

Minutes of a meeting of the Bradford East Area Committee held on Thursday 14 January 2016 at City Hall, Bradford

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PRESENT – Councillors

LABOUR	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	BRADFORD INDEPENDENT GROUP
Ikram	R Sunderland (Chair)	F Khan
Jamil	N Pollard	
H U Khan	Reid	
	J Sunderland	

Councillor R Sunderland in the Chair

37. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

The following disclosures of interest were received in the interests of clarity:

- (1) Councillor J Sunderland was on the Springfield Centre Management Committee in relation to minute 42.
- (2) Councillor Jamil was a trustee of the Women Zone Community Centre in relation to minute 42.

ACTION: Interim City Solicitor

38. MINUTES

Resolved –

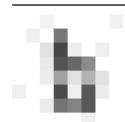
That the minutes of the meeting held on 19 November 2015 be signed as a correct record (previously circulated).

39. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

40. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions submitted by the public.



41. **OBJECTION RECEIVED TO THE PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER ON LEEDS ROAD NEAR SEYMOUR STREET, BRADFORD**

Bowling and Barkerend

The report of the Strategic Director, Regeneration (**Document “R”**) considered an objection to a recently advertised Traffic Regulation Order for No Waiting At Any Time restrictions on Leeds Road, Bradford at its junction with Seymour Street.

An objector was present at the meeting and made the following points:

- There are parking facilities.
- We have looked at all the options in respect of the building including business use.
- It was a separate business.
- Parking was very important for the building.
- There was parking next to the building and it was used by a coach.
- There were a lot of accidents as people were overtaking the coach.
- The car park was not sufficient for the coach.
- It was not good for us to use the car park area and car salesmen park their cars there.
- There was a traffic island 100 metres away which was close to the area and we don't need another island nearby.
- People try to avoid and squeeze past the traffic island on Leeds Road.
- There would be more problems and more buses.
- I am not happy with the proposal.
- We can cordon the area off.
- The layby was sufficient for a car but not for a bus

A second objector was present at the meeting and made the following points:

- Coaches come regularly to the temple to drop children off.
- There was an accident on the corner of the road.
- The traffic island was nearby.

Members made the following comments:

- There are two businesses there and people were struggling with parking, it affects the Hindu temple.
- It was surprising that businesses had not complained.
- I am concerned about the traffic island being here, it was dangerous for pedestrians crossing.
- Were there any alternatives to the traffic island?
- The proposal would have an effect on businesses.
- How much consultation has there been?
- There has been a petition in respect of this issue and people have lost their lives.
- A decision should be deferred until after the meeting of the Road Safety Partnership.
- This area of Leeds Road outside the Hindu temple was protected.
- Cordoning off the area won't make a difference to this scheme.

The Principal Engineer responded to members comments and made the following points:

- If people sell cars on the highway we can look at this in terms of enforcement.
- Many businesses on Leeds Road don't have parking on their frontage but operate okay.
- A zebra or pelican crossing would be a more expensive alternative to a traffic island and



- would still impact on parking.
- There have been three incidents of people being injured as they cross close to the junction.
- Traffic was often slow moving on Leeds Road but at other times the traffic island would slow traffic.
- There has been consultation with all those owning frontages in the immediate vicinity.

Resolved –

That the decision be deferred to the next meeting of the Committee following the Road Safety Forum on 21 January 2016.

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Environment and Waste Management
ACTION: Strategic Director, Regeneration**

42. YOUTH SERVICE – BRADFORD EAST AREA

All Wards

The report of the Interim Assistant Director, Neighbourhood and Customer Services (**Document “S”**) gave information on work undertaken by the Youth Service in the Bradford East area, in particular the work with NEET and young carers, and further information about the buildings managed by the Youth Service and the Youth Offer. The review of the open access provision in Bradford East was also included.

The Advanced Practitioner made the following points:

- This report follows on from the July meeting.
- All Councillors were invited to meet with us.
- People were satisfied with the work partnerships.
- There was engagement with young persons and we worked with 42 young people from Bradford East.
- The question not asked was “are you a young carer”?
- There was a two hour presentation with Bradford East Youth Work Team.
- A group for young carers would be set up.
- In respect of NEET work there were a higher number of Tier 1 needs in Bradford East. There were a lot of barriers and issues such as those in respect of mental health, drugs and housing.
- The Bradford East Youth Work Team worked with 99 Tier 1 NEET young people of which 38 had progressed to education, employment or training.

A representative from Prospects made the following points:

- I used to work with the Council.
- Appendix C of the report was accurate on 30 September 2015 and here are the new figures. It shows the youth service who was working with who.
- The school breakdown was interesting.
- Some of the children attend schools outside of Bradford East.
- Please put these figures into context.
- The highest ethnicity figures were 96 for White British and 54 for Pakistani.
- The figures give you a snapshot of the NEET situation.
- In the Keighley area there was “NEET free Keighley” which was a multi agency response to improving outcomes for young people. Teams would operate in daytime and the evening. Something similar would be tried in Bradford South.
- It was good that all the agencies had got together and were committed to doing the work for people leaving school.



