

Minutes of a meeting of the Bradford South Area Committee held on Thursday, 17 March 2022 at 5.30 pm in the Banqueting Hall - City Hall, Bradford

Commenced 5.30 pm

Concluded 8.10 pm

Present – Councillors

LABOUR	GREEN	THE BRADFORD SOUTH INDEPENDENTS
Dodds S Khan Thornton Warburton Wood T Hussain	Edwards	Hargreaves Majkowski

Councillor Dodds in the Chair

67. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

No disclosures of interest in matters under consideration were received.

68. MINUTES

Resolved –

That the minutes of the meeting held on 27 January 2022 be signed as a correct record.

69. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

70. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions submitted by the public.

71. PETITION RELATING TO A TRAFFIC MATTER - BRADFORD SOUTH

The Strategic Director, Place submitted a report (**Document “V”**) which set out a petition relating to a traffic matter at the location of Reevy Road West, Bradford.

The petition in respect of Reevy Road West was presented to the meeting of Full Council on 25 January 2022, where it was resolved to refer the petition signed by over 950 people to this Area Committee for further consideration.

The Lead Petitioner including some pupils from Buttershaw Business and Enterprise College were present at the meeting to give an overview of the work they had done with the Council, the Police, Ward Councillors, as well as parents to raise awareness around the issue of illegal parking and road safety outside the school, this included encouraging parents to park safely, encouraging students to be more aware of their surroundings once outside school and lobbying the Council to provide a suitable crossing, to enable pupils to cross safely. A speed survey by the students in conjunction with the Police had also identified the issue of speeding vehicles around the vicinity of the school.

A Ward Councillor and Member of this Committee expressed her deep concerns about road safety outside the school, which she had experienced at first hand and she thanked pupils for their sterling work in bringing the issue to the fore.

Members thanked the pupils of BBEC and the lead petitioner for highlighting the issue so eloquently and for the work they had undertaken, and it was suggested that as well as the proposed crossing, a suitable 20 mph limit should also be introduced in the vicinity to make the crossing more effective, and it was therefore:

Resolved -

- (1) That the request for a controlled crossing point on Reevy Road West, including the introduction of a 20mph zone in the vicinity be retained on the list of schemes to be given consideration by the Bradford South Area Committee when the 2022-23 Safer Roads schemes programme is determined.**
- (2) That Parking Services be requested to increase passing patrols of Reevy Road West and that residents be encouraged to contact the Police in respect of obstructive and/or dangerous parking.**

ACTION: Strategic Director Place

Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Regeneration & Environment

72. HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE NON-CLASSIFIED ROADS AND SURFACE DRESSING ALLOCATION FOR BRADFORD SOUTH - 2022/23

The Strategic Director, Place submitted a report (**Document “U”**) which provided information on Capital Highway Maintenance funding and made recommendations on the allocation for Non-Classified road resurfacing schemes and Surface Dressing sites.

An overview was given of the proposed schemes which were set out in Appendix 1 and 2, and during the discussion Members asked for minor clarifications on a number of the proposed schemes, including how work was signed off following repairs, in particular the quality of potholes repairs seemed to be a particular issue. In response it was stated that exact repairs were not always possible in relation to potholes, however the longevity of potholes were being looked at to ensure greater resilience.

A Member also suggested that a number of the scheduled schemes timetabled should be checked again with developers, as well as the utility companies, to ensure that any road surfacing works were undertaken following completion of any development / excavation works.

Resolved –

That the proposed programme of works as shown in Appendix 1 and 2 to Document “U” be approved.

ACTION: Strategic Director Place

Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Regeneration & Environment

73. OBJECTIONS RECEIVED TO THE TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER FOR WAITING RESTRICTIONS ON VARIOUS ROADS IN THE BRADFORD SOUTH CONSTITUENCY

The Strategic Director, Place submitted a report (**Document “W”**) which set out objections to the proposed Traffic Regulation Order on various roads in the Bradford South Constituency.

In relation to the proposals for a no waiting restrictions on Paternoster Lane, a Ward Councillor and Member of the Committee stressed that he and his fellow Ward Councillors had not been consulted on the proposed scheme, and he expressed concerns that the proposed restrictions may not have their desired effect and cause additional problems in the area, and it was therefore:

Resolved –

- (1) That the proposed ‘no waiting at any time’ restrictions on Comondale Way from the southern entrance of VCS and the entrance to the south of this be removed from the Order, just leaving corner protection at both entrances, and the Traffic Regulation Order be sealed and implemented as modified.**

- (2) That the proposed 'no waiting at any time' restrictions on Paternoster Lane be withdrawn for the time being, to allow for further consultation to be undertaken with the ward Councillors on the proposed scheme.
- (3) That the objectors be informed accordingly.

ACTION: Strategic Director Place

Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Regeneration & Environment

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

The Strategic Director of Health and Wellbeing submitted a report (**Document "X"**) which sought to inform Bradford South Area Committee of data and activities relating to the health and wellbeing of the population of the Bradford South constituency.

