

Minutes of a meeting of the Bradford South Area Committee held on Thursday, 30 November 2017 at 5.00 pm in Committee Room 1 - City Hall, Bradford

Commenced 5.05 pm
Concluded 7.30 pm

Present – Councillors

LABOUR	THE QUEENSBURY WARD INDEPENDENTS
Wainwright T Hussain Peart Tait Warburton Berry Dodds Thornton	Cromie

Councillor Wainwright in the Chair

26. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

In the interest of transparency Councillor Dodds declared interests in the highways matter on the agenda (Minute 30) as her daughter was employed by the service and she is a Board Member of the Greenmore Big Local Programme (Minute 32).

ACTION: City Solicitor

27. MINUTES

That the minutes of the meeting held on 21 September 2017 be signed as a correct record.

28. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

29. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions submitted by the public.

30. LOCAL HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE - DEVOLUTION UPDATE & FUNCTION OVERVIEW

The Strategic Director, Place submitted a report (**Document “L”**) which detailed how the service currently managed the Local Highway Maintenance (LHM) function and allocated resources.

It also updated the Committee with regard to current operations being undertaken on the network and the indicative costs of works undertaken in the current financial year.

Resolved –

- (1) That the current operational methods adopted for Local Highway Maintenance be noted.**
- (2) That the indicative costs to date for the current financial year be noted.**
- (3) That list of current and proposed CAT3/4 works as shown in Appendices 5 and 6 to Document “L” be approved.**

ACTION: Strategic Director, Place

31. COMMUNITY LED SUPPORT

The Strategic Director Health and Wellbeing submitted a report (**Document “M”**) which outlined the work of the Department of Health and Wellbeing on developing a departmental culture that encompassed Community Led Support. This work focused on social care support being delivered in ways that were determined by people directly delivering services along with local partners and members of the communities they were serving.

Following a synopsis of the report by the Commissioning Manager, a question and answer session ensued:

- What costs were associated with this support?
 - The cost to the work was trivial in comparison to the sharing of services;
- In order to gain support, did families have to go through their GP?
 - Presently yes, but this the service was trying to change the point of access; and,
- Where had this work been undertaken?
 - At the Richard Dunne Sports Centre.

During the discussion, the Committee and made the following points:

- Community Led Support would become a front line service within 2 years and therefore this work had to strategically align with other areas due to other challenging areas in the social field;

- It was paramount that all Bradford South area Members were kept up to date with relevant community services;
- A lot of families were being given with expensive services and this obstacle could be avoided with community services working closely with families through early intervention;
- It would be of great advantage if all services were aligned together;
- Getting Social Workers out into communities would be ideal in engaging with families; and,
- It was clear that this service was the way forward in assisting families in a different way and it was about recognising the fact that not everyone was in need of a paid service. It was about picking up different threads and aligning together for the purpose of delivering a better quality of life.

The Chair closed the discussion of the item by stating that this service was an exceptionally good start with long term goals but just like many other services, would take time to progress.

Resolved –

That the content of the report be noted and officers welcome the active involvement of Elected Members in a community leadership role.

ACTION: Strategic Director, Health and Wellbeing

32. BIG LOCAL - SCHOLEMOOR AND LIDGET GREEN

The Strategic Director Place submitted a report (**Document “N”**) which informed Bradford South Area Committee on progress to develop the GreenMoor Big Local Programme.

It was highlighted that the Big Local was an exciting opportunity for residents in 150 areas, in three waves of which Scholemoor and Lidget Green were in the second, around England to use at least £1m over 10 years to make a massive and lasting positive difference to their communities. It worked in Councils and other key stakeholders to develop a partnership approach to bring together all the local talent, ambitions, skills and energy from individuals, groups and organisations who want to make their area an even better place to live.

A question and answer session ensued:

- What plans had been put into place for the money?
 - To consult with local people for the following 2 / 3 years;
- Were task groups meeting and regularly and were they accessible?
 - Meetings were regularly held and information such as forward plans and associated costs was sent to the local people;
- What was the cost associated with being involved with CNET?
 - £30,000;
- In relation to capacity building, how would poverty and unemployment issues be addressed in the areas?
 - There was not a significant amount of money and therefore significant efforts would be invested in small project working to tackle such concerns; and,
- What work had been planned to be undertaken at the top end of

GreenMoor?

- More money had been spent in Scholemoor than Lidget Green at present but in terms of going forward, the Board agreed to look at better skills and jobs and more engagement work was planned with the Eastern European community at the top end of GreenMoor.

Resolved –

- (1) That the report be welcomed and all those involved in the GreenMoor Big Local project be thanked for the progress made.**
- (2) That a further report be presented to the Area Committee in 12 months time and this to include more details regarding match funding coming into as a result of the Big Local.**

ACTION: Strategic Director, Place

33. PREVENTION AND EARLY HELP - A PROPOSED NEW MODEL TO SUPPORT FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES FOR THE FUTURE

On the 7 November 2017, Executive was asked to approve a period of consultation on a proposed new Prevention and Early Help delivery model.

The Strategic Director, Children's Services submitted a report (**Document "O"**) which asked the Bradford South Area Committee to consider and comment on the report as part of formal consultation.

The Deputy Director, Children's Services was present and introduced the report. She highlighted that the Council was facing unprecedented pressure on its budgets whilst the demand and costs for services were rising. Government cuts had meant that the resources that were to be spent on Prevention and Early Help would reduce by £13.3m or more than one third, from £37.1m in 2016/17 to £23.8m in 2020. These cuts were in addition to the ones the Council had already had to make. It meant that from 2010 to 2020, the overall funding the Council had available would be have halved whilst demand and costs were on the increase.

