

## Minutes of a meeting of the Bradford East Area Committee held on Wednesday 8 December 2021 at 6.00 pm in Committee Room 1 - City Hall, Bradford

Commenced 6.00 pm  
Concluded 8.17 pm

### Present – Councillors

LABOUR	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT AND INDEPENDENT GROUP
H Khan Cunningham (left at 6:50 pm) Iqbal Salam	R Ahmed Knox J Sunderland

Apologies: Councillors Mir and R Sunderland

### Councillor H Khan in the Chair

#### 16. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

In the interests of transparency, Councillor Jeanette Sunderland declared a none disclosable pecuniary interest in that she was a Trustee on Bradford East Good Neighbours (Children and Young People Charity). The interest was not prejudicial and she remained in the meeting during discussion and voting.

#### 17. MINUTES

##### Resolved –

That the minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021, be signed as a correct record.

#### 18. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

#### 19. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions submitted by the public.

#### 20. YOUTH SERVICE UPDATE - BRADFORD EAST

The Committee was provided a report of the work undertaken by the Youth Services in the Bradford East Area during the last twelve months and an overview outlining the work proposed to be undertaken during the next twelve months.

The Committee was provided a presentation which sets out the work undertaken by the Youth Services and also highlighted the positive work carried out in supporting young people, in particular during the pandemic. The Youth Services would continue to explore working with more partner agencies.

Young Covid Ambassador for Bradford East and Youth Work Ward Lead for Bradford Moor were present at the meeting and gave an overview of the work undertaken with the young people and highlighted some of the significant challenges that young people experience and the difficulties faced in the services provided in Bradford East Area.

Whilst it was acknowledged that progress had been made in improving services for young people working together with Police and wardens, it was recognised that further work was required to ensure that young people received the appropriate support and access to services to help them better their lives. Furthermore, the Young Covid Ambassador was keen to seek support from Elected-Members to provide consistent services young people.

The Committee recognised the vulnerability of young people and recognised that there were gaps across the district to better understand the challenges and needs of the young people in the Bradford East Area. Furthermore, it was acknowledged it was important to ensure that young people were getting the help and support needed to reduce any problems they might experience, in particular for the new communities that moved into the area and the challenges they faced.

On behalf of the Committee, Members' thanked the Young Covid Ambassador and Youth Work Ward Lead for the update provided and for their contribution.

#### **Resolved-**

- (1) That a further report to be provided to the Committee in respect of Youth Services work undertaken with partners and communities, including identifying any gaps in the service provision and funding details to also be provided; and**
- (2) That the work undertaken by the Youth Service in the Bradford East Area as detailed in (Document "F") be noted.**

#### **21. LOCALITY WORKING REVIEW - BRADFORD EAST APPROACH AND CREATING A LOCALITIES PLAN FOR THE AREA**

The Strategic Director, Place submitted a report (**Document "G"**) which provided the Locality Working Review.

The Bradford East Area Co-ordinator provided an overview and requested the Committee to look at best models to develop Bradford East Locality Plan around early help and prevention for the local community. The Plan would also include

engagement work with partner/agencies and potential services provided to the community for the future.

In the ensuing debate Members' raised a number of concerns, including the challenges around engaging with residents dealing with their issues. Some Members expressed their concerns and were keen to understand the process of the localities plan and how residents would be reporting issues to the Council. The Area Co-ordinator explained that this would be dependent on the circumstances of each individual and that residents and Members were always welcome to contact the Council in order to progress the query.

The Area Co-Coordinator gave examples of the various types of preventative action that could be undertaken. This scheme would promote opportunities where communities resolved issues without any interventions and how services could be delivered differently. It was acknowledged that there were challenges, however help would be provided by the Council if required.

Members wanted assurance that the scheme would not relapse and would be sustainable. Members felt it was important that a clear process and commitment was in place to ensure that there was effective coordination of understanding across the partnership.

Members noted that the data provided within the report was from 2019, it was suggested that an additional information should be provided which required with up to data and information in relation to Bradford East Area profile.

The Committee commented that it was prudent to have an open and transparent approach to address the issues and a robust plan was required to improve engagement with local communities and partners.

The Committee recommended workshop session be provided to all Elected Members for Bradford East in order for them to better understand the changing needs of the resident and explore the best options.

**Resolved:**

- (1) That the committee notes the Localities Review and implications for the Bradford East Area Committee;**
- (2) That the Area Coordinator is asked to lead on the approach and develop an engagement plan, keep Councillors updated on the progress and report back progress to the committee in 2022; and**
- (3) That a workshop to be arranged in January 2022, with all Bradford East Councillors to discuss and agree an approach to develop a sustainable engagement plan for the local communities.**

## **22. NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS**

The Area Co-ordinator submitted a report (**Document “H”**) which provided information on the work of the Neighbourhood Wardens, Covid Support Workers and Environmental Enforcement Officers in Bradford East.

The Environmental Services and Enforcement Manager and the Warden and Environmental Enforcement Manager were present at the meeting and provided a comprehensive overview of the activities undertaken, in particular, recruitment and training, the positive community engagement work done during the pandemic and work of the Covid Hub.

A member stressed that in some areas of Bradford East there were issues with people using the recycling bins for general waste which caused contamination to the recycled waste. It was recognised that the Council needed to work with residents where there was high level of waste contamination and educate them to recycle properly.

A member expressed their concerns in relation waste/litter left by patrons, in particular, on Leeds Road. Businesses should be responsible to ensure that the area around the perimeter of their premises was kept clear of litter and refuse. It was suggested that Environmental Rating Scheme should be introduced (similar to Food Hygiene Rating Scheme) and that the businesses should be part of the scheme.

### **Resolved:**

- (1) That Bradford East Area Committee notes the progress of the Environmental Enforcement Service since the last report in February 2021;**
- (2) That Bradford East Area Committee support the proposed developments to improve the performance of the service through the work of the Environmental Task Force over the coming 18 months; and**
- (3) That a further report is brought to the Bradford East Area Committee in 12 months.**

Chair

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