

## Minutes of a meeting of the Bradford West Area Committee held on Wednesday, 28 March 2018 in Committee Room 1 - City Hall, Bradford

Commenced 6.00 pm  
Concluded 7.35 pm

### Present – Councillors

<b>LABOUR</b>
<b>Akhtar</b>
<b>Amran</b>
<b>Azam</b>
<b>Dunbar</b>
<b>Nazir</b>
<b>Shaheen</b>

Apologies: Councillors A Ahmed, Mohammed and Engel

### **COUNCILLOR AMRAN IN THE CHAIR**

#### **47. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Councillor Akhtar disclosed an interest in the item relating to Arrangements by the Council and its Partners to Tackle Child Sexual Exploitation (Minute 54) by virtue of her employment with West Yorkshire Police.

***ACTION: City Solicitor***

#### **48. MINUTES**

**Resolved –**

**That the minutes of the meetings held on 5 July, 20 September and 29 November 2017 be signed as correct records.**

***ACTION: City Solicitor***

#### **49. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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

**50. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions submitted by the public.

**51. ABERDEEN TERRACE, BRADFORD - REQUEST FOR A DISABLED PERSONS PARKING PLACE (EXCEPTION TO POLICY)**

The report of the Strategic Director, Place (**Document “W”**) considered an application for a Disabled Persons Parking Place where the applicant did not meet all the Policy criteria.

**Resolved –**

- (1) That an exception be allowed to the Disabled Persons Parking Places policy for an application for 20 Aberdeen Terrace.**
- (2) That the applicant be informed accordingly.**

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Environment and Waste Management**  
**ACTION: Strategic Director – Place**

**52. 28 VICTOR ROAD, BRADFORD - REQUEST FOR A DISABLED PERSONS PARKING PLACE (EXCEPTION TO POLICY)**

The report of the Strategic Director, Place (**Document “X”**) considered an application for a Disabled Persons Parking Place where the applicant did not meet the complete Policy criteria.

**Resolved –**

- (1) That an exception be allowed to the Disabled Persons Parking Places policy for an application for 28 Victor Road.**
- (2) That the applicant be informed accordingly.**

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Environment and Waste Management**  
**ACTION: Strategic Director – Place**

**53. OLIVE GROVE AND VINE TERRACE WEST - TRO OBJECTIONS**

The report of the Strategic Director, Place (**Document “Y”**) considered objections received to a recently advertised Traffic Regulation Order for proposed one-way systems on Olive Grove and Vine Terrace West.

The Principal Engineer explained from the report that at a previous meeting of the Committee, the Bradford West Area committee approved, as part of its Safer Roads Scheme programme, the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order for one-



way systems on Olive Grove and Vine Street West.

Subsequently, a Traffic Regulation Order was advertised between 8 December 2017 and 5 January 2018. Affected residents, Crossley Hall Primary School and local shops were notified of the proposals by letter during the advertising process.

Having considered the outcome of the Traffic Regulation Order, as highlighted in the report, the Committee therefore:

**Resolved –**

- (1) That the objections be overruled and the proposed one-way systems on Olive Grove and Vine Terrace West be implemented as advertised.**
- (2) That the objectors be informed accordingly.**

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Environment and Waste Management**  
**ACTION: Strategic Director – Place**

**54. ARRANGEMENTS BY THE COUNCIL AND ITS PARTNERS TO TACKLE CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION**

The Strategic Director, Children's Services (**Document "Z"**) provided an update to the report presented to the Bradford West Area Committee in 2017 regarding the issue of Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE). It set out the arrangements that had been put in place, and which continue to develop, to safeguard children from CSE.

