley		

### Councillor Heseltine in the Chair

#### 56. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

- (i) Councillor Heseltine disclosed, in the interest of transparency, that he was a member of the Bingley Youth Café Board, in relation to Minute 66.
- (ii) During consideration of the report on the Voluntary and Community Sector Support (Minute 66) Councillor Heseltine disclosed, in the interest of transparency, that he was a member of the Friends of Bingley Pool.

**ACTION:** *Interim City Solicitor*

#### 57. MINUTES

That the minutes of the meetings held on 11 November and 2 December 2015 be signed as a correct record.

#### 58. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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



59. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions submitted by the public.

60. **SHIPLEY AREA COMMITTEE AND SHIPLEY CONSTITUENCY AREA PARTNERS' ADVISORY GROUP (SCAPAG) ISSUES**

The Area Co-ordinator informed the Committee that no SCAPAG issues had been received for this meeting.

**No resolution was passed on this item.**

***NO ACTION***

61. **SCAPAG MEETING NOTES – 2 DECEMBER 2015**

The Area Co-ordinator presented the notes (**Document "AA"**) of SCAPAG contributions made at the meeting with the Area Committee held on 2 December 2015.

**Resolved –**

**That the notes be received.**

***NO ACTION***

62. **SHIPLEY AREA NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM UPDATE APRIL-DECEMBER 2015**

The Shipley Neighbourhood Police Inspector submitted **Document "AB"** which gave an update of the work of the Shipley Area Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) from April to December 2015.

Departing Shipley Police Inspector Hugh Robinson presented the report and introduced his replacement, Inspector Julie Deacon, who was due to commence her role on 1 February 2016. He informed Members that over the past year there had been a shift from crime figures being the main drivers of performance to dealing with issues of greatest threat, harm and risk. Although there had been a substantial rise in crime within the Shipley constituency, it was the lowest both numerically and as a percentage across the six Bradford area NPTs.

In response to Members' questions, it was reported that:

- The increase in crime within the Shipley area was not believed to be a displacement of crime from other areas.
- Changes to the way in which crimes were recorded earlier than in previous years had contributed to the significant rise, as well as more domestic incidents being recorded as such, whereas previously they may have been recorded as breaches of the peace.

- Drug possession and drug dealing was included in 'other crimes' category. A breakdown of information in this category would be circulated to Members after the meeting.
- The Drugs and Offender Management Unit worked with ex-prisoners to reduce the risk of re-offending.

A Member commented that some Wards, such as Bingley and Wharfedale, had seen a decrease in crime and questioned the reasons relating to bigger increases in crime in some wards than others. Inspector Hugh Robinson explained that the statistics in the report covered a two year period which provided a base line for the next 12 months; more accurate trends would be identified going forward.

A discussion took place about the recent spike of crime in Harden and Wilsden. It was reported that patrols were increased in 'hot spot' areas in the form of plain clothed officers as well as uniformed. Inspector Hugh Robinson strongly warned against vigilante action and encouraged residents taking crime prevention measures such as better securing their properties and vehicles.

The Chair wished Inspector Hugh Robinson well in his retirements and welcomed and looked forward to working with Inspector Julie Deacon in the Shipley constituency.

#### **Resolved –**

**That the work undertaken by the Shipley Neighbourhood Policing Team from April to December 2015 that contributed to addressing priorities within the ward plans for the Shipley Area and the positive partnership-working that has been established with Elected Members, Council Officers, community organisations, volunteers and residents within the Shipley Area be noted.**

#### ***NO ACTION***

### **63. DISTRICT PLAN AND COUNCIL PLAN DEVELOPMENT**

The Assistant Director of Policy, Programmes and Change submitted **Document "AC"** which provided a summary of the approach taken in the development of the District Plan and Council Plan and sought member input at the drafting stage. The District Plan will identify how partner organisations across the district will contribute to the delivery of our shared outcomes. The Council Plan will identify the Council's contribution to the District Plan.

The Chair opened the discussion by stating that he found it difficult to engage with the documents and did not find them to be accessible for a lay person; the documents needed to be more user-friendly. He also referred to the public feedback, as outlined in paragraph 3.15 of the report, as being gained from a very narrow audience; a broader audience should be targeted to truly engage. In response, the Assistant Director of Policy, Programmes and Change stated that the plans were presented as initial drafts with basic text and no illustrations in order to start the conversation and public feedback was also being gained via the press, social media and the Council's website; more public engagement activities would be undertaken.

