

Minutes of a meeting of the Bradford East Area Committee held on Thursday, 16 February 2017 in Committee Room 1 - City Hall, Bradford

Commenced 6.00 pm
Concluded 8.40 pm

Present – Councillors

LABOUR	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	INDEPENDENT
Ikram Jamil Shafiq	R Ahmed Fear Griffiths Stubbs Ward	Sajawal

Councillor Ahmed in the Chair

51. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

- (1) In the interest of transparency Councillor Sajawal disclosed an interest in Minute 56 as he was on the Better Start Bradford Programme Board.
- (2) Councillor Ikram disclosed an interest in Minute 56 as she was a Member on Bradford Trident.

Action: City Solicitor

52. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

53. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions submitted by the public.



54. BRADFORD EAST AREA-WIDE TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER - OBJECTIONS

Previous Reference: Minute 58 (2015/16)

At its meeting of 17 March 2016 this Area Committee approved as part of its Safer Roads Schemes Programme the advertisement of an area wide Traffic Regulation Order for 22 sites throughout Bradford East.

The Order had been promoted to resolve a number of requests for small areas of existing waiting restrictions to be amended or new restrictions to be introduced. The requests had been raised by local residents, schools and businesses that had problems with on street parking and gaining access to premises.

The Strategic Director, Place submitted **Document "X"** which considered objections received to the recently advertised Bradford East Area-Wide Traffic Regulation Order.

A resident of Holme Street attended the meeting and spoke in support of the scheme proposed for Holme Street.

Resolved-

- (1) That the original proposals for a Traffic Regulation Order at the sites listed in paragraph 3.1 of Document "X" are abandoned.**
- (2) That the objections be overruled and the Traffic Regulation Order be sealed and implemented as advertised.**
- (3) That the objectors be informed accordingly.**

Action: Strategic Director, Place

55. PETITIONS RELATING TO TRAFFIC MATTERS - ACCESS ROAD BETWEEN NEW LANE AND RAGLAN TERRACE AND ROWAN AVENUE, BRADFORD

The Strategic Director, Place submitted **Document "Y"** which considered the following petitions relating to traffic matters:

- (1) Access road between New Lane and Raglan Terrace, Bradford – Request for road closure**
- (2) Rowan Avenue, Bradford – Request for permit parking**



New Lane and Raglan Terrace, Bradford

In relation to New Lane and Raglan Terrace, Bradford it was reported that the petitioners were requesting that the access road between New Lane and Raglan Terrace, Bradford be closed to traffic. The petitioners were concerned that rubbish was often dumped in this access road and it was used by joy riders at speed which had caused damage to property and road incidents on New Lane. The residents also feared for the safety of their children when playing out because of traffic cutting through the access road to avoid the road humps on Kershaw Street and Denby Road.

Members were informed that during recent site visits, it had been noted that use of this route by vehicle was minimal and most drivers were gaining access to properties on Raglan Terrace. There had been no recorded road injuries on Raglan Terrace or New Lane in the last five years and no high speeds were observed.

It was reported that there had been four incidents of fly tipping reported to the Council which the Area Operations Manager did not consider to be problematic. It was therefore recommended that no action be taken on the request for a road closure on the access road between New Lane and Raglan Terrace.

A Member spoke in support of the petition and felt the road remaining open did not have any real benefits to local residents and would solve the issue of fly tipping.

In response to Members' questions it was reported that it would cost £5000 to £6000 for the order to close the road.

A Member queried whether alternative options could be explored to reduce the issues raised in the petition, including the possibility of CCTV and a review of the road layout.

It was reported that part of the road was unadopted and the Council was limited in what it could do.

Members queried whether it would be useful to obtain views from the police on the impact of closing the access road.

It was suggested that a further report be brought back to the Committee after discussions had taken place with Wardens and the Police to look at alternative solutions.

Members stressed that closing the road would not be the answer to resolving the issue of fly tipping; officers could consider looking at placing CCTV in the area for monitoring the issues highlighted by residents.



Rowan Avenue

It was reported that petitioners were requesting the introduction of permit parking on Rowan Avenue, Bradford; due to the close proximity of Thornbury Academy, children were dropped off and picked up from Rowan Avenue, which caused inconvenience for residents and their visitors as well as safety concerns. Other streets in the area had recently had residents only parking schemes introduced which the petitioners believed had led to some displaced parking from nearby businesses.

