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Agenda for a meeting of the Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held on Wednesday, 9 October 2019 at 5.30 pm in Committee Room 1 - City Hall, Bradford

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A. PROCEDURAL ITEMS

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(Asad Shah - 01274 432280)

4. REFERRALS TO THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Any referrals that have been made to this Committee up to and including the date of publication of this agenda will be reported at the meeting.

B. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ACTIVITIES

5. IMPROVING HEALTH AND WELLBEING THROUGH GREEN SPACE AND GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE WITH A FOCUS ON AREAS OF HIGH DEPRIVATION 1 - 20

The report of the Strategic Director, Place (**Document “Q”**) will provide an update on the use of green spaces in the District. The paper seeks to outline the current position, opportunities and challenges across the district, particularly in relation to areas of high deprivation.

Recommended –

That the Committee comments as appropriate.

(Mick Priestley – 01274 437345)

6. WATER MANAGEMENT SCRUTINY REVIEW- PROGRESS OF RECOMMENDATIONS 21 - 42

The Environment and Waste Management Overview Scrutiny Committee undertook a wider scrutiny review into water management across the District following the devastating winter 2015 floods. The Water Management Scrutiny Review was endorsed by the Environment and Waste Management Overview Scrutiny Committee at their meeting on 4th July 2017 where it was recommended to be considered by the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee in their meeting on the 26th October 2017 where it was subsequently endorsed.

Following its adoption, The Water Management Scrutiny Review

included twenty-six recommendations and it was resolved that a report would be made in the following twelve months which monitored progress against all the recommendations contained in the review. Within the October 2018 report it was again resolved by the Regeneration and Environment Overview Committee that an update report would be presented in a further 12 months.

The report of the Strategic Director, Place (**Document “R”**), briefly outlines the progress made and the status of each of the twenty-six recommendations in the last 12 months.

Recommended –

- (1) That the Committee receives a report back before the end of October 2020 which monitors progress against the recommendations contained within the Water Management Scrutiny Review.**
- (2) Recommendations 7 and 26 will be removed from any subsequent report as they have been completed.**

(Edward Norfolk – 01274 433905)

7. CULTURAL STRATEGY UPDATE

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The report of the Strategic Director, Place (**Document “S”**) will provide a briefing to the Committee on significant recent successes and ambitious plans for culture through to 2030. This will including the bid to become UK City of Culture 2025.

The report will also give the Committee an opportunity to input to the brief for development of a new Cultural Strategy in light of these successes and plans.

The report will further give the Committee an overview of work and achievements in the cultural sector since the last time Culture was reported to this Committee.

Recommended –

That Members be requested to consider and comment in relation to the content of this report and in particular any comments regarding the brief for development of the Cultural Strategy 2020 – 2030 as detailed in Appendix 1 of this report.

(Phil Barker – 01274 432616)

8. PROPOSALS TO PROMOTE ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) UPTAKE AND INCREASE THE EV CHARGING NETWORK 67 - 78

The report of the Strategic Director, Corporate Services (**Document “T”**) gives an update on the work undertaken to date and future proposals to promoting electric vehicle (EV) uptake and increase the EV charging network within the Bradford district.

Recommended –

That the Committee be requested to review the report and provide any relevant guidance.

(Kate Smallwood – 01274 433885)

9. REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2019 - 2020 79 - 86

The report of the Chair of the Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee (**Document “U”**), presents the Committee’s Work Programme 2019 - 2020.

Recommended –

That the Work programme 2019-20 continues to be regularly reviewed during the year.

(Licia Woodhead – 01274 432119)

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Report of the Strategic Director of Health and Wellbeing and the Strategic Director of Place to the meeting of the Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held on 9th October 2019

Q

Subject:

Improving health and wellbeing through green space and green infrastructure with a focus on areas of high deprivation

Summary statement:

This report provides an update on the use of green spaces in the District. The paper seeks to outline the current position, opportunities and challenges across the district, particularly in relation to areas of high deprivation.

1. SUMMARY

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- 1.1 This report provides an update on the use of green spaces in the District. In 2018 the Committee agreed that the next report should focus on what is happening locally to increase and improve local green space, and to make access to green spaces easier for more people. The Committee also requested a particular focus on the more deprived areas of the District after a 2018 local study showed that some urban parts of Bradford have relatively green streets compared to similar urban areas, but on average have fewer green spaces for leisure and play (Ferguson and colleagues, 2018). There are some notable exceptions where urban areas have large, well-maintained award-winning parks.
- 1.2 This report usually updates on the “*proportion of residents in each local authority area making at least one visit to the natural environment for health or exercise purposes*”¹ but the indicator is now quite out of date. It is based on a national survey with the last data collected in 2015-2016, when 12% of people in Bradford District who took part in the survey said that they had used outdoor space for exercise or health reasons. This was lower than the averages for England (17.9%) and Yorkshire and Humber (17.5%) for the same time period, but the gap appeared to be closing. However as fewer than 100 people took part in the survey this measure provides only weak evidence of what is actually happening.
- 1.3 Looking at more robust health and wellbeing indicators, these tell us that we have a significant problem with low rates of physical activity and with overweight and obesity, starting in childhood, and that this and other factors such as, high rates of smoking and problem drinking are leading to early onset of heart and lung disease and higher than average rates of preventable cancer. As a result many people have fewer years of life lived in good health and reduced life expectancy, particularly in the most deprived areas where both men and women die more than 6 years earlier on average than people in the least deprived areas.
- 1.4 There has been growing recognition that where we live is a key factor in shaping our health and wellbeing. Our neighbourhoods, homes and streets can shape *how* we live - making it easier or harder to be physically active, to access healthy food and to stay healthy as we age. Healthy places need a range of positive features: access to decent housing; decent jobs; safe, walkable urban environments; good air quality; access to green and open spaces for leisure, socialising, exercise and play; good travel connections and walkable streets and routes to local amenities.
- 1.5 Reviews of local, national and international evidence show that people, particularly children, gain additional benefit from green space. Those who live close to a traditional green urban park, experience higher wellbeing benefits than people who live close to non-green open space in urban areas. (World Health Organization, 2017) They have more opportunities to be active outdoors, places to meet up, breathe cleaner air.
- 1.6 People benefit from living in greener environments in general. Green infrastructure’ is defined as: “*A network of multi-functional green space, urban and rural, which is capable of delivering a wide range of environmental and quality of life benefits for local communities.*” This includes green streets, verges, hedges, trees, green or natural

¹ The natural environment is defined as: open spaces in and around towns and cities, parks, canals and nature areas; the coast and beaches; and the countryside including farmland, woodland, hills and rivers. The definition excludes time spent in domestic gardens and shopping trips.

paths and rights of way that link places together (National Planning Policy Framework, 2019). A number of bids are underway to improve our local Green (and Blue – water-based) Infrastructure (see section 3.4 below).

- 1.7 Providing and improving green space or infrastructure is only one part of a range of approaches needed to address multiple health and social inequalities. Other than the brief summary above, this paper does not repeat content on the District's health inequalities and health and wellbeing needs, or the role played by green space in promoting wellbeing and the detailed evidence supporting it. These issues were covered comprehensively in the 2017 and 2018 papers (Background documents). However Appendix A provided by the Born in Bradford programme summarises the findings of local engagement and research on the benefits of green space for local wellbeing. The report has some crossover with the report received by the Committee on April 16th on the progress made by Active Bradford in 2018. This outlined some improvement in reported levels of physical inactivity, and the wide range of activities that will continue to address inactivity. Again this report does not repeat that content.
- 1.8 The paper goes on to set the scene, with an overview of green space resources and activity across the District, outlining how people and local organisations are using green space in areas of high deprivation, and the barriers, opportunities and challenges in those areas

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 Universal provision - Overview of assets and current provision

2.1.1 Parks and woodland

Bradford District has **36 public parks**, totalling an area of over **270 hectares**. **Ten of the parks are on the English Heritage Register of Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest in England**. **Six have received the Prestigious Green Flag Award** - Lister Park, Roberts Park, Central Park Haworth, Peel Park and Harold Park together with the recently refurbished Cliffe Castle Park & Museum. In total the Parks & Greenspace Service looks after 543 areas of land covering more than 2,600 hectares, this includes **109 areas of woodland, totalling over 850 hectares**, and over **1000 kilometres of rights of way** through urban areas and open countryside that enable people to walk or cycle to access these areas.

Many of the parks have active 'Friends' groups, which work with the Neighbourhoods and Parks & Greenspace Service to care for, protect and improve their local parks. Tree-planting events in local woodlands are also popular with local communities.

The service has recently trialled a nature friendly parks approach, working with the Friends of Peel Park to introduce a more varied mowing regime in the Park. This results in areas of longer grass and meadow areas alongside traditional short-grass areas. This has been received positively: with increase in wildflowers and long grass habitat, increase in insect biodiversity and with less time spent on mowing and some reduction in CO2 emissions.

2.1.2 Recreation grounds and other green space

There are over **100 recreation grounds** in the Bradford district, ranging from small sites to areas of nearly eight hectares. Many have excellent sporting facilities, including football

and rugby pitches, bowling greens and cricket pitches. School sports fields are also a significant resource for the District, hosting a wide range of activity.

There are **150 Traditional Equipped Play Areas, 58 Multi Use Games Areas (MUGAs) and sports walls, 27 Skate and wheeled parks facilities and 24 Outdoor gym facilities.** A number of parks have **Measured Mile walking routes.**

The Parks & Greenspaces Service also maintain nearly 90 buildings, memorials and other structures including **38 war memorials** along with 'open spaces' which can be **village greens or simply grassed areas within residential areas.** These are important 'green lungs' in urban areas.

2.1.3 Rights of Way

The District's public rights of way network and natural green spaces provide valuable opportunities for all our communities to access the outdoors and the physical and mental health benefits which this provides. Iconic countryside sites and routes, including Ilkley Moor, Shipley Glen, the Dalesway and the Pennine Way are well known and well used by residents of the District and beyond, but there are significant networks and assets within the urban parts of the District which also contribute.

The public rights of way network (footpaths and bridleway) extends into urban areas and links homes with shops, schools, workplaces as well as natural spaces and parks. These provide off-road links often away from traffic and, if kept open and maintained, are local networks that are valued by communities. Similarly, the smaller green spaces in and amongst the urban developed areas are highly valued.

The Council works with partner organisations to engage with local communities to raise awareness and stewardship of these areas and they in turn assist with their management and upkeep. A good example is the Bradford Urban Discovery project, which is a Lottery funded joint initiative between the Council's Countryside and Rights of Way Service and Yorkshire Wildlife Trust. Here, the project officer works with communities on various "natural" greenspaces in Great Horton, Royds, Wibsey and Wyke Wards. It is well supported by local people and Ward Members and could be replicated in other parts of the District.

2.1.4 How our green spaces are used

Our parks and all our public open spaces are vital to support people's health and wellbeing. They **promote healthy and safe communities.** Green infrastructure can improve the wellbeing of a neighbourhood with opportunities for recreation, exercise, social interaction, experiencing and caring for nature, community food-growing and gardening, all of which can bring mental and physical health benefits.

Green infrastructure can help to reduce health inequalities in areas of socio-economic deprivation and meet the needs of families and an ageing population. It can also help to reduce exposure to air pollution and noise.

We aim to ensure our parks are accessible for all, fully inclusive, safe and welcoming places as we wish to encourage everyone to be active by walking, playing or taking part in sport. This can only be achieved by having a high level of maintenance and appropriate resources to support all that we do.

Our Parks & Green spaces provide the majority of the district wide network and infrastructure for leisure such as walking routes, outdoor gyms and play opportunities. This enables and encourages less active and inactive members of our communities, who would not necessarily take part in any formal sports, to take some form of informal physical activity. They provide a 'stage' for organised events such as **Park Runs** in an increasing number of parks, and community led events, bringing people together in a wide variety of ways to be social, active and to support health and well being.

2.2 Programmes and projects

A number of programmes operating in urban areas of the District are now looking at how they can add value to the local environment so that people in urban areas can benefit from living in greener environments, particularly where there is not a local park. These include:

2.2.1 Bradford's Sport England Local Delivery Pilot - Join Us: Move Play (JU:MP)

In April the Committee heard that the Active Bradford Partnership had focused on establishing and developing the Local Delivery Pilot which aims to increase physical activity in children aged 5-14 and their families in areas north of the city. Time spent playing or being active outside helps children's physical and mental wellbeing. Increasing physical activity in 5-14 year olds is the focus of Bradford's Sport England Local Delivery Pilot, known locally as Join Us: Move Play (JU:MP), in development area across an area of high deprivation.

The area includes Allerton, Fairweather Green, Toller, Heaton, Manningham, City, Bolton/Undercliffe, Windhill and Eccleshill a wide band across the north of the city area that borders and complements the Better Start Bradford area. A public engagement programme engaged with over 1000 people in the development of the bid. Further engagement since the start of the programme included a well- attended event held in Peel Park over the summer to promote the programme, and to listen further to local people's views. The programme plan includes an environment theme, that will develop four areas of activity:

- Active travel - active travel to school and engagement with children on cycling infrastructure;
- Active playful parks – facilities for play, community and parks safety/cleanliness; regular play activity, cleaner parks, opportunities for informal sport and physical activity, events in parks and pop-up parks;
- Playful streets – design features, trails and signage to parks, play streets and playful snickets;
- Green space and countryside. – improving quality and safety of local green space to increase physical activity, developing adventurous outdoor play in green space, encouraging communities be active in wider countryside.

2.2.2 Born in Bradford

Reports based on research by the Born in Bradford programme show positive links between health and wellbeing and use of green space locally, showing that easy access to green space is good for the wellbeing of pregnant women, and that quality of local green space is very important to parents of young children. Engagement work carried out by the team in Horton Park has informed a bid for investment in flood improvement and improvements to green space.

2.3 Projects

2.3.1 The Shed at Cliffe Castle

This is a flagship project with “Men in sheds”, an international movement to help men overcome isolation, and have somewhere they feel comfortable to talk about mental health issues. The project provides a woodwork shed, potting shed and tea room within an area that has a Koi Carp pond. This has been supported by Keighley Healthy Living and other partners who are able to signpost clients to the project.

2.3.2 Therapeutic Horticultural Weekly Sessions

These take place in partnership between the parks service and the Cellar Trust, a locally based mental health charity.

2.3.3 Apple Day

An annual celebration of all things apple- based, which in 2019 will launch the Keighley Urban Orchard project - an initiative to establish fruit trees in all types of green spaces i.e. formal green space, back gardens, schools, highways and housing estates. The planting of fruit trees aids flood alleviation, supports pollinators, provides free fruit to families and children and helps with climate change. This is in partnership with a social enterprise called “Be the Change” and involves the Friends of Cliffe Castle, Airedale Bee Keepers, the Council Neighbourhoods service, Keighley Town Council, Keighley Big Local, the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust, Forest of Bradford and the Museum which will be delivering a package for school education.

2.3.4 Forest schools, outdoor play and leisure in nature

A local social enterprise is supporting the development and provision of forest schools and outdoor community groups and play and learning sessions. These take place in woodlands and parks and other natural locations in various parts of the District including in some of the more deprived areas. The aim is to enable children and young people to play and learn in nature, particularly children from deprived areas, and for adult mental wellbeing groups to have increased social contact and contact with nature to improve mental wellbeing.

2.4 Roundup of activities in green spaces

A wide range of local and community activities are taking place in the District’s green spaces including

- Local walking groups, supported by Champions Show the Way, who provide weekly organised walks in many locations right across the District. These include two walks run by Better Start, one in Horton Park, one weekly from Parkside centre BD5 (not over the summer), and one from Westend Centre BD5.
- Summer schemes for young people take place at various community centres across the district, making use of parks and open spaces for activities, for example at The Arc Canterbury, MAPA West Bowling and Parkside Centre BD5.
- Better Start Bradford funds forest schools in Bradford Moor, Bowling and Barkerend and Little Horton, improving outcomes for young children in these areas.
- Keighley Big Local funds work with the community in Keighley East and work with a range of VCS organisations to incorporate outdoor activities in the work of refugee, autism, mental health and disability charities.
- The Council's Neighbourhoods Service organises or supports community litter picks and clean ups to help look after open spaces, public footpaths – including a recent footpath clear up and cutting back of vegetation with West Bowling Together We Can group. This also helps to get people outside and active, and in touch with what is going on in their community.
- Healthy Heaton initiative
- All-Star Cricketers
- Bradford Trident is supporting Athletico Football Club in their Community Asset Transfer application for the Avenue Road football pitches
- Environmental work with young people at Doe Park, Denholme.
- Parks Manager and warden supporting young people with planting and wildlife pond at Foster Park Denholme.
- Parks team on-going support for 'Friends of' and other groups – Royd Park, Wilsden, Cotingley Horticultural Group
- Warden support to local groups including Wilsden Greenspace Group.
- Work on the riverside path from Higher Coach Road to Roberts Park.
- Parks service working with Baildon Town Council to improve tennis courts and park at Cliffe Lane.
- Cycling initiative in Lister Park (for students and the public) and City Cycling mass Participation event (takes place in summer).
- Bradford park runs in Lister and Horton Parks, junior park run in Roberts Park now also in Myrtle Park and at Cliffe Castle.
- Walking groups (e.g. dementia friendly walks, voluntary walking groups in parks) coordinated by Champions Show the Way at BD Care Trust.
- Daily Mile (daily 15 minute walk for children in 50 participating schools)
- Bradford City Runs (take place in the Autumn)
- Green Line Mile routes – a new route in Girlington has recently launched
- Measured mile walks within Wibsey Park, Harold Park, Peel Park and Knowles Park
- Active Travel to School Programme provided by Sustrans (the programme works with schools and children on walking, cycling and scooting)
- Grange Interlink, Thornbury Centre and Keighley Healthy Living Centre provide programmes to increase physical activity, an important element of this is utilising green space and encouraging walking and cycling
- Community allotments – 31 council managed sites and 20 managed by Town or Parish Councils or other organisations.
- 24 Park gyms across the District (e.g. Bowling Park, Lund Park and White Bear Recreation Ground)

- Children’s playgrounds – 150 Traditional Equipped Play Areas, 58 MUGAs and sports walls, 27 x Skate and wheeled parks facilities
- HSBC Lets Ride and Social Ride Programme (with British Cycling)
- The District’s outdoor centres provide daytime and residential outdoor activities experiences for pupils in the District, including accessible activities and accessible residential provision at Nell Bank, and centres in the Yorkshire Dales.
- Thai Chi and Sketch walks at Cliffe Castle Museum & Park
- ‘Friends of’ (FO) Parks groups deliver a number of events and activities across the district and support the sustainability of our parks i.e Newly formed FO Ilkley Riverside Park organise volunteer working parties to carry out weekly maintenance.