The report outlined some of the work and activities of teams within Public Health and work with partners, as well as the key health indicators around life expectancy, Infant mortality, respiratory health and obesity levels, with the general trend showing poor outcomes across the majority of health outcomes both within an overall Bradford and national context.

During the discussion Members expressed a number of concerns around the health outcomes affecting Bradford South and that it portrayed a grim picture.

With the majority of the outcomes showing red and amber, a Member stated that air pollution in Tong was a major contributory factor to poor health outcomes, with levels showing some of the highest concentrations in the country. This coupled with poor social housing, with damp being a particular concern, should be a particular area of focus. In response it was stated that more work with housing standards, as well as the social housing provider was needed to tackle these issues.

The lack of adequate primary care facilities in the Great Horton Ward was cited as a particular issue and residents inability to access them was no doubt contributing to the poor health outcomes in the ward. It was stated that this matter would be raised with the Public Health Intelligence Team.

The current cost of living crisis was cited as another area of concern and that the fear of debt would have a profound impact on peoples mental health across the district, and their inability to heat their homes would no doubt have an impact on their physical health. In response it was stated that this piece of work was already being looked at in conjunction with Partners and the existing work around poverty.

A Member expressed concerns that the report failed to highlight any tangible outcomes as well as what preventative work was being undertaken to address health inequalities. In response it was stated that a number of preventative programmes had yielded some good results, including the exercise referral programme, and although they were aimed at addressing existing long term health issues, they did have an impact in improving general health.

The issue of childhood obesity was also cited as a particular area of concern and that the figures were still showing an upward trajectory. In response it was stated that the sedentary lifestyle of many children was of particular concern both at a local and national level.

A Member suggested that any initiatives to tackle health inequalities had to be ward specific as issues differed from ward to ward and that effective engagement and signposting with communities was crucial.

A Member suggested that other Council and outside Services need to analyse and look at this data more closely so that services can be better tailored. In response it was stressed that the intention of public health coming into the Council was to address this very issue and ensure better coordination of services.

The poor help services around mental health was also highlighted and in particular the inadequate provision within schools, where there had been a noticeable rise in numbers.

It was suggested that a further report should be submitted around efforts to tackle obesity and mental health and that when the 2021/22 figures become available, a report should be brought to this Committee, and it was therefore:

Resolved –

- (1) That option 9.2 set out on Document “X” be adopted, in order to support the overall health and well-being of the residents of Bradford South.**
- (2) That a further report be submitted to this Area Committee on efforts to tackle obesity and mental health issues in the Bradford South area.**
- (3) That once the 2021/2022 health data become available, a further report is brought to this Area Committee early in the new Municipal Year.**

ACTION: Strategic Director of Health

Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Health & Social Care

75. LOCALITIES UPDATE

The Area Office is leading on an engagement process across Bradford South. The Bradford South Area Coordinator submitted a report (**Document “Y”**) which gave Members the opportunity to discuss relevant issues to include in the process.

The Area Coordinator explained that as well as identifying a number of issues at the December and January meetings to explore and include in the Localities process, a Localities Survey had also been undertaken and an initial analysis of the data suggested that the rising cost of living was a big concern around the district; the survey had also yielded a good response from young people with 1,340 responses received from adults and 965 from young people respectively.

A dataset had also been developed using Power Bi which was set out in the appendix to the report and was based on this information and this will provide a significant part of the evidence which will be used to prioritise the localities work. The Graduate Officer who had compiled the data gave a brief overview of the data pertinent to the Bradford South area.

Resolved –

(1) That the Area Coordinator includes ideas from the discussion in the December, January and March Area Committees within the development of the Bradford South Localities Plan 2022-26, with the addition of CSE.

(2) That the graduate officer be thanked for compiling the dataset that has been developed using Power Bi, which will provide a significant part of the evidence base.

ACTION: Area Coordinator

Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Corporate

76. 2021 / 2022 - BRADFORD SOUTH GRANTS

The Bradford South Area Coordinator submitted a report (**Document “Z”**) which summarised the grants that had been awarded in the Bradford South Constituency from 2021 to 2022.

Resolved –

(1) That the wide range of applications from groups and organisations across Bradford South be noted and welcomed.

(2) That the Grants Advisory Group be thanked for their work in allocating all of the grants from the past financial year – 2021/2022.

ACTION: Area Coordinator

Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Corporate

77. SUPPORTING COVID RESPONSE ACTIVITY - £60,000 REWARD GRANT

Bradford South Area Committee has been allocated £60,000 for voluntary organisations who supported and continue to support local communities since the pandemic started in March 2020. The Bradford South Area Coordinator submitted a report (**Document “AA”**) which proposed how grants could be allocated.

Resolved –

- (1) That the £60,000.00 be split equally between each of the 6 wards - £10,000 each.**
- (2) That Ward Officers liaise with their Ward Councillors to decide which organisations will receive a proportion of the grant.**

ACTION: Area Coordinator

Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Corporate

Chair

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