

Minutes of a meeting of the Executive held on Tuesday, 10 September 2019 in Committee Room 1 - City Hall, Bradford

Commenced 10.30 am
Concluded 12.00 pm

Members of the Executive – Councillors

LABOUR
Hinchcliffe (Chair)
I Khan
Ross-Shaw
Ferriby
Jabar
Farley

Observers: Councillors Davies, K Green, Pollard, Pennington, Naylor and Riaz

Councillor Hinchcliffe in the Chair

28. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

No disclosures of interest in matters under consideration were received.

29. MINUTES

Resolved –

That the minutes of the meeting held on 11 June and 9 July 2019 be signed as a correct record.

30. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

31. RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE

The following recommendations were referred to the Executive:

1. Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Tuesday, 9 July 2019

(I) SINGLE USE PLASTICS SCRUTINY REVIEW

Resolved –

- (1) That it be recommended to the Executive that it approves and adopts the findings and recommendations contained within the Single Use Plastics Scrutiny Review Report.
- (2) That it be recommended to Council that it considers the findings and recommendations contained within the Single Use Plastics Scrutiny Review Report and that it also appoints a Single Use Plastics Members Champion.

ACTION: Overview Scrutiny Lead

In receiving the above recommendation the Executive resolved:

- (1) That Executive welcomes the recommendations of the Single Use Plastics Scrutiny Review Report. It approves the appointment of Councillor Jenkins as Member Champion against Single Use Plastics, requests the Councillor in consultation with the the Portfolio Holder and Executive Assistant to consider the viability of the adoption of the Review recommendations (1, 3 - 6, 8 -13) in conjunction with the Council's Climate Change Framework for Action and report back to the Executive.
- (2) That Recommendation 7 of the Scrutiny Review Report be approved, namely that Bradford Council's Chief Executive and Leader of the Council write to the Local Government Association, requesting that they lobby the packaging industry to develop alternatives to plastic packaging.

2. Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Wednesday, 10 July 2019

(II) FULL-YEAR PERFORMANCE REPORT

Resolved –

- (1) That this Committee requests the Executive to separate Libraries and Museums from Markets in relation to the total number of visits to cultural attractions, in readiness for the mid year performance reporting.
- (2) That this Committee requests that a report be presented to this Committee which relating to the Evaluation of the HR Plus Contract.

*ACTION: Head of Policy and Performance (Resolution 1)
Director of Human Resources (Resolution 2)*

NOTE:

In receiving the above recommendation it was resolved that the Executive is minded to agree to the suggestion set out in Recommendation 1.

3. COUNCIL MEETING – 16 JULY 2019

PETITION RE PEDESTRIANISATION OF MARKET STREET

The Council, at its meeting on Tuesday 16 July 2019 received a petition in respect of pedestrianisation of Market Street and referred the petition to the Executive.

NOTE:

In receiving the above recommendation it was resolved that the Executive notes receipt of the petition and that a report be presented to the November meeting of the Executive.

32. ADDINGHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The report of the Strategic Director of Place (**Document “R”**) concerns the Addingham Neighbourhood Development Plan which had been prepared by the Parish Council. The Plan had now been subject of an independent examination by Andrew Freeman and his report confirms that the Plan, subject to the incorporation of a number of modifications meets the Basic Conditions outlined in legislation.

The report recommended that the Council agree to all of the proposed modifications and that the modified plan proceeds to referendum.

A Ward Councillor for the area in welcoming the Addingham Neighbourhood Plan stated that he had had involvement with the Plan since 2015, with a fair amount of work and input from the Civic Society and others in Addingham; that it complimented Bradford’s Core Strategy and that it would strengthen the area and help it to retain its character, and he urged that the Executive adopt the Plan.

The Leader and the Regeneration, Planning and Transport Portfolio Holder echoed the above comments, adding that this was a significant piece of work and thanked the Addingham communities involvement, and urged that the Plan should now proceed to referendum, and it was therefore:

Resolved -

That it be agreed that the submitted Addingham Neighbourhood Development Plan (Appendix 1 to Document “R”) is, subject to the modifications (numbered PM1 to PM15) as set out in the Examiner’s Report (Appendix 2 to Document “R”), approved and that it is then subject to a local referendum.

ACTION: Strategic Director Place

Regeneration and Economy Overview & Scrutiny Committee

33. BRADFORD DISTRICT SKILLS PLAN

The report of the Strategic Director of Children’s Services (**Document “S”**) presented the final version of the Skills Plan, “People Skills Prosperity”, for approval by the Executive and the next steps.

A number of people were present at the meeting including representatives from Beckfoot Heaton and individuals who had been involved in a number of the key actions that had already been progressed through existing partnerships, in particular the work relating to ICE, Bradford Pathways and Skills House. It was the intention that Employment and Skills Officers will promote the work of the plan through a series of key networks.