In response to Members' questions, it was stated that:

- The report was being presented to all Area Committees.
- The plans were scheduled to be signed off by April for submission to the Executive in June and subsequently approval by full Council.
- Some engagement had taken place with Parish Councils.

A Member suggested that information could be disseminated via Parish Council newsletters.

**Resolved –**

- (1) **That the report be noted and officers take on board the concerns and comments raised during the meeting.**
- (2) **That Members, Parish Councillors and SCAPAG members be requested to contribute their comments into the consultation process.**

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Corporate  
ACTION: Assistant Director of Policy, Programmes and Change**

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

Previous reference: Minute 30, Executive (2015/16)

The Assistant Director of Children's Services submitted **Document "AD"** which provided an update to the report presented to the Executive on 13 January 2015 and subsequently to the District's Area Committees regarding the issue of child sexual exploitation (CSE). It set out the arrangements that had been put in place, and which continued to develop, to safeguard children from CSE.

The Bradford Safeguarding Children Board (BSCB) Manager introduced the report. He referred to the preventative work with a number of faith groups outlined in the report following concerns raised about this issue the last time a report on this matter was considered by the Committee in March 2015. Assurances were provided that work was being developed to tackle misogynistic attitudes; a play was being developed to deliver in primary schools pending available funding.

Members were informed that currently there were 280 children identified in the district as 'at risk' from CSE and of this number, 30 were at the highest level of risk, 118 at medium risk and 132 at low risk. It was hoped that, with intervention, children at high risk would de-escalate to a point where they would not require further services. The ages of the children concerned were stated as being 10-18 years old (those that were 18 had been identified prior to turning 18). The breakdown per constituency for the district showed that the Shipley area had the lowest number of children at risk of CSE.

Members were informed of, and invited to attend, a training session about online safety to be held on Tuesday 2 February.

In response to Members' questions, it was reported that the 25 recommendations resulting from the Ofsted report of November 2014 had been implemented and were overseen by the BSCB.

The Chair acknowledged the rigour of how the authority and its partners were addressing CSE. He considered Bradford to be a leader in this field, particularly as the Hub had been cited as a best practice approach. He hoped continuous auditing would help Bradford stay in a leading position; it appeared that the mechanics were in place to ensure the authority was doing the best it could to address CSE. The BSCB Manager agreed that this was a high risk area and it was important not to become complacent. He stated that the Hub was due to be reviewed again; it was important to ensure boys were being identified and to review whether responses to online activities were as effective as they could be. He spoke of the importance of holding agencies to account on the delivery of their action plans as a result of lessons learnt from serious case reviews.

A Member, who was also a member of the Fostering Panel, spoke about the perspective from foster carers in spotting risk behaviours and questioned what mechanisms were in place for them to report concerns about the children in their care. In response, it was reported that guidance was provided to social workers and staff who worked closely with children, including foster carers and assurances would be sought from staff in the fostering service to report the mechanism in place to the Member.

In response to a Member's question regarding action taken to find missing children from residential units and its success rate, particularly in the older year group, it was stated that further information on this matter would be obtained for the Member from operational staff. From a Safeguarding Children Board point of view, it was reported that, as a result of partnership working to fully understand the factors around children going missing and to tackle the issue, daily reports were produced on the number of children reported missing. Since this reporting mechanism was put in place there had been a reduction in the number of missing children; there had been three days in the previous fortnight where no children had been reported as missing (previously the number was as high as 25).

A Member commented that the report was excellent and showed the value of the work being undertaken to address the matter. He questioned what input the Board had in ensuring ex-offenders did not re-offend. In response, it was explained that the Board sought assurances from partnership agencies on this matter. Members were informed that a report was due to be produced by the West Yorkshire Probation Service on the number of initiatives available to help rehabilitate perpetrators back in to the community. It was also stated that not all prisons had a sex offender's programme, which was concerning.

**Resolved –**

- (1) That the Committee consider that the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee are the rightful places for this work and its reports to be analysed and scrutinised.**
- (2) That Committee Members input any ideas and concerns to officers for inclusion in the scrutiny process.**

- (3) That a further report be submitted to the Committee in 12 months and that it include an emphasis on the Shipley constituency with input from the Youth Service.

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Corporate/Children's Services**  
**ACTION: Assistant Director of Children's Services/ Scrutiny Leads (1)**

65. **VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR SUPPORT:  
A SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES 2014/15**

Shipley and Bingley Voluntary Services (SBVS) submitted **Document "AE"** which summarised its activities and how it was contributing to addressing priorities within ward plans in the Shipley Area.

