

Minutes of a meeting of the Bradford East Area Committee held on Thursday, 24 November 2016 in Committee Room 1 - City Hall, Bradford

Commenced 6.00 pm
Concluded 9.00 pm

Present – Councillors

LABOUR	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT
<p>H Khan Salam Shafiq</p>	<p>R Ahmed R Sunderland Stubbs J Sunderland Ward</p>

Apologies: Councillor Rizwana Jamil

Councillor Rachel Sunderland in the Chair

33. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Sunderland disclosed an interest in Minute 37 and 40 as she was a director of inspired Neighbourhoods and Member of Springfield Youth Centre.

Action: City Solicitor

34. MINUTES

Resolved-

That the minutes of the meeting held on 20 October 2016 be signed as a correct record.

35. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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



36. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions submitted by the public.

37. YOUTH PROVISION AND NEEDS ACROSS BRADFORD EAST AREA

Members were reminded that this Committee received a report on the work of the Youth Service in June 2016. Members asked that more information on young people's needs and current provision be brought to a future meeting for consideration.

In accordance with the above the Strategic Director, Environment and Sport submitted **Document "O"** which gave more information about youth provision from voluntary and community providers and discussed needs and gaps in services and how these were being addressed.

A number of young people attended the meeting and spoke about their various positive experiences they had while engaging with the Youth Service and reported on the valuable voluntary work and fund raising events they had undertaken.

Members of the Committee asked questions and made comments as set out below:

- Visited Laisterdyke Centre a number of times which was well attended by different communities; commend the work undertaken by the Youth Workers and Young People.
- Was Culture Fusion still operating?
- Assumed that Culture Fusion was based in the City Centre as it was accessible for people from Bradford East.
- Mental and physical health support was not in the top 5 issues identified by young people in the report.
- Parkside Youth Centre in Little Horton seemed under utilised; needed to look at other community uses for it.
- What was the role of the Youth Service in relation to 1-1 work with vulnerable girls and boys at risk of CSE?
- What was the Youth Workers role in providing one to one support to low level CSE referrals in Ravenscliffe and Bradford Moor? Was there sufficient Youth Service support available in Bradford East?
- What support was being provided to Young People to improve their educational attainment in Bradford East?
- Were statistics available for the number of people that achieved accreditation from the courses they undertook?
- Concerned for the future of the Youth Service as a result of the Community Building Review; a lot more needed to be undertaken such as looking at groups of children not on a school roll, children in public care etc; needed to increase the service and not decrease it as young peoples issues were getting worse.



In response to Members questions it was reported that:

- There was a Youth Information Shop based in Culture Fusion and the Star Club which was a Bradford West Youth Club.
- Mental and physical health was linked to all the priorities listed by young people.
- The biggest constraints for youth provision was finance and the importance of developing good partnerships with organisations; young people made it happen by fund raising and by getting local people involved.
- Partnership work in Little Horton was taking place with Trident.
- The advanced practitioners were working with the CSE Hub to see how the work relating to CSE would work; Youth Workers were supporting young people by providing them one to one support to find out what issues they had, provided information, guidance and advice ; the young people supported were at a low level risk of CSE and were flagged up by the CSE Hub and referred to the Youth Service.
- There was a restructure taking place at the moment which would involve more joint working in Bradford East and West; there would be sufficient capacity in providing young people in Bradford East one to one support relating to CSE.
- In helping to improve young peoples educational attainment the Youth Service provided access to various awards such as the Lord Mayor's Awards; if young people volunteered continuously, they could attend a course to qualify as part-time youth workers; the Youth Service provided informal education in a creative manner.
- Information on how many young people achieved accreditation and at what level could be provided to Members.

Resolved-

- (1) That the provision, needs and work to address gaps in services for young people detailed in the Appendices to Document "O" be welcomed.**
- (2) That the Youth Service offers continued support for vulnerable young people (one-to-one where appropriate and possible), focussing on information, advice and guidance for:-**
 - **those at risk of CSE (Child Sexual Exploitation).**
 - **those struggling to continue in education; working in partnership with local schools and supporting initiatives such as homework clubs.**
 - **those at risk of becoming teenage parents and those needing access to sexual health and contraception advice, and work on healthy relationships.**
 - **those with or at risk of substance misuse either illegal drugs or alcohol.**
 - **those at risk of anti-social or criminal behaviour.**
 - **those at risk of low attainment.**
 - **those at risk of poverty.**