A wide and varied network of voluntary clubs and associations that support team and individual sports for thousands of children and adult residents’ groups are at the heart of a huge amount of current outdoor activity on sports grounds, in parks and in our natural environment. Together with the walking, cycling and running groups and clubs, allotment and gardening societies, environmental groups, school extra-curricular clubs, community groups these are too numerous to list. These groups are often active year round, week in, week out. Much of which they do takes place outdoors in green spaces adding up to a huge contribution to community life and to people’s health and wellbeing.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

3.1 Strategy and policy

3.1.1 Playing Pitch Strategy and Investment Programme 2019

Vision ‘To have a sustainable network of outdoor playing pitches and associated facilities to meet current demand and encourage future participation in physical activity and sport in Bradford District’

This £15m investment programme will support and deliver the outcomes of the District’s current and new **Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS)**. The new Playing Pitch Strategy will fit with and directly support the investment programme to deliver new and refurbished sustainable facilities. It will align with the funding plans of Sports England and the individual sport National Governing Bodies. This will enable all partners to achieve their agreed project outcomes and outputs. The principle of creating major hub sites is based on:

- improving the quality, quantity and management of outdoor sport provision;
- significantly increasing access and opportunities for wider community engagement;
- reducing the level of revenue subsidy required through maximising pitch/facility use.

The aim is to provide at least one all-weather pitch in each hub and to deliver:

- 3 District Wide Multi Sport Hubs – Wyke Community Sports Village (see 3.4.3 more info below), Marley and Myra Shay.
- 5 Local Multi Sports Hubs – one in each of our 5 districts

- An as yet unconfirmed number of single/dual pitch sports sites (minor sites), neighbourhood sites (predominantly single sport). Wherever possible these will seek to provide pooled/hub facilities. The majority will be existing grass pitches and changing facilities that will be refurbished and or upgraded. In a number of cases ancillary changing facilities will be provided.

3.1.2 Playable Spaces Strategy 2019

The District's Parks and Green spaces provide children and young people with the opportunity to access a variety of free to access high quality outdoor inclusive play and exercise opportunities throughout the district. The offer currently consists of:

- Children's Play Space – Play provision that cater for the needs of children up to and around 13 years. Currently the majority of these sites are comprised of "traditional" equipped play areas
- Youth Play Space - informal recreation opportunities for, broadly, the 13 to 19 age group, and which might include facilities like teen skateboard parks, basketball courts, 'free access' Multi Use Games Areas (MUGAs) and youth shelters
- Outdoor equipped exercise equipment

The new strategy will provide a more tailored holistic approach, contributing to priorities and outcomes through the continuing provision of accessible, community-based facilities that support and encourage active lifestyles particularly for children and the youth community.

3.1.3 Bereavement Service Strategy

The strategy covers the future development of the Council's cemeteries and crematoria with an indicative capital requirement of £17m. Whilst this is primarily about improvements to the Bereavement Service, many of our cemeteries offer public open green space that is accessed by large numbers of local people to visit and maintain graves but also for quiet reflection. These spaces are therefore part of our network of green infrastructure, also supporting wildlife. They need to remain well-cared for and accessible for the future.

3.1.4 Cycling Strategy

Two Local Cycling Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIP) are in development. The plans do not come with funding, but encourage advance preparation and planning to enable areas to respond quickly when funds become available. These are Government sponsored responses to concerns about obesity and lack of physical exercise. One covers walking routes to key destinations from Keighley Town Centre. The second is developing options for cycling infrastructure in South Bradford. In Wharfedale Greenways are being developed by Ilkley Town Council and by Otley Town Council, along highways and through green space.

3.1.5 Local Plan Core strategy including open space review

The Local Plan Core Strategy sets out the principles and policies for land use to 2030 and includes policies on economy, environment, transport and housing. A current review has provided the opportunity to revise policies relating to housing and open and green spaces.

Green spaces are an important focus within the Core Strategy with a number of policies making reference to their importance for health and well-being and the environment. The following policies and planning documents have been reviewed and the proposed changes have been consulted on:

Green Infrastructure – strengthened to require new development to identify opportunities to link areas of Green Infrastructure together where there are gaps. It also indicates that green spaces and corridors which make a significant contribution to the Green Infrastructure network will be protected – and now counts the following types of space as contributing to the Green Infrastructure provision: community gardens, green spaces for multigenerational play and leisure and small scale food growing opportunities. **Protection and Improvements in provision of Open Space** - new housing developments to require the provision of open space. The **Housing Quality** policy has been revised to cross-reference to this new requirement and also to the new Homes and Neighbourhoods Design Guide (see below).

A new '**Creating Healthy Places**' policy has been proposed for the Core Strategy Review, based on evidence-based principles for improving wellbeing. This includes the principles that children should be able to play safely outdoors close to home, and that the District should seek to protect, increase and enhance urban green space and green infrastructure.

New Guidance on designing and developing Homes and Neighbourhoods

Through this new guidance, proposals for future development schemes must show a strategy for the design, provision and integration of open space. Developers must show how they will meet the guidance on creating healthy, well-connected places, green streets, outdoor play opportunities for children and open space for other residents.

Open Space Assessment

A new Open Space Assessment is underway to replace the 2006 assessment. This is remapping and auditing the quality of all open space sites across the District and carrying out a survey of how people use and value open space, their perceptions of quality and quantity of open space in their local area and how open space can be improved. The assessment will inform new planning policy in the Site Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD) as part of the new Local Plan. This means that it will be used to identify the sites to be designated as protected open space and will set standards for the amount of open space to be provided as part of new developments.

3.2 Removing barriers to access

To reduce health inequalities we will need to understand and remove the barriers that prevent people with or at higher risk of poor health from using local green space. Barriers to use of green and open spaces include bad weather, distance, lack of transport, the cost to community groups of booking use of parks, unfamiliarity, lack of experience of using green spaces. One group, running outdoor activities focused in areas of deprivation, reports that

“we have seen people change their perception of parks and woodlands (to see them) as safe places to play and enjoy as a family.”

Community groups and projects may need to provide wet weather gear and transport, particularly in low-income areas.

Community engagement work carried out in the Better Start area found that barriers to use of green space include litter, perceptions of poor safety, distance to travel and uncertainty about whether smaller areas of local green space are for public use.

Where green space is lacking or needs improvement, we need to better understand what local people want and to support local action such as fundraising and organising community clean ups. Ward officers and wardens are already supporting such activity in parks and green space in many areas of the District. A local group reports having good relationships with woodlands and parks teams that help them to make use of green space and natural settings. However there are still barriers:

“One of the ongoing issues we have is the problem with litter, fly tipping and dog mess and also anti social activity e.g. drug and alcohol misuse in parks, woodlands and green spaces. The council and ‘Friends of’ groups work hard to overcome these issues but it is (ongoing). We do believe that the more pro-social activity going on in green spaces, the more it discourages anti social behaviour.”

Major roads between residential areas and local green spaces and play parks can put people off walking to green spaces or using them as part of their daily route to work or school, encouraging people to drive rather than walk. Safe, green walking routes along the District’s network of rights of way and safe, green attractive streets can encourage people to walk to local attractions, including parks. This is an important way to build physical activity into people’s daily routines and to reduce people’s exposure to air pollution on their everyday journeys.

A focus on getting our green and open spaces right for children and young people and for people with additional needs can help to improve access for all. The Open Space audit is evaluating provision of toilet and changing facilities, seating, cafés and access to free water, all of which can enable people to use green spaces with confidence and to make longer visits.

A recent study concluded that creating a range of small but high-quality local green spaces in urban areas of the District where green space is lacking would have a higher impact on people’s health and wellbeing, and be more feasible, than creating a single large space. This understanding should help to inform decisions about equitable access to green space, making urban areas greener and more pleasant places to live, work and to move around in (Ferguson and colleagues, 2018).

A number of programmes and bids aim to remove barriers to use and improve access to smaller green spaces, particularly in areas of high deprivation.

Both the Better Start Programme and the Sport England Local Delivery Pilot (described above) are preparing to work with the Council’s Landscape team to refurbish or create a number of smaller green spaces for local communities. In addition several council or partner led bids, described at 3.4 below, aim to secure further funds to extend this approach.

Removing barriers to access in deprived communities will mean that the benefits of equitable access to green space will be more widely enjoyed, as well as helping to improve health outcomes for individuals and communities this will support the strategic objectives of a wide range of plans and strategies including the District Plan, the Economic

and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategies and the Children, Young People and Families Plan.

3.4 Development opportunities

3.4.1 Multi-Use Sports Hub Pilot

Wyke Community Sports Village (WCSV) will be the pilot project through a £5.4 m funded with partnership funding from Football Foundation & British Cycling. It will provide:

- A bespoke closed loop cycle track 1.7km long
- Cyclo Cross Track
- A full sized Artificial Grass Pitch – for both football and rugby union and league usage
- 3 x refurbished grass pitches
- Large community and club meeting space with café facilities
- Catering facilities
- Changing Facilities and WC's
- Spectator viewing areas
- Car parking and wider site landscaping

Interested parties include the Local Health Champions for mindfulness and mental health initiatives for men, young people and older people; the local GP Practice for their health referrals programme; and the Youth Service for initiatives with young people at the site. Groups wishing to access the facilities for non-sport activities can use indoor space included in the centre. This additional general-use space may be an unthreatening way to introduce a wider range of people to opportunities for sport and physical activity.

3.4.2 Cliffe Castle Museum & Park (Health Lottery Fund restored park)

As part of the £4.5m refurbishment of the park, a Heritage Park Officer post was created and this has enabled delivery of a number of initiatives and activities to take place including a 'Men in Sheds' approach to mental wellbeing support for men who may be reluctant to access mental health support.

3.4.3 Current bids to renovate or create parks, green space or green infrastructure

The following bids are in process or in preparation, led by the Council's Landscape and Planning or Highways teams, with Public Health team input. They are included here to demonstrate the level of ambition to provide new, multifunctional green spaces or to green streets and busy road junctions for local communities, particularly in areas where these are lacking. The process of developing bids involves community engagement to benefit from the local knowledge of residents and local organisations. Even where bids are unsuccessful having a pipeline of projects that are ready to go and have local support means that the District can respond quickly when new funding opportunities arise.

Heritage Fund Lottery Bid

A bid to the newly launched Heritage Fund (Jan 2019) will see the Parks & Greenspace service scope and prepare a bid to refurbish another of the parks within the Bradford District.

BEGIN - (Blue Green Infrastructure through Social Innovation) European Regional Development Fund

This is a successful joint first stage bid by a consortium of cities (including Bradford and three others from the UK) for a blue-green infrastructure scheme in each city. Bradford's proposal is to support and extend the development and enhancement of green-blue infrastructure along the Bradford –Shipley Route Improvement scheme. The scheme will develop a network of green spaces to promote sustainable transport and enhance biodiversity in the valley. A length of the Bradford Beck will be brought back to the surface to create a more natural environment including wetlands, meadow and woodland. Public access will be greatly enhanced to promote healthy lifestyles with a focus on through-routes for cycling and walking. Flooding will be tackled through swales (dips in the land), and 'raingardens' and flood mitigating tree pits all of which collect and drain away surface water. Street trees and new shrub planting adjacent to the road will help to mitigate against air pollution and create a more attractive local environment for residents and businesses. A further bid to the European Social Infrastructure Fund will be submitted at the end of September for additional blue-green works to expand the scope of the project.

Horizon 2020 Liveable Cities

This bid has passed the expression of interest phase and is being worked up into a full bid to the fund from a group of European cities including Bradford. If successful it will focus on the Girdlington area, adding trees and other green infrastructure to streets and developing or renovating a number of small areas of green space.

Green Blue Gateways Bid to the European Social Infrastructure Fund

This bid was submitted in late August to add green and blue (water-based) infrastructure to a series of parcels of land, providing sustainable drainage to reduce surface water flooding and a biodiverse network of habitats in an area west of the city centre. The project proposes to rehabilitate and remediate land adjacent to road junctions on the A6177 Outer Ring Road in Toller, Manningham and City wards, adding new green spaces and improving and linking existing green spaces. This will create a chain of interconnected green spaces and natural environments making a pleasant walking route to encourage people to walk more, increasing physical activity and supporting people's mental wellbeing.

Horizon 2020 LIFE CRITICAL EU project

An environmental climate adaptation project for Horton Park. If successful the bid would secure matched revenue and capital funding to work with local communities to develop climate change adaptation solutions that will also improve amenity space in the park. Citizen Participation is to be the main driver of the implementation process to ensure that local people feel ownership of the process, design and outcomes for the park. This will build on community engagement carried out by Born in Bradford during the development of the bid.

Better Start Bradford – Better Place Theme

Better Place is an initiative to improve the local environment in the Better Start Bradford area for small children (aged 0-3) and their families. The theme has funds to deliver a range of capital improvements to the local environment in the Better Start area. These will

focus on reducing the exposure of pregnant women and young children to air pollution. The approach is based on research findings which indicate that useable urban green spaces add value to the health and wellbeing of communities and can help to offset the detrimental effects of pollution. The Council's Landscape and Heritage team are working in partnership with Trident to help secure an additional £500k from the European Social Infrastructure Fund to enhance the project. Securing additional funding would deliver a range of green and blue infrastructure projects in some of the most deprived areas of Bradford, where the need for environmental improvements is greatest, and where engagement with local communities has improved understanding of barriers to using local green space and the actions that can help to remove them.

3.5 Summary

There is a wide range of activity relating to green space across the District. This ranges from informal community use of the open-access, universal provision in parks, woodlands and natural spaces, to organised sport and leisure activities in parks and at recreation grounds, to targeted area-based programmes and projects such as the Sport England Delivery Pilot and Better Start's Better Place projects. Development opportunities and bids for external funds provide opportunities to focus on the more deprived areas of the District, particularly where green space has been lacking or is in need of improvement.

The network of sport, leisure and voluntary, community and faith organisations and schools play an important role in providing activities that attract people to make use of green spaces, supporting and enabling people to make use of these assets in ways that will support their physical and mental wellbeing. Ensuring that all areas of the District have these opportunities should help to improve wellbeing and reduce health inequalities over time.

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

- 4.1 The Council has allocated:
- £17m to meet an indicative capital requirement for the future development of the Council's cemeteries and crematoria.
 - £15m to fund the Playing Pitch Strategy and Development Programme.
- 4.2 A number of the proposed initiatives described here, under section 3.4 Development Opportunities, are reliant on ongoing bids for funding from external bodies, including from European Union grant funds. UK eligibility for some of these funds may be subject to review, dependent on the outcome of Brexit negotiations.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

- 5.1 Programmes and projects described will be subject to individual risk management and governance arrangements.

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL -

- 6.1 Part 1 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 (the Act) places legal responsibility for Public Health within Bradford Council. Specifically Section 12 of the Act created a new duty requiring Local Authorities to take such steps as they consider

appropriate to improve the health of the people in its area. The Public Health department in the Local Authority supports the performance of this duty.

- 6.2 Section 31 of the Act required Local Authorities to pay regards to guidance issued by the Secretary of State for Health when exercising their public health functions and in particular Local Authorities are required to have regard to the Department of Health's Public Health Outcomes Framework.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

- 7.11 Access to outdoor space is not equal across the population of England. National research (CABE, 2010, MENE survey 2017) shows that people living in the most deprived areas and people of Black and Minority Ethnic origin are less likely on average to have access to green areas, with less opportunity to gain the health benefits of green spaces compared to people living in greener, generally more affluent areas. Local research (Ferguson and colleagues, 2018) largely confirms this picture for Bradford District.

7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.21 Provision of green space will be important for future district residents, particularly given the 2019 declaration of climate emergency by the Council and by the West Yorkshire Combined Authority. Demographic, environmental and economic pressures are liable to persist into the mid 21st Century. The report highlights the need to recognise the contribution of green spaces for health outcomes. A sustainability oriented policy approach will ensure that green space is safeguarded for future generations. Green space is increasingly seen as an important protective and resilient infrastructure to buffer populations against climate impacts. Its value will increase as climate impacts worsen.

7.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

- 7.31 Actions to improve utilisation of green spaces may reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Active travel is a low cost abatement option which, if effective could significantly reduce green house gas emissions. Local environmental improvement and social activity to increase active travel are intrinsic to this approach. More broadly, green house gases are embedded in natural assets and degradation of these assets will also result in emissions.

7.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.41 In broad terms, perception of safety and security within residential and community environments can be influenced by proximity and access to good quality green space. It is important that people feel safe in their local green spaces, that they are well-lit and well-maintained this is integral to communities' willingness to use local green assets and to allow children to use them.

7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

- 7.51 None

7.6 TRADE UNION

7.61 None

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

8.1 None

9. OPTIONS

9.1 None provided

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 That the Committee comments as appropriate.

11. APPENDICES

Appendix A- Summary of evidence on the benefits of green space, Born in Bradford.

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Summary of green space research within Bradford:
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The following evidence has been collated over a four year period from communities living in Bradford, with a particular focus on the BD3, BD4 and BD5 areas. We have conducted extensive fieldwork including large scale population surveys using the Born in Bradford cohort (a total of 12,500 mothers, and 13,500 children), bespoke qualitative data collection with families living within multi-ethnic areas across Bradford (over 40 interviews and focus groups), quality assessments of green space using the standardised tool Natural Environment Scoring Tool (over 40 local green spaces audited). Key findings are summarised below.

Green space and health:

The links between green spaces and health are well established.

- In Bradford green spaces has been linked:
 - healthier birth weights[1]
 - reduced risk of depression in pregnant women[2]
 - better mental wellbeing in children aged 4[3]
- The impact of green space tends to be stronger within more deprived groups,[1, 2] indicating that interventions which aim to improve quality and / or use of green space in more deprived areas may reduce health inequalities.

