

Minutes of a meeting of the Shipley Area Committee held on Wednesday, 26 January 2022 in Victoria Hall, Victoria Road, Saltaire, Shipley, BD18 3JS

Commenced 6.00 pm
Concluded 7.40 pm

Present – Councillors

LABOUR	CONSERVATIVE	INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST	GREEN
Greenwood Dearden	Heseltine Barker Townend Birch	Jenkins	Warnes

Observers: Cllr Felstead

Apologies: Councillor Paul Sullivan

Councillor Heseltine in the Chair

42. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest received in matters under consideration.

43. MINUTES

Resolved –

That the minutes of the meeting held on 29 September 2021 be signed as a correct record.

44. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

There were no appeals submitted to review decisions to restrict documents

45. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No public questions were received.

46. YOUTH SERVICE UPDATE - SHIPLEY

The report of the Strategic Director, Place (**Document “J”**) was submitted to the Committee to provide an update on the work carried out by the Youth Service in the previous 12 months and the plan for the next 12 months in the Shipley constituency area.

The report outlined youth provision and the timeline of responses to the Covid pandemic, an update on how the service continued to respond to increased demand and the complexity of need, an introduction of the work and role of the Young Covid Recovery Ambassadors and an update on youth provision by ward with key developments.

The report also outlined the aims of the service in supporting young people to develop and thrive and grow to be happy, healthy, informed and inspired with a sense of pride in themselves and the community from which they come.

Support was provided in a number of ways including youth clubs, peer support groups, one to one support and encouraging young people to be more responsible and volunteer in their local community. The service also continued to work with those with specific needs, including those at risk of exploitation.

As part of a collaborative partnership between the Youth Service, Bradford District Care Trust and Youth in Mind, Youth workers had also been taking on the role of ‘buddy’ support to young people experiencing mental health issues, helping them to access and navigate local support networks. Details of the work being done in local schools gave a constituency specific overview on part of the service.

Representatives from the service attended the meeting and included recently appointed Young Covid Recovery Ambassadors. They gave further details of activity in the local area such as taking food from a local outlet out each week, Christmas parties with older and younger people coming together to create links across the community as well as litter picking and social events like bowling.

The Young Ambassadors both addressed the Committee and told Members about themselves and what they had taken part in carrying out their role and their formulation of a 12 week plan to promote availability of activities and opportunities in the local area. An emphasis was placed on how young people could keep themselves safe and this even extended to self-defence classes.

Members were then given the opportunity to comment and ask questions, the details of which and the responses received are as below:

- Where did the food from Greggs get distributed and when?
 - Officers advised that it was taken across the area on Thursdays and Saturdays
- There were 2 groups of young people causing problems in Wrose, including causing criminal damage, more needed to be done as it needed tackling. The work needed to be consistent and long term
- Members were advised that some detached work had already been done but more was needed. A new full time worker had been recruited and

resources were being put into the area. The service was well aware of the problem and professional were going out – Members were assured that the service was doing all it could

- How much higher was anti-social behaviour compared to levels pre-Covid? Was it driven by routines being interrupted and by mental health issues?
- Officers advised that a technical report had not be completed but believed it was caused by the lack of facilities as young people had nowhere to go. It was not as visible when youth centres were open as issues went unseen. It was hoped that it would abate once a building was available (In Bingley specifically)
- It was also noted that facilities for older skateboarders needed investigating
- Young people were a danger to themselves by drinking, taking drugs and swimming in the river
- Mental health needed to be discussed – a Youth group had been set up in Bingley based in Haworth Village Hall and could be accessed by GP referral. It provided a safe space. Details of timings would be available online
- Officers commented on the difficulty of transition to becoming an adult with the gap in support once no longer considered to be a child. There had been 33 avoidable deaths in this age range in the District, but funding was coming to help this age group
- It was agreed that a discussion regarding social housing would take place outside the Area Committee meeting when raised by Members to address specific queries
- If children were not attending school, how did the service find out?
- Officers advised that information came from a number of sources including CