

Minutes of a meeting of the Shipley Area Committee held on Wednesday, 11 March 2020 in Council Chamber - Shipley Town Hall

Commenced 6.00 pm
Concluded 7.20 pm

Present – Councillors

LABOUR	CONSERVATIVE	GREEN
Greenwood	Heseltine Barker Davies Riaz Sullivan Townend	Warnes

Councillor Heseltine in the Chair

46. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

47. MINUTES

That the minutes of the meeting held on 6 November 2019 be signed as a correct record.

ACTION: City Solicitor

48. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

49. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions submitted by the public.

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

No resolution was passed on this item.

51. *SCAPAG MEETING NOTES - WEDNESDAY 15 JANUARY 2020

The Shipley Area Co-ordinator presented the notes (**Document "X"**) of SCAPAG contributions made at the meeting with the Area Committee, held on Wednesday 15 January 2020.

Resolved –

That the notes be received.

NO ACTION

52. PROTECTING CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS AT RISK OF EXPLOITATION

The report of the Chief Executive (**Document "Y"**) was presented to the Committee to provide an update and extension on the previous report presented on 16 January 2019. The latest report focused on all forms of exploitation of children and adults and detailed the work carried out with partners to drive improvements across the District, holding agencies to account for the work in their areas.

The emergence of other complex safeguarding themes was also outlined in the report and how partners were collaborating and focusing on protection of vulnerable children and adults.

Working Together to Safeguard Children – The Bradford Partnership (TBP), (previously known as The Bradford Safeguarding Children Board was now co-ordinating work to ensure that support and protection of children was improving. The focus of the report was on the strategic response to all forms of exploitation and how partners were contributing to the improvement of service provision across the District.

It was further explained that changes in safeguarding arrangements had occurred nationally, following published guidance in 2018 and measures had been agreed and implemented in the District. The actions being taken and how the issues of all forms of exploitation were being addressed by the TBP. The work involved a number of bodies who were taking a variety of actions to address the problems arising from all forms of exploitation of both children and vulnerable adults. These included an expanded 'front door' service, the commissioning of an independent thematic serious case review of CSE, training by the Bradford District Police Cyber Team and other partners on topics relating to exploitation and on-line safety. In addition, improved, consistent and enhanced communications for practitioners, parents, carers, children and their communities were being provided by a District Communications and Engagement sub-group, provision which now

included a website.

Officers provided a comprehensive account of the work being undertaken and by whom and were able to share information around funding and staffing to indicate what funding had been provided, from where and how it had been spent.

In response to the detailed information contained in the report, the committee praised the extra efforts of all officers involved in delivering the comprehensive work carried out with partners to drive improvements across the District.

Resolved –

- (1) That the Shipley Area Committee requests the protection of children and vulnerable adults at risk of exploitation be given priority.**
- (2) That a further update on the progress of the response to exploitation be presented to the Shipley Area Committee in 12 months' time.**
- (3) That partners seek further funding opportunities from Government funding streams to enable the continuation of service provision as outlined in Document "Y".**
- (4) That Document "Y" be regarded as 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.**

ACTION: Chief Executive

53. SHIPLEY AREA NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM ACTIVITY TO ADDRESS THE "SAFER COMMUNITIES" PRIORITIES WITHIN THE SHIPLEY CONSTITUENCY WARD PLANS FOR 2017-2019

The report of the Shipley Neighbourhood Policing Team (**Document "Z"**) was presented to the Committee to provide an update of some of the work undertaken and an overview of the Constituency performance data.

Figures for 2019 showed an overall reduction in the number of incidents and Members were provided with a breakdown of the types of crime committed. The largest single increase related to violence without injury and was one of four areas showing an increase on the previous year.

Data was provided relating to anti-social behaviour and nuisance as well as reports of hate crime incidents.

The Shipley Neighbourhood Team Inspector provided details of Police resources and how they had been deployed to best effect for the Ward and the specific types of crime being tackled locally. Efforts to recruit more members to become part of the many Neighbourhood Watch schemes, the number of which were the highest in the District, were ongoing. The Inspector praised the work of the

volunteers involved and was proud of the new Community Alert system which was launched and had the highest number of subscriptions in the District.

He gave Members details of how the Ward Team was recording crimes and, despite some obstacles, were still committed to reducing all crimes, with focus on burglaries and vehicle crime in particular. A breakdown of foci and initiatives in each area of the Ward was also shared with Members.

Resolved –

- (1) That the work undertaken by the Shipley Area Neighbourhood Policing Team from 1 January and 31 December 2019 that contributed to addressing priorities within the ward plans for the Shipley Area be welcomed.**
- (2) That the positive partnership working that has been established with Elected Members, Council Officers, community organisations, volunteers and residents within the Shipley Area be welcomed.**

LEAD: Strategic Director, Place

54. COMMUNITY CHEST GRANTS 1 APRIL 2019 TO 31 MARCH 2020

The Area Co-ordinator presented a report (**Document “AA”**) which summarised the Community Chest grants awarded during the financial year April 2019 to March 2020 to benefit communities within the Shipley Constituency.

Resolved –

- (1) That the wide range of groups, organisations and individuals across the Shipley Area which have benefited from receiving a Community Chest grant be noted and welcomed.**
- (2) That the Grants Advisory Group is thanked for its work in allocating Community Chest grants.**

LEAD: Shipley Area Co-ordinator

Chair

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

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