

**Minutes of a meeting of the Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on Wednesday, 12 February 2020 in Committee Room 1 - City Hall, Bradford**

Commenced 5.35 pm  
Concluded 7.50 pm

**Present – Councillors**

<b>LABOUR</b>	<b>CONSERVATIVE</b>	<b>LIBERAL DEMOCRAT AND INDEPENDENT GROUP</b>	<b>GREEN</b>
<b>Jamil Dodds Berry Mohammed Kamran Hussain</b>	<b>Heseltine Herd</b>	<b>R Ahmed</b>	<b>Love</b>

NON VOTING CO-OPTED MEMBERS

Nicola Hoggart  
Julia Pearson

Environment Agency  
Bradford Environmental Forum

**Councillor Jamil in the Chair**

**1. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

There were no disclosures for interest.

**2. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS**

There were no appeals submitted to review decisions to restrict documents.

**3. REFERRALS TO THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

There were no referrals to the Committee.

**4. CLIMATE EMERGENCY UPDATE**

The report of the Strategic Director, Corporate Resources (**Document “BL”**) was an update on the Council and District climate and environment emergency response and key issues arising.

The Assistant Director, Office of Chief Executive was accompanied by the Policy Officer, Policy and Performance and with the invitation of the Chair gave a joint detailed synopsis of the report.

Following introduction, a question and session ensued:

- Was the strategy in place at present?
  - A public report is to be put together on the climate and environment emergency for Executive for 24th March 2020. This report will set out the core principles and an interim action plan to achieve the Council’s ambitions to tackle the climate emergency and other sustainable priorities;
- What was entailed in Document “BL” that was different to previous reports on climate emergency?
  - As opposed to the Council working on its own previously, on this occasion officers had been working with neighbouring Councils and the West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA) in order for joint working to accelerate work streams for all authorities involved;
- There were an ever-increasing number of cars in the Bradford district and this was a clear sign of either people not taking responsibility towards climate change or the fact that they were not fully aware of future consequences. In any case, a key issue was that it would probably be difficult to enforce behaviour change between the general public due to the keen interest in people owning own cars and therefore what was being considered by the joint authorities to change the behaviour of the general public?
  - Detailed air quality work had been ongoing for a number of years and as a result air quality and clean air zone work was at a progressing stage on a Clean Air Plan, Clean Air Zone and air quality improvement arrangements with a significant bid being prepared for HM Government approval. The clean air zone would be a fundamental change and investment for the Bradford district.
  - This was not about a one off climate control but a wider sustainable permanent development;
- How was awareness of present and future information on climate change being discussed and managed by the Council?
  - The Council was, alongside other authorities and the WYCA developing robust and structured communications, awareness raising and engagement plans and content for working with citizens, communities and partners; and,
- How the Council was presently or would in the future be working with local businesses to maximise on improving energy efficiency?
  - There was now an opportunity for the Council to think about local businesses and how we enable services and facilities to local businesses towards tackling climate change.

The Chair thanked the officers for the detailed report and praised the joint working with other authorities, therefore –

**Resolved –**

- (1) That the Committee supports the ongoing work to address the climate and environmental crisis.**
- (2) That the Committee supports the partnership working with West Yorkshire Combined Authority and the need for climate and environment investment to form part of the devolution process.**
- (3) That a further report be presented to the Committee in Autumn 2020.**

***ACTION: Strategic Director, Corporate Resources***

**5. CITY CENTRE REGENERATION**

This report of the Strategic Director, Place (**Document “BM”**) updated the Scrutiny Committee on progress with city centre regeneration since its scrutiny hearing in October 2018.

The Strategic Funds Manager was in attendance and with the invitation of the Chair, she gave synopsis of the report.

