

# Minutes of a meeting of the Bradford South Area Committee held on Thursday 17 March 2016 at City Hall, Bradford

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## PRESENT – Councillors

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR
Carmody	Ferriby
	Jabar
	Tariq Hussain
	Peart
	Tait
	Wainwright
	Warburton

**Observers:** Councillors Green (Minutes 56 and 57) and Robinson

## Councillor Ferriby in the Chair

### 54. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

In the Interest of clarity the following disclosures were received:

- (i) Councillors Ferriby and Warburton expressed an interest in the item relating to the Rooley Avenue Scheme (Minute 57) as Councillor Warburton lived on Rooley Crescent, however he had not been involved in the planning application relating to the scheme. Councillor Ferriby stated that she had represented residents in relation to the planning application.
- (ii) Councillor Carmody in relation to Area Community Development (Minute 60), as she was in the process of being involved with the Queensbury Community Programme.

**ACTION:** *Interim City Solicitor*



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## 55. MINUTES

### Resolved –

That the minutes of the meeting held on 26 January 2016 be signed as a correct record.

## 56. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

## 57. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions submitted by the public.

## 58. PRIESTLEY TERRACE, WIBSEY – TRO OBJECTIONS

Wibsey

Previous Reference: Minute 46 (2015/2016)

The Strategic Director Regeneration submitted a report (**Document “AC”**) which set out objections received to a recently advertised Traffic Regulation Order for proposed permit parking on Priestley Terrace, Wibsey.

The Principal Engineer reminded Members that consideration of this TRO was deferred at the January meeting of the Area Committee, in order to undertake further consultation with Ward Councillors on the proposals. Following consultation with Ward Councillors, they had reiterated their support for the original scheme without any amendments.

The Leader and Ward Councillor for the area were present at the meeting and stated that he and his fellow Ward Councillors had been working hard on implementing a permit parking scheme for Priestley Terrace. He highlighted the problems residents of Priestley Terrace had experienced with access and parking, primarily as a result of its proximity to Wibsey High Street. He added that in devising a scheme, alternative parking arrangements had also been made available in the vicinity of Priestley Terrace, and customers using the shops on Priestley Terrace could utilise this parking. He acknowledged the concerns raised by the businesses, but stressed that this had to be balanced with the rights and concerns of residents.

A number of residents were present at the meeting to express their support for the proposed permit parking scheme and they endorsed the comments made by the Leader, stating that problems with parking had been a long standing issue in the area and that the permit parking scheme would alleviate these problems.

The objector was also present at the meeting and stated that the concerns he had expressed at the last meeting had not been addressed in the report. He added that although he emphasised with residents, the scheme in its current state, would have a profound impact on his and the other businesses situated on Priestley Terrace. He urged



that 2 short stay parking places be facilitated outside his business, which would enable customers to park.

In response the Principal Engineer stated that any exception to the Order would create a number of practical issues; the Order would also have to be re advertised. In addition it would create confusion as some parking would be allowed within the permit parking zone and this would detract from the scheme's principal aims, and therefore it would be simpler to designate the whole of Priestley Terrace as a zone. He also confirmed the availability of parking in proximity to Priestley Terrace, which customers could utilise.

During the discussion, Members although sympathetic to the concerns expressed by the objector, accepted and understood the rationale behind the proposals, and it was therefore:

**Resolved -**

- (1) That the Traffic Regulation Order for permit parking on Priestley Terrace, Wibsey be sealed and implemented as advertised.**
- (2) That the objector be informed accordingly.**

***ACTION: Strategic Director Regeneration***

(Environment & Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

**59. ROOLEY AVENUE – PROPOSED TOUCAN CROSSING AND CONVERSION OF FOOTWAY TO A SHARED PEDESTRIAN/CYCLE FACILITY** Wibsey/Wyke

The Strategic Director Regeneration submitted a report (**Document “AD”**) which informed members of a proposed Toucan crossing on Rooley Avenue and sought approval for the proposed conversion of adjacent lengths of footway to a shared pedestrian/cycle facility.

