



Minutes of a meeting of the Bradford South Area Committee held on Thursday, 30 September 2021 in the Council Chamber, City Hall - City Hall, Bradford

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| Commenced | 5.00 pm |
| Concluded | 6.45 pm |

Present – Councillors

| LABOUR | CONSERVATIVE |
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| Dodds | Clarke |
| S Khan | |
| T Hussain | |
| Warburton | |

Apologies: Councillor Kausar Mukhtar and Councillor Matthew Bibby

Councillor Dodds in the Chair

Chair

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

THESE MINUTES HAVE BEEN PRODUCED, WHEREVER POSSIBLE, ON RECYCLED PAPER

35. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

No disclosures of interest in matters under consideration were received.

36. MINUTES

Resolved –

That the minutes of the meeting held on 15 July 2021 be signed as a correct record.

37. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

38. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions submitted by the public.

39. UPDATE BRADFORD 2025 UK CITY OF CULTURE BID AND OTHER CULTURAL PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES IN BRADFORD SOUTH

The Assistant Director Sport and Culture submitted a report (**Document “G”**) which set out an update on the Bradford 2025 UK City of Culture Bid and other cultural partnership opportunities in Bradford South.

Bradford's bid secured cross-party support at the meeting of Full Council in July, with a supporting letter signed by the Leaders of the Council's three main political groups submitted as part of the Expression of Interest. The bid has secured the backing, including financial support, of a number of major organisations and employers around the Bradford District including University of Bradford, Morrisons, Bradford Bulls and Expect Distribution.

The Bradford 2025 bid team is anticipating that the DMCS will announce a longlist of places to move through to the next round of the competition in late September 2021. Upon longlisting, the Bradford bid team will embark on an extensive public engagement programme across the whole Bradford District, with events planned for every ward in Bradford South. Ward Councillors will be contacted directly about these public engagement events in due course.

As part of Bradford 2025's comprehensive public engagement work to share information about the bid and hear suggestions from Bradford residents and other local groups, the team will be visiting all 6 wards in Bradford South between late October and February 2022. The team was currently finalising plans to be at Sandale Community Centre, Royds, for the first of these community events in late October.

Summer Unlocked was a district wide programme that saw arts and culture take over the streets of Bradford and bring new life into the wonderful communities and surroundings that had become our sanctuary during the Covid-19 Pandemic. In line with guidelines, we wanted to ensure that our programme was safe and encourage localised activities to celebrate our revitalised sense of community spirit and bring joy to a range of space and places across the district.

Throughout Bradford South they had been a range of bespoke and uniquely Bradford Arts and Culture activities which included Poetry workshops and performances from Tong Residence, Mini's transformed into a cinema celebrating local stories in Queensbury, Calligraphy workshops and performances in Wibsey, Chalk Street dancing in Scholemoor and pop-up art galleries and workshops across Holmewood.

Many of the cultural assets within Bradford South will form part of the bid, such as the Black Dyke Band and Scholemoor Beacons. To this end there will be an opportunity for residents to also have their input.

The Chair stated that the 2025 Bid was very positive, and that Full Council was supporting the Bid.

A Member in welcoming the Bid, expressed some concerns about not being

informed of what was actually happening or planned for the respective wards, he also urged the Bid team to explore hosting consultation events within a suitable venue in the ward, rather than at generic locations which will not yield a community angle. He also added that the Bid did not contain any references to libraries and literature in Bradford, which should be an integral part of the Bid.

In response it was acknowledged that suitable venues would be looked at in consultation with Ward Councillors. It was also stressed that literature was absolutely central to the Bradford Bid, given the rich heritage and writers from the district, and that he expected that Libraries, museums and galleries to play an important role.

A Member stated that to his knowledge, the Library Service had not been contacted, since the Bid launch and he suggested that frontline staff should be consulted.

A Member also stressed the need for the consultation to be inclusive, so that all communities were included. In response it was stated that it was important that the cultural sector was reflective of the local community, and this would be taken on board as the Bid progressed.

Resolved –

That officers be thanked and that the report and update on the Bradford South consultation be welcomed, and that the 2025 Bid Group liaise with Bradford South Ward Councillors on activities planned in their respective wards.