Members were advised that the Council had an approved policy on Community On-Street Permit Parking; 80% of parking spaces needed to be occupied for over six hours a day, over four days a week and a significant amount of that needed to be parking by non-residents. The duration of parking was rarely the case at school sites where parking only occurred for a short time each day in term times. This street did not meet the criteria in the Council policy.

In response to Members' questions it was reported that some displaced parking from nearby businesses did occur, there remained sufficient number of parking opportunities for residents.

In response to Members' questions it was reported that parking was observed at three different times.

A resident of Rowan Avenue, attended the meeting and spoke in support of permit parking, she reported that:

- Residents had not seen a Council officer undertaking a traffic survey.
- Parking issues on Rowan Avenue had been ongoing for long periods of time.
- The way people were parking obstructed emergency services.
- Refuse workers could not gain access to collect residents bins.
- The way cars were being parked were putting people's lives at risk.

The petitioner presented a photo of how cars were being parked on Rowan Avenue.

Members sympathised with residents and anyone who lived close to a school but there were a number of streets in this same predicament.

In response to a Member's question it was reported that approving residents parking on Rowan Avenue would not resolve issues for the street.

It was reported that implementing residents parking would cost about £8,000. This issue occurred in many areas where there was a school, but it was very rare that such locations met the approved policy criteria and it was important not to set a precedent.



Members suggested that the Neighbourhood Service work with the police and spends time in the area to ascertain the parking issues raised by the petitioners and to look at further actions in relation to enforcement.

Resolved-

- (1) That in relation to New Lane and Raglan Terrace, Bradford, alternative options be explored to reduce the issues raised in the petition, including the possibility of CCTV and a review of the road layout, and a report be presented to the Committee in the next 3 months.
- (2) That in relation to Rowan Avenue, Bradford a further report be presented to the Committee after consultation with Ward Officers and the Police on the issues raised by the petitioners.
- (3) That the petitioners are informed accordingly.

Action: Strategic Director, Place

56. BETTER START BRADFORD PROGRAMME UPDATE

Previous Reference: Minute 64 (2015/16)

The Better Start Bradford programme was the result of a successful £49 million Big Lottery Fund bid led by Bradford Trident, for a 10 year early intervention and prevention programme. The Programme was in its second year.

The programme was being delivered in 3 disadvantaged wards (Bowling and Barkerend, Bradford Moor and Little Horton) but aimed to embed what worked across the district. For example, specific attachment training for early years workforce (including volunteers) was being rolled out and the Baby Buddy phone app was now used across the district to provide information to mums-to-be and encourage use of mainstream services.

The Strategic Director, Children's Services submitted **Document "Z"** supported by a presentation which provided an update on early implementation of the Better Start Bradford programme, outcomes, impact and the implications for the district.

It was reported that 10 of the 22 planned projects were now up and running in the Better Start area (detailed in paragraph 4.3 of Document "Z").

Members were informed that partners had identified a number of key areas at district wide level which had been informed and influenced by the learning from the BSB Programme.



Members commented on a number of issues which included:

- Some programmes were well established; how did the programme reach out to people whose first language was not English?
- Born in Bradford was a huge experiment; how did the research benefit the community? what had changed as a result of it?
- Needed to see the success and outcomes of the programmes; how involved were health visitors? how well was it all working?
- A lot of issues were based on financial crisis in families; what support was being provided to these families?
- Were third sector and voluntary groups involved? needed to ensure children's centres reach included churches and voluntary sector.
- Were efforts being made to contact the Eastern European community?
- A further report be provided to the Committee on the impact on services provided to other areas of the district and the work being undertaken.

In response to Members questions it was reported that:

- Language barriers were considered as part of the design process of a programme.
- Focus on early years would make children home school ready and develop their vocabulary.
- There were lots of progress that were working well; there was interaction between health, midwifery and children's centres; referral from one service to another and its consistency needed improving; weakest area was community engagement; the Better Start Board was made of communities and other representatives.
- Work on Better Start Bradford had to focus on outcomes for children; poverty and debt advice had not been looked at.
- Some projects started early as partners were in a position to start them such as personalised midwifery; other projects were delayed such as Baby Steps Project as the NSPCC would no longer be running it and needed to be commissioned.
- Work was being undertaken with Eastern European communities in relation to midwifery; children's centres were effective in engaging these communities; the midwifery programme was not reaching everyone but work was ongoing to make it widely available; if midwifery became mainstream, the money remaining from the project would be allocated to a new project.

