

## Minutes of a meeting of the Keighley Area Committee held on Thursday, 20 October 2016 at Council Chamber - Keighley Town Hall

Commenced        1800  
Concluded        1855

### Present – Councillors

| CONSERVATIVE | LABOUR   |
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| Ali          | M Slater |
| Brown        | Bacon    |
| Mallinson    | Farley   |
| BM Smith     |          |

Apologies: Councillor Hawkesworth

### Councillor in the Chair

#### 29. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

#### 30. MINUTES

That the minutes of meetings held on 18 August and 15 September 2015 be signed as correct records.

#### 31. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

#### 32. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions submitted by the public.

#### 33. WARM HOMES HEALTHY PEOPLE PROGRAMME (WHHP)

The Senior Public Health Manager gave a synopsis of the report.

A question and answer session ensued:

- At what point would this programme be coming to an end?



- The funding for the WHHP programme was managed through Public Health which had been able to maintain it until March 2017;
- In what context were referrals coming through?
  - A web based 'portal' – First4Contact was the main access route to direct referrals into a range of support services which had responded swiftly. It had accepted self and agency referrals and this year also accommodated telephone and paper referrals;
- Had the service explored different avenues in maintaining this programme financially?
  - The group had been asked to explore funding options and ways to sustain the programme. Crowd-funding had been sought as the most viable source but nevertheless the service had managed not utilised all the available financial resources from the previous year;
- What was the test measure for service users to access the programme?
  - The service looked to support those vulnerable and in genuine need of Winter Warmth support. The eligibility required for support was indicated on the WHHP website, as follows: Aged over 75; Aged over 65 and living alone; Aged over 65 and have a pre-existing cardiovascular or respiratory illness or other chronic medical conditions; Household income of £16,190 or below; Long term or chronic medical condition and accommodation in poor repair / cold or damp / not adequately heated; Someone resident to the household has a mental health condition; Someone resident to the household has dementia; Someone resident to the household has a learning disability; Pregnant or Children Under 5 years in the household; Asylum seeker or refugee; and, In receipt of benefits (these must be specified on referral);
- How had the service advertised the programme?
  - The programme had not been advertised in the wide context but only towards a specific target; and,
- How was this service advertised to households that contained residents who were vulnerable and elderly?
  - The service was connected with other support services and professionals that delivered programmes to help stay warm and well in winter. In addition, there were continuous events to raise awareness of the programme.

#### **Resolved–**

- (1) **That the contents of Document “O” be noted and officers be supported to engage with the Warm Homes Healthy People programme by raising awareness and positively identifying vulnerable households and encouraging referrals through to the WHHP programme.**
- (2) **That a progress report on the programme be considered by this Area Committee at its meeting in February 2017.**

***ACTION: Director of Public Health***



### 34. LOCAL HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE - DEVOLUTION UPDATE AND FUNCTION OVERVIEW

The Chair invited Principal Engineer to make his presentations to the Committee. Following his outline, the Committee moved to questions, as follows:

- An explanation was sought on Appendix 6?
  - The Appendix was a snapshot of total number of gullies cleaned throughout the Keighley area through the Operations budget. This work was undertaken in the Keighley Constituency on a 2 year cycle period. The cleaning of gullies on main roads was undertaken every year;
- When would Keighley West be programmed in?
  - The first round of cleaning had been completed and Keighley West was yet to follow;
- What was the position of Worth Valley?
  - 79.2% had been cleaned over a 2 years period;
- Had there been issues of the service being under pressure and overstretched due to the significant amounts of extreme downpour of rain during the last Christmas The period?
  - The service had not waited for gullies to take action but continued work as normal;
- Would it be practical to review or redefine the operations network of Keighley due to the Keighley area being significantly rural, consisting of longer roads?
  - This factor was already reviewed every year and Bradford Council did considerably more than neighbouring authorities. The service also gave detailed attention to hotspot areas and therefore worked closely with the Cleansing Department and in consultation with the ICT in relation to identifying such areas through the GIS mapping system;
- Was it possible to have a permanent blockage between two gullies?
  - It was rare for gullies to be connected;
- Were there pipes under roads that were permanently blocked?
  - Yes. Blocked or not running smoothly due to householders and restaurant owners disposing of fat or other liquids into their gullies; and,
- How was the service raising awareness of difficulties encountered if waste was being disposed of in gullies?
  - The public was being educated continuously and Wardens were also being briefed on educating the community.

The Chair concluded the item by thanking officers for their efforts in the area of cleaning services.

**Resolved –**

- (1) That the current operational methods adopted for Local Highway Maintenance be noted.**



- (2) That the indicative costs to date for the 2016/17 financial year be noted.
- (3) That the list of completed and proposed CAT 3 works shown at Appendix 5 to Document "P" be noted.

***ACTION: NO ACTION***

Chair

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

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