Green space provision and use in Bradford:

In Bradford, our research has shown there is inequity in provision of and use of green spaces across Bradford,

- South Asian families tend to have less green spaces in their local environment,[1, 2] and what there is tends to be of poorer quality.[4]
- South Asian families are less satisfied with their local green spaces than White British Families. [3]
- South Asian children spend less time playing in green spaces than White British children.[3]

Satisfaction with green space:

- Satisfaction with local green spaces is important for explaining positive health outcomes; in Bradford study we found that 4 year old children had greater levels of mental wellbeing when their parents were satisfied with their local green spaces.[3]
- Satisfaction with local green spaces is dependent on both structural features[5] of the park and the wider social context[6], including the behaviour of other groups who are using the park.
- Park characteristics with the greatest impact on satisfaction were:
 - High levels of amenities within the park (e.g. seating, litter bins, shelters, picnic tables, drinking fountains public toilets)
 - Low evidence of anti-social behaviour (e.g. vandalism, littering, dog mess).[5]
- Interpersonal influences on satisfaction with parks included anti-social behaviour (negative influence), and how much parks are used by other community groups (positive influence).[6]

Barriers to green space use:

- Both individual and structural factors influence whether families with young children use local green spaces.[7]

- Different factors influence whether green spaces are used everyday (where proximity to home is important) or for special trips and outings.
- Key barriers and enablers of green space are outlined in Figure 1.

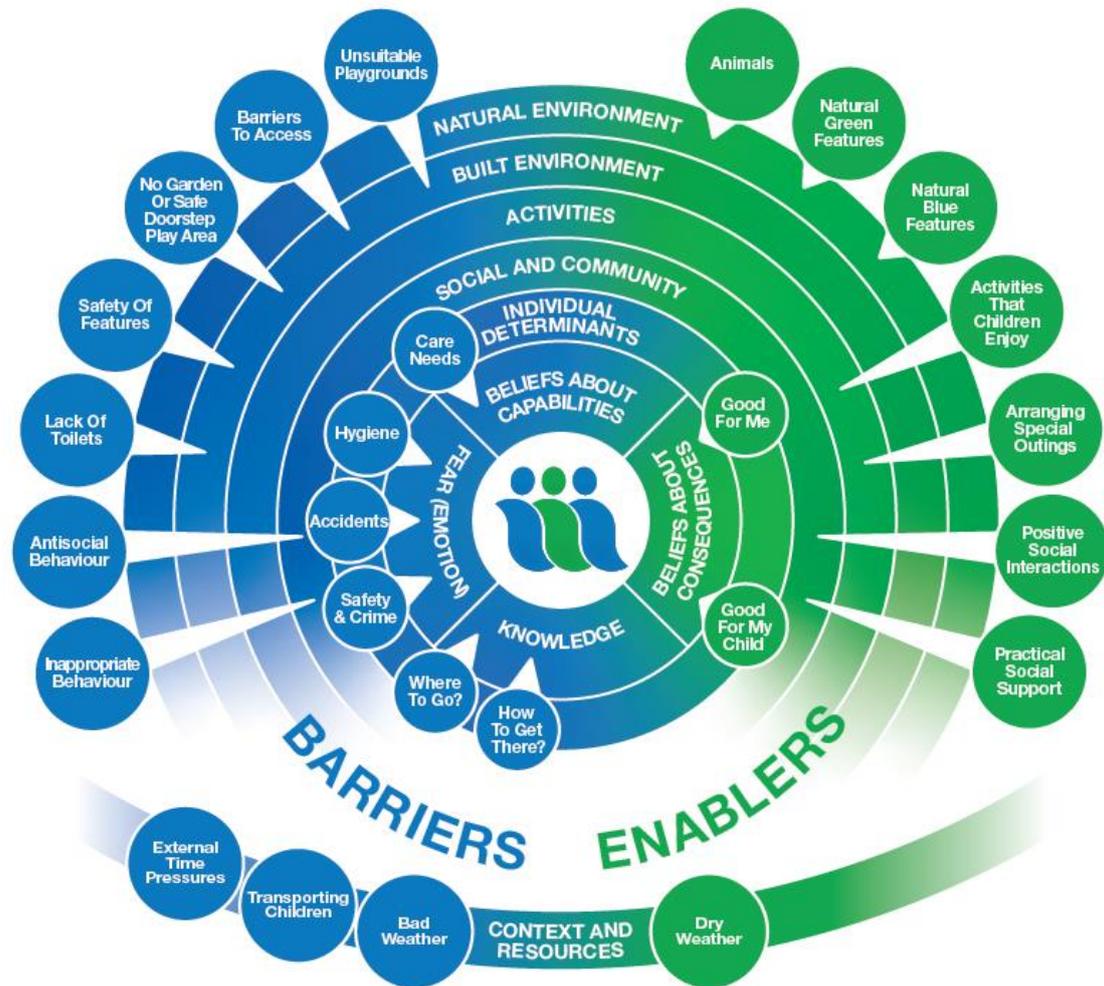


Figure 1. Barriers and enabler to green space use amongst low income, multi-ethnic families

Interventions to improve green space to encourage use[8]:

- There is evidence to suggest that improving the quality of local green spaces can increase use of these spaces. Successful interventions tend to include multiple components including making changes to physical environments (e.g. refurbishment), introducing prompts or cues to encourage use of the refurbished areas (e.g. signage, walking trails) combined with group activities to encourage their use. Successful interventions also tend to include local communities in co-designing local spaces.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS BASED ON EVIDENCE

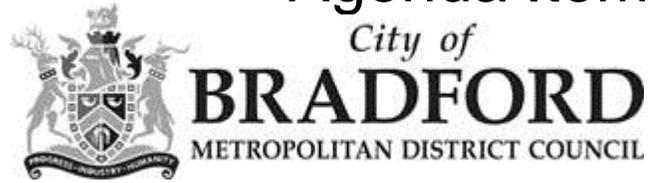
- That structural interventions to improve local green spaces focus on making spaces safe and attractive for families with young children to visit
- That a sustained set of targeted communications and activities are implemented which aim to encourage families to use their local green spaces. These should focus on addressing the key barriers identified above, and should also include:
 - Providing families with information on where local green space are, how to get to them, and what relevant activities can be engaged in with young children in these spaces

- Leading and / or facilitating community events in local green spaces to encourage social support and increase community ownership of local green spaces
- That consideration is given as to how all interventions will impact on, or be impacted by crime and anti-social behaviour and how interventions will impact on the needs of our different park user groups, including young people (adolescents and young adults).
- That interventions and activities are co-produced with members of the local community in order to ensure acceptability and that key barriers as identified above are addressed.

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Report of the Strategic Director of Place to the meeting of Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held on 09th October 2019

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Subject:

Water Management Scrutiny Review- Progress of Recommendations.

Summary statement:

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This report briefly outlines the progress made and the status of each of the twenty-six recommendations in the last 12 months.

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2. BACKGROUND

The floods of December 2015 inundated over 1,000 homes and businesses across a wide swathe of Bradford District and turned the lives of many hundreds of local people upside down. The cost of the damage to residential and commercial property is estimated to have been around £34 million. The broader social, environmental and economic impacts were even greater in scope as residents struggled to cope with the upheaval to their everyday lives through the months that followed.

At its meeting on Tuesday 19 January 2016, Bradford Council agreed that the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee undertake an in-depth scrutiny review of the effectiveness of the Council and its Partners in dealing with the District-wide flooding of December 2015.

Following discussions with Councillors and Officers, it was also agreed that water management across the District should be looked at and that the Environment and Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee should undertake that scrutiny review.

The Environment and Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed its terms of reference for this scrutiny review in April 2016. Specifically, the committee resolved to investigate six key lines of enquiry:

- 1) examine the policies that impact on either the mitigation of flood risk or contribute to that risk;*
- 2) identify potential sources of funding and other resources that could assist in reducing the risk and impact of flooding;*
- 3) develop an action plan to reduce the risk and impact of flooding and use in response to any future incidents;*
- 4) consider future climate change assumptions and their impact on the frequency and severity of flooding incidents;*

5) consider measures which could be taken to reduce the rate of water runoff into the river system;

6) consider the effect of increased flooding risk on proposed development and the effect of proposed and possible future development on run off and flooding risk. ¹

As a result of the review, The Environment and Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee made a total of 26 recommendations for consideration by colleagues. Some of these recommendations are closely linked with each other. The progress made over the previous 12 months on each recommendation under each of the 6 key lines of enquiry is detailed below;

Key Line of Enquiry 1

Examine the policies that impact on either the mitigation of flood risk or contribute to that risk.

Recommendation 1 (mirrors Recommendation 16)

That the Council liaises closely with partner city region authorities to finalise supplementary planning guidance as soon as possible, and that officers quickly finalise a date by when these documents will be published.

The potential to produce Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) to be adopted by Leeds City Region Authorities is a complex matter and was explored with Heads of Planning and Flood Risk Managers within the city region. However, it was recognised that a joint SPD was not the preferred approach as all authorities have differing requirements relating to SUDS. For example, some authorities would prefer to integrate SUDS requirements into other policy documentation rather than adopt a stand-alone SPD.

Consequently, it was recommended, and subsequently agreed, at the Leeds City Region Chief Executive's Meeting on 19 July 2018 to endorse the proposal to update the current SUDS guidance [on a City Region scale] rather than a City Region SPD. It was agreed that Heads of Planning would oversee work to update this document. This approach was subsequently endorsed by West Yorkshire Chief Highway Officers at the Senior Flood Officers Group.

The final draft of the updated guidance was completed in June 2019, and has since been endorsed by the Heads of Planning Group and Senior Flood Officers Group. The draft guidance document is going before the West Yorkshire Combined Authorities Place Panel on the 17th October 2019 and if endorsed it will then go before the Chief Executive's Group on the 24th October 2019. The final sign-off for the document is planned to take place at the West Yorkshire Combined Authorities Committee on the 12th December 2019.

Recommendation 2

That the Council continues to review the development of its 'register of structures or features that affect flood risk'.

It is a statutory requirement of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 that the Council under their role as Lead Local Flood Authority maintain a register of structures that affect flood risk. The Council continue to maintain the register but also identify new assets, that are added to the register, through a range of investigatory measures.

Recommendation 3

That the Council urgently reviews its default policy of non-inspection of the sustainable urban drainage features and flood risk aspects of completed developments, particularly in relation to larger projects and including SUDS already installed to date, in order to ensure that these developments are consistent with our LFRMS; and that the cost of doing so is borne as far as is practicable by the developer.

The Council through its role as Lead Local Flood Authority undertake assessments of drainage design submissions as consultee to the planning process. On giving approval to a drainage design it is unlikely that the Lead Local Flood Authority will inspect the installation of the drainage system due to resource constraints within the service. On larger projects the majority of developments will seek to have the drainage infrastructure (Including SUDS in the form of underground storage pipes) adopted by the statutory sewerage undertaker, Yorkshire Water. In these instances, Yorkshire Water will inspect the installation of the drainage infrastructure. The Council will also inspect the installation of the system through the Highway Development Control Sections Clerk of Works, who will ensure the drainage infrastructure is installed satisfactorily as not to be detrimental to the structural integrity of the highway.

The Council has committed to take on the maintenance of SUDS retention ponds at Manywells (Cullingworth), Black Dyke Mills (Queensbury) and Allerton Lane (Allerton) developments, however maintenance will not be undertaken until the developments have been completed and an initial 12-month maintenance period lapsed. The drainage infrastructure on these site have been inspected at relevant construction stages by the Lead Local Flood Authority. It is expected that the maintenance period for Manywells will conclude in October 2020, for Allerton lane in January 2021 and for Black Dyke Mills in March 2021.

Recommendation 4

That the Council reviews its engagement with communities with a view to ensuring that they are actively involved in the creation and maintenance of SUDS and other flood risk management projects.

The Council is working with local groups and the Aire Rivers and Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trusts (ART and YDRT) on the Aire, Worth and Wharfe catchments to encourage community projects to provide local Flood Risk Management improvements. It is proposed that community engagement, particularly around SUDs within individual properties and businesses will form a part of the Natural Flood Management (NFM) Project on Backstone Beck. In April 2018 Yorkshire Region Flood and Coastal Committee allocated £45k to the Wharfe Flood Partnership for the development of a programme of measures and activities to improve community resilience in the Wharfe catchment through;

- Raising awareness of how rivers work and helping to reduce the risk of flooding
- Raising resilience and preparedness
- Develop and establish a sustainable river stewardship project and plan

Benefits being delivered in Bradford District through £25k of this allocated Local Levy funding to the Addingham 4 Becks group so far include;

- Training of beck stewards at Addingham – from EA and Bradford Metropolitan District Council (BMDC) staff
- Installation of water monitoring on 2 becks in Addingham
- Sustainable Drainage measures installed in schools in Ilkley and Addingham – working with YWS ‘Soak it Up Programme’
- Community drop in events with of themes of ‘Local flood risk & Water Quality’ and ‘Plants & Wildlife’
- Flood risk questionnaire – responses collated & analysed providing a valuable basis of local data

This programme has so far involved partnership members working together to deliver this holistic programme which supports their strategic objectives of community engagement, flood risk management and environmental improvement.

A further £55k bid for Local Levy funding through to 2021/22 has been made through the Wharfe Flood Partnership to build on this community work. The second phase of investment will support;

- Based on monitoring put in place in phase 1, Identification & delivery of viable & effective Sustainable Drainage measures (SuDS) in Addingham and other communities; the engagement done so far has raised local awareness and stimulated interest.
- Identification & delivery of NFM measures in the wider catchment;
- Development of Farm Flood Management Plans for landowners in Wharfedale – building on the work done by YDRT in Wensleydale & in the upper Wharfe catchment.
- Based on monitoring put in place in phase 1, Identification & delivery of viable & effective NFM measures in Addingham and other Wharfedale communities; using experience from the Dales to Vales Rivers Trust (DVRN) NFM Community Project at Collingham.

New initiatives that will be supported by this investment - to be developed by the partnership in 2019/20 & 2020/21;

- Residential Suds - promote & deliver installation of suds in homes across the catchment. Already being promoted in Addingham as a pilot.
- Engage businesses – local and national chains - to install retro-fitted Suds on their premises, partly to widen public awareness.
- Development of Flood Action Group Network, to share good practice and develop detailed Emergency and Flood Action Plans and projects.
- Develop and establish a sustainable River Stewardship project and plan working with DVRN as CaBA hosts and other delivery partners.

Further Local Levy funding (£25k total) was approved by the Council’s Flood Programme Board for stewardship work and Flood Warning Service Awareness raising within the financial year 2017/ 2018 in the Worth valley. This has helped to deliver effective community and corporate river clean ups on the River Worth and North Beck as well as

the provision of fencing to mitigate against future fly tipping. As a direct result of corporate clean up days Morrisons has also contacted Parks & Landscapes to see if they can expand their volunteer work to Bradford's open spaces.

A pilot Natural Flood Management (NFM) project is being progressed on Harden Moor. The project is funded by Leeds City Council and is one of five Aire catchment-wide projects being undertaken. The project was launched in March with the construction of leaky dams. Friends of St Ives volunteers planted trees with the assistance of the Woodlands team before the end of the planting season and further tree planting will be undertaken this coming season. The Countryside & Rights of Way team (CROW) have undertaken footpath works over summer and further works and Sphagnum moss planting will be undertaken this winter.

Three Bradford schools were taken forward as part of Yorkshire Water's 'Soak it Up' programme which implements SuDS in schools. These were Horton Park, Addingham and Sacred Heart Catholic (Ilkley) Primary schools.

The Council are within their third year of the four year **BEGIN** (Blue / Green infrastructure through social innovation) project which was approved in early September 2016 to EU North Sea Region Secretariat; The Lead Partner being the Municipality of Dordrecht in the Netherlands. The project is progressing and will help support the aspirations of the Councils Green Infrastructure Study. The emerging approach in respect of Green Infrastructure and flood risk is based on the creation of a Linear Park along the length of Bradford Beck, restoring the natural character of the beck, retaining areas of natural floodplain, introducing new areas and enhancing existing areas of greenspace whilst incorporating sustainable drainage within new developments. The BEGIN projects also aims to engage with communities to increase awareness of the Beck and its catchment. including innovative ways of involving local communities and groups in the design, delivery and ultimately the maintenance of the project.

The **Horizon 2020 LIFE CRITICAL EU** project is an Environmental climate adaptation project for Horton Park. The Council have secured approx. €490k of match funding to work on Horton Park. The project will demonstrate improved climate change adaptation solutions through blue-green infrastructure in urban areas in combination with the mobilization of the self-organizing capacity of urban communities. Citizen Participation is to be the main driver of the implementation process of climate change adaptation and be innovative. There is also an opportunity to link it to health and wellbeing benefits and activities.

It's also an opportunity for us to implement nature based solutions/climate adaptation in our urban parks and green spaces and replicate what we learn into other areas in Bradford. SuDS (sustainable urban drainage systems) present an opportunity to educate and engage communities in water management and stimulate a greater appreciation and respect for urban water. This could be a valuable learning opportunity for the not only the surrounding community but other communities across the district.

The solutions developed and demonstrated by this project will contribute substantially to climate resilient in urban areas of Bradford. We expect the project will lead to a reduction of floods and an increase in urban safety and attractiveness of cities. Bradford has an opportunity to learn and adopt lessons learnt from other urban area and support our network and partners in the project to spread the results locally, nationally and through city

to city learning across Europe.

Recommendation 5

That the Council ensures that its flood risk management strategy continues to balance the needs of the Aire and Wharfe valley catchments.

The Local Flood Risk Management Strategy is a strategic document to cover Bradford District and its drainage catchments. Objectives within the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy are applicable to the whole of Bradford District and work is ongoing on both the Aire and Wharfe catchments. Section 10 of the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy (Wider Environmental Objectives) is being explored on both the Aire and Wharfe. A NFM project led by the Environment Agency and in conjunction with Bradford Council has started on the Backstone Beck catchment (a tributary of the River Wharfe in Ilkley). The project received an initial £167k and this financial year a further £50k was secured to help advance interventions throughout the catchment (from moorland to urban areas). Flow monitoring (funded through the EU Smart Cities and Open Data Reuse project (SCORE)) has been put in place to establish baseline flow rates on the watercourse and footpath turnbys were installed by the Friends of Ilkley Moor volunteers and the CROW team. Modelling conducted by JBA has identified the interventions that will provide the greatest benefits and ground truthing of locations has been undertaken. Ilkley Moor has constraints due to its status as a site of Special Scientific Interest and its extensive archaeological features. Interventions need to be approved by Natural England and Historic England and work is currently ongoing to deal with assents and consents for the site. Recommendation 4 covers community engagement on the catchment in detail. As also covered in Recommendation 4 a pilot Natural Flood Management (NFM) project is being progressed on Harden Moor and private landowners are being engaged with a view to undertaking NFM interventions on their land.

Key Line of Enquiry 2

Identify potential sources of funding and other resources that could assist in reducing the risk and impact of flooding.

Recommendation 6

That the Council reviews the potential for using funds from the Community Infrastructure Levy for flood alleviation measures.

Community Infrastructure Levy Regulation 123 provides for the Council to set out a list of those projects or types of infrastructure that it intends will be, or may be, wholly or partly funded through the CIL. Local Flood Risk Alleviation is listed as Environmental Improvements but only when the benefits are outside of a specific development. Site specific flood mitigation measures will fall within site specific Section 106 agreements as opposed to CIL.

At the last call for CIL funding, no bid was made for flood risk management works as the schemes within the Councils capital flood risk programme were not at a stage that would have benefited from additional funding. All the schemes were progressing through business cases that were already funded. It is intended to bid for future CIL money to support flood risk management works where necessary in addition to the funding secured and referenced throughout this report.

Recommendation 7

That the Council liaises with other West Yorkshire local authorities to secure funding from the Department of Transport's National Productivity Investment Fund.

This recommendation was completed in last year's report and will therefore not continue to be reported on.

Key Line of Enquiry 3

Develop an action plan to reduce the risk and impact of flooding and use in response to any future incidents

Recommendation 8

That the Council takes steps to ensure that the Environment Agency's new climate change allowances are applied in the preparation of the site allocations development plan to ensure that proper consideration is given to increased flood vulnerability linked to climate change and that identified sites are avoided where appropriate.

The Council have produced an update to its Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) and this will inform the flood risk aspects and policies of the site allocations process. The updated SFRA has been provided as part of the evidence base for the recent Core Strategy Review. The latest climate change allowances have been considered to identify flood risk extents from all sources of flooding.

Recommendation 9

That the Council reviews the actions necessary for it to ensure that land required for current and future flood management is protected from development in order to mitigate the impacts of climate change.

The Council have produced an update to its Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) and this will inform the flood risk aspects and policies of the site allocations process. The updated SFRA has been provided as part of the evidence base for the recent Core Strategy Review. The latest climate change allowances have been considered when identifying and allocating land as functional floodplain.

Furthermore, Policy EN7 of the Councils Core Strategy, includes provisions to 'Safeguard areas which have the potential to increase flood storage provision and improve defences within the Rivers Aire and Wharfe corridors' and 'The Council will not permit development in areas which within the functional floodplain (Flood Zone 3b) as defined in the most up-to-date SFRA with the exception of water compatible uses and essential infrastructure'.

Recommendation 10

That the Council reviews its record to date in enabling community engagement around the challenges of water management and flooding and explores the options for developing more resilient local networks in future years.

It was reported last year that the Council had produced a flood information packs which includes a laminated leaflet providing advice on what to do when a local flood warning is in place, when flooding is happening and recovering from flooding. It was also reported that the Council had been working extensively with Local Councils to voluntarily develop their

Emergency and Flood plans. This also included providing resources such as Flood Sacks and Radios for communities to use as part of their Emergency and Flood plan response.

Over the last year, using Local Levy money granted through the Yorkshire Regional Flood and Coastal Committee, the Council have purchased a flood forecasting application called Meniscus MAP Rain. The application enables the Council to look at patterns of historical rainfall events in the district where we know that we have experienced historical flooding issues and forecast the progression of rainfall events in the future providing user defined forecast rainfall alerts. The product will assist the Council to identify where localised events are most likely to occur and therefore where to prioritise and target activities such as gully and trash screen clearance prior to a forecasted event and where Council resources may need to be focussed during an event. The tool will also be used to alert Parish and Town Councils or groups that hold Community Emergency and Flood Plans, and residents in known hotspot areas of surface water flood risk therefore continuing to build on and support community resilience to flooding.

The Environment Agency utilise a river level gauge network to understand current and future flood risk on main rivers. Unfortunately, the network does not cover ordinary watercourses, the Environment Agency are at capacity in terms of main river gauges and have no funding available to progress community owned telemetry provision in Bradford District. Goose Eye in Oakworth, Keighley is a hamlet that was heavily impacted by a combination of watercourse and surface water flooding in December 2015 and as such. The Bradford Flood Programme Board have approved funding for a community led monitoring system to be installed so that the residents themselves can monitor water levels. The level monitoring will be used in combination with the Meniscus MAP Rain product to give us a better understanding of how reactive the watercourse catchment is and for residents to take an active role in flood resilience and recovery.

Recommendation 11

That the Council works closely with Yorkshire Water to identify key places where surface water drainage problems exist in order to ensure that its action-planning delivers early, tangible results for our community.

Yorkshire Water are a member of the Bradford Flood Programme Board and are represented within the various sub groups that develop the capital flood risk works programme and flood resilience initiatives. The Council have also worked in collaboration with Yorkshire Water and the Environment Agency to identify flood risk prone areas and these have been included within the Price Review 19 submission to OFWAT.

Recommendation 12

That Yorkshire Water and the Environment Agency undertake a full investigation of possible sewage-related pollution sources in the Bradford Beck catchment in the next investment cycle (AMP7, which starts with PR19).

Yorkshire Water have a programme of works from 2015 to 2020 to deliver 100% event duration monitoring of waste water storm discharges across Yorkshire, the relevant data from which will inform the investigation into Bradford Beck.

Following campaigning, Yorkshire Water are required to carry out two investigations of the Bradford sewer system in the next business cycle; these will start in in April 2020. The first is called "Bradford Beck catchment investigation" and The objective of this catchment

scale study is to understand the polluting inputs to the Bradford Beck system and their impact on the ecology, working in partnership with local interest groups, and to produce a detailed strategy for reducing pollution and improving ecological status.

The second study is to analyse whether the system meets the standards for intermittent discharges (ie in wet weather) and will be done by numerical model of the response of the system. Both of these projects are investigations. It may be the business cycle later (2025-29) that any significant improvements are made.

To compliment this work, the Council are partners in the Interreg North Sea Region SCORE project that is a wide ranging smart cities project looking at using / reusing data and open data to provide efficiencies in public sector delivery. At the moment the Council are scoping monitoring devices and systems in order to determine pollution levels in watercourse such as Bradford Beck. The Council are in discussion with Bradford College, Friends of Bradford's Becks and Yorkshire Water about future Beck monitoring including pollution monitoring. This aligns with Yorkshire Water's proposals for their Bradford Beck Catchment Investigation.

Key Line of Enquiry 4

Consider future climate change assumptions and their impact on the frequency and severity of flooding incidents.

Recommendation 13

That the Council urgently reviews both capital and revenue funding streams for maintaining council-owned drainage systems and watercourses/ rivers in order to ensure that we deal with the rise in water flows and levels associated with climate change.

The Drainage Section do not receive capital funding to undertake maintenance works on council owned drainage infrastructure. The responsibility of drainage infrastructure will depend on which department or service manages the function of each individual asset. The Drainage Section is working with the Environment Agency, Yorkshire Water and other organisations to identify and progress flood risk schemes within their capital works programme to address property flooding, and is actively looking for match funding to reduce the pressure on existing drainage systems. The Councils Capital Flood Risk Programme is included within Appendix 1 for information. This shows where flood risk studies are been progressed in the district.

The Highway Service manages a range of existing drainage infrastructure including assets such as the carrier drains that serve the highways, road gullies, road side ditches, drainage outfalls, and culverted watercourses that pass under the highway. Various budgets are used to maintain these assets depending on which Highway Section has responsibility for them. These base budgets have decreased over the last few years due to the spending constraints the Council is facing. Some sections are reported to use revenue budget to undertake emergency maintenance projects however no capital budget is available to implement a periodic asset maintenance programme.

With a reduction in base budgets for maintenance the Highways Service have applied for other funding streams that have been managed by the Department of Transport (DfT). In the year 2017/ 18 a total of £550k was drawn down from the National Productivity Investment Fund to spend on local drainage infrastructure improvements.

The Council were successful in obtaining £2.7m of the £420m national DfT Additional Highway Maintenance fund 2018/19. This was split across all assets with the majority currently being spent on carriageway resurfacing and structures. £40k was allocated to 'Shipleigh type' gully replacement and £50k for culvert investigations/repairs in Oakworth Road.

The DfT recently announced a £98m Local Highway Maintenance Challenge Fund 2019/20 where individual authorities can bid for up to £5m. That bid is being co-ordinated by Wakefield on behalf of WY. Again, it's a cross-asset bid for Bradford with the majority for structures and carriageway resurfacing. Successful bids are due to be announced at the end of Dec 2019. For Shipleigh and Keighley constituencies, we have included the following in the bid:

1. £100k for Oakworth Road culvert works should the £50k not cover it. Should the cost of the works be less than the £50k this could be allocated to other 'drainage' work.
2. £20k for culvert replacement in Redcar Lane, Steeton.
3. £20k for culvert replacement in Carr Lane, Micklethwaite.
4. £40k for further 'Shipleigh' type gully replacements

The maintenance works funding by these two funding streams would not have been undertaken within the base budget allocations. The Council will therefore continue to monitor the release of other relevant funding streams to be used for drainage maintenance works but at present no further funding streams have been released by the Department of Transport.

Recommendation 14

That the Council continues to update its LFRMS to take account of the disproportionate impacts that arise from the growing risk of flooding events related to climate change.

It is a legislative requirement to update the LFRMS in line with the current six-year cycle for flood risk management. The LFRMS is up to date in accordance with current climate change guidelines but is a living document and will be reviewed accordingly. Specific actions (and examples of current working practice) within the LFRMS will be reviewed in the next update.

Recommendation 15

That the Council updates its LFRMS to incorporate the development of 'bottomup' actions to support sustainable drainage, mitigate the risk of flooding and enable communities to recover from flooding events.

It is a legislative requirement to update the LFRMS in line with the current six-year cycle for flood risk management. Specific actions (and examples of current working practice) within the LFRMS will be reviewed in the next update.

Key Line of Enquiry 5

Consider measures which could be taken to reduce the rate of water runoff into the river system.

Recommendation 16 (mirrors Recommendation 1)

That the Council publishes minimum design standards (in the form of supplementary planning guidance) so that developers and their consultants are clear on the standards required for acceptable planning applications in relation to water runoff and sustainable urban drainage systems, and seeks to ensure that this process is completed by the end of April 2018.

The potential to produce Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) to be adopted by Leeds City Region Authorities is a complex matter and was explored with Heads of Planning and Flood Risk Managers within the city region. However, it was recognised that a joint SPD was not the preferred approach as all authorities have differing requirements relating to SUDS. For example, some authorities would prefer to integrate SUDS requirements into other policy documentation rather than adopt a stand-alone SPD.

Consequently, it was recommended, and subsequently agreed, at the Leeds City Region Chief Executive's Meeting on 19 July 2018 to endorse the proposal to update the current SUDS guidance [on a City Region scale] rather than a City Region SPD. It was agreed that Heads of Planning would oversee work to update this document. This approach was subsequently endorsed by West Yorkshire Chief Highway Officers at the Senior Flood Officers Group.

The final draft of the updated guidance was completed in June 2019, and has since been endorsed by the Heads of Planning Group and Senior Flood Officers Group. The draft guidance document is going before the West Yorkshire Combined Authorities Place Panel on the 17th October 2019 and if endorsed it will then go before the Chief Executive's Group on the 24th October 2019. The final sign-off for the document is planned to take place at the West Yorkshire Combined Authorities Committee on the 12th December 2019.

Recommendation 17

That the Council engages proactively with partner organisations to identify opportunities for additional Natural Flood Management projects across the District (such as in the Clayton Beck catchment).

The Council are working with the Leeds Flood Alleviation Scheme Phase 2 (Leeds FAS2) project team, in partnership with the Environment Agency, to develop a catchment wide approach to reducing flood risk. This includes Natural Flood Management (NFM) measures on the upper and mid stretches of the River Aire as an integral part of phase 2 of the scheme. The scheme is identifying with landowners, which land is suitable for NFM measures. Also as part of the scheme, potential areas have been identified and shared with partners and the Leeds FAS2 project team. A substantial land bank is required to deliver the Leeds FAS NFM programme, and requires a significant amount of buy in from numerous landowners. The Leeds FAS2 project team are very keen to continue to work with large landowners throughout the River Aire Catchment and have continuously engaged with the Council on the potential to implement NFM measures within the district.

A pilot NFM project is being progressed on Harden Moor where the Council are landowners and are key partners in the design and delivery of the project. Private landowners are being engaged with a view to undertaking NFM interventions on their land and expanding the scope of the project.

The NFM project on Backstone Beck is covered in detail in recommendation 5.

Recommendation 18

That the Council works jointly with Friends of Bradford's Becks on water management projects in the Canal Road area.

Each year the Council take a report of the Strategic Director of Place to the meeting of Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee that outlines the ongoing partnership work with the Friends of Bradford's Becks (FOBB). The last report was presented at the 16th April 2019 meeting and below are a description of ongoing water management projects.

Friends of Bradford's Becks have been engaged by the Council in discussions with the West Yorkshire Transport Fund scheme along the Shipley and Canal Road Corridor. The renaturalisation of sections of Bradford Beck along this corridor is a joint key aspiration of the Councils and FOBB and work to achieve this is a priority. As the highway scheme has progressed it has become increasingly clear that it has overlaps in the objectives with the renaturalisation of Bradford Beck.

Furthermore, as discussed in previous reports, following the floods of December 2015 it was recognised that there was a need for a long term strategic approach to managing flood risk and associated environmental impacts across the Bradford district. In identifying this need the Council worked with the Environment Agency to scope and develop a Bradford Flood Programme Board. The Programme Board were able to secure local levy funding from the Yorkshire Regional Flood and Coastal Committee to help deliver a range of aspirations and the following pieces of work have been funded through this governance structure within the financial year 2018/ 19.

Following the success of the River Stewardship pilot project in 2016/17 and 2017/18, in collaboration with FOBB and the Aire Rivers Trust, further funding was secured to appoint a Project Officer to work with the Aire Rivers Trust. The post was filled in February 2018 and is funded currently until the end of the financial year. The Project Officer has assisted with the River Aire Care Project with an aim in creating a sustainable and active network of citizens looking after Bradford's rivers and supporting flood resilience activities on behalf of the community.

Recommendation 19

That the Council works with partner organisations to gather together existing knowledge and practice of Natural Flood Management in the form of a 'best practice manual' in order to engage the community and guide implementation of these kind of measures.

The Council is currently working with other signatories of the White Rose Forest (WRF) to design the Harden Moor Pilot Natural Flood Management project and are part of the project team for the NFM scheme to be implemented on the Backstone Beck Tributary on Ilkley Moor. This is in the River Wharfe catchment. The project in Ilkley has secured £167K of DEFRA NFM funding. The approaches we are looking to implement on the moor (slowing the flow, drainage reversal, sphagnum translocation, increasing tree cover and additional environmental benefits of increased biodiversity, active blanket bog management and re-wetting areas of the moor) are all replicable on other catchments in the District and beyond. These projects will help the Council broaden its knowledge and understanding of NFM and how the multiple measures can benefit the catchment by reducing water flows but also increase biodiversity and community engagement.

A best practice manual in regards to Natural Flood Management has been put together by the Yorkshire Dales National Park and this is regular used by the Council in pursuing NFM opportunities. A link to the guide is below;

http://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/data/assets/pdf_file/0003/1010991/11301_flood_management_guide_WEBx.pdf

Recommendation 20

That the Council adopts a ‘whole catchment’ approach to reducing water runoff, in conjunction with neighbouring local authorities (particularly Leeds, but also those ‘upstream’ of our District) and partner agencies.

The whole catchment approach is central to any schemes being discussed and funding bids are increasingly being submitted on a catchment-wide basis encompassing multiple projects through a number of local authority administrative areas.

The Bradford Aire Flood Alleviation Study was commissioned by the Bradford Flood Programme Board and has investigated the use of direct interventions and more catchment wide solutions to reduce flood risk for communities along the River Aire including Keighley, Bingley, Baildon, Shipley and Apperley Bridge. The study has investigated the use of upstream storage solutions within Craven and the western parts of the district at reducing flood levels along the River Aire. The early results show levels can be reduced however the cost of implementing these measures are proportionally high and therefore current funding arrangements sourced through DEFRA do not fully fund any of the measures. Further catchment wide discussion are now taking place with the Environment Agency to see where multi benefit schemes across the catchment could help fill the funding gaps.

The Council are a member of the River Wharfe Flood Partnership which is a group that includes The Environment Agency, Yorkshire Water, Yorkshire Dales River Trust, Leeds City Council and North Yorkshire Council. The Partnership has been recently successful in securing £55k of Local Levy monies from the Yorkshire Region flood and Coastal Committee to continue to drive a programme of works that involves partnership members working together to deliver strategic objectives of community engagement, flood risk management and environmental improvements. The measures to achieve this will include raising awareness of how rivers work and helping to reduce the risk of flooding, raising resilience and preparedness and developing a sustainable river stewardship project and plan.

Recommendation 21

That the Council incorporates the ‘Green Streets’ approach in its planning process and infrastructure development schemes.

The Council are currently developing a ‘Housing Design Guide’ and ‘Street Design Guide’ that will emphasise the importance and specify the use of Blue Green Infrastructure and Green Street Initiatives within developments. The Housing Design Guide is currently out for consultation and the Street Design Guide will be proposed for adoption as a Supplementary Planning Documents in 2020.

Furthermore, Policy SC6 of the Councils Core Strategy, includes provisions to provide clearer direction to new development in contributing towards linking areas and corridors of Green Infrastructure. The policy also now provides for further strategic information on Green Infrastructure as it provides a common thread that links other important issues in the Core Strategy including: local resilience to climate change (in relation to the provision of flood water storage, sustainable drainage and urban cooling), sustainable transport and housing, leisure and tourism, health and well-being and making space for water.

Also within Policy SC6 the River Corridors of the Aire and Wharfe and the South Pennine Moors are identified as strategic Green Infrastructure assets due to the opportunities offered to enhance the living landscape as a resource for people and wildlife and to address future needs for flood alleviation, water management, carbon capture and recreation.

Recommendation 22

That the Council identifies future opportunities where it can show leadership in reducing and slowing water flow by its own actions, such as in the road and cycle path engineering schemes that it designs and through its ongoing refurbishment of the Council estate (possible measures may include controlling roof drainage by disconnecting building drains from the sewer system and installing planters, soakaways and green roofs).