The Chief Executive of SBVS and the Director of Volunteering Bradford provided information on the new voluntary and community sector infrastructure and gave examples of the support provided to two projects; Health Action Local Engagement (HALE) Healthy Living Project and Hive. A summary of the report was provided and reference was made to the People Can Campaign which encouraged volunteering. The impact of the Council's budget cuts on communities and the need to work together with partners to ensure sustainability was recognised

The Chair thanked SBVS for the support and advice they provided to groups within the Shipley constituency; they had helped many groups get off the ground and remain sustainable.

In response to a Member's question about funding support e.g. to help groups fill in application forms, it was stated that, whilst they could help advise on completing funding applications, due to a reduced staff team and hours there was less time available to do so; the 'bfunded' website was referenced as a good tool to help signpost people to the right support. SBVS had leaflets available that they would provide to Members via the Area Co-ordinator which outlined the support available. It was also agreed that more information including contact details would be circulated to Members in relation to the voluntary and community groups listed in the report.

It was clarified that the 'major assist' outlined in Appendix B to the report against Cllr Ross Shaw's name, Windhill and Wrose Ward, related to the planting of trees.

**Resolved –**

- (1) That the information provided about the work of Shipley and Bingley Voluntary Services which has contributed to addressing the priorities within the Shipley Constituency Ward Plans and to supporting a wide range of voluntary and community organisations across the Shipley constituency be welcomed.
- (2) That the Shipley and Bingley Voluntary Services team be thanked for the hard work and dedication they put into the Shipley constituency.

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Environment and Waste Management**  
**ACTION: Shipley and Bingley Voluntary Services Manager**

**66. YOUTH SERVICE - FUTURE JOINT-PARTNERSHIP WITH SHIPLEY AREA COORDINATOR'S OFFICE, SHIPLEY AND BINGLEY VOLUNTARY SERVICES (SBVS) AND HEALTH ACTION LOCAL ENGAGEMENT (HALE)**

The Strategic Director of Environment and Sport submitted **Document "AF"** which sought approval to establish a partnership between the Area Co-ordinator's Office, Shipley and Bingley Voluntary Services (SBVS) and HALE with a view to co-locating, securing additional future funding and providing a future model for youth provision in Shipley Constituency. This would include the relocation of Bingley Inclusion Project to Bingley Youth Café and the potential move of Shipley Youth Café to HALE premises in Shipley Town Centre.

A representative of Shipley Youth Service circulated comments and concerns from young people who used the Shipley Youth Café, in opposition to its closure or relocation.

The Area Co-ordinator gave a summary of the report and outlined the proposal which would pool resources, reduce costs and explore innovative methods of working with partners to provide a more efficient and valued service for the young people of Shipley. The proposals would also allow for £24,149 from current building costs to be redirected to front line youth service provision. He considered there to be a lack of options to get the best out of the available resources and hoped to bring a further report back in 6 months if the proposals were agreed.

The Chair stressed that current rents and rates were unsustainable in the long term and the proposals would allow the provision of a youth café and youth provision. He reiterated that the proposal was not to close the Shipley Youth Café but to relocate it to allow significant rates and rent savings to enable the service to continue being delivered.

**Resolved –**

- (1) That the Youth Service establishes a partnership with SBVS and HALE to provide a future model for youth provision which would include the relocation of the Bingley Inclusion Project to Bingley Youth Café and Shipley Youth Café to HALE's premises in Shipley.**
- (2) That a further progress report with regards the partnership be brought to this Committee in 6 months.**

***OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Children's Services  
ACTION: Strategic Director, Environment and Sport***

**67. SHIPLEY AREA WARD PLANS – NEW FORMAT FOR 2016-17**

The Strategic Director of Environment and Sport submitted **Document "AG"** which proposed a new format for Ward Plans for 2016-17.

The Area Co-ordinator stated that the proposal was to include six to eight priorities within the Ward Plans, in consultation with Ward Councillors. He stated that this would allow a focus on the top priorities.

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Members agreed to the proposal as long as officers did not lose sight of all other listed priorities.

**Resolved –**

**That the new format for Ward Plans for 2016-17 as set out in section 2 of Document “AG” be approved.**

***OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Corporate  
ACTION: Strategic Director, Environment and Sport***

Chair

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

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