Resolved-

That a further report be presented to the Committee in 12 months time which includes information on the work being undertaken in the three Wards and the impact of the projects in the other parts of the District.

Action: Strategic Director, Place



57. PROGRESS REPORT ON BRADFORD'S FAMILIES FIRST PROJECT PHASE 2 - OF THE NATIONAL TROUBLED FAMILIES PROGRAMME

The Deputy Director, Children's Social Care submitted **Document "AA"** which outlined the multi agency work to deliver the Bradford's District wide Early Help/Families First Programme which formed part of the National Troubled Families Programme.

It was reported that Bradford's Families First (Phase 2) would identify and deliver interventions to 5,990 families by March 2020 against locally agreed payment by Results targets. By the end of December 2016 the service had reached 1509. The service had made payments by Results claims for 214 of these families. A further claim was due to be made.

Members were informed that Phase 2 would be harder to achieve the payment by Results outcomes due to:

- Higher number of families with a wider complexity of needs.
- Additional payment by Results outcomes (4 increased to 11).
- 50% reduction in funding.
- Additional monitoring requirements.

Members were informed that in order to catch up and maintain the reach of the programme by Mach 2017 the service needed to reach an average over 120 new families per month.

In response to Members' questions it was reported that the new Early Help Structure, under Children's Services, brought together the Family Centres, Specialist Inclusion and Behaviour Teams, the Intensive Family Support Team, Parenting Programmes, Youth Offending Team and Family First Teams.

Members were informed that families with language barriers were being supported through Parent Volunteers etc.

In response to Members' questions it was reported that the Service worked on family coping mechanisms to stop families needing help again and again; helping them to build support networks.

The Chair commended the work undertaken by the Service to help families

Resolved-

- (1) That the report be noted and the work being undertaken to support families be commended.**



- (2) That the need for a continued assertive and intensive approach to reach, engage and improve outcomes for the agreed number of families be noted and, that a whole system approach will be required, to reach and engage these families lead by the Targeted Early Help Service, other key Council teams and wider partners and commissioned services.

Action: Strategic Director, Children's Services

58. HOME CARE PROVISION

Previous Reference: Minute 41 (2016/17)

Members agreed to defer consideration of the Strategic Director, Health and Wellbeing report (Document "AB") to a future meeting as the report did not contain all the information requested by Members at the November meeting.

Resolved-

That Document "AB" be deferred and a revised report be submitted to the Committee which includes the responses to all the questions raised by Members at the November 2016 meeting of this Committee.

Action: Strategic Director, Health and Wellbeing

59. ALLOCATION OF COMMUNITY BUILDINGS GRANTS FOR 2017-2019

Previous Reference: Minute 40 (2016/17)

The Strategic Director, Place submitted **Document "AC"** which outlined the recommendations of the Bradford East Area Committee Grants Advisory Group for the allocation of Community Buildings Grants 2017-2019.

It was reported that funding was allocated to the centres that were hardest hit in the funding cuts.

In response to Members' questions on what advice and support would be provided to unsuccessful groups, it was reported that all groups that had been unsuccessful would be written to and Ward Officers would work with them as well as writing to organisations who wished to be involved.



The Chair emphasised that the Grants Advisory Group had to undergo a difficult process in making the recommendations listed in paragraph 3.1.3 he reported that:

- GAG could only make a decision on applications that had been received – there were some organisations that did not need to apply for this funding.
- The list did not represent a full picture of the Community Buildings across Bradford East.
- Through the recommendations GAG had tried to mitigate the impact of previous decisions of Council to remove rental subsidy and discretionary rate relief; the money GAG had to spend did not fill the gap created for the majority of these organisations.

Resolved-

That the Community Buildings Grants outlined in 3.1. of Document “AC” be approved and that the Grants Advisory Group be thanked for the work undertaken.

Action: Strategic Director, Place

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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