The West Yorkshire Transport Fund projects currently include highway improvements works in Great Horton, New line Junction, Hard Ings, Keighley and Canal Road. The design and implementation of the drainage solutions that serve these scheme are all being delivered, in-house, by the Drainage Department. As a result, all these highway schemes incorporate measures to reduce quantities of surface water runoff from the new carriageway areas through the use of SuDS.

The Housing Section have delivered a number of residential sites within the district that include a range of sustainable drainage systems. Cliffe Lane in Baildon includes individual infiltration structures that serve each dwelling and the adopted highway drains to an infiltration swale. Both the Bronte School and Braithwaite School housing developments incorporate measures to reduce quantities of surface water runoff from the new carriageway and dwelling areas through the use of SuDS.

Three recent school expansion projects at Immanuel College, Ilkley Grammar and Poplars Park have installed underground surface water storage facilities to manage the rate in which surface water leaves the site ensuring flood risk downstream is not increased.

Recommendation 23

That the Council considers either (a) signing up to the 'Blue and Green Infrastructure' declaration issued by Newcastle City Council and five partner agencies in February 2016 or (b) issuing its own declaration in order to aid the prioritisation of Blue-Green infrastructure in managing flood risk across Bradford District.

The Councils promotion of Blue Green Infrastructure is discussed in detail within recommendation 4 in the description of the EU BEGIN project.

Furthermore, Policy SC6 of the Councils Core Strategy, includes provisions to provide strategic information on Green Infrastructure as it provides a common thread that links other important issues in the Core Strategy including: local resilience to climate change (in relation to the provision of flood water storage, sustainable drainage and urban cooling). The policy aspires to create space for both green and blue (ie water-based) infrastructure within the city centre, the Canal Road Corridor and elsewhere within the densely developed urban area will form an essential element in the District's approach. The policy recognises that space for water can manage flood risk, improve water quality and access to waterways, support regeneration and provide wetland habitats and landscape enhancement.

Recommendation 24

That the Council investigates what more it can do to promote community and individual awareness of what can be done locally to reduce water runoff and flooding risk.

See Recommendation 4 & 5. All community engagement is covering all aspects of Flood and Water Management from awareness raising to river stewardship and riparian and individual citizen responsibilities.

Key Line of Enquiry 6

Consider the effect of increased flooding risk on proposed development and the effect of proposed and possible future development on run off and flooding risk.

Recommendation 25

That the Council incorporates sustainable urban drainage messages and policies into its broader community engagement, such as the benefits of permeable driveways, along the lines of the Ten Point Plan produced by Friends of Bradford's Becks.

See Recommendation 4 & 5. All community engagement is covering all aspects of Flood and Water Management from awareness raising to river stewardship and riparian and individual citizen responsibilities.

Recommendation 26

That Bradford Council's Environment and Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee receives a report back before the end of April 2018 which monitors progress against all the recommendations contained within this scrutiny review.

This recommendation was completed in last year's report and will therefore not continue to be reported on.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

DEFRA- The Surface Water Management Action Plan

The Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) published The Surface Water Management Action Plan (SWMAP) and it set out the steps the government is taking, with others risk management authorities such as Local Authorities, to manage the risk of surface water flooding. The SWMAP fulfils a commitment in the 2016 National Flood Resilience Review to consider issues related to surface water, and follows

from the inclusion of surface water flooding in a metropolitan area as a new risk in the National Risk Register. The SWMAP covers a number of actions to both improve our understanding of the risks and strengthen delivery. This includes improving surface water flood risk mapping nationally, so that households, businesses and local government can take fully informed decisions. This will be strengthened in Bradford by the further detailed surface water studies we are undertaking as described in the following item of this briefing note.

The SWMAP reaffirms the Council's responsibilities as Lead Local Flood Authorities (LLFAs) on having a leadership role on surface water flooding. In having this role, we have a duty to develop and maintain an Asset Register that includes mapping of relevant infrastructure that plays a role in surface water management. This Asset Register is managed and maintained by the Drainage Team. The SWMAP includes a commitment from Government to help improve Asset Registers where required.

The SWMAP aims to develop new guidance for Lead Local Flood Authorities on local flood risk management strategies, including how they fit with other plans and strategies. Within the Council, following the release of the SWMAP, a range of services have met under a new group called the 'Surface Water Management Group'. This group includes representatives from the Drainage, Emergency Planning and Highway Maintenance teams and it discusses the various work streams that are ongoing, and developing around surface water management. One of the first pieces of work the group is developing is the production of an integrated surface water management application that will allow relevant services to monitor relevant data sets to improve our knowledge of localised surface water issues, but also improve our response to surface water flooding incidents. The new application will be built by our GIS team and will hopefully be operational in early 2019. This will also be strengthened by other datasets the Council are looking to use on surface water flood forecasting. Currently the Met Office forecasts are only regional whilst we know surface water flooding is much more localised. We are hoping to combine all the relevant data sets available to allow us to make more accurate assessments to where surface water flooding issues might occur.

The SWMAP identifies a need to build capacity within Local Authorities for them to be able to adapt to the challenges of surface water management by advising the local government sector and identifying local authorities in need of priority support. The SWMAP commits government to review the funding sources which are available for surface water risk management and consider whether the funding mechanisms are appropriate. Funding constraints are further discussed in a separate item within this briefing note.

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

Recommendations 6 of the adopted Water Management Scrutiny Review relate to the potential for using funds from the Community Infrastructure Levy for flood alleviation measures.

Recommendation 13 asks for an urgent review of capital and revenue funding streams for maintaining council-owned drainage systems and watercourses/rivers in order to respond effectively to the rise in river flows and levels associated with climate change.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

If there are no significant risks arising out of the implementation of the proposed recommendations it should be stated but only on advice of the Assistant Director Finance and Procurement and the City Solicitor.

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

➤ None

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

None

7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

➤ None

7.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

➤ None

7.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

➤ None

7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

➤ None

7.6 TRADE UNION

➤ None

7.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

The winter 2015 floods affected several areas and communities across the District, which include: • Bingley; • Bingley Rural; • Craven; • Ilkley; • Wharfedale; • Shipley; • Baildon; • Idle and Thackley; • Keighley East. • Worth Valley.

7.8 IMPLICATIONS FOR CORPORATE PARENTING

None

7.9 ISSUES ARISING FROM PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

None

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

None

9. OPTIONS

The report seeks to update members on progress achieved on the recommendations of the Water Management Scrutiny Review. Members are asked to consider the report and provide views and comments.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee receives a report back before the end of October 2020 which monitors progress against the recommendations contained within the Water Management Scrutiny Review.

Recommendations 7 and 26 will be removed from any subsequent report as they have been completed.

11. APPENDICES

11.1 Bradford Councils Capital Flood Risk Programme

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Water Management Scrutiny Review Report

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Report of the Strategic Director of Place to the meeting of Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held on 9th October 2019

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Subject:

CULTURAL STRATEGY UPDATE

Summary statement:

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To give members opportunity to input to the brief for development of a new Cultural Strategy in light of these successes and plans.

To give members an overview of work and achievements in the cultural sector since the last time Culture was reported to this Committee.

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1. SUMMARY

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2. BACKGROUND

2.1 A number of significant development have taken place since culture was last reported to this committee including:

- Increased Arts Council England (ACE) investment has been made in Bradford through creation of three new National Portfolio Organisations from April 2018 - 2022.
- Unsuccessful bid for Great Exhibition of the North leading to programme investment from ACE and legacy funding into the District.
- Success of bid for Bradford Live via an independent trust partnering with Bradford Council.
- Culture identified as major priority in economic regeneration by Bradford Council and in the new Economic Strategy 2018.
- A bid was made for support for culture from WYCA funds for three years 2018-2021. One year of funds was awarded.
- ACE announced opportunity for places in the lowest quartile of the UK Active Lives survey to bid for a new round of it's Creative People and Places (CPP) funding in Autumn 2018. A bid was developed and as part of this work a review took place for the potential for Bradford to bid to be UK City of Culture 2025 and the capacity of both Council and Cultural Sector.
- ACE made a call-out for place-based proposals to create new national pilot(s) for Performing Arts Producing Hubs.
- A recent direction of travel report was agreed with Executive to develop new independent governance for the cultural sector, position the Council as facilitators and supporters, invest in growing capacity in the sector, bid for CPP, bid for Producing Hub and bid for City of Culture 2025.
- This new approach has led to immediate success and developed substantial momentum with the award of £1.5m of ACE funds to make Bradford one of UK's first Producing Hubs and the award of £2m of ACE funds to Bradford for Creative People and Places.

2.2 Bradford Cultural Place Partnership

- 2.2.1 A Cultural Place Partnership has been created in the last year to provide arms-length strategic direction, focus and support for the work on culture, working with a new formal network of culture organisations, including the Bradford Cultural Voice. Both the Cultural Place Partnership and Cultural Voice were instrumental in securing £1.5m for the Production Hub and £2m for Creative People & Places. Funds drawn from the Business Rates Pool have been used to support these bids. In both cases the initial local investment has also been a catalyst to lever in significant external funding from regional partners.
- 2.2.2 Cultural Place Partnership is chaired by the Leader of Bradford Council. The Partnership includes senior representatives of Bradford University, Bradford College, 2 representatives from the cultural sector (nominated by the Bradford Cultural Voice), Bradford Council Chief Executive and senior figures from Arts Council England and National Lottery Heritage Fund. It will be joined by the lead for the CPP programme and the Interim Chair of the City of Culture Bid.
- 2.2.3 The Bradford Cultural Place Partnership has taken the first steps to build a credible bid for City of Culture 2025. The intention to launch a bid was announced on the 29th July 2019 and a formal launch will take place on 26th September 2019 in Bradford and London. There has been a very positive response to this announcement from media, business, health partners and the cultural sector. Recruitment is underway to appoint a Bid Director. An independent City of Culture Trust is being created to run the Bid. The Chief Executive of Bradford Community Broadcasting, Mary Dowson BEM, has agreed to initially chair the Trust.

2.3 Cultural Voice Forum

- 2.3.1 Following a tender process, The Brick Box has been appointed to an initial 2-year contract to bring together the independent cultural sector in Bradford and organise a small number of capacity building events. A newsletter is being established and the first formal meeting of The Bradford Cultural Voice took place on 12th September 2019. The Voice will elect two representatives to the Cultural Place Partnership. Rosie Freeman and Al Dix were interim volunteers to take on this role. Year one 2019/20 is supported by £20,000 West Yorkshire Business Rates Pool (WYBRP) funding.

2.4 Bradford Producing Hub (BPH)

- 2.4.1 Theatre in the Mill and a consortium of cultural organisations in Bradford were successful in being awarded £1.5 million as one of only two national pilots for Performing Arts Producing Hubs. The investment of £120,000 partnership match from Bradford Council was critically important. An inception meeting has taken place with Arts Council England. This is an important step forward in addressing capacity in the city and in repositioning Bradford as a leader in culture and performing arts excellence nationally.

2.5 Creative People and Places – The Leap

- 2.5.1 An independent consortium led by Born in Bradford has been successful in a bid to

ACE Creative People and Places programme on behalf of the district, which has levered £2m of ACE funding and £1m of funds from others over a four year period November 2019-October 2023 and create a significant change in participation in arts and culture in some of the district's most deprived and under-provided communities.

- 2.5.2 THE LEAP mission is to **'empower the different people in our place to come together to lead in the creation of a new and excellent programme of art and culture'** that will bring segregated communities together, share stories of the many people who call Bradford home and platform our white working class, Muslim, Hindu and other cultures making a significant contribution to the Creative Case for Diversity.
- 2.5.3 The investment will benefit all of the district, leading to new events and activities for everyone to participate in and enjoy, however it will focus its work on some of the most disadvantaged areas of Bradford where opportunities to engage with arts and culture are scarce and current levels of participation are low. In the first four years activity will concentrate in Manningham, Bradford Moor, Tong, City, Keighley West and Central. Bid and award are contingent on leverage funds from Bradford Council and West Yorkshire Business Rates Pool (WYBRP).
- 2.5.4 The Leap aims to make measurable change in individual values and attitudes towards arts and culture alongside substantial overall increase in participation and engagement, targeting 100,000 attendances/participations across 4 years, plus wider extended reach via broadcast partnerships with BBC/online projects.
- 2.5.5 The Leap has an ambitious 10-year vision:
- More people engaged and enriched in a wide range of arts and cultural activity; more confident, more hopeful and with increased social capital
 - Bradford to have new and positive narratives with culture evidenced as part of every strategic agenda
 - Bradford's art, arts organisations, cultural leaders and audiences to be representative of its young 50% BAME population.

2.6 New Cultural Strategy 2020-2030

- 2.6.1 The existing Bradford Council Cultural Strategy, **'A LEADING CULTURAL CITY'** is set to expire in 2024. Whilst its priorities continue to guide current Council investments in partner organisations activities it is clear that the landscape and opportunities have changed significantly for the City.
- 2.6.2 Bradford does benefit from some investment by Arts Council England. However, despite being the 5th largest local authority by population in England, ACE investment is ranked only 78th out of 180 authorities. Bradford has few professional arts spaces and only eleven ACE National Portfolio Organisations (NPO's), with just one NPO in visual arts and one in dance. Whilst there were new NPOs for the Literature Festival, Bronte Society and Common Wealth in 2018/19, the city still has no major producing theatre or music NPO.
- 2.6.3 Audience Agency data for Creative People and Places shows that 53% of the district population are in the lowest / least engaged Culture Segments compared to

an England average of 33%. 80% of the people in the 12 most deprived wards of Bradford are in these lowest engaged Culture Segments.

2.6.4 The immediate success (CPP and BPH) of the new approach emerging through the direction of travel work, with Bradford Council as enabler of a more confident cultural sector with its own independent governance means that the District is at a tipping point regarding culture and in turn, the way it is perceived and its ability to compete as a major UK city.

2.6.5 A new Cultural Strategy is now required to reflect this change and be owned by both Council and Cultural Place Partnership. It should support our new economic plan and link to the new ten-year strategies for Arts Council England and National Lottery Heritage Fund. It needs to include the bid to be UK City of Culture 2025 and the longer-term plans for success of the cultural sector. This strategy should also include future plans for Bradford's Museums and Libraries. Developing the strategy will commence in October 2019 with the aim for a new ten-year strategy 2020-2030 to be launched in summer 2020. We have already gained support from Arts Council England of £20,000 and will make an application to the National Lottery Heritage Fund for a £10,000 contribution to this work.

2.7 City of Culture 2025

2.7.1 The Council Executive has agreed to support the proposal for a City of Culture 2025 bid by the Cultural Sector, which will be through a purpose built trust. A paper to understand the process and purpose is detailed in Appendix 4 and the finance approved by the Council is contained in Appendix 3 of this report.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

3.1 Strategic Leverage and Consultancy support for Cultural Sector

Improved horizon scanning, supporting independent organisations and new vehicles to lead bids with city support is already reaping rewards e.g. Creative People and Places (CPP), which can only be achieved if funding is made available when opportunities arise to add as match funding for future strategic applications and lever further new investment into Bradford for arts, culture, heritage, museums and libraries.

3.2 South Square Arts Centre – Fit for the Future

Plans for major capital refurbishment and 3-year arts & heritage programme of activity are well advanced. (Match funding is being provided by: Arts Council England (ACE), National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) and Garfield Weston Foundation. Total project value is £916k of which £70K is being requested from Bradford Council (7% of total cost). The bid to the NLHF will be submitted in early November 2019. Award is contingent on funds from Bradford Council and other partners. The project will deliver a Bradford Council's Community Asset Transfer and enhance South Square Centre's role in Bradford Council's Hub & Spoke cultural infrastructure, boosting Bradford's Bronte story/tourism offer and contributing to the bid for UK City of Culture 2025.

3.3 The Council has started the recruitment for a post of Libraries, Museums and

Galleries Manager and Cultural Partnerships Manager with the later to operate at a higher level with a strategic brief in support of this new way of working. The role will support the Cultural Place Partnership and lead the Council's engagement with the DCMS & ACE.

- 3.4 The work undertaken by the Council's Cultural Services is highlighted in Appendix 2 of this report and is for members information and consideration.

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

- 4.1 The three-year investment requirement is £1,435,000 and is itemised in Appendix 3. The initial investment made utilising Bradford Council and business rates pool monies has already leveraged significant external funding and this investment will enable further external funds to be secured.
- 4.2 In 2018 Bradford received funding for cultural activity from the West Yorkshire Business Rates Pool. These funds have been used to offset the initial costs of bidding for City of Culture 2025, to support the delivery of the Producing Hub and Creative People and Places and to establish the Cultural Voice Network.
- 4.3 The recommended allocation of funds for the bid for City of Culture status is based on examples of City of Culture elsewhere and commensurate with the size and ambition of Bradford is £575,000 over 3 years to cover staffing, external expertise, marketing and advanced events.
- 4.4 It is anticipated on the basis of the experience of other cities, that private and business sponsorship will make a significant investment in both the bidding process and delivery of the year of culture if successful. The Council will continue to bid for other sources of external funding e.g. through ACE, NLHF, LCR LEP, the North and West Yorkshire Business Rates Pool, etc.
- 4.5 Whilst it is a requirement of any successful bid to have an independent delivery vehicle, the Council has an important part to play as an 'accountable body' supporting the bid and contracting with a company to undertake delivery. It will also have roles to play in city readiness, health and safety and running its own events in Council venues. Hull saw a major increase in visitor numbers to its museums and galleries as a result of the successful bid.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

- 5.1 Each competition for UK City of Culture has had around 12 cities bidding, with 4 or 5 shortlisted and 1 winner. Competition is intense and success not guaranteed. However, many bidding cities have gone on to achieve significant development and long-term gain through the journey – examples include: Norwich, Sunderland, Dundee and Leicester.
- 5.2 It is intended that through an advanced programme of events, marketing of Bradford and cultural engagement with communities, we will also deliver benefits through the bidding process itself – regardless of the final outcome.

- 5.3 Coventry (who have the successful designation for the next City of Culture) attracted £13 million of media coverage from its bid alone, so the bidding process itself can have significant economic benefit to the city.
- 5.4 In 2016 our bid to host the Great Exhibition of the North resulted in significant media coverage and ultimately a £4m investment from the Great Exhibition legacy fund for the Bradford Odeon.

