

# Minutes of a meeting of the Bradford West Area Committee held on 21 October 2015 at City Hall, Bradford

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Commenced 1800  
Concluded 2000

**PRESENT – Councillors**

LABOUR	BRADFORD INDEPENDENT GROUP
Amran	Collector
Duffy	
Engel	
Imran Hussain	
Shabir Hussain	
Mohammad Shabbir	
Swallow	

Apologies: Councillors Azam, Dunbar and Shaheen

**Councillor Engel in the Chair**

**23. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

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

- Councillor Imran Hussain disclosed that he was a Member of Parliament in respect of all business items.
- Councillor Mohammad Shabbir disclosed that he had been involved within the health area for Bradford in respect of Public Health Function in BMDC (Minute 27).
- During the course of the meeting, Councillor Swallow disclosed that she had worked with the Portfolio Holder, Neighbourhoods and Community Safety on health issues in respect of Public Health Function in BMDC (Minute 27).

**24. MINUTES**

**Resolved -**

**That the minutes of the meetings held on 22 July 2015 be signed as a correct record.**

**ACTION: City Solicitor**



## 25. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

## 26. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions submitted by the public.

## 27. PUBLIC HEALTH FUNCTION IN BRADFORD METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

All Wards in  
Bradford West

The report of the Director of Public Health (**Document “J”**) informed Bradford West Area Committee about the work of the Public Health Department, and in particular how the work contributed to the Health and Wellbeing of the population of the Bradford West Area.

The Consultant, Public Health and a further representative from the Public Health team presented the report to the Committee.

A question and answer session ensued:

- Through partnership working was awareness also focused on obesity?
  - Yes restrictions were being implemented on further takeaways near schools.
- How Many schools had been targeted in relation to children’s dental needs?
  - Around 25 in the most deprived areas of the Bradford district.
- Had there been good participant attendance level in the undertaken obesity programmes?
  - A review had been embarked on and the service was continuously improving from impact;
- To what extent did the Public Health department have influence with schools in the context of teaching children in their cooking needs?
  - Commissioning work had been carried out by the Leisure Services department. There were actions plans developed and interventions on what to deliver were also being considered.
- Was Obesity a national health issue?
  - Yes and the service was on a national approach but focused on a local level. HENREY (Health Exercise Nutrition for the Really Young) was a successful training intervention to protect young children from the physical and emotional consequences of obesity and the service had delivered programmes jointly with this charity.
- The report stated that the Manningham ward had one of the highest cancer mortality rates and the Toller ward with one of the lowest cancer mortality rates in the district. What were the major factors on a ward basis?
  - There were a combination of factors with different types of cancers. Nevertheless it was about focusing on the the right media awareness in each ward and details would be brought at a later date.

The Committee made the following comments. Health visitors attending schools should be advised to also talk with parents and give free advice on dental care for their children. The concern to lack of availability of GP appointments within communities was still a



continuous concern and this could be detrimental to the health of residents in the Bradford West area.

The Chair commended the Public Health department for working jointly with Kate Pickett, the Professor of Epidemiology (an acclaimed researcher focused on the social determinants of health and health inequalities).

#### **Resolved –**

- (1) That the contents of Document “J” be noted.**
- (2) That a report, consisting statistics on health and health inequalities in the Bradford West area over the past three years be presented to a future meeting of the Bradford West Area Committee.**
- (3) That a report be presented to the Bradford West Area Committee in 12 months (October 2016) that outlines the progress made, highlighting key areas on the work undertaken by the authority’s Public Health department in contributing to improving the health of the Bradford West area population.**

#### **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Health and Social Care**

**ACTION: Director of Public Health**

#### **28. ARRANGEMENTS BY THE COUNCIL AND ITS PARTNERS TO TACKLE CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION (CSE)**

All Wards in  
Bradford West

The Bradford West Area Committee was invited to consider the report presented to Council Executive on 15 September 2015.

The report of the Interim Assistant Director, Children’s Specialist Services (**Document “K”**) provided an update to the report of the Strategic Director, Children’s Services, (**Executive Document “AM”**) 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 Manager of Bradford Safeguarding Children Board gave a synopsis of the report.

A question and answer session ensued:

- In specific, what were the concerns in relation to the Pakistani community?
  - Nationally, majority of CSE identified through evidence suggested that Pakistani men were involved in street grooming.
- How were present findings in comparison to historical analysis?
  - An analysis was still ongoing. There were scores of identified and unidentified victims and perpetrators.
- Owing to the current economic climate, could the present level of resources be sustained?
  - This was the number one priority for the Police in West Yorkshire therefore the level of investment would be maintained. The ongoing budget process behalf of the Authority would undertake a CSE risk assessment and the

service would be making a case for resources.

- There was a significant demand on Social Services and it was understood that Rotherham Council had decreased its budget for the service. Would this Council result in similar efficiencies?
  - It was early stages for assurances however the service was continuously looking for sources of income.
- What prevention work had been undertaken to date and to what extent was this Council confident of productive prevention work had been undertaken within schools?
  - The Council's education department was overseeing this process. Good work had been addressed in schools and a secondary schools tour was coming to an end. To clarify, the Council had a Bradford model but each school had its own approach as CSE was not a National Curriculum. Schools had to satisfy an Ofsted inspection. Awareness was also focused towards Social Networking sites. There was significant amount of initiatives developed by faith groups including the service exploring new plans for awareness with a Sikh awareness organisation. A number of Mosques had been involved throughout.
- What had been achieved through the support network involved?
  - Not much progress had been made. There were intentions of delivering support to women's groups.
- In what regulatory context was the Council delivering the awareness on CSE?
- Training was being delivered on a face to face basis with people at high levels, for them to disseminate below.
- How was information distributed into communities in order to capture everyone's attention?
  - All schools were likely to be reached and street campaigns had been undertaken.
- Who distributed the awareness information?
  - This element of the process was allocated to organisations experienced in delivering material.

The Committee made the following comments. Significantly more had still to be developed as this report reflected on an infancy stage of the whole process. It was important that a further strand be added such as Housing Officers, Refuse Collectors and other officers that were working outdoors be given awareness training.

The Chair concluded the item by highlighting to the Committee that there was online CSE training for Councillors and it would be beneficial if the online courses were visited.

#### **Resolved –**

- (1) That the contents of Document “K” be noted.**
- (2) That the Manager of the Bradford Safeguarding Children Board take into consideration the comments of the Bradford West Area Committee in order to tackle CSE in the Bradford West area.**
- (3) That the Manager of the Bradford Safeguarding Children Board, in consultation with the Bradford West Area Co-ordinator presents an update report in 12 months time of the work carried out in the Bradford West area.**



- (4) That officers involved in the delivery of tackling CSE be thanked for their efforts.

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Health and Social Care**

**ACTION:** Assistant Director, Children's Specialist Services

29. **COMMUNITY CHEST 2015/2016**

All Wards in  
Bradford West

The report of the Interim Assistant Director, Neighbourhood and Customer Services (**Document "L"**) detailed the Community Chest Grants awarded from applications received from 1 April 2015 – 30 September 2015 for the benefit of communities within Bradford West.

**Resolved –**

- (1) That the wide range of applications from groups, organisations and individuals across Bradford West are noted and welcomed.
- (2) That the Bradford West Area Co-ordinator's Office continue to ensure the effective allocation of the Community Chest Budget by providing appropriate advice and support to applicants.

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Corporate**

**ACTION:** Assistant Director, Neighbourhood and Customer Services

Chair

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

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