- (3) That the Youth Service continues community cohesion work; supporting young people to mix with people of different cultural, social, ethnic and faith backgrounds to themselves.
- (4) That the Youth Service continues to offer free training to both young people and adults to volunteer and support a varied range of activities and sessions for young people across Bradford East.
- (5) That the Youth Service continues to offer support to voluntary and community organisations to provide appropriate sessions and activities for young people as needed. This could be by:-
 - supporting sessions with Youth Service staff.
 - helping organisations with organisational issues, enabling them to run sessions effectively and safely.
 - providing volunteer and committee training.
 - helping organisations draw in volunteers and offering training to them.
- (6) That the Youth Service continues to offer support towards independence with life skills such as budgeting, planning, IT skills and team working.
- (7) That the Youth Service explores different models of delivering open-access provision to the 13 to 19 years age range where it is proving difficult on an on going basis to deliver this.
- (8) That the Youth Service links in with SNOOP (a Bradford-wide organisation that has been supporting children and young people with disabilities) to support their work with young people with special needs, where appropriate and possible.
- (9) That the Committee thanks Youth Workers and Youth Volunteers for the impact they make on the lives of young people in the District.
- (10) That the Committee notes the potential risk to the delivery of work with vulnerable young people given the removal of discretionary support available to community and voluntary sector organisations.

Action: Strategic Director, Environment and Sport

38. PETITION RELATING TO TRAFFIC MATTERS - MELBA ROAD, BRADFORD



AND UNDERCLIFFE STREET, BRADFORD

The Strategic Director, Regeneration submitted **Document “P”** which considered the following petitions relating to traffic matters:

- (1) Melba Road, Bradford – Request for traffic calming
- (2) Undercliffe Street, Bradford – Request for permit parking

Melba Road

It was reported that there had been no road injuries recorded on Melba Road in the last 5 years.

Members were informed that Melba Road had been on the list of outstanding traffic management measures which was considered by this Committee on an annual basis since 2010. There had been more recent requests for action on this road therefore it had remained on the list. However, as the Committee was aware due to scarce resources priority was given to sites with significant numbers of road injuries and therefore funding had not been identified for Melba Road because of the lack of a proven road safety issue.

The Lead Petitioner attended the meeting and spoke about the speed of traffic using the road and the potential danger to children playing in the area as well as the road being used as a rat run.

Ward Members supported the petitioners comments reiterating the speed of traffic using the road and the potential hazard posed to children.

Members raised concerns on the number of bad drivers in Bradford and the potential hazard they cause to other drivers and pedestrians.

In response to a Member’s question it was reported that Melba Road already had road narrowing to help with traffic calming.

Members requested whether another vehicle speed survey should be undertaken as the previous one was undertaken a number of years ago.

It was reported that there were traffic calming schemes outstanding where there was casualties.

Undercliffe Street

It was reported that there were no land uses within the Undercliffe Street area which would attract parking by non-residents. The parking observed on a recent site visit showed there was some free spaces available. Undercliffe Street was unlikely to meet the criteria in the policy for a permit parking scheme.



Resolved-

- (1) That the request for traffic calming measures on Melba Road, Bradford remain on the list for consideration by this Committee when the Safer Roads Programme is determined.**
- (2) That a vehicle speed survey is undertaken on Melba Road when the speed monitoring equipment becomes available.**
- (3) That no action be taken on the request for permit parking on Undercliffe Street, Bradford.**
- (4) That the petitioners are informed accordingly.**

Action: Strategic Director, Regeneration

39. THE GROVE, BRADFORD - REQUEST FOR DISABLED PERSONS PARKING PLACE (EXCEPTION TO POLICY)

The Strategic Director, Regeneration submitted **Document “Q”** which considered an application for a Disabled Persons Parking Place for 6 The Grove, Bradford, where the applicant did not meet all the Policy criteria.

Members were informed that the applicant had on going medical conditions preventing him from walking more than 25 yards without experiencing severe discomfort.

It was reported that there were no objections for a Disabled Persons Parking Places from neighbouring properties.

Resolved-

- (1) That the application for the installation of a Disabled Persons Parking Place at 6 The Grove be approved as an exception to the policy.**
- (2) That the applicant be informed accordingly.**

Action: Strategic Director, Regeneration

40. ALLOCATION OF COMMUNITY BUILDING GRANTS

The Strategic Director, Environment and Sport submitted **Document “N”** which set out the Community Building Grants allocation process. Community Building Grants were for Voluntary and Community Sector organisations to support them in meeting their associated building related costs.



It was reported that the new Grants allocation process will commence from 1 April 2017.