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

- 6.1 At the time of this report the Bradford Culture Trust has not been legally formed. The intention of the Bradford Culture Trust is to be a non profit organisation, which will be independent from the Council. Should the Council wish to become a member (at any point) of the company, it will need authorisation from the Chief Financial Officer and City Solicitor as set out in Part 3F of the Constitution (Financial Regulations), paragraph 11.
- 6.2 Should the company upon incorporation demonstrate charitable objectives, it may be possible to form as a charitable company; the company may need to seek independent legal advice on this point.
- 6.3 The Council will need to ensure it does not contravene any state aid rules upon any award of funds. Each case of funding will be subject to state aid rules and assessed on a case by case basis.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

The development of the Cultural Sector aims to deliver the objectives of the Council's Organisational Equalities Culture by ensuring services are well run, fit for purpose, and fair and inclusive in their approach and our funding and support for projects outside of the Council will ensure this is supported by our partner organisations.

The development of a Bradford Cultural Strategy 2020 - 2030 will recognise and support equality of opportunity between different groups and organisations, through provision of relevant, diverse, accessible and in some cases bespoke services.

7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

It's a condition of ACE funds and of BMDC support that grant recipients develop sustainability strategies

7.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

It's a condition of ACE funds and of BMDC support that grant recipients act with care for the environment and consider their carbon impact.

7.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

Through the development of a Cultural Strategy, implementation of Creative People and Places, Producing Hub and supporting the City of Culture bid 2025 it is hoped that this activity will increase community activity which will have a positive effect on community engagement and collaboration to improve community safety.

7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

There are no known Human Rights Implications arising from this report.

7.6 TRADE UNION

There are no significant staffing implications arising from this report although the Trade Unions will be consulted as required through the Council's IR Framework.

7.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

The implementation of this activity will have implications for the whole district over the coming 3 – 5 years.

7.8 IMPLICATIONS FOR CORPORATE PARENTING

It will be a priority to ensure that our most vulnerable and disadvantaged children receive multiple opportunities to benefit from the cultural offer through City of Culture and the programmes identified in this report.

7.9 ISSUES ARISING FROM PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESMENT

Implementation of the Cultural Sector Support and City of Culture 2025 bid will not affect the current and compliant processes in place to ensure privacy of personal data in accordance with the legislation in place.

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

N/A

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

Member of this committee are requested to consider and comment in relation to the content of this report and in particular any comments regarding the brief for development of the Cultural Strategy 2020 – 2030 as detailed in Appendix 1 of this report.

11. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 Bradford Cultural Strategy Brief
Appendix 2 Service Update 2018/2019

Appendix 3 Strategic Investment Budget April 2019 - March 2022
Appendix 4 UK City of Culture 2025 Breifing

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

N/A

Appendix 1

Bradford Cultural Strategy Brief for Tender

This contract is to assist Bradford City Council and the Bradford Cultural Place Partnership in developing a new ten-year cultural strategy.

Bradford is a great northern city, home to enterprising and creative people with strong productive businesses. With a proud industrial and cultural heritage and a growing economy, Bradford has one of the youngest and most diverse populations in the UK.

The Council's economic plan outline the importance of culture to the City/ District with its 4 objectives linked to promoting the growth of a sustainable Bradford economy that benefits the city. <https://www.investinbradford.com/media/1108/economic-strategy.pdf>

- **OUR YOUNG & ENTERPRISING POPULATION**

Ensuring all our people are equipped with the skills and confidence to succeed.

- **OUR DISTINCTIVE OFFER**

Using our unique architecture, heritage and cultural assets to create compelling investment propositions and an environment for growth.

- **OUR GROWTH POTENTIAL**

Building on our business and sector strengths to drive innovation, increase productivity and create wealth.

- **OUR GLOBALLY CONNECTED DISTRICT**

Improving our transport infrastructure and digital connectivity to strengthen our global trading links and access new markets.

Bradford wishes to review its cultural strategy and develop a 10 year vision that places existing and planned development in the context of our other city plans, changing demographics and emerging new strategies. The cultural strategy will aim to dovetail with emerging national industrial strategy, Arts Council England's strategy review Shaping the Next Ten Years and new plans announced by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. It should include recent successful bids to Creative People and Places and ACE Producing Hub Pilot and it needs to reflect ambitious plans to bid to become UK City of Culture in 2025 and other national initiatives such as Great Places and Town centre renewal plans. Work has been done in the city to establish an arms-length Cultural Place Partnership, chaired by the Leader of the council. The Cultural Place Partnership will formally commission and sign off the strategy with procurement via the City Council. The Place Partnership also has representatives from the cultural sector voice of the city.

The strategy will look at a wide definition of cultural development with a particular emphasis on the arts heritage and film. It will look at social, economic and place-based benefits of cultural development and seek to address the inequalities of access identified by recent research in the city. In terms of the arts we wish to look at how a strategy can build capacity and engage a wider cross section of our district. Bradford's heritage (built, natural, cultural, intangible) is in its building people and memories and traditions)

The work will also engage with Visit Bradford and efforts to raise the profile of the city through promoting Bradford and district as a visitor destination and centre for arts, culture and events.

The work to develop a new cultural strategy coincides with the city's stated intention to bid in 2021 for the title of UK City of Culture 2025. The work will be focused on Bradford District, but the strategy will be positioned within wider Leeds City region and national strategies. A key part of the work is to ensure that Bradford is better positioned to work with regional agencies as well as developing partnerships nationally and internationally.

Bradford has a rich heritage and vibrant cultural sector. It was the first UNESCO City of Film and has a rich literary heritage. The Council directly delivers a number of cultural events and services including the Alhambra Theatre, St George's Hall and City Park and provides finance and support to a number of independent cultural producers and a city events programme. The city has no producing theatre but has a strong range of small-scale theatre and dance organisations. Its main art gallery Cartwright Hall and museums are run by the Council. The National Media Museum is a national facility and Impressions Gallery is a longstanding Arts Council NPO. The cultural sector has a vibrant group of smaller, independent arts and cultural organisations, such as Theatre 154, WUR Bradford, BCB etc. The city currently has eleven Arts Council England-funded National Portfolio Organisations though many of them small in scale:

- Art Works
- Common Wealth
- Bradford international Literature Festival
- Dance United Yorkshire
- Freedom Studios
- Ilkley Literature Festival
- Impressions Gallery
- Kala Sangam
- Mind the Gap
- The Bronte Society
- Theatre in the Mill

2.2 Aligned Strategic Work

Bradford is currently preparing to bid in 2021 for the title of UK City of Culture 2025 and is developing a range of capital projects that, it is hoped in time, will further enhance the city's cultural offer. The Bradford Live music venue will reopen the old Odeon as a major concert venue. South Square in Thornton has plans for redevelopment as does Theatre in the Mill. There are ambitions for an artist led space in the city centre housing a range of arts groups and a possible Arts Hostel. In Little Germany, 30 Chapel Street has been identified as a possible Asian led creative workspace and there are ambitions around the Central Mosque to create multi faith quarter. Fuse the independent visual agency also has ambitions for space. A key part of the cultural strategy will be to place these and other plans in the context of our changing population.

The city has recently been successful in securing £1.5 Million as one of 2 national Arts Council England Performing Arts hubs and has been successful in being awarded £2 million from the Creative People and Places programme.

The Council, like many other local authorities, is facing significant budget challenges, and is currently reviewing funding provision across its Museums and Libraries as well as grant support programme, which includes revenue grant support to the cultural sector. However, the Council has also recognised that culture is essential to the vibrancy of the city's offer and is looking to strengthen the capacity and sustainability of the independent

cultural sector, to realise the full potential of partnerships in the city and to maximise the potential for growth in the creative industries.

The Council recognises that culture and creative industries are key contributors to the economic and social regeneration of Bradford and can in turn be a major contributor to Bradford's strategic positioning regionally, nationally and internationally. Culture is also seen as an important contributor to health and well being and community cohesion.

The Cultural Strategy will not only serve the local authority, but act as a city and district - wide strategy which will, through consultation across the cultural, voluntary, education, health and business sectors, provide a clear way for the voluntary and private sector to take their part in regenerating the city and the wider region. Work already carried out towards UK City of Culture and a Creative People and Places bid has already provided a valuable base of consultation.

2.3 Scope of the Strategy:

For the purposes of the Strategy, it is proposed the definition of culture will embrace arts (including visual arts, literature, music, theatre and dance), crafts, food festivals, events, heritage (built, natural, cultural, intangible) and archives, museums and galleries, creative and digital industries. The cultural strategy will also reference other strategies (currently being implemented or in development) for Museums, libraries, sport and tourism.

It is anticipated that the strategy will also address some of the social and economic challenges of the city around employment, skills, health, infrastructure and the impact of culture on the development of leisure and business tourism.

It is not envisaged that the strategy will not be a weighty, voluminous document, but a visionary, practical and focused document, underpinned by consultation and a strong research and evidence base that can be regularly updated and can work alongside other material as a toolkit to build capacity in the independent cultural sector and provide context for their development and growth.

2.4 Detail of Work Required:

The Cultural Place Partnership requires a cultural strategy with an action plan which:

- Sets out the case for cultural activity, including the positive contribution cultural activities make towards the economic regeneration and social regeneration of Bradford and how this contributes to wider regional, national and international agendas;
- Focuses on the development of Bradford as a visitor destination and on the contribution that culture can make to the future economic prosperity of the city;
- Encourages and facilitates a climate of future cooperation, collaboration and partnership between public, private and voluntary sectors, towards a more sustainable contribution of culture to the economic regeneration of the city;
- Provides an honest assessment of capacity in the cultural sector and the city with measures to build on strengths and address weakness;
- Reflects changes in national and regional funding arrangements and plans for a vibrant and sustainable cultural offer in a challenging financial context;
- Provides an overarching vision and road map for developing a new and improved cultural infrastructure including, where applicable, recommendations regarding management of cultural assets.

- Recommends improvements to the marketing and positioning of the city's cultural offer.

The strategy will be informed by, and feed into other Bradford plans and will make particular reference to the emerging plans of the Leeds City Region LEP, Combined Authority, and the cultural plans of Bradford University and the District's 2 colleges.

2.5 Principles

In developing and presenting the new cultural strategy, the successful consultant/organisation must ensure:

- The plan will inform the city's bid for UK City of Culture 2025 and may identify other such ambitions for repositioning the city;
- That the city has the ability to connect strategically with regional and national strategies and that it maximises its positioning with national partners such as Arts Council England and other Lottery distributors;
- That the city is able to develop a coherent strategy to, wherever most applicable, secure future efficiencies; grow income; enhance future funding bids; and create and promote sustainability for the independent cultural sector;
- That changes in national and local funding arrangements are appropriately reflected, through planning for sustainability of the sector in a challenging financial context;
- That the city is able to maximise the impact of hosting major events and to develop sustainable relationships with national cultural organisations and agencies such as the BBC;
- Strategies and future work are prioritised and supported to grow the cultural economy, particularly in the emerging sectors of film and creative and digital industries, where Bradford is below the national average for levels of employment but could benefit significantly from wider success of the Yorkshire and Humber region and the arrival of Channel 4 in Leeds;
- That it supports the image of Bradford and the wider strategic positioning of the city in the region;
- That it supports greater connectivity and engagement with diverse communities, and supports outreach activity of cultural organisations;
- That it considers the role and development potential of existing cultural festivals such as the Bradford Festival, EID and Illuminating Bradford etc.

2.6 Delivery Process

This process will sit alongside the work streams for the Bradford UK City of Culture bid. The process will need to work closely with any bid team and will need to draw on existing research. The strategy development process will further need to ensure:

- Work with the Council area teams and statistics team to ensure wide consultation and associated data analysis;
- Encouragement for the active engagement of the cultural sector, including suggested ways for these partners to be central to the process of developing the strategy;
- It will consult with key representatives from the tourism sector, locally and regionally;

- It will ensure one to one and group discussion with key stakeholders and suggest creative ways for wider public engagement;
- The strategy connects with regional and national strategies and that it has 'buy-in' in from key strategic stakeholders in terms of direction and in terms of potential future investment.

2.7 Reporting Arrangements:

The consultants will be required to liaise with and report to an identified lead officer from Bradford Council and will report into the Cultural Place Partnership. Current strategies, existing data sets and research will be made available to the consultants. (including the recent 12-month NGIS visitor economy survey) It is not envisaged that further primary research would be required within the scope of this quotation though consultants may wish to commission further audience agency research.

A reporting timetable will be agreed with the successful applicant, but will include:

- A structured reporting programme to the lead officer and a steering group drawn from the Cultural Place partnership and Bradford Cultural Voice
- A proposed feedback event to key partners
- An advocacy plan to support delivery of the strategy

The Council will require one hard copy and one electronic copy of the final documents and access to any research and any presentations developed as part of the strategy production process. A budget will be made available to design and publish the strategy if/as required.

2.8 Key Outcomes and Deliverables

Subject to confirmation of the work programme, it is anticipated the appointed consultant will focus on:

- Mapping existing provision in Bradford;
- Consulting across sectors and engaging in visioning;
- Critically reviewing existing capacity and identifying improved ways of working;
- Identifying key strategic issues and priorities for the cultural sector in the context of changes to administrative and funding arrangements and regional and national strategies;
- Developing the strategy and an action plan which embraces and supports social and economic regeneration;
- Providing a headline framework for the future measurement of impact.

2.9 Details of Resources Available to the Successful Bidder:

- The Council will provide demographic data. Other data to be made available will include analysis of the turnover of cultural organisations, access to the Audience research from council venues;
- A database of key contacts for the purposes of potential consultation;
- A Steering Group will be formed to act as a sounding board for the successful consultant/organisation. It is anticipated this will closely mirror the Executive Group for City of Culture and involve representatives of the university, the City Council and cultural sector.

2.10 Indicative key milestones:

Action	Owner	Deadline
Sign off the brief	BMDC / Place Partnership	September 2019
Invitation for submission of Quotation/s	BMDC / Place Partnership	October
Assessment / Interviews (if/as required)	Place Partnership / BMDC	November
Contract Award	Place Partnership / BMDC	December
Formation of Steering Group	Place Partnership / BMDC	December
Collection of currently available supporting evidence (national / regional / local strategies)	External support	January 2020
Inception meeting with Steering Group	Steering group	January
Preparation of Consultation Framework	External support	January
Consultation with strategic stakeholders (internal/ external) Community consultation	External support	February / March
Headline First Draft/ Strategy to Steering Group	External support	March/April
Consultation on the emerging strategy Key Stakeholders	External support	April
Final draft of detailed report for sign off Place Partnership	Place partnership	May
Final draft of detailed report Cabinet / Council for approval	BMDC	June
Final Report to Designer	BMDC / Place Partnership	June
Cultural Strategy 2020 – 2030 formal launch	BMDC / Place Partnership	July

Appendix 2

Service Update 2018/2019

The Cultural Service has been very active since the last report to this committee and some of the highlights are listed below.

Bradford Theatres - St Georges Hall

St Georges Concert Hall is the oldest civic building Bradford. It has recently reopened following an extensive refurbishment, retaining and returning many of the buildings original features and stonework. Some of the works undertaken included replacement of over 30% of the stonework, a new roof, windows, remodelling of the bar and front of house areas, extensive work to seating, internal auditorium creating more leg room and greater width of seats. The building is now fit for purpose, with a long life ahead of it and will be used by huge numbers of the community in the future.

As part of the funding from the national lottery heritage fund, we gained a heritage and learning officer Penny Green, who offers a complimentary programme to local residents and schools based around the numerous heritage elements of the building.

Alhambra Theatre

Over the past two years and continuing for the next two years, we have managed to secure regional exclusivity of the biggest west end shows touring the UK. Sales have been consistently high with 70% of the audience coming from outside the Bradford Post-Code.

Start Project

We have also been part of the start programme since 2017. The start project is for children with low access to the arts. Supported by Children and the Arts and IVE, the project involves 2 local primary schools, 4 secondary schools and 1 FE (Bradford College) and has reached approx. 100 children in 17/18, 200 children in 18/19 and 19/20 is on-going. With up to seven arts related activities per participant, the three year project also includes teacher CPD and the opportunity for a proportion of pupils to achieve Arts Award. The Bradford College participants include a group of English as a Second Language students, some of whom are refugees from Afghanistan and Syria, who are finding the project immensely valuable as they integrate into the Bradford community, with benefits reported to their spoken and written language skills and confidence.

The RSC

The Alhambra Theatre's collaboration with the Royal Shakespeare Company on teaching and learning of Shakespeare in schools (the Learning and Performance Network) has now concluded but a new programme of work has been developed in collaboration with Bradford College, Samuel Lister Academy and Shipley Learning Partnership. The Associate Schools Programme focuses on teaching Shakespeare actively in the classroom. Teachers training in English at Bradford College have the active techniques embedded as part of their training and 15 local schools have participated in a range of events from training to a Shakespeare Club and live screenings in school from the RSC.

Looked After Children

Each year we offer tickets for looked after children at the request of children's services. In 17/18 we offered 56 tickets and in 18/19, 100 tickets. At a nil cost in agreement with the panto producers, Qdos.

Work Experience Placements

We currently offer between 12 and 16 placements a year for work experience students at Bradford Theatres. Many of these placements are accommodated within the technical department.

Sports Service - Tour De Yorkshire

Over the last few years (since Tour de France 2014) we have been working with the various communities and the many different organisation within our district. Our focus has not only been along the routes of the Tour De Yorkshire but the wider district. Although our route animation is focused along the route we have made sure that we also work with groups that are made up of young people from other area , in particular some of the inner city areas with limited opportunities to access creative activities. By engaging young people in activities in which they already have an interest, it has been possible to create artwork that not only has a visual impact along the route, but also raises awareness of the fact that a sporting event with world class athletes is (sometimes literally) passing their door. There's definitely been a sense of pride gained from young people seeing their work on the roadside, and on TV coverage of the races.

We have also tried to involved the elderly and the BAME community in the creative projects.

This has also had school/Education support through STEM and STEaM projects.

We have worked with as many groups as possible to involve them and to make the event successful for all the citizens of Bradford. Creative activities have ranged from various cycling activities to working closely with artists across the district to undertake some small and large scale projects. This work has become the iconic land art that Bradford has become known for during these events and winning awards in recent years!

