

Minutes of a meeting of the Shipley Area Committee held on Wednesday, 27 June 2018 in the Council Chamber - Shipley Town Hall

Commenced 6.00 pm
Concluded 7.15 pm

Present – Councillors

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR	GREEN
Heseltine Barker Davies M Pollard Riaz Townend	Jenkins	Warnes

Apologies: Councillor Vanda Greenwood

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR (Standing Order 35)

Resolved –

That Councillor Heseltine be appointed Chair of the Shipley Area Committee for the 2018/2019 Municipal Year.

ACTION: *Interim City Solicitor*

Councillor Heseltine in the Chair

2. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIR (Standing Order 35)

Resolved –

That Councillor Barker be appointed Deputy Chair of the Shipley Area Committee for the 2018/2019 Municipal Year.

ACTION: *Interim City Solicitor*

3. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

No disclosures of interest in matters under consideration were received.

4. MINUTES

Resolved –

That the minutes of the meetings held on 4 April 2018 be signed as a correct record.

5. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions submitted by the public.

7. SHIPLEY AREA COMMITTEE AND SHIPLEY CONSTITUENCY AREA PARTNERS' ADVISORY GROUP (SCAPAG) ISSUES

The Area Co-ordinator informed the Committee that no SCAPAG issues had been received for this meeting.

No resolution was passed on this item.

8. SCAPAG MEETING NOTES - 4 APRIL 2018

The Area Co-ordinator presented the notes (**Document "A"**) of SCAPAG contributions made at the meeting with the Area Committee held on 4 April 2018.

Resolved –

That the notes be received.

NO ACTION

9. UPDATE ON FAMILY HUBS PREVENTION AND EARLY HELP IMPLEMENTATION

On 3 April 2018, the Council's Executive agreed to implement the Family Hubs model for delivering prevention and early help to babies, children and young people from October 2018.

The Strategic Director of Children's Services submitted **Document "B"** which provided an update on implementation since April 2018 with a specific focus on area based planning and issues.

The Head of Service for Targeted Early Help provided a summary of the report. He highlighted that the 0-19 Family Hubs Implementation Group, chaired by the

Deputy Director, Children's Social Care, had been established to oversee the Family Hubs programme and delivery of Families First and Stronger Families. He emphasised that throughout the changes and restructuring processes due to take place, the service would maintain a focus on universal services.

In response to Members' questions, it was reported that:

- There would be four localities based across the district and one would cover the Shipley/Keighley area. Options with regard to locations were being developed by the Family Hubs Building Assets Group and efforts would be made to ensure a presence in both constituencies.
- Area based events were due to take place in July 2018 and Members were invited to attend.
- The current service provision was being maintained until service changes took place on 1 October 2018.
- Family Key Workers supported approximately 1,000 families and there were 1,000+ children with a Child In Need plan; accurate figures would be provided in future reports.
- A 'super user' as referred to in paragraph 2.32 of the report, was a term used for staff members who would be trained up by IT professionals on how to use the systems when rolling it out.
- The final model agreed by Executive on 3 April 2018, contained less budgetary cuts than initially consulted on but the service was still being significantly reduced.
- Reports on the service were submitted annually to the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- The target for the Families First Programme had not been met in its first year as there were 1,500 families fewer than the target, however there was an overall target for the life of the programme. There were a number of different programmes available to support families into employment and the aim was to match up families with the most appropriate programme for their needs.
- Stronger Families was launched in July 2017 and figures in relation to it would be circulated to Members.
- Stronger Families was led by Barnardos and funded via the Big Lottery Fund and European Social Fund monies. A number of organisations working in partnership on the programme were based in the Shipley area and details of them would be circulated.
- The engagement and communications relating to the implementation of Family Hubs was on target as set out in paragraph 2.30 of the report.
- A legible version of Appendix 2 to the report would be circulated to Members along with the Family Hubs prevention and early help team structure specifically for the locality serving the Shipley and Keighley areas.
- The first family Hubs offer was due to be published and promoted by October 2018 and this would include promotion via social media. Work would be undertaken with schools and GPs to promote the offer.
- The following explanations were given for the acronyms in the report: CIN – Child in Need; LAC – Looked After Child; CPP – Child Protection Plan.
- If a child within the system was considered underweight, it would feature on their CIN plan.
- The definition of deprivation and how it was applied to different locations would be circulated to Members.

- Social Workers and other healthcare professionals followed the national ‘working together to safeguard children’ guidance and their work was overseen by the Bradford Safeguarding Children Board.
- Some of the data provided in Appendix 3 of the report was from 2014 because it was linked to national data recorded by central government and was the most recent information available.