The Principal Engineer stated that the proposed Toucan crossing was a developer funded scheme and that Ward Councillors had been consulted and were supportive of the scheme.

The Leader and Ward Councillor for the area stated that although he was supportive of the scheme, he had a slight concern regarding the shared pedestrian/cycle facility and urged officers to ensure that pedestrian safety was built into the scheme and the shared facility was clearly delineated. In response the Principal Engineer stated that he was confident the scheme would work and he assured Members that he would reassess the signing and lining for the scheme in light of the comments.

A Member suggested that additional signage should be looked at in the vicinity of the Sports Centre, to warn drivers of the pedestrian crossing.



**Resolved -**

- (1) That the proposal to convert the existing zebra crossing on Rooley Avenue to a toucan crossing facility as detailed on plan no. TDG/THS/103179/CON-1A, attached as Appendix 1 to Document "AD" be noted.
- (2) That any valid objections to the proposed toucan crossing on Rooley Avenue be reported to this Area Committee for consideration or, in the event of there being no valid objections, the crossing be implemented as advertised.
- (3) That approval be given to convert the existing lengths of footway on Rooley Avenue to shared use between pedestrians and cyclists, as detailed on plan no. TDG/THS/103179/CYCLE-1A attached as Appendix 2 to Document "AD".

**ACTION: Strategic Director Regeneration**

(Environment & Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

**60. DEVOLVED BUDGET - SAFER ROADS SCHEMES All Wards Bradford South**

The Strategic Director Regeneration submitted a report (**Document "AE"**) which sought approval for a programme of Safer Roads Schemes for Bradford South for the 2016/17 financial year. Details of the proposed schemes were set out in the appendices.

In response to a question on the proposed scheme for Beckside Road, the Principal Engineer confirmed that the scheme had been ordered and that he was awaiting confirmation of a start date.

A Member suggested that the proposed footway link proposal for Staithgate Lane should be prioritised from the reserved list as pedestrian safety was a concern, in addition to poor lighting. In response the Principal Engineer stated that he would look at the scheme again in the context of any residual funding left from last year's funding.

A Member welcomed the recommendation to review the outstanding schemes requests as some of the schemes on the list were dated.

**Resolved -**

- (1) That the programme of Casualty Reduction schemes for 2016/17 listed in Appendix 1 to Document "AE" be approved.
- (2) That the proposed programme of Traffic Management schemes for 2016/17 listed in Appendices 2 and 3 to Document "AE", including (subject to residual funding from previous years' Safer Roads programmes being available, schemes within the reserve list in Appendix 2 to Document "AE") be approved.
- (3) That any Traffic Regulation Orders including off-street parking places Orders, or any legal procedures linked to the processing of traffic calming measures or pedestrian crossing facilities which are necessary to implement the chosen schemes be approved for processing and advertising subject to the



scheme details being agreed with the local Ward Members.

- (4) That any valid objections to the advertised Traffic Regulation Orders, off-street parking places Orders, traffic calming or pedestrian facilities be submitted to this Area Committee for consideration or in the event of there being no valid objections the Orders be sealed and implemented and the traffic calming or pedestrian facilities be implemented as advertised.
- (5) That the list of outstanding requests for measures (Appendix 4 to Document "AE") be reviewed in conjunction with respective ward members.

**ACTION:** *Strategic Director Regeneration*

(Environment & Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

#### 61. **HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE NON-CLASSIFIED ROADS AND SURFACE DRESSING ALLOCATION FOR BRADFORD SOUTH - 2016/17**

The Strategic Director Regeneration submitted a report (**Document "AF"**) which provided information on Capital Highway Maintenance funding for 2015/16 – 2016/17 and made recommendations on the allocation for Non-Classified road resurfacing schemes and Surface Dressing sites for 2016/17. Details of the schemes were set out in the appendices.

