

Minutes of a meeting of the Bradford South Area Committee held on Thursday, 27 February 2020 in Committee Room 1 - City Hall, Bradford

Commenced 5.00 pm
Concluded 7.30 pm

Present – Councillors

LABOUR	CONSERVATIVE	THE QUEENSBURY WARD INDEPENDENTS
Wainwright T Hussain Dodds Warburton Wood S Khan Mukhtar	Bibby	L Cromie

Councillor Wainwright in the Chair

42. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

The following disclosures of interest were received in the interest of clarity:

- (i) In relation to the item on Bierley Post Office (Minute 45) Councillor Warburton stated that he knew the owner of Bierley Post Office, however he had not discussed the matter with the owner.
- (ii) Cllr Hussain also declared an interest in the same item as he worked for Sadeh Lok and part of the building was rented out by InCommunities.

ACTION: City Solicitor

43. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

44. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions submitted by the public.

45. NOMINATION TO LIST PROPERTY AS AN ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE - BIERLEY POST OFFICE

The Council had received a nomination to list a property known as Bierley Post Office as an Asset of Community Value under the Localism Act 2011.

The Strategic Director Corporate Services submitted a report (**Document “X”**) which considered whether the nomination and nominated asset met the Asset of Community Value criteria set out in the Localism Act and contained a recommendation as to whether or not the nomination should be approved.

The Senior Estates Surveyor reminded Members that the application was considered at the January meeting of the Area Committee when it was deferred to, allow for further consultation with the Post Office and InCommunities. Both parties had now been consulted and they had raised no objections to the proposed nomination.

During the discussion Members raised a number of concerns around the nomination in particular why the applicant had not turned up to put his case; that the listing could affect the owner if he wanted to sell or change his business and that the listing was not appropriate for a privately owned shop.

In response to the issues raised, the Senior Estates Surveyor stated that despite Members’ reservations, the criteria had been met to list the building.

Resolved –

That Option 2 be recommended that the Director of Corporate Resources reject the nomination on the grounds that it does not meet the criteria and definition of an Asset of Community Value as set out in the Localism Act 2011.

ACTION: Director of Corporate Resources

46. NOMINATION TO LIST PROPERTY AS AN ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE - BIERLEY RECREATION GROUND

The Council had received a nomination to list a property known as Bierley Recreation Ground as an Asset of Community Value under the Localism Act 2011.

The Strategic Director Corporate Services submitted a report (**Document “Y”**) which considered whether the nomination and nominated asset met the Asset of Community Value criteria set out in the Localism Act and contained a recommendation as to whether or not the nomination should be approved.

The Senior Estates Surveyor reminded Members that the application was considered at the January meeting of the Area Committee when it was deferred to allow for consultation with interested parties. The Football Club that use the ground had now been contacted, but had not expressed a view on the nomination.

During the discussion Members stated that there was little value in listing what was a recreation ground owned by the Council, as an asset of community value, however the nomination would make little difference in the long run and it was therefore:

Resolved –

That Option 1 be recommended that the Director of Corporate Resources accept the nomination on the grounds that it meets the criteria and definition of an Asset of Community Value as set out in the Localism Act 2011.

ACTION: Director of Corporate Resources

47. SAFER ROADS DEVOLVED BUDGET - BRADFORD SOUTH

The Strategic Director Place submitted a report (**Document “W”**) which sought approval for programmes of Safer Roads schemes in the Bradford South constituency for 2020/21 and 2021/22.

The Principal Engineer explained how the programme had been devised and that this would now be a two year programme, in order to allow for scheme transition and completion.

In relation to a question regarding Meadway, it was explained that the road had not been included in any scheme as it did not meet the criteria for inclusion.

Resolved -

- (1) That the programmes of Casualty Reduction schemes for 2020/21 and 2021/22 listed in Appendix 1 to Document “W” be approved.**
- (2) That the proposed programmes of Traffic Management measures for 2020/21 and 2021/22 listed in Appendices 2 & 3 to Document “W” be approved with the addition of Knowles Street to the priority list in Appendix 3’.**
- (3) That any Traffic Regulation Orders, or any legal procedures linked to the processing of traffic calming measures or pedestrian crossing facilities which are necessary to implement the chosen schemes be approved for processing and advertising subject to the scheme details being agreed with the local Ward Members.**
- (4) That any valid objections to the advertised Traffic Regulation**

Orders, traffic calming or pedestrian facilities be submitted to this Area Committee for consideration or in the event of there being no valid objections the Traffic Regulation Orders be sealed and implemented and the traffic calming or pedestrian facilities be implemented as advertised.