- There was a facebook profile which was a link to the Keighley area.

Members made the following comments:

- Can you explain the figures for schools again?
- Was any school difficult to work with?
- At what year group was there involvement from?
- I am alarmed to see the figures, they need to be lower.
- How do you help the most vulnerable NEETS?
- 58% of NEETS were seeking jobs, was there evidence of work or courses.
- What were the hours of full time education?
- It was compulsory to have education until 18.
- Was there a timescale to bring down the figures?
- Was there any budget to find a NEET person something to do?
- Do you encourage the self employed?
- Do inspirational people speak to the kids?
- Are hard to reach youngsters passed to the Prince's Trust?
- The Bradford figures were low.

A representative from Prospects responded to members comments and made the following points:

- The figures show secondary schools attended.
- Young people who live in Bradford East also go to Tong School.
- It was hardest to work with PRU.
- The NEET figures were brilliant. They have never been 3.6 before.
- We go into school year 9 to do work. Career advisors were brought in by schools.
- The majority of schools want year 11 support.
- Advisors go from home to home.
- During November and December there were 40 young persons who went missing.
- We would start to get the agencies together in Bradford East late February / early March 2016.
- The Childrens Servicing Commission had contracted Prospects to do the work.
- There was a breakdown of what jobs NEETS were looking for. There were jobs at every level. There were 44 apprenticeships going with also study and training programmes.
- Full time education was 16 hours. This includes those claiming job seekers allowance.
- You can't put sanctions in place unless people have benefits. A minimal number of under 18's claim benefit.
- The under 18's can be contacted at Culture Fusion, Macdonalds or you can telephone, tweet, text or facebook them.
- It was compulsory to have some type of education until 18 years old.
- Five weeks was the timescale to bring down the figures.
- Bradford had the lowest NEET figures in West Yorkshire.
- There was no budget to find a NEET person something to do. There was a database That shows all vacancies and apprenticeships.
- If a young person wanted something to do there was something for them.
- The database allows advice to schools.
- People can input into the database what they are interested in and look at his/her experience.
- People can take part in the engagement programmes and also improve their qualifications.
- It was necessary to look at professional skills to engage a young person.
- Following outreach and engagement work you would look at what to progress.
- It was up to the young person to become engaged.
- It was up to all agencies to work in partnership to reduce the NEET figures.



- Yes we encourage the self employed as we have business courses.
- Schools tend to deal with inviting inspirational speakers.
- We do work with organisations such as the Prince's Trust, Job Centres and the Anti-Social Behaviour Panel for missing people.
- One of our people works with the police.
- The NEET figure for Bradford district was 3.6% with 5.6% being the national average.

Resolved –

That the work undertaken by the Youth Service and its partners in the Bradford East Area as detailed in Document “S” be noted and there be some engagement with Ward Councillors in respect of the development of the NEET Free project that is looking to run in the Bradford East Area.

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Children's Services

ACTION: Interim Assistant Director, Neighbourhood and Customer Services

43. DISTRICT PLAN AND COUNCIL PLAN DEVELOPMENT All Wards

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

Members made the following comments:

- Ward Councillors for Little Horton met with Ward Officers. The idea was for all Ward Councillors to meet with their Ward Officers. Little Horton had put their action plans together.
- Every ward would have their own recommendations.
- Each ward should have its own consultation to bring all the issues together.
- We have already done our consultation.
- There was a different way of working by the council.
- Ward Councillors have a “we can do this” response.

The Interim Policy, Programmes and Change Manager made the following points:

- The Ward Plans would feed into the District Plan. This two way approach was important.
- Members were sent a newsletter on the New Deal which mentioned the District and Council Plans.
- There was a conversation to be had with Ward Councillors

The Area Co-ordinator stated that it was important to look at issues that needed tackling in the Ward Plans and to reflect them in the District Plan.

The Interim Assistant Director, Policy, Programmes and Change made the following points:

- The Bradford District Plan would make a difference to the district.
- We would put some time in to make the best of our resources.
- We would be clear on delivery and what people and communities can collectively do by working together.
- There was an early draft of the District Plan in December 2015 to facilitate discussion.



- There would be an input from the Area Committees.
- Discussions with partners would be held.
- The plans would be considered by the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- Important things to include were items outlined in the ward plans.

Resolved –

- (1) **That Ward Councillors send their comments about the District and Council Plans to officers.**
- (2) **That officers share the draft Ward Plans when they are available to feed into the drafting of the District Plan.**

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Corporate

ACTION: Assistant Director, Policy, Programmes and Change

Chair

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

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