In relation to a scheme to resurface Northside Terrace, the Principal Highways Engineer confirmed that he hoped to move forward with the scheme as soon as possible, however this was dependent on completion of the nearby development, as there was a risk of damage to the road as the development progressed.

**Resolved -**

**That the proposed programme of works for 2016/17 as shown in Appendix 2 and 3 to Document "AF" be approved.**

**ACTION:** *Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture*

(Environment & Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

#### 62. **BRADFORD SOUTH AREA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY CENTRE CORE COST GRANTS 2015-17 PROGRESS UPDATE**

The Strategic Director Environment and Sport submitted a report (**Document "AG"**) which outlined the work of Community Development Workers on behalf of the three grant funded organisations during the period April 2015 to December 2016 to support Ward priorities set out within the Bradford South Area Committee Ward Plans 2015-16.

The Area Coordinator explained that the commissioned provider in Tong and Wyke Wards was no longer operating as they had gone into administration, and therefore an alternative provider would have to be sought to deliver some of the programme.



Representatives from the Sandale Trust were present at the meeting to give an overview of the projects they had undertaken in the Royds Ward which involved working with St Aiden's Church to organise a Autumn Harvest festival lunch, Carol singing as well as plans to provide soup mornings in winter, Easter lunches and other events.

**Resolved -**

- (1) That the work of the Community Development (CD) Workers on behalf of the three commissioned organisations during the period April 2015 to December 2015, to support Ward priorities within the Bradford South Ward Plans 2015-16 be welcomed.**
- (2) That the Bradford South Area Coordinator be given delegated authority to find an alternative provider in consultation with the Area Committee Grants Advisory Committee for the Tong and Wyke Wards.**

**ACTION: No Action**

(Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

**63. AN UPDATE ON ARRANGEMENTS BY THE COUNCIL AND ITS PARTNERS TO TACKLE CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION**

The Interim Assistant Director Children's Services submitted a report (**Document "A1"**) which provided an update regarding arrangements by the Council and its partners to tackle child sexual exploitation (CSE). The report particularly focused on the work to deal with historic cases of CSE; to address CSE in black and minority ethnic communities, and the provision of services for children and young people who are at risk of, or who are victims of CSE. There was a particular emphasis on preventative services.

The Chair of the Safeguarding Board and colleagues, including a representative from West Yorkshire Police were present at the meeting to give an overview of the work done to tackle CSE and respond to Members' questions.

The Chair of the Safeguarding Board stated that this was the second report on CSE that had been submitted to the Area Committee. The importance of CSE as an issue to the district was highlighted, together with its priority at a Central Government level. The work of the multi agency was alluded to and how historic cases were being dealt with, together with the work done in individual communities in the district to address the issue.

The Chair welcomed the report and the detail it contained, and questioned the number of ongoing cases and also the number within the Bradford South area. In response the Chair of the Safeguarding Board explained that currently there were 291 cases in total that the Hub was dealing with, which included low, medium and high risk cases, of which 64 were from the Bradford South constituency, which represented 22% of all the cases to the Hub. He added that although the figures had equalised across the district, the level of awareness around CSE was good and that agencies were now better equipped at recognising the signs of CSE.



In response to a question on what work had been done with the Youth Service, the Chair of the Safeguarding Board acknowledged the importance of the Youth Service in tackling CSE and he stressed that a lot of proactive work was being done.

The representative from West Yorkshire Police stated that with regards to CSE we were on a journey and that he was comforted by the buy in from partners and the public, as well as from Councillors, local MP's and community leaders. In addition work with the taxi trade had been beneficial in raising awareness of the issue amongst drivers and operators.

In response to a question on the work being done in the community, work in the Keighley area was cited as an example, where some excellent community engagement work had been undertaken, raising awareness around CSE and how the community could be more proactive in dealing with the issue. In particular the message that protecting children was everyone's responsibility was a message that had resonated through the community engagement process.

In relation to a question on historic cases, it was stressed that partners had become quite adept at investigating such cases and that it was never too late to investigate.