Members commented on a number of issues which included:

- It had been 8 months before consultation was started with organisations about the new scheme; it was concerning that organisations were now being asked to submit applications which did not give them sufficient time
- Organisations were informed that it would take 3 months to undertake the review of the Community Building Grants but took 9 months, needed to be fairer to organisations and give them sufficient time to submit their applications.
- Did not know how many organisations would be applying, when the decision was made and by whom?
- Paragraph 3.9 should read that Community buildings receiving a contribution to their building related costs through a grant should be accessible to everyone within the local community and/or young people; criteria should be that providers should be serving all of the community not just young people otherwise certain organisations would not be able to apply.
- If a building was Council retained it would be paid for but others would not which meant inequalities.
- There was a potential risk to young people as services being offered would be reduced because of these changes.
- Why was Bradford West Area Committee chosen to allocate funding to district wide organisations; organisations could be from anywhere not just City Centre; Why was an assumption made that Bradford West would be better than any other area Committee in allocating the funding; it would not be appropriate for Bradford West to be making decisions about services being provided in Bradford East as a decision would be made by an area committee that did not know the area.
- What was meant by responsible charging policy?
- 32 organisations were run by volunteers who may not have had a charging policy; people were being led to believe that they could go to Community Voluntary Services for support; what support was being provided to organisations in submitting their bids; Community Voluntary Services were not geared up to take this extra work on; what support was the Council providing?
- How would 3 support officers be sufficient in providing support to the large number of organisations that would be needing support?
- Implementation of the new Grants Scheme would adversely affect equality and diversity within the area.

In response to Members questions it was reported that:



- There was a lot of background work that needed to be undertaken before consultation could be undertaken; organisations were aware of changes taking place; people had been informed about the other ways of attracting funding such as becoming a registered charity which would entitle organisations to 80% rate relief, or to register as a small business and rates would be set off by government initiatives; 9 organisations had been affected by rental subsidy changes; any organisation on a reduced rate would remain on that rate.
- Officers would look into improving the timescales for applications.
- The decision relating to Community Building Grants was part of the budget reductions for 2015/16 agreed at Council.
- Community Voluntary Services had 3 support officers dedicated to helping people through the application process; development briefing sessions were also held with Ward Officers who would be clearer on the process.
- Some organisations were well established and would not need the support and would be familiar with the process.

Resolved-

- (1) **That the Committee notes the potential risk to the delivery of work with vulnerable young people given the removal of discretionary support available to community and voluntary sector organisations.**
- (2) **That the first bullet point of paragraph 3.9 of Document “N” be amended to read “to be accessible to everyone within the local community and/or young people”.**
- (3) **That the Committee requests that a cross District group made up of representatives from all the Area Committee’s is responsible for the allocation of the District wide funding.**
- (4) **That the Area Co-ordinator is requested to organise meetings of the Area Committee’s Grant Advisory Group to consider Community Building Grant applications for funding from groups within the Bradford East Area.**
- (5) **That the Area Co-ordinator submits a further report to this Committee within the 2016-17 Municipal Year with recommendations from the Grants Advisory Group on how to allocate the Community Building Grants funds available.**

Action: Strategic Director, Environment and Sport

41. HOME CARE PROVISION



Over recent years, health and social care services in England had been undergoing significant transition following the introduction of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 and the Care Act 2014. The key themes that had emerged from the need for transformational change included a radical upgrade in prevention and public health, providing greater control for people of their own care, a breakdown of barriers in how care was provided and support for new and innovative models of care.

The Strategic Director Environment and Sport submitted **Document “R”** supported by a presentation which provided an overview of the Home Care Provision in the Bradford East Area.

Members commented on a number of issues which included:

- Queried the use of electronic monitoring systems in developing local services.
- Did not see positive advantages of electronic monitoring for vulnerable/old people; needed to consider the dignity of individuals.
- Report needed further information such as number of calls to the services and how many did not receive the help; number of people who could not access services; need to understand the care of old people and how many day centres had been closed down and how many people did not receive the support at home.
- Helpful to have information on perspective of users; and how the service deal with concerns raised by users.

In response to Members questions it was reported that:

- There was an option to electronically monitor carers who undertook home visits which would record the time stayed and task performed and whether it was value for money in terms of what the authority paid for.
- The service did engage with users and customers were asked about quality of service provided and what could be undertaken differently.
- The Service worked closely with providers to ensure staff undertook their duty to the highest standard; if something did go wrong the service would discuss with providers the issues raised; areas of concern would be addressed with that employer.

Resolved-

That a further report be submitted to the Committee which includes details such as numbers of people and their characteristics and trends over 5 years in areas such as:

- **number of people receiving care**
- **number of people attending day services**
- **number of people who called the service; number of people assessed**



- and supported with care
- the length of time it takes to answer the telephone
- how many carers have been assessed and any other information sufficient to provide Members with information to judge the quality and adequacy of the provision of service to older and vulnerable people in Bradford East, detailed by Ward where possible.

Action: Strategic Director, Health and Wellbeing

**42. BRADFORD EAST AREA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONS
PROGRESS UPDATE**

The Strategic Director, Environment and Sport submitted **Document “S”** which outlined the work of commissioned Community Development Workers during the period June to September 2016, supporting priorities in the 2016-17 Ward Plans.

Resolved-

That the work by commissioned Community Development Workers across Bradford East area that contributes towards addressing priorities in the 6 ward plans be noted.

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 East Area Committee.

THESE MINUTES HAVE BEEN PRODUCED, WHEREVER POSSIBLE, ON RECYCLED PAPER