Following a synopsis of the report by The Bradford Safeguarding Children Board Manager, a question and answer session followed:

- In regards to bus drivers, how seriously was training being considered?
  - This was a good suggestion that could be considered as conditions as part of the recruitment process;
- Succeeding the review of Local Safeguarding Children Boards, when would the statutory arrangements be introduced with the new statutory framework for multi-agency arrangements for child protection, requiring the three key agencies, health, police and local authorities?
  - The statutory guidelines would be released in the coming months which would include safeguarding requirements in the Council run operations. Safeguarding arrangements will continue to exist in the district;
- Had the appointment for a new harm reduction Police Sergeant been made to date?
  - Yes;
- Was the new operational CSE and Missing Tactical Operations Group looking at incidents of children that may have been missed?
  - This area was looked into on a daily basis;



- The Bradford Safeguarding Children Board undertook a partnership review of the working of the CSE Hub in December 2015. It included 8 agencies and resulted in a detailed plan containing 18 actions. The detailed plan, as highlighted in Appendix 2, was this a one off action?
  - There was no outstanding activity and at present, a continual improvement plan;
- The review provided evidence of the necessity for clearer pathways into therapeutic services for children and adults who had experienced sexual exploitation. Which services had been utilised in order to assist with necessary services?
  - During a previous count, there were a total of 76 provisions available for delivery of services, however services were continuously changing. It was about identifying the correct service need;
- Was the CSE prevention theatre production “Mr Shapeshifter” available for all schools?
  - This production was delivered to every school who requested the service;
  - In response to answer, why was the Council unable to make this a mandatory obligation onto schools? The Council was not allowed to mandate until new legislation in 2019. Nevertheless, it was a must on schools to have safeguarding arrangements in place and in order for the Council to establish such arrangements, a questionnaire had gone out to all schools to this effect;
- What was the consequences of different agencies disagreeing on a safeguarding issue in a school?
  - It was possible to escalate the issue to a higher level which would allow schools and each individual agency to challenge the safeguarding of a particular child;
  - In response to answer, was this a policy in effect now? Yes, since February 2018;
- Had the Council made contact with Asian radio shows?
  - The service was open to fulfilling further gaps with Asian radio shows and the Council was hoping that offers would be taken up;
- In regards to educating the community, how were Councillors fed into the Board of decision making?
  - Officers were happy to report back to all Area Committees of the Council;
- Were there any challenges at present or gaps within particular services of the Council?
  - Government had realised CSE was a serious major issue hence the services available towards tackling CSE were good as ever; and,
- Was any work being undertaken in eastern European Communities involving modern day child slavery?
  - The Council had Strategic Engagement Officers to liaise with challenging new communities.

During the ending of the discussion, the Committee highlighted the fact that it would be useful if training was offered in community centres which were



dominantly used by Asian women in Bradford and may be the thought of having CSE Champions within communities was an idea that could be thought about by the Council.

**Resolved –**

- (1) That the contents of Document “Z” be noted.
- (2) That all officers involved in tackling Child Sexual Exploitation be thanked for their commitments.
- (3) That an update report be presented to the Bradford West Area Committee in 12 months time.
- (4) That the Bradford West Area Committee expresses deep concern that the role of the Safeguarding Board is being made non statutory by the Government.
- (5) That the Bradford West Area Committee requests that the Leader of Council and the Bradford West MP write to the Department for Education expressing this Committee’s concerns and that the department reconsiders its decision and places the Safeguarding Boards back on a statutory footing.

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Children’s Services**

**ACTION: Strategic Director – Children’s Services**

**55. ALLOCATION OF COMMUNITY BUILDINGS GRANT (CBG) CONTINGENCY FUND FOR 2017-19**

The report of the Strategic Director, Place (**Document “AB”**) outlined the allocation of the CBG contingency fund to the Voluntary and Community Sector organisations in Bradford West Area for 2017 -2019 as recommended by the Grants Advisory Group.

**Resolved –**

- (1) That the decision of the Grants Advisory Group for the allocation of CBG contingency funding as outlined in paragraph 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4 of this report be agreed.
- (2) That the allocation of CBG contingency funding as outlined in paragraph 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4 for 2018-2019 ( subject to funding being available) be approved.
- (3) That responsibility for the allocation of any remaining CBG contingency funds in Bradford West be delegated to the Area Co-Ordinator in consultation with members of the Grant Advisory Group.