The report further outlined the need for proposed changes to how the Council delivered services in order to ensure how to target resources at a time of increasing demand to avoid a detrimental impact on outcomes to children. The Council could not continue to deliver services in the way it was presently with the anticipated level of government cuts. The focus would now depend on proposed partnership approach which would more be targeted to improve outcomes and reduce inequalities for children and young people across the District.

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The Committee made the following comments:

- Due to real anticipated crisis, this model would be best for the district during government cuts;
- The proposed model would bring people and services together in delivering a better streamlined service to the district;
- There were other models being considered but if Executive was to approve

this one then it would start in April 2018;

- There were many resources in communities that could be accessed in order to assist in driving this model forward;
- The Police were already in the heart of early intervention; and,
- The proposed model would not be an overnight accomplishment and significant work would be entailed for an overall success across all wards in the district.

Resolved –

- (1) That the formal consultation which commenced on 15 November 2017 and to conclude on 12 February 2018 with all interested parties, as outlined in Appendix 12 to Document “O”, be noted.**
 - (2) That having discussed Document “O”, the Committee’s comments be noted during this formal consultation process.**
- (1) That the Executive to receive a further report in April 2018 following formal consultation be noted.**

ACTION: Strategic Director, Children’s Services

34. YOUTH OFFER - BRADFORD SOUTH AREA

The Strategic Director Place submitted a report (**Document “P”**) which informed the Area Committee of the progress made in relation to the Youth Offer across the Bradford District and specifically in the Bradford South Area during the past twelve months.

The Commissioner for Youth Provision was in attendance and was accompanied by young people who had played a pivotal role in contribution of services.

The Commissioner for Youth Provision explained that a Youth Offer Working Group oversaw the implementation of the Youth Offer Action Plan which supported the Council’s budget considerations in relation to Youth Work and its future in the district. There had been closer working relationships developed across the Youth Sector with representation from the Voluntary Sector, the Council, the Police, Community and Faith sectors, and working together to develop and lead the Youth Offer Action Plan. The Youth Offer Action Plan and achievements for 2016-17 are detailed in Appendix A of this report.

The young people present highlighted their journey through to their participation with Youth Work, as follows:

- Young people from the Wibsey Ward highlighted that they had nothing to do in their spare time and on most occasions had got themselves into trouble. Ultimately had found out about a Youth Club in Wibsey to which they started to attend and eventually through guidance, had started to help other young people. During their time with the Youth Service, they had enjoyed many activities such as, face painting, singing, bike riding and socialising on different levels through various activities.

- Young people of the Queensbury Youth Forum were present and stated that they had enjoyed participating in maintaining a safe environment; that they had become Friends at Russell Hall Park; that two of the young people had become part of the Russell Hall Friends Committee which was the result of being involved with youth activities; that they had raised money; learnt how to bake; and, had worked with Tesco's.
- Young people of the Buttershaw Ward were also present and highlighted their activities. They had been engaging with the young people of the Buttershaw Estate to assist in becoming positive; through the assistance of Tesco's, they were assisting other young people of various ages to become positive role models for their communities; they met as a group on Thursdays to discuss ways forward of helping others and addressing further activities;
- Young people from the Holme Wood area were also in attendance and highlighted that most people thought young people who had bad behaviour were the attendees of Youth Clubs and this was a stereo typical incorrect perception. The attendees of Youth Clubs were above this and had vision. Members were also assisting the communities with various tasks and Church related tasks.
- The Sandhill/Woodside Youth Group stated that they met twice a week to serve food to people who needed it; looked after younger children during activities.

A question and answer session ensued:

- What was the purpose of young people collecting money in the Queensbury Ward?
 - The collection was undertaken for the Alzheimer's Society and for the Youth Club to help with further activities for young people;
- Due to the life changing opportunity of the most vulnerable, it would be interesting to establish the number of SEN children that had been involved with the youth clubs?
 - This was an on going piece of work and the Youth Service wished to include such young people; and,
- What activities were being undertaken in the heart of the Great Horton Ward?
 - Fantastic partnership work had initiated in order to pull together young people from the Great Horton, Wyke and Tong Ward together.

During the discussion, the Committee had made the following points. The young people gave a fantastic synopsis of work and activities undertaken to better communities. Despite the reduction of funding, the Youth Service had a made significant difference in their respective communities. Such positive work in communities needed more promotion and immense praise.

The Chair concluded the item by thanking all individuals who had made a contribution towards communities in the Bradford South area and equally praised all attendees who had made representations at the Committee.

Resolved –

That the achievements of the Youth Offer Working Group, and the Youth Sector as a whole, as outlined in the Action Plan in Appendix A attached to Document “P” be noted. That a further update report in respect of this area of work be brought back to the Bradford South Area Committee in 12 months time.

That having discussed the shared direction of travel set out in Document “P” and the reshaping of the Youth Service to maximise its contribution to making a difference to young people in Bradford South as part of developing the Youth Offer be noted and welcomed.

ACTION: Strategic Director, Place

35. 2016/17 BRADFORD SOUTH YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CHEST GRANTS

The Strategic Director, Place submitted a report (**Document “Q”**) which detailed the Youth and Community Chest Grants awarded from applications received prior to the 31 January 2017 deadline.

Resolved –

That the wide range of applications from groups, organisations and individuals across Bradford South be noted and welcomed.

That the Bradford South Area Co-ordinator’s Office continue to ensure the effective allocation of the Youth and Community Chest budget by providing appropriate advice and support to applicants.

ACTION: Strategic Director, Place

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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