Following presentation, the following question and answer session ensued:

- Were the potential tenants for One City Park to be a one single tenant or multi-tenant?
  - It was recognised that businesses, did not take big floor plans for long term. The Council would be considering flexibility towards the lease of workspace, due to employers also offering their staff flexibility in terms of home working;
- What were plans for connecting with the district heating network?
  - It was not possible to sign in with the district heating network but all intentions remained to incorporate into future buildings;
- What investments were anticipated for the purpose of the city’s growth?
  - This would be on a substantial level as the City Centre remained a focus for the Council as part of the wider approach to economic growth across the district. Due to its size and scale it was also recognised as a Strategic Priority Area in the city region’s Strategic Economic Plan; and,
- The scheme seemed exceptional, however, owing to optimism, there was wish to see more housing accommodation but for long term social communities, not short term schemes by private landlords. Would plans would be put into to avoid such practices?
  - The strategy would entail the incorporation of increasing the essentials for long term sustainability means and not short term.

In closing the discussion, the Chair stated that the plan would also favour other features connected with the scheme in terms of, amongst others, improvements to highways, the flow of traffic, upgraded bus routes and bringing empty properties back to life.

**Resolved –**

- (1) That officers be thanked for the detailed presentation and welcome the many positive and exciting regeneration developments outlined in the report.**
- (2) That an update report be presented to the Committee in 12 months' time.**

***ACTION: Strategic Director, Place***

**6. REDEVELOPMENT OF CITY CENTRE MARKETS**

The report of the Strategic Director, Place (**Document “BN”**) updated Members on the redevelopment proposals for the city centre markets.

The Markets Manager was in attendance and with the invitation of the Chair, gave a synopsis of the report. Adding to this, a PowerPoint was also provided that included location plans and designs of the project. In terms of technical specifics, an overview of the current City Market Redevelopment Proposal was also provided to the committee, as summarised:

- A recap of information provided at an earlier meeting of this committee (23 October 2018): -
  - Construction of New Food Market in the former M&S building;
  - Refurbishment of Kirkgate Market;
  - Appointment of external branding and media consultants; and,
  - Commencement of consultation and stakeholder events.
- An outline of developments since last presentation to date: -
  - Project designs amended to include an extended Market, a new Market Square and Underground Servicing;
  - Acquisition on additional properties on Darley Street using CPO powers published on 30 April 2019;
  - Planning approval on 20 May 2019;
  - Decision taken in September 2019 to create single composite Market and to vacate Kirkgate Market;
  - Lawful possession of additional properties on Darley Street on 4 November 2019; and,
  - Selection of Kier Construction Ltd as the preferred contractor in January 2020.

The committee praised the proposals of the redevelopment of the city centre markets and the comprehensive work that had been delivered by officers to date. It was further echoed between the committee of the long term investment strategy that would provide a new and refreshed markets offer that would boost income and revenue to the Council and more importantly stimulate wider economic development in this part of the city centre.

The Chair thanked officers for the detailed contents contained in the report accompanied with the explicit outlined PowerPoint presentation.

**Resolved –**

- (1) That the Committee welcomes Document “BN” and the proposals for the development of Darley Street Market, and requests an update report in 12 months’ time.**
- (2) That the Committee Members be invited for a site visit to view the construction of the market in 12 months’ time.**

***ACTION: Strategic Director, Place***

**7. SMART STREET LIGHTING PROJECT TEAM - ARRANGEMENTS TO PROCURE AND APPOINT A STRATEGIC PARTNER TO PROVIDE RESOURCES TO IMPLEMENT, MANAGE AND MONITOR THE PROJECT**

In accordance with Contract Standing Orders 2019/2020, the report of the Strategic Director, Place (**Document “BO”**) informed the Committee of the proposal to procure services with a total contract value in excess of £2m to ensure that there are resources in place to deliver the Smart Street Lighting project.

**Resolved –**

**That the Committee supports the progression of the procurement of a Strategic Partner for the Smart Street Lighting project.**

***LEAD: Strategic Director, Place***

**8. REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2019-20**

The report of the Chair of the Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee (**Document “BP”**) presented the Committee’s Work Programme 2019-20.

**Resolved –**

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

***LEAD: Scrutiny Lead***

Chair

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