Evenets Service - Bradford Festival 2019

The opening of City Park in 2012 provided a world class public space at the heart of the city centre and a new setting for a diverse and high quality events programme. In the first year of opening a number of highly successful events drew thousands of people into the city centre and helped Bradford Council develop a reputation for staging high-quality large-scale outdoor events in the heart of the City. At this time a decision was taken to create and develop a new Bradford Festival which had not been part of Bradford's event calendar for a number of years, the first one being held in 2013

Bradford Festival's reputation for being a vibrant, colourful and multicultural event has steadily grown over the last 7 years and 2019 has been hailed as the best ever by both public and artists. Estimated attendance is 175,00 across the three days and the festival programme offers high quality musical stage performances with many different genres e.g. folk, jazz, rock, pop , latin , fusions.

The event combines large scale, and international contemporary outdoor performances with the best local community-based arts, appealing to both residents and visitors outside the district.

Street theatre, arts and music workshops have become a strong and varied part of the programme whilst the bars and food stalls compliment and add to the visitor experience and contribute to our community cohesion endeavours

Substantial reputational capital was gained through significant positive media coverage and social media activity. Positive articles and images appeared in a number of national press and journals along with radio interview's involving artist and performers.

Library Service - Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge is a national initiative to encourage children (4 to 11yrs) to continue reading during the summer holidays, delivered by Libraries in partnership with the Reading Agency.

The Challenge is to read 6 books, with incentives and a medal & certificate on completion. Bradford Libraries have delivered the Summer Reading Challenge since 2006. It is currently one of the top five library authorities in the Yorkshire & the Humber Region for the number of children participating.

Last year (2018) over 3,600 children in Bradford, between 4 and 11 years old, participated in the Summer Reading Challenge, with a fantastic 56% of them completing the challenge. 331 children joined the library especially to participate in the Summer Reading Challenge. Children's book issues over the summer period increased significantly during July and August, with a significant increase from 81,020 (2017) to 84,425 (2018).

In addition over 4000 children and parents attended library events during July and August for the Summer Reading Challenge. This year, the 2019 theme commemorated the 50th anniversary of the landing on the moon called Space Chase. This summer, Bradford Libraries had over 90 themed events for families throughout the district ranging from How to Be An Astronaut with the Science and Media Museum to Creating and programming a Mars Science Rover using Lego® WeDo 2.0 kit, from meeting Alien Bugs to listening to award winning author Hilary Robinson with her book Jasper Space Dog.

We covered art, creative writing, fact-finding, discovering and having fun. In addition, this year we are delighted to be working in partnership with the Science and Media Museum to have a Bradford Libraries Summer Reading Challenge Celebration Event in October with invited schools and families, to take place at the Science and Media Museum.

Museums and Galleries Service - National and Local Exhibitions

Clangers, Bagpuss & Co. gained funding from Arts Council England of £3,500 with paying visitors, BBC Archive, V&A MUSEUM OF CHILDHOOD, LONDON – EARLY YEARS, LITERACY, FAMILIES, LIBRARIES, BMG COLLECTIONS

Vote 100: Suffragettes and Propaganda

Decades of Delight: 250 Years of Circus, ACE funded, National Fairground and Circus Archive – Sheffield University and Billy Smart Estate – University/college partnership with events, national 250 years initiative, BMG collections

Peter Rabbit: Mischief & Mayhem – HLF funded. Penguin Random House/River and Museum Museum , gaining international PR, early years, literacy, families, libraries

Paralympic Heritage - Stories from Bradford – HLF funded. National Paralympic Heritage Trust, Health/wellbeing focus, volunteer working, community consultation, BMG collections.

Listers Lanterns: Cecil Green Arts – ACE funding of £5,000 visitors in one day with Lister Park, Creative People Places, local art group

We Are West Yorkshire: Bradford People ACE funded West Yorkshire Museums partnership, regional project with Leeds, Halifax, Huddersfield and Wakefield galleries/museums.

'Young Open 2019' Over the summer months, Inc. 12 Bradford schools/community groups. Friends of Bradford Art Gallery and Museums funded.

Tour de Yorkshire

Art in the Park link. Major city project partnership with Events/Culture teams – LandArt with Grammar School and Lister Park. Huge volunteer project. Major TV/helicopter coverage.

Lucy Pittaway

Official Artist for the 2018 Tour de Yorkshire, selling exhibition in gallery.

Carwright Hall Hockney Gallery

The opening of the new hockney gallery at Carwright hall has increased the visitor numbers for the gallery and the Carwright Hall. The creative design and interation of the gallery has seen very positive feedback from children, families and School Groups in particular.

Art Loans

The loans to outside organisations have continued through the year with one painting a large picture of The Coronation of Queen Victoria (1838) by EH Parris, which is now on a 3-year loan to Kensington Palace where it is displayed in the Queens State Rooms after a £12,000 restoration was secured between the Palace and Bradford's Museums Curator of Art. The loan will have increased public access to the artwork - seen by millions of Palace visitors. After the loan it will return & be displayed in Bradford. A 2nd similar example - £10,000 Restoration secured of a painting of the Battle of Waterloo currently paid for and on display at the Army & Naval Club on Pall Mall.

Appendix 3

Budget April 2019 - March 2022

<u>STRATEGIC INVESTEMENT IN CULTURE 2019 - 2022</u>							
	Potential Funding Requirements from the Council						
Project Areas	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	Total	Confirmed Lever Funding	Potential Future Lever Funding	
Consultancy work to support the Culture Sector Development	£40,000	£35,000	£35,000	£110,000	£20,000	£40,000	
Cultural Voice forum	£0	£20,000	£20,000	£40,000	£20,000	£40,000	
City of Culture 2025 Bid Period	£150,000	£275,000	£150,000	£575,000		£200,000	
Cultural Strategy 2020 - 2030	£10,000	£10,000	£0	£20,000	£20,000	£20,000	
Production Hub Partnership	£40,000	£40,000	£40,000	£120,000	£1,500,000	£40,000	
Creative People and Places	£50,000	£125,000	£125,000	£300,000	£2,000,000	£100,000	
South Square	£0	£40,000	£30,000	£70,000		£846,000	
Strategic Leverage Fund	£60,000	£70,000	£70,000	£200,000		£600,000	
Total	£350,000	£615,000	£470,000	£1,435,000	£3,560,000	£1,886,000	

Note:

1. The above figures have assumed that some of the WYBRP funding will be used in 2019/20 and this has been applied to the figures, future funding could be available from Business Rate Pool but this has not been confirmed, therefore it has been included as potential future funding and if confirmed it will reduce the Council contribution.
2. Expected grant funding from regional and national agencies has been discounted to leave a sum that relates to the Councils contributions only
3. Anticipated private sector support for the capital of culture Bid may reduce the demand on the Council Funds and/or enable the programme budget to be increased.
4. Creative People and Places is a five financial year programme with further funds of £250K required in the last 2 years of the programme.

Appendix 4

UK CITY OF CULTURE 2025 BRIEFING

What is the UK City of Culture?

Liverpool won the European Capital of Culture title in 2008. This was a Europe-wide competition to highlight one city based on its cultural offer.

This proved such a huge success for the city and the region that a UK-specific City of Culture initiative was launched in 2013 to give more cities in the UK a chance to hold a title that draws attention to their cultural offering and brings economic and cultural benefits into the winning city.

Every four years, a new UK City of Culture is chosen. Bradford will be entering a bid to become UK City of Culture in 2025 and feasibility work has been on-going since last September, sounding out several local and regional partners. There is strong support for the bid including from the key regional media. The T & A and BBC have come out very positively about Bradford.

Key facts about UK City of Culture

- UK City of Culture 2025 will be the 4th UK City of Culture Competition
- Previous winners were Derry/Londonderry in 2013, Hull in 2017 and Coventry for 2021
- The competition is run by the Government's Department of Digital, Culture Media and Sport
- There is an independent panel of judges chaired by Phil Redmond
- Bradford announced its intention to bid in July 2019 and will formally launch the bid in September 2019 supported by the newly formed Cultural Place Partnership
- The final bid will be submitted in 2021 with the winning city announced in December 2021

Why is Bradford bidding?

Bradford is the 6th largest city in the UK. It is a city of great architecture and rich cultural heritage, but some 60% of the population live in the poorest 20% of wards in England and Wales, with 32% of its children living in poverty. Its population will be more than 50% BME by 2025. The competition is about achieving step changes and tackling challenges in cities. We need to balance promotion about the excellent culture in the city with messages that Bradford needs the title.

Bradford has multiple challenges – not least in its urban renewal of a place built for the industry and population of a different century.

It is often misunderstood as a city and stereotyped by the media. It needs to change perceptions and to rekindle the pride of its people.

Winning UK City of Culture would accelerate regeneration and bring major social and economic benefits to the city. Just the act of bidding itself will help bring the city together as part of a longer-term cultural strategy.

Bradford district has very low levels of engagement in art in many of its wards. This is being tackled with other bids for Arts Council funding.

The city has a rich heritage and an increasingly youthful and diverse population. This approach will reposition the role of culture in promoting Bradford as a place to live, visit, work and study. A bid has the potential to engage our whole population to participate in the culture and heritage of the city and district.

Who makes the bid?

In some cities the bid is made by a local authority. In the case of Coventry, the bid was made by a City of Culture Trust - an independent charitable trust set up to promote culture in Coventry and to lead the 2021 bid.

In Bradford the initial work has been led by the Council working with a newly formed Cultural Place Partnership and in consultation with others.

A new Bradford Culture Trust will be formed with a steering group. This will be an independent vehicle to drive the bid and attract funds. This will crucially involve the creative sector and community voices. The interim chair of the bid will work with others to identify the chair and team to make the bid on behalf of the city. We need to ensure we have a young and diverse team to reflect the demographics of the city.

What areas of Bradford are included in the bid?

The bid will cover the whole of the Bradford District. Bradford is 4 times the size of Derry/Londonderry, twice the size of Hull and has a 50% higher population than Coventry.

It offers the potential to deliver benefits to the largest population so far and to work with our friends and population across West Yorkshire.

Who is our competition?

The competition has not yet been announced but several places have publicly expressed interest in bidding including Tees Valley, Luton, Medway, Lancashire and Southampton.

Previous competitions have had up to 12 cities or places bidding and have been narrowed down to a shortlist of 4. The competition is assessed by an independent panel of judges.

What is the Council's involvement?

The bid will need to identify local authority support. Bradford Metropolitan District Council and the West Yorkshire Business Rates Pool have supported work to date.

If Bradford is successful, the Council would be a principal partner and would also play a major role in city readiness, building on the work to date in hosting major events and regenerating capital facilities such as the former Odeon, St George's Hall and City Park.

Who paid for the previous winning bids and how much?

To help understand what the UK City of Culture 2025 bid might look like for Bradford, we can look at the previous and current winners and how they secured their winning bids.

Derry/Londonderry secured a budget of £26 million for its 2013 win, and Hull secured a budget of £32 million from local and national sources for its 2017 success.

The budget is a mixture of local and national funding, sponsorship, philanthropy, Lottery funds and ticket income.

The largest funder in Hull was Arts Council England. Heritage Lottery provided £3 million. There was significant in-kind support from the BBC and significant local sponsorship from businesses.

In Bradford there will be opportunities for sponsorship and partnering the bid, and it is hope that businesses will become involved in the coming months. Bradford businesses have been involved in supporting major events such as the Tour De France and the Bradford Literature festival as well as the sporting ambitions of the city. Hull City of Culture attracted over £5 million sponsorship including Bradford-based Yorkshire Water.

What does it mean for Bradford to win, and what are the benefits?

Being UK City of Culture will be a real game-changer for Bradford. It will give the city a platform to tell the UK and the world what is on offer.

It will leave a lasting legacy of increased visitor numbers and a more vibrant, sustainable cultural sector.

And it will improve the quality of life and opportunities for local people, with increased opportunities to participate in culture, to gain experience as a volunteer and to access jobs in the tourism and cultural sectors.

We hope that our programme will also bring greater community engagement across the district and celebrate our diverse communities.



Report of the Strategic Director of Corporate Services to the meeting of Regeneration and Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee to be held on 9 October 2019

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Subject:

Report on Bradford Councils work undertaken to date and future proposals to promoting electric vehicle (EV) uptake and increase the EV charging network within the Bradford district. *Note this will not be site specific regards the Taxi scheme.*

Summary statement:

Before 2019 Bradford Council had installed 3 public charge points and has programmed a further 20 due to be installed by March 2020. Also, officers have commenced converting CBMDC fleet to electric vehicles, 7 twin electric vehicle charge points have been installed at council sites for fleet use.

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1. SUMMARY

Before 2019 Bradford Council had installed 3 public charge points and has programmed a further 20 due to be installed by March 2020. Also, officers have commenced converting CBMDC fleet to electric vehicles, 7 twin electric vehicle charge points have been installed at council sites for fleet use. The report details the work so far undertaken to develop an electric vehicle charge point (EVCP) network.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 National Strategy

Nationally the Government are encouraging the take up of electric vehicles and the installation of charging infrastructure. The aim is to reduce air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions from our transport to improve the health of citizens and limit our effect on climate change.

In July 2018 the Government published the “Road to Zero” detailing the next steps towards cleaner road transport and delivering the Industrial Strategy. The strategy outline aims to put the UK at the forefront of the design and manufacturing of zero emission vehicles, and for all new cars and vans to be effectively zero emission by 2040 ending the sale of new conventional petrol and diesel cars and vans by 2040.

The Road to Zero builds on the Clean Growth Strategy published in October 2017 to shift to Low Carbon Transport, delivering clean growth through increased economic growth whilst decreased our greenhouse emissions.

As part of the above the Office for Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV) is funding a range of measures and incentives to encourage the uptake of electric vehicles.

2.12 Local Strategy

Within West Yorkshire and Bradford there are a number of strategies where electric vehicle will form part of the solution for meeting objectives.

- West Yorkshire Low Emission Strategy 2016-2021
<https://www.bradford.gov.uk/media/3590/west-yorkshire-low-emissions-strategy.pdf>
- Leeds City Region Energy Strategy
<https://www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/media/2424/leeds-city-region-energy-strategy.pdf>
- Bradford Councils Climate Change Framework for Action
<https://www.bradford.gov.uk/environment/climate-change/climate-change-framework-for-action/>

2.13 Climate Emergency

Bradford Council passed a motion in January 2019 to declare a climate emergency and commit to a green economy; this was followed with the West Yorkshire Combined Authority also formally declaring a climate emergency and called for urgent collaborative action to tackle emissions in June 2019. All West Yorkshire Councils have now declared climate emergencies and Leeds City Region aims to become UK’s first zero carbon city region.

2.14 Air Quality Plan

The Bradford Air Quality Plan is being developed in line with Ministerial Direction to improve air quality in particular achieving compliance with the EU Limit Value for nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) in the shortest possible timeframe. Electric vehicle emit zero tailpipe emissions and will be an important element of the measures needed to improve air quality.

2.2 EV Charging Infrastructure

In 2014 Bradford Council installed its first public electric vehicle charging points (EVCP) through OLEV public sector funding, since then we have installed a number of charging points for both public and our own fleet to use, these have been funded via various schemes such as ULEV (Ultra Low Emission Vehicles) Readiness Scheme, Local Transport funding and OLEV grants.

There a number of different types of EVCPs the main types are:

	SLOW	FAST	RAPID
Power Rating	3-7 kW	7-22kW	Over 43kW
Electric Supply	AC	AC	AC and /or DC
Typical Charge Time	6-12 hours	2-4 Hours	25-60 minutes to reach 80% charge

2.21 Bradford Council Public Charging Points

Until recently Bradford Council have been operating just three public charging points, below gives a summary of their usage.

Location	Charger Type	Time Period	Number of uses	Energy Usage kWh	CO2 Saving (kg)
Ian Clough Hall, Baildon	7.2kw Fast	4.Sept 2014 – 6.Sept 2019	325	2208.3	1848.26
Scott Street, Keighley	3.6 kW Slow	4.Sept 2014 – 6.Sept 2019	227	1536.4	1285.97
Crown Court, Bradford	50kW Rapid	1.Aug 2017 – 6.Sept 2019	414	3038.4	2529.5
		TOTAL	966	6783.1	5663.73

Between 1st Jan – 31st August 2019, the above EV charge points between them have been used 240 times equating to approximate 1 use per day.



Crown Court Rapid Charger



Ian Clough Hall Fast Charger

2.22 ULEV Tax Infrastructure Scheme

The West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA) was granted £1.98m from the Office of Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV) in 2017 for the delivery of the ULEV Tax Infrastructure Scheme. Match funding of £1.2m has also been allocated from the Local Transport Plan.

The scheme will provide a network of 88 rapid EVCPs across West Yorkshire, each having two parking bays one for public use and the other for use of hackney & private hire taxis. Of the 88 install the scheme aims to see 20 of rapid EVCPs installed within the Bradford District.

Installations have commenced with the first two being installed in the Bradford District, the remaining 18 will be installed by March 2020.

Engie were awarded the contract to install, own and operate the charge points on behalf of the West Yorkshire councils for a 10 year period. The charge points will be powered by 100% renewable energy and will be free to use until Oct 2021. By providing the infrastructure and initial free period it is hoped this will act as an incentive for drivers to convert to electric vehicles.

The EVCP locations will be advertised on ev.engie.co.uk interactive map, EV drivers are also able to use this website to create an account to use the new network.

WYCA are aiming for a good geographic spread of the new charge points

The first two locations to go live in the Bradford district are:

- Vicar Lane, Bradford, BD1 5AH
- Saville Car Park, Crowgill Road, Shipley, BD18 3SX



Vicar Lane, Bradford

2.23 Technical Planning Guidance

As part of the West Yorkshire Low Emissions Strategy, Technical Planning Guidance was introduced <https://www.bradford.gov.uk/media/3591/air-quality-and-emissions-planning-guide.pdf>

The guidance set out those new developments should have the following EVCP requirements:

Residential:

1 charging point per unit (dwelling with dedicated parking) or 1 charging point per 10 spaces (unallocated parking).

Commercial/Retail:

10% of parking spaces which may be phased with 5% initial provision and the remainder at an agreed trigger level.

Industrial:

10% of parking spaces which may be phased with 5% initial provision and the remainder at an agreed trigger level.

The Planning Guidance will ensure all new council buildings will have EVCPs installed, as a result of this the new extra care site, Keighley (old Bronte school site) due to be opened late 2019 had a planning requirement to install three fast charging points, recently 1x twin 7kW and 1x single 7kW EVCP have recently been installed, as this is a council site these will be managed by Bradford Council and form part of our public charging network. The EVCPs will be operational and available to the public once the site is fully completed.