In terms of supporting work around CSE, the Chair of the Safeguarding Board stated that Members in their capacity and role as governors could promote this work as well as undertake the training that was available to Members.

The Chair expressed her thanks to the Partners, for attending the meeting and providing detailed responses to Members' questions.

#### **Resolved -**

- (1) That this Area Committee considered in detail the arrangements by the Council and its Partners to tackle Child Sexual Exploitation.**
- (2) That officers take on board Members' comments on CSE.**
- (3) That a report on CSE be presented to this Area Committee in 12 months time, which incorporates information both on a district and a Bradford South Constituency level about both incidence rates and local activities to prevent CSE.**

***ACTION: Area Coordinator***

(Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

#### **64. NEW DEAL PROGRAMME: ENGAGEMENT UPDATE**

The Assistant Director Policy Programmes and Change submitted a report (**Document "AH"**) which provided:



- An update on actions that build on the findings from the first engagement in New Deal
- A summary of initial findings from the second phase of engagement
- An indication of developing plans for further approaches to engagement

The Chair stated that the rationale behind New Deal was about engaging with communities and managing expectations on service provision. In addition it was important that the Ward Plans should also incorporate the New Deal concepts.

The Assistant Director confirmed that interdepartmental work around New Deal was expanding and progressing well.

#### **Resolved -**

- (1) **That the report be noted.**
- (2) **That the feedback from residents be welcomed and acknowledged.**
- (3) **That the Area Committee continue to engage with residents, businesses and stakeholders about ways of working differently, and feed any relevant findings into the New Deal programme.**
- (4) **That a progress report on the New Deal Programme and outcomes of the 'People Can initiative' be presented to this Area Committee in 12 months time.**

***ACTION: Assistant Director Policy, Programmes and Change***

(Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

#### **65. A BRIEFING TO AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS ON CHANGES TO THE DOMESTIC WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE**

The Strategic Director Environment and Sport submitted a report (**Document "AK"**) which highlighted the key changes to the Council's domestic waste collection arrangements following the introduction of the Council's Domestic Waste and Recycling Policy (DWARP).

The Programme Manager in highlighting the key changes explained that following the introduction of new regulations in January 2015, the Council was now legally required to collect recyclable materials separately and therefore householders were now required to present their waste in specific receptacles at the collection point.

In response to a question regarding the new Waste Minimisation Programme, it was explained that officers were supporting residents with the necessary information as well as ensuring that recycling bins were provided to everyone in the district.

It was acknowledged that there were number of teething issues with the Programme; however officers were keen to work with residents to ensure that they understood and adhered to the new system.





**Resolved -**

**That the update on changes to the Domestic Waste Collection Service be welcomed and that the officer be thanked for her detailed response to Member's questions.**

***ACTION: No Action***

(Environment & Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

**66. DRAFT UPDATED BRADFORD SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN 2014-17**

The Strategic Director Environment and Sport submitted a report (**Document "AJ"**) which set out a Draft Updated Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2014-17 for consideration by the Area Committee.

The Chair and Members of the Area Committee commended officers for the work done in developing the Action Plan and it was therefore:

**Resolved -**

- (1) That the draft updated Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2014-17 be approved and adopted.**
- (2) That this Area Committee requests Council Officers, partner agencies and community organisations to support the implementation of the draft updated Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2014-17.**
- (3) That this Area Committee requests the Area Co-ordinator to continue to work with the relevant officers to support the implementation of the Area Committee Action Plan, as adopted, and to prepare a schedule of reports about progress, to be presented to future meetings of the Area Committee.**
- (4) That the Interim Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2016-17 should be considered in future revisions of District-wide strategies and budget-setting processes.**
- (5) That this Area Committee expresses its sincere thanks to the Area Coordinator, Ward Officers and officers in the Neighbourhoods Team for the work done in compiling the Area Committee Action Plan.**

***ACTION: Area Coordinator***

(Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

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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