- (4) That Members of Bradford West Grants Advisory Group be thanked for their active participation in the CBG contingency fund allocation across Bradford West.

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Corporate**

**ACTION:** Strategic Director – Place

**56. LITTLE HORTON LANE PETITION - BRADFORD WEST**

The report of the Strategic Director, Place (**Document “AC”**) considered the Little Horton Lane Petition – request for a pedestrian crossing.

**Resolved –**

- (1) That subject to the result of the pedestrian surveys on Little Horton Lane, an appropriate item for a crossing facility at this location be added to the list of schemes awaiting funding from the Safer Roads budget.
- (2) That the lead petitioner is informed accordingly.

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Environment and Waste Management**

**ACTION:** Strategic Director, Place

**57. ALLERTON GRANGE DRIVE/AVENEL ROAD, ALLERTON - TRAFFIC CALMING**

The report of the Strategic Director, Place (**Document “AD”**) sought approval for funding from the Bradford West Area Committee Safer Roads budget to promote a traffic calming scheme on Allerton Grange Drive, Avenel Road and adjacent streets in Allerton.

**Resolved –**

- (1) That the request for traffic calming, on Avenel Road and Allerton Grange Drive and Whitburn Way be approved for funding from the 2017/18 and 2018/19 Safer Roads budgets.
- (2) That the scheme be extended to include Saffron Drive (St Matthew’s school to Grange Road), Grange Road and Ley Top Lane.
- (3) That approval be granted to prepare and advertise a traffic calming scheme.
- (4) That any objections to the proposals be considered by the Bradford West Area Committee or, in the event of there being no valid objections, the scheme be implemented as advertised.



**58. CHILDREN'S SERVICES WORK IN BRADFORD WEST**

The report of the Strategic Director, Children's Services (**Document "AE"**) provided a summary of the volume of work undertaken locally related to children, young people and families. It addressed education attainments and attendance, poverty levels, information about looked after children and other key issues.

Following the presentation of the report to the Committee, the Chair moved the discussion of the item into the following question and answer session:

- The report highlighted that the figure of school children in Bradford had risen by 21% over a 9 year period compared to an overall 16.5% rise in the district over the same period. Therefore how was the service managing to deal with an above average of 4.5% in comparison to neighbours?
  - The service was undertaking a targeted approach in order to maintain a flow of positive actions whilst concentrating on particular areas of rising children;
- It was acknowledged that there had been considerable work undertaken in the west constituency, however despite previous years planning, children were finishing schools with substandard quality of qualifications as opposed to excellent attainment levels that would open further doors to them. What was being done to tackle this contentious fact?
  - Improvements were continually being made and the team was at the service of individual Councillors should they wish to address particular schools and areas in their wards; and,
- How was present work being affected by significant reduction of funding on a yearly basis?
  - Planned models were being implemented through detailed mitigation.

During the discussion, the Committee stated that some areas in Bradford West contained children from the lowest income earning families and therefore dealing with the bottom 5% areas should, in particular, be focused on and the service should design specific strategies in tackling underlying problems tailored for specific poverty affected areas. Progress was being made but on a very slow level.

The Chair concluded by stating that it was paramount that the Strategic Director, Children's Services be in attendance to present an update report in the future. The Committee echoed the sentiments of the Chair in addition, praised the work of the officers who worked tirelessly in trying to raise standards of services for children in the Bradford West area.

**Resolved –**

**That the report be received.**



**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Children's Services & Health and Social Care**  
**ACTION: Strategic Director, Children's Services**

**59. HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE NON-CLASSIFIED ROADS AND SURFACE DRESSING ALLOCATION FOR BRADFORD WEST - 2018/19**

The report of the Strategic Director, Place (**Document "AF"**) provided information on Capital Highway Maintenance funding and made recommendations on the allocation for Non-Classified road resurfacing schemes and Surface Dressing sites for 2018/19.

**Resolved –**

**That the proposed programme of works for 2018/19 as shown in Appendix 1 and 2, attached to Document "AF" be approved.**

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Environment and Waste Management**  
**ACTION: Strategic Director, Place**

Chair

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

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