Keighley Extra Care Site

2.3 Fleet Charging Infrastructure

Seven twin fast chargers (14 sockets) are available for the councils own electric fleet.

Location	Charger Type	Date Installed
Jacobs Well	7kW Fast	2014
Shearbridge Depot	7kW Fast	2015
Shearbridge Depot	7kW Fast	2019
Wakefield Road Depot	7kW Fast	2015
Harris Street	7kW Fast	2016
Stockbridge Depot	7kW Fast	2016
Margaret McMillan Tower	7kW Fast	2016

Currently on our fleet we have 10 plug in vehicles, of which 8 are 100% electric plus 1 plug in hybrid and 1 electric off-road vehicle. In order to increase the number of fleet vehicles converting to electric, Fleet management have a Transport Operations (Air Quality)*, Procurement and Fuels Policy 2017/18 this states that:

“The Vehicle Advisory Group will investigate viable alternative fuels and work with departments who are procuring, hiring or using vehicles to establish formal evidence of:

1. Consideration of using Ultra Low Emissions Vehicles (ULEV) or Very Low Emissions vehicles (VLEV).
2. Exploration and trialling of any fuel-saving or emission reducing technologies.”

Alongside this departments should have documented consideration of the use of ULEV or VLEV vehicles as an alternative, discounting them only if they are found not to be practicable or the costs are deemed to be prohibitive in achieving compliance with lowering emissions.

**see Appendix for full document*

At the moment electric vehicle tend to be more expensive to purchase than traditional petrol & diesel vehicles, however whole life costs should be considered. 100% electric vehicles are designed to be as efficient as possible and generally have just three main components the charger, inverter and motor. This means there is less wear and tear with fewer moving parts being susceptible to damage. Reducing servicing and repair costs, alongside this the cost of electricity to power the vehicle is approximately a third of the cost. Due to the nature of the types of vehicle the council require such as refuse vehicles, large vans, sweepers etc. practically at the moment the only viable vehicles to convert to electric are the council fleet of cars and light goods vehicles (small vans).

Although the council currently has spare capacity to increase the electric fleet in terms of available sockets, a trial is commencing regards fleet plugging in at home. A number of services with cars and vans allow staff to take their vehicles home at night in order for employees to start work straight on site. Building services have recently order an electric van, the drivers home has been fitted with a charge point to allow the van to be charged up overnight, this reduces the burden of multiple charge points being required at our depots, home chargers tend to be cheaper to install and fitting them at homes may also act as an incentive for employees to consider switching their personal vehicle to electric too– the trial will monitor consumption and also help determine the correct process for reimbursing the electricity costs back to the employee. The 6 month trial will determine if fleet home charging is a cost effective way of increasing the EV fleet and effectively manage the number of EVCPs required at our sites.

2.4 Future EV Proposals.

In order to further roll out EV Charging infrastructure and increase the number of electric vehicles within the districts the following actions are being developed.

2.41 Officers Working Group

In May 2019 an internal officer working group was set up to support the districts environmental and sustainability agenda by implementing the rollout of electric vehicles and charging infrastructure both within the council and across the wider district. The group has been meeting monthly to discuss ideas and help shape the councils thinking on

electric vehicles, public charging infrastructure and strategic planning.

2.42 Bradford EV Strategy

An EV strategy is to be developed for the Bradford District to set out targets and actions for EV development across the council and wider district. The Officers Working Group will help shape this, alongside this the Energy Savings Trust have also offered free consultancy to assist in the development of the Strategy.

2.43 On-Street Charging

Bradford Council will investigate the opportunity for on-street charging this could be developed alongside the councils current Street lighting project to replace lantern to energy efficient LED lighting and replacement of street lighting columns. Technology exist to convert street lights to charging points, this could be suited to residential streets with no off street parking. These maybe possible where street lights are replaced and moved to the front of the kerbside; officers will work alongside the street lighting team to determine the feasibility of on-street charging being incorporated into street lighting.

There may also be the opportunity to further develop residential charging via OLEVs funding for residential on-street charging scheme, however this only provides 75% of capital costs and is currently time limited with delivery by March 2020 and should be supported by evidence of on street demand. To date Bradford Council has yet to apply for this funding, due to concentrating effort on the development of the West Yorkshire rapid charge point network. Should demand arise and timescale be extended there maybe scope to apply for this funding, possibly looking to install charge point on council land in residential areas.

2.44 Government Consultation

The government has currently got a consultation out on electric vehicle charging in residential & non-residential buildings. The consultation closes on 7 October 2019.

A summary of the proposals are below:

Policy position: Residential Buildings

The government proposes every new residential building with an associated car parking space to have a chargepoint. We propose this requirement applies to buildings undergoing a material change of use to create a dwelling.

The government proposes requiring every residential building undergoing major renovation with more than 10 car parking spaces to have cable routes for electric vehicle chargepoints in every car parking space.

Policy position: New Non-Residential Buildings

The government proposes every new non-residential building and every non-residential building undergoing a major renovation with more than 10 car parking spaces to have one chargepoint and cable routes for an electric vehicle chargepoint for one in five spaces.

Policy position: Existing Non-Residential Buildings

The government proposes a requirement of at least one chargepoint in existing non-residential buildings with more than 20 car parking spaces, applicable from 2025.

For the full government consultation documents see <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/electric-vehicle-chargepoints-in-residential-and-non-residential-buildings>.

Bradford Council will be responding to the consultation, depending the outcome of the consultation local planning policy may require updating and it may also require the council to install further EVCPs at our council sites with more than 20 car parking spaces.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Not applicable in the context of this report

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

The projects have been funded by external funding to date. However it should be noted that there may be the need for funding to further develop the EVCP network in the district, particularly on-street charging. There are also resource limitations around available officer time.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

No significant risks arising out of the implementation of the proposals.

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

Contracts and lease are in place between Engie and Bradford Council.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

Not applicable in the context of this report.

7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

EVs contribute to reduced greenhouse gas emissions, lower sound pollution and improved air quality. The West Yorkshire Rapid Charge Point network will be powered using renewable energy supply.

7.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

EVs contribute to reduced greenhouse gas emissions. The West Yorkshire Rapid Charge Point network will be powered using renewable energy supply.

7.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

Where possible, EVCPs will be installed in safe areas. Site area prioritised if they are well lit and covered by CCTV.

7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

Where possible, charge point bays will be disable accessible.

7.6 TRADE UNION

Not applicable in the context of this report.

7.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

EVCPs will be installed district wide resulting in new public infrastructure within ward boundaries.

**7.8 AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS
(for reports to Area Committees only)**

Not applicable in the context of this report.

7.9 IMPLICATIONS FOR CORPORATE PARENTING

Not applicable in the context of this report.

7.10 ISSUES ARISING FROM PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESMENT

Not applicable in the context of this report.

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

None

9. OPTIONS

Not applicable in the context of this report

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommended – For the committee to review the report and provide any relevant guidance.

11. APPENDICES

Transport Operations (Air Quality) Policy 2018/19 Procurement and Fuels

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None

11. APPENDICES

Transport Operations (Air Quality) Policy 2018/19

Procurement and Fuels

Introduction

Man-made air pollution causes the equivalent of 40,000 early deaths in the UK every year and this equates to 222 early deaths in Bradford, with an associated health cost of £157m per annum. Health research in Bradford demonstrates that air pollution is also responsible for a number of concerning health effects such as the development of childhood asthma, low birth weights, cancer, stroke and heart attacks. More recently air pollution has been linked with reductions in the IQ of children in affected populations.

Information provided by the Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) in 2017 indicates that Bradford District is currently exceeding legal limits for the pollutant nitrogen dioxide and is predicted to continue to do so until 2021. Bradford currently sits marginally outside the requirement to implement compulsory standards for clean air by 2020 through the use of Clean Air Zones (CAZ). A CAZ is a geographical area where a vehicle owner is required to pay a charge if they are driving a vehicle that does not meet the particular standard for their vehicle in that zone. The classes set by government in the CAZ framework are as follows with the standards for diesel vehicles being Euro VI and petrol Euro IV:

Class A	Buses, coaches and taxis
Class B	“ “ plus HGVs
Class C	“ “ plus HGVs and LGVs
Class D	“ “ plus HGVs, LGVs and private vehicles

Measures are being put in place to reduce emissions in the district. These include:

- Acceleration of the uptake of low emission vehicles through access to infrastructure and the use of the West Yorkshire Low Emissions Strategy (WYLES) procurement guide and Ecostars scheme.
- Commercial fleets - Ecostars have been appointed as a fleet consultant to operate a Fleet Recognition scheme with a target to engage 60 local fleet operators (Note: Bradford Council is already a member of the Ecostars scheme and has gained a 4 (out of 5) star award).
- Fleet - Fleet procurement to include whole life costing. Cars and vans to be considered for Ultra Low Emissions Vehicles (ULEV) or very low emissions.
- Gas refuelling (Compressed Natural Gas) - refuelling infrastructure included in the Council's Depot Redevelopment Plan for use by LGVs.
- Minimum emission standards for buses across West Yorkshire.
- Development of WY low emission taxi licensing standards and support for the taxi industry to transition to LEV alternatives.

Transport Operations (Air Quality), Procurement and Fuels Policy 2017/18

The Vehicle Advisory Group (VAG), part of Fleet & Transport Services (FTS), is authorised by CMT as the Council's professional competent body on transport related matters. It is authorised to develop, introduce and manage corporate transport related strategies and policies to protect the Council. For the purpose of this policy the VAG is charged with supporting, monitoring and reporting that vehicles, including plant items where applicable, used by Bradford Council are:

1. Where procured - are procured using whole life costing comparisons and sustainability.
2. Where hired - are hired based on lowest emissions available suitable for the task required.
3. Where used - are used in the most fuel efficient manner achievable.

The VAG will investigate viable alternative fuels and work with departments who are procuring, hiring or using vehicles to establish formal evidence of:

3. Consideration of using Ultra Low Emissions Vehicles (ULEV) or Very Low Emissions vehicles (VLEV).
4. Exploration and trialling of any fuel-saving or emission reducing technologies.

Important: The above must be balanced against costs and where costs are deemed to be prohibitive in achieving compliance with lowering emissions it is to be raised to the appropriate Strategic Director for consideration.

Departments Must:

1. Use CAZ compliant vehicles by 2020 as a minimum.
2. In coordination with VAG, have documented consideration of the use of ULEV or VLEV vehicles as an alternative, discounting them only if they are found not to be practicable.
3. Give consideration to any proposed fuel or emission reduction technology which can be fitted pre or post vehicle production.
4. When using vehicles departments are to:
 - Use them effectively with accurate route planning in place in conjunction with GPS systems where fitted.
 - Ensure drivers are aware of Safe & Fuel Efficient Driving (SAFED) techniques.
 - Use GPS in cab monitoring information for driver education purposes to improve driving, reduce engine idling time and eradicate speeding.

Audits

The VAG will both audit (periodic and annual) and support departments to ensure they have plans in place to achieve the outcomes required by 2020



Report of the Chair of the Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee to the meeting to be held on Wednesday 9 October 2019

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Subject:

Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2019-20

Summary statement:

This report presents the Committee's Work Programme 2019-20

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Portfolio:
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Education, Employment and Skills
Healthy People and Places

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1. SUMMARY

1.1 This report presents the Committee's Work Programme 2019-20.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 Each Overview and Scrutiny Committee is required by the Constitution of the Council to prepare a work programme (Part 3E – Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, Para 1.1).

2.2 Appendix 1 of this report presents the Work Programme for 2019-20.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

3.1 The Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee has the responsibility for “the strategies, plans, policies, functions and services directly relevant to the corporate priorities about creating a more prosperous district and about improving waste management, neighbourhood services and the environment” (Council Constitution, Part 2, 6.5.1 and 6.6.1).

3.2 Best practice published by the Centre for Public Scrutiny suggests that ‘work programming should be a continuous process’. It is important to regularly review work programmes so that important or urgent issues that come up during the year are able to be scrutinised. In addition, at a time of limited resources, it should also be possible to remove projects which have become less relevant or timely. For this reason, it is proposed that the Committee's work programme be regularly reviewed by Members throughout the municipal year.

3.3 The remit of this Committee also includes the strategies, plans, functions and services directly relevant to the corporate priorities about reducing carbon emissions, transport and highways, creating a greener and more sustainable environment and positively affecting climate change.

3.4 The work programme as agreed by the Committee will form the basis for the Committee's work during the year, but will be amended as issues arise during the year.

4. FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE APPRAISAL

None

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

None

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

None

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

None

7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

None

7.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

None

7.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

None

7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

None

7.6 TRADE UNION

None

7.7 IMPLICATIONS FOR CORPORATE PARENTING

None

7.8 ISSUES ARISING FROM PRIVACY ASSESSMENT

None

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

None

9. OPTIONS

9.1 The Committee may choose to add to or amend the topics included in the 2018-19 work programme for the committee.

9.2 Members may wish to consider any detailed scrutiny reviews that it may wish to conduct.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 That the Work programme 2019-20 continues to be regularly reviewed during the year.

11. APPENDICES

- 11.1 Appendix 1 – Regeneration & Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2019-20

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Bradford Council's Constitution.

Democratic Services - Overview and Scrutiny

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Thursday, 7th November 2019 at City Hall, Bradford.

Chair's briefing 21/10/2019. Report deadline 24/10/2019.

- 1) Libraries and Museums Service
- 2) Housing, Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategies
- 3) Affordable Housing
- 4) Bradford Council's involvement in residential High Rise buildings following the Grenfell Tower disaster
- 5) Regeneration and Environment O&S Committee Work Programme

The Committee will receive an update report on the Libraries and Museums service.

Phil Barker / Jacqui Buckley

The Committee will consider the final versions of the Housing, Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategies.

Yusuf Karolia / Sarah Holmes

The Committee will receive a report on the on the Affordable Housing scheme.

Lorraine Wright

The Committee will receive an update on the work being undertaken.

Julie Rhodes/Justin Booth

The Committee will consider its Work Programme and make changes as necessary.

Licia Woodhead

Wednesday, 11th December 2019 at City Hall, Bradford.

Chair's briefing 25/11/2019. Report deadline 28/11/2019.

- 1) Waste Management
- 2) Civic Quarter District Heat Network
- 3) Regeneration and Environment O&S Committee Work Programme

The Committee will consider a report on Waste Management activities across the District and AWM first year performance reporting.

Steve Hartley/Susan Spink

The Committee will receive a report detailing the full outline business case for the District Heat Network..

Neill Morrison

The Committee will consider its Work Programme and make changes as necessary.

Licia Woodhead

Thursday, 9th January 2020 at City Hall, Bradford.

Chair's briefing 16/12/2019. Report deadline 18/12/2019.

- 1) Skills for Work
- 2) Stimulating and Accelerating Housing and Economic Growth
- 3) Replacement West Yorkshire Local Transport Plan 3 Implementation Plan.
- 4) The District's Casualty Reduction work

The Committee will receive a report on skills for work with progress against the Workforce Development Plan.

Phil Hunter

The Committee will receive a report focussing on the use of the £500,000 of revenue funding.

Shelagh O'Neill/Lorraine Wright

The Committee will receive a report updating members on delivery against the first year of the five year Implementation Plan.

Julian Jackson/Richard Gelder

The Committee will receive a report detailing the results of the independent review carried out with regard to shared services.

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- 5) Regeneration and Environment O&S Committee Work Programme

The Committee will consider its Work Programme and make changes as necessary.

Licia Woodhead

Wednesday, 12th February 2020 at City Hall, Bradford.

Chair's briefing 27/01/2020. Report deadline 30/01/2020.

- 1) Draft Climate Strategy for the District 2020-2050
- 2) Draft Municipal Waste and Minimisation Strategy for the District
- 3) City Centre Regeneration
- 4) City Markets
- 5) Regeneration and Environment O&S Committee Work Programme

The Committee will receive a report on the Council's Climate Strategy. The Committee will receive the draft Waste Minimisation Strategy for their consideration.

Neill Morrison
Steve Hartley

The Committee will receive a report on City Centre regeneration.

Steve Hartley/Shelagh O'Neill

The Committee will receive a report as part of their Involvement in the consultation process on the proposals relating to the development of the new City Centre Markets.

Colin Wolstenholme

The Committee will consider its Work Programme and make changes as necessary.

Licia Woodhead

Wednesday, 4th March 2020 at City Hall, Bradford.

Chair's briefing 17/02/2020. Report deadline 20/02/2020.

- 1) 12 Month update on the Biodiversity Scrutiny Review
- 2) Active Bradford
- 3) Street Lighting
- 4) Economic Growth Strategy Delivery Plan
- 5) Single Use Plastics Scrutiny Review - Progress against Scrutiny Review recommendations

The Committee will receive a report detailing the outcomes of the Government's Biodiversity Net Gain Consultation process.

Danny Jackson

The Committee will receive a report on the work undertaken and outcomes of the Local Delivery Pilot.

Zuby Hamard

Members will receive a report on the progress being made against the Street Lighting Invest to Save Strategy.

Julian Jackson /Richard Gelder/Allun Preece

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The Committee will receive a report monitoring progress against the recommendations in the review.

Shelagh O'Neill
Joanne Hyde/Steve

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Wednesday, 8th April 2020 at City Hall, Bradford.

Chair's briefing 23/03/2020. Report deadline 26/03/2020.

- 1) Bradford Beck Pilot Study

- 2) Update on the work of the Housing Standards team

- 3) Empty Homes Update

- 4) Energy efficiency in the Private rented sector in the Bradford District.
- 5) Crematoria Update

- 6) Resolution Tracking

To focus on the work being undertaken and progress against the joint studies and proposals for the Canal Road Area.

The Committee will receive a report providing an update on the proactive work being undertaken by the Housing Standards Team, and also the impact of legislative changes that have been implemented over the past 12 months.

The Committee will receive an Empty Homes update with a focus on work being undertaken in areas where there is a high number of empty properties.

That representatives from the Incommunities Group attend to provide information on the work being undertaken by the group to reduce the number of empty properties in its ownership. The report should also include details of the impact of Council Tax Premiums in reducing the number of empty properties across the Bradford District.

The Committee will receive a report regarding energy efficiency in the private rented sector.

The Committee will consider the progress made against the recommendations made throughout the Municipal Year.

Barney Lerner/Julian Jackson/Andrew Marshall/Derek Jones
Julie Rhodes

Julie Rhodes/Dave North

Ben Middleton/Neill Morrison

Phil Barker / John Scholefield
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