A number of people who had been involved in the existing partnership work gave their testimonies on how the different programmes had improved their confidence and equipped them with the skills to progress into education, training and employment opportunities, and officers stated that the launch of the new Skills Plan will only enhance and extend what is currently on offer.

It was stressed that central to the Skills Plan was changing people’s lives and that high aspirations were crucial to its success.

A Councillor who was observing ascertained how the plan would be rolled out within existing resources. In response it was explained that previously we had been successful in attracting European funding, however the intention would be to fund the new programme from existing resources.

The Leader stated that skills was a crucial plank of the work we’re doing as an authority and that the potential regeneration benefits were immense.

A Member of the public raised an issue regards the availability of GCSE courses post 16 and it was mentioned that Connexions was the area that dealt with post 16, and that officers will speak to him regarding his particular circumstances.

The Education, Employment and Skills Portfolio Holder in welcoming the Plan, commended the individuals who had attended and shared their inspiring stories, adding that as a district we were moving in the right direction and helping people realise their aspirations, and that it also provided a pivotal link with the Council’s economic strategy. In addition this was our commitment to improving skills, and with the imminent opening of the New College in Bradford, a further exciting development for creating opportunities and improving results.

The Regeneration, Planning and Transport portfolio holder added that this was a key strand in up skilling the workforce and that it went hand in hand with the Council's economic strategy.

The Leader thanked all those in attendance and for sharing their stories.

Resolved-

- (1) That the District Skills Plan as set out in Appendix 1 to Document "S" be approved for publication and formal launch.**
- (2) That a "Skills Board" be set up to draft and implement a partnership action plan to deliver People, Skills, Prosperity.**
- (3) That the Executive receive an update on progress in September 2020.**

ACTION: Strategic Director Children's Services

(Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee)

34. BACKING BRADFORD'S BID TO BE UK CITY OF CULTURE IN 2025

Culture makes a significant contribution to the prosperity of our district and is one of the fastest growing sectors of our economy. Recent successful bids for investment in the Production Hub and the Creative People and Places fund will further strengthen cultural organisations and widen participation in the arts across the district.

The report of the Strategic Director of Place (**Document "T"**) welcomed the growing strength of the sector and recommended Council support for a district wide bid to become UK City of Culture 2025.

The Assistant Director Sports and Leisure set out the Council's aspirations around the bid and the elements that were in place to take the bid forward. Also present were representatives from the cultural sector including the Director of Kala Sangam, Director of the Bradford Literature Festival, a representative from the Creative People and Places Consortium, the Interim Chair of the City of Culture and a representative from the Culture Creativity Place.

Representatives who spoke espoused the strong cultural offer in Bradford and the successful events that Bradford had and continued to host, including the Literature Festival. The impetus going forward would be to put together a bid that was unique and one that had the potential to succeed. Representatives from the cultural sector were confident this could be achieved if all the different elements and partners worked together on the bid. The investment and economic benefits of running for City of Culture and the winning City were alluded, an example of which were Coventry and Hull.

A number of Councillors from the Conservative group were present at the meeting and stated that although this was a good aspiration to have as a city, allocating Council reserves to such a bid, at a time when libraries and museums had been

subjected to reductions in funding, would be a huge gamble, and urged that the Executive reconsider its position.

The Leader clarified that this was one off funding and would not support revenue funding in libraries. She added that the process of bidding would create huge opportunities for the district in terms of raising its profile as well as bringing inward investment.

Representatives from the Cultural Sector emphasised that embarking on this journey would bring significant economic and cultural benefits to the district, and this has been realised by previous bid authorities, and that Bradford should therefore not shy away from such an opportunity.

The Leader stressed that the cultural sector in the district was invigorated with what was on offer and this put us in good stead for a successful winning bid, and she urged all to get behind the bid, and it was therefore:

Resolved -

- (1) That the Council backs the bid to become UK City of Culture 2025. The bid will be led by a Culture Trust and supported by the Cultural Place Partnership and Cultural Voice Network.**
- (2) That Council be recommended to approve Section 9 - Option 3 of this report and allocate funding up to a maximum of £1,435,000 over 3 years, as detailed in appendix 3 and that this funding be made available to the accountable bodies concerned via existing Council annual grant application protocols or in the case of contracts for services that are awarded through compliant procurement procedures. It is noted that this investment will be used to leverage much greater external investment in the cultural sector in the District.**

ACTION: Strategic Director Place

(Regeneration and Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee)

35. Resolved –

That the Minutes of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority held on 25 April and 27 June 2019 be received.

NO ACTION

Chair