ACTION: Assistant Director Sport & Culture

40. STREET CLEANSING SERVICE

The Shipley Area Coordinator submitted a report (**Document “H”**) which examined three different working models available for consideration with regards to the Street Cleansing service in light of recent increased investment.

Particular reference was drawn to the Hybrid Working model - create ward based teams that still clean the Gateways in the morning. On return to their ward operate on a prescribed daily pattern of work within their ward only (example maps of two wards have been provided). This would also allow the advantage of option 1 with regards ownership and locality working. This option (Hybrid working) has become possible due to the increase in staff available which allows some ward-based teams of 2 or more to be formed. This could allow the service to retain a frequency based approach but within smaller separate locally fixed teams and with more of a sense of ownership for a ward. There is still a small risk of teams being adversely affected by sickness and holidays. For example, a five-person team would have approximately 4 people on the ground at any one time taking annual leave and sickness into account. The introduction of ward buddy system and assistance from the roving Area team would go some way to address this

A Member stated that whichever model was adopted, complaints would always be

lodged.

During the discussion, a number of Members ascertained which roads formed part of the gateway. In response it was stated that these were the principal roads leading into the city, however adjacent areas were also included, and a full list would be circulated to Members.

In discussing the gateway, it was explained that it was not feasible to walk that whole of the gateway and that teams would identify particular problem areas to tackle.

A Member expressed concerns around the cleaning of park areas as part of the new hybrid working and that he thought that the existing Policy was that the Clean Teams would also target the Parks. In response it was explained that although Parks were sometimes cleaned enroute, this was still a responsibility of the parks staff and that the Clean Teams concentrated on the adopted highway, to create maximum flexibility.

It was pointed out that one of the main issues was the staffing levels were low and therefore they had to be deployed in a manner that there was optimum coverage, and in areas where there were particularly issue. Ultimately residents also had to play their part in ensuring that their areas were kept clean of litter.

The impact of Covid was also highlighted and how this had affected cleaning schedules.

Members acknowledged that the Service were doing their best in very challenging circumstances, and that the Council still had a responsibility to ensure that they maintained a baseline service, and it was therefore:

Resolved –

- (1) **That resource levels in the wards be approved.**
- (2) **That Option 2 as set out in Document “H” be selected as the preferred cleansing delivery model and that this be reviewed again in 12 months’ time.**
- (3) **That officers bring back these work patterns to Ward Councillors in 6 months’ time.**

ACTION: Strategic Director Place

Overview & Scrutiny Area: Corporate / Environment and Waste Management

41. LOCALITY WORKING REVIEW: BRADFORD SOUTH APPROACH AND CREATING A LOCALITIES PLAN FOR THE AREA

The Strategic Director Place submitted a report (**Document “I”**) which outlined the District wide approach emerging from the Locality Working Review, considered the data available to support the process and presented some options on how to develop the approach in Bradford South.

During the discussion Members expressed concern that the existing locality working was already approved Council policy and that there was confusion around where this proposed change had been initiated. In response, the Area Coordinator explained that the Health and Wellbeing Board had suggested a better realignment with Health.

Members were adamant that the current approach was working well and failed to see what benefits this proposed new approach would yield or how it would give us a better realignment with Health, although Members were enthusiastic about better alignment with health, details about this were sketchy and in what ways the Community Health Partnerships will fit in to an area approach.

It was felt that the Chief Executive should attend the next meeting of the Area Committee to explain the rationale behind the new approach, and it was therefore:

Resolved –

That the Chief Executive be invited to the next meeting of Bradford South Area Committee to respond to Councillors concerns about the implications of the Locality Review.

ACTION: Strategic Director Place/Chief Executive

42. DRAFT OF BRADFORD SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE FORWARD PLAN FOR YEAR 2021-22

The Strategic Director Place submitted a report (**Document “J”**) which outlined proposed agenda items for Bradford South Area Committee meetings for the remainder of the 2021/2022 Municipal Year.

Subject to the inclusion of the following, it was:

Resolved –

That the Forward Plan be noted and that a report on dropped kerbs be added as an item for consideration at a future meeting.

ACTION: Bradford South Area Coordinator