ACTION: Strategic Director Place

48. HEALTH AND WELLBEING IN THE BRADFORD SOUTH AREA OF BRADFORD METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

The Strategic Director Health & Wellbeing presented a report (**Document “V”**) which sought to inform Bradford South Area Committee of data and activities relating to the health and wellbeing of the population of Bradford South constituency.

This item was considered together with the item relating to the update on the NHS Clinical Commissioning Group and the discussion on this item is set out therein.

Resolved –

- (1) That Members comments be taken on board and that more ward based information is contained in future reports.**
- (2) That a report be presented to the Area Committee on mental health service provision in Bradford South.**

ACTION: Strategic Director Health and Wellbeing (1 & 2) / Director of Keeping Well at Home, Bradford Districts CCG (1)

49. UPDATE FROM NHS BRADFORD DISTRICTS CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP

The Director of Keeping Well at Home, Bradford Districts Clinical Commissioning Group submitted a report (**Document “Z”**) which provided an update on the priorities, recent initiatives and public engagement activities by NHS Bradford Districts Clinical Commissioning Group.

During the discussion a Member stated that there was no mention in the report on the impact on health arising from poor air quality in the vicinity of Rooley Lane, given the traffic volumes in the area. In response it was mentioned that although this report did not specifically mention Rooley Lane, efforts were ongoing to encourage people to use alternative sustainable modes of transport, and thereby improve on air quality.

In response to a question on what measures were in place to deal with any outbreak of the Coronavirus, it was explained that the NHS were ready to deal with any outbreak based on NHS guidance nationally. There was a suggestion that a home swabbing service may be planned, and that individuals self isolate, until a diagnosis is made and not place additional pressures on front line services.

A number of Members expressed concern at the increasing use of cannabis and what approaches were being adopted to tackle the issue. In response it was stated that although opiate use had declined, cannabis use was an issue and education in schools was a key component in addressing issues around drug use.

In response to a question on the Trailblazer Programme, it was stressed that given the funding mechanisms around the programme, the timescales were long, which was not ideal.

A number of Members raised concerns around mental health provision in the Bradford south area, and how referrals were made and services accessed. In response it was stated that more detailed report on the issue would need to be brought back to the Area Committee for consideration.

The Chair stated that it had been 4 years since Public Health came into the Council and progress had been made on a number of fronts, including improved consultation and liaison with Councillors.

A Member stated that more work should be done to encourage the take up of swimming, given the health benefits.

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50. PROTECTING CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS AT RISK OF EXPLOITATION

The Chief Executive Office submitted a report (**Document “AA”**) which provided an update to and built on the report presented to the Bradford South Area Committee on the 31st January 2019 regarding the issue of Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE). It now focused on the strategic response to all forms of exploitation in children and adults and how partners from the Working Together to Safeguard Children – the Bradford Partnership and the Bradford Safeguarding Adults Board were working to drive improvements across the district and to hold agencies to account for their work in their area. The report also outlined the emergence of other complex safeguarding themes and outlined how partners were effectively collaborating and focussing upon the protection of vulnerable children and adults.

A detailed overview was given on how respective partners were tackling different forms of exploitation, the details of which were contained in the report.

The Chair welcomed the multi agency working and the coordinated approach it had brought to tackling the issue.

In response to a question on data collection and common issues affecting young people, it was explained that there was no discernible single risk factor, however partner agencies worked closely with schools to identify those at risk or identify early indicators.

In response to a question regarding adults at risk, it was explained that trafficking remained a critical issue and sometimes individuals could be moved to different parts of the country in order to avoid detection; there was a national referral process to support them but it was difficult to track and get help for individuals at risk.

In terms of the numbers of children identified as being at risk, it was explained that some of the numbers were based on a hypothesis, however Partners were no more adept at dealing with the issue and reporting arrangements had improved significantly, leading to a higher number of referrals and consequent prosecutions.

Resolved –

- (1) That the Area Committee receives a further update on the progress of the response to exploitation in 12 months time.**
- (2) That it be noted that Partners will seek further funding opportunities from Government funding streams to enable the continuation of service provision as outlined in this report.**
- (3) That it be noted that this report is a call to action for all partners to recognise exploitation in its widest sense and continue to provide a coordinated safeguarding response to children and vulnerable adults.**
- (4) That in welcoming the report, Partners be thanked for the work done to tackle child and adult exploitation in the district.**

Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Children's Services

Chair

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