

Minutes of a meeting of the Bradford South Area Committee held on Wednesday 16 September 2015 at City Hall, Bradford

Commenced 1705
Concluded 1840

PRESENT – Councillors

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR
Carmody	Ferriby
	Jabar
	Tariq Hussain
	Peart
	Tait
	Wainwright
	Warburton

Apologies: Councillor Robinson

Councillor Ferriby in the Chair

20. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

No disclosures of interest in matters under consideration were received.

21. MINUTES

Resolved –

That the minutes of the meeting held on 23 July 2015 be signed as a correct record.

22. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

23. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions submitted by the public.



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24. ANNUAL UPDATE ON ROAD SAFETY IN BRADFORD SOUTH

The Strategic Director Regeneration submitted a report (**Document “I”**) 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.

The Principal Highways Engineer gave an overview of the report drawing Members attention to the West Yorkshire Local Transport Plan target to reduce the number of fatal and serious road casualties in West Yorkshire by 50% by 2026, for the Bradford district this equated to reducing casualties from 248 to 124. In the context of Bradford South there was an overall increase in casualties, however the long term trend was downward. He added that the Road Safety team’s main area of focus was child safety and offering training to schools on road safety, however take up of training amongst a number of schools was poor and needed addressing.

In response to a question on cost, it was stated that the Road Safety Team provided information, advice and training within a set budget, however schools did not have to pay for the training and resources.

In relation to a question on what additional work the Council could do to encourage more schools to take up the road safety training, the Principal Engineer explained that it was an area that required further work and that Children’s Services had previously written out to schools in the district to make them aware of the training, however if Councillors could promote the training in their capacity as school governors, this may also encourage more schools to participate.

In relation to a question on whether there was a correlation between casualty figures in an area and road safety training, the Principal Engineer stated that this was difficult to assess as road casualty incidents were based on a number of factors, however this question would be put to the Road Safety team to consider and information sent out to committee members.

A Member expressed his concerns at the increase in accidents involving cyclists in the 30-59 age brackets and how this particular group could be targeted. In response the Principal Engineer stressed that this increase partly reflected the number of people taking up the activity, however he would flag up the issue with the Road Safety team. On a related point, a Member highlighted that the type of clothing some cyclists wore was an issue as they were not always visible and this should also be addressed.

A Member also raised a concern regarding vehicles that are parked on the footpath or on cycle lanes, which cause additional hazards for cyclist. The Principal Engineer stated that the new cycle lanes gave more scope in terms of enforcement possibilities.

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 **Bradford Road Safety Plan 2015–2018** attached as **Appendix 5** to Document “I” be supported.
- (4) That **Bradford South Area Committee** expressed its thanks to the **Road Safety Team** for the excellent road safety work being carried out in the **Bradford South** area.

ACTION: *Strategic Director Regeneration*

(Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Environment and Waste Management)

25. **YOUTH SERVICE – SOUTH AREA**

The Strategic Director Environment and Sport submitted a report (**Document “J”**) which gave an update on the Youth Opportunities Fund administered by the Youth Service in Bradford South. The report also gave details of ideas generated through New Deal conversations with young people in Bradford South.

The Youth Service Advanced Practitioner stated that following the success of the Youth Opportunities Fund, the Service had embarked on a journey and that following discussions and in the context of New Deal, there had been a change in emphasis on how this money should be spent with a shift towards more community based action projects that benefitted a wider area.

A number of young people who had been members of the Youth Opportunities Panel were present at the meeting and they alluded to the benefits of the Fund and the engagement, activity and difference this had made to youth work in Bradford South and to the lives of young people.

The Youth Service Advanced Practitioner stated that he was hoping that the new emphasis on community based projects would inspire youth groups to come forward with ideas and that the money could be better utilised to create a legacy and inspire a new generation of young volunteers.

The Chair commended the work of the young people, in particular their buy in to the principles of New Deal.

In response to a question on increasing participation from a cross section of young people in Bradford South, the Youth Service Advanced Practitioner confirmed that he would try and encourage more young people from across the Bradford South area to get involved. The Chair stressed that the Youth Opportunities Fund Panel membership was broadly representative of the wards in the Bradford South area, and that their contribution and critical analysis had shaped the decision making of the Panel.

Resolved –

- (1) That the opportunity to use the Youth Opportunities Fund to support young people in the area to make a positive contribution to embedding aspects of the New Deal be welcomed.



- (2) That the Area Coordinator be requested to set up a special meeting of the Grant Advisory Group that will include a panel of young people to make recommendations on youth groups to fund using the Youth Opportunities Fund.
- (3) That following the meeting of the Grant Advisory Group, the Bradford South Area Coordinator be given delegated authority to implement the recommendations.
- (4) That the youth workers and the young people be thanked for the work they have carried out in supporting young people in the Bradford South area and the way they have engaged and worked with other young people.

ACTION: *Strategic Director Environment and Sport*

(Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Children's Services)

26. STREET CLEANSING – PROGRESS REPORT

The Bradford South Area Coordinator submitted a report (**Document "K"**) which provided a further update of Street Cleansing services in Bradford South in 2015 and also set out current financial and staffing information.

The Area Coordinator alluded to the increase in litter falls in certain wards, such as Queensbury, Royds and Tong. Similarly in relation to detritus waste there had been an increase, particularly in Great Horton and Royds wards. Overall increase in graffiti and fly posting was also highlighted as a problem across Bradford South. However this may largely be as a result of the monitoring methodology used.

A Member stated that the different communities across Bradford South could assist by actively picking up litter in their area and that this approach had worked well in Queensbury ward.

A Member expressed concern at the increase in fly posting and suggested that enforcement was the key to addressing this problem, as any successful prosecution would send out a strong message.

In relation to fly tipping, the Area Coordinator stressed the need for members of the public to report not only the incidents themselves but information on who the perpetrators might be, if possible the registration of any vehicles involved.

Resolved –

That the report be welcomed and that this Committee's thanks be conveyed to the Bradford South Clean Team and the Wardens for their dedication and hard work in keeping the streets clean in Bradford South.

ACTION: *Strategic Director Environment and Sport*

(Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Environment and Sport)



27. BRADFORD SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE FORWARD PLAN 2015/16

The Bradford South Area Coordinator tabled a copy of the Bradford South Area Committee Forward Plan 2015/2016 for Members consideration.

The Chair stated that the aim of having a forward plan was to make Members aware of forthcoming items and to enable the Area Committee to take a more balanced approach at meetings by having themed agendas.

Resolved –

That the suggested approach of having themed meetings for the Area Committee be adopted, and that Members be updated regularly on the contents of the Forward Plan.

ACTION: Strategic Director Environment and Sport

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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