A Member questioned, given the level of funding cuts to the Council’s budget and the improvements to peoples lives that the service was making, whether there was a need to fund the service at the current level. In response, the Head of Service for Targeted Early Help explained that there was on-going need and deprivation in Bradford and the service aimed to do as much as it could with the resources it had, but every year new families came through the system and needed support.

In response to a Member’s query regarding whether the figures presented in the Financial and Resource Appraisal of the report (paragraph 4.1) were correct following amendments made by the Executive on 3 April 2018, the Head of Service for Targeted Early Help stated that he would seek clarification and report back.

The Chair spoke of pockets of deprivation within rural communities and raised concern that families in those areas should not be overlooked within the new system. In response, the Head of Service for Targeted Early Help stated that although some parts of the service would be based in buildings, there would be provision for supporting people within their home settings and the best way to support a family would be carefully assessed. The service would also receive referrals from organisations such as the Police e.g. following incidences of domestic violence. Members were encouraged to provide feedback on ways in which they considered the service could identify families living in areas with pockets of deprivation that would benefit from the service to ensure they were not overlooked.

In response to a Member’s question, it was reported that the new model provided a more integrated approach, scaled down on services and eliminated duplication within the system. A risk had been identified that the changes could lead to increased pressure on social services. A comprehensive Risk Register had been produced and a project management approach was being taken; a district dashboard was available and it was agreed this would be circulated to Members.

Resolved –

- (1) That the report and progress to date be noted.**
- (2) That the Committee continues to review, support and scrutinise the on-going co-production of the Family Hubs offer.**

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Children’s Services
ACTION: Strategic Director, Children’s Services

10. ANNUAL UPDATE ON ROAD SAFETY IN SHIPLEY

The Strategic Director, Place submitted **Document “C”** which provided an update on current casualty levels and trends in Shipley and on the Road Safety education, training and publicity initiatives aimed at reducing these casualties.

The Team Leader, Road Safety tabled a clearer version of Appendix 1 to the report and stated that the overall casualty figures had reduced both within the Shipley constituency and across the district. It was highlighted that there were no wards within the Shipley constituency in the top eight priority wards for school engagement.

The Chair stated that the road safety activities undertaken with schools was appreciated by parents and thanked the team for the work they did.

A Member queried why some schools chose not to accept the offer of road safety resources and information. In response, it was reported that those schools said they had higher priorities or the Head Teacher/staff chose not to engage. The offer was made to all schools and Members were asked to encourage any schools within their wards, that had not done so (as outlined in Appendix 4 of the report), to engage with the programme.

In response to a Member’s question, it was reported that the school gate parking information, banners and boards were usually only effective in the short-term; parents who parked outside schools tended to revert back to parking badly. Work was undertaken with the Shipley Area Co-ordinator’s Office and the Police to provide a visible presence in problem areas which was found to be more effective.

The Team Leader, Road Safety agreed to circulate to Members an up to date list of schools that had undertaken the Bikeability training.

It was reported that the Road Safety Team had a good working relationship with the police. The Police did not have the time or resources in the current climate to provide talks in primary schools on road safety but a representative of the Police attended regular meetings to discuss issues.

A Member suggested having a nominated teacher within schools to be their Road Safety Champion.

Resolved –

- (1) That the information in respect of casualty trends and Road Safety activities in Shipley be noted.**
- (2) That the evidence based approach to determine Road Safety priorities continues to be supported.**

- (3) That the Road Safety Team be thanked for the delivery of this important work within schools.

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Regeneration & Environment
ACTION: Strategic Director, Place

11. MEMBER REPRESENTATION ON THE GRANTS ADVISORY GROUP

The Area Co-ordinator submitted **Document “D”** which provided background information and recommendations with regard to Member representation on the Grants Advisory Group for 2018/19.

Resolved –

That in the current municipal year and in accordance with an established precedent, the Area Committee approves the nomination of three Councillors from the Conservative Group, one Councillor from the Green Group and one Councillor from the Labour Group.

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Regeneration & Environment
ACTION: Area Co-ordinator

12. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Resolved –

That the following dates of future Committee meetings for the 2018/19 Municipal Year be noted. All meetings are scheduled on a Wednesday at 6.00pm at the venues listed:

25 July 2018 – Highways – Bingley Town Hall
12 September 2018 – Highways – Bingley Town Hall
19 September 2018 – SCAPAG - Kirklands Community Centre
7 November 2018 – Highways – Bingley Town Hall
28 November 2018 – SCAPAG – Denholme Mechanics Institute
16 January 2019 – SCAPAG – Shipley Town Hall
6 February 2019 – Highways – Bingley Town Hall
6 March 2019 – SCAPAG – Shipley Town Hall
3 April 2019 – Highways – Bingley Town Hall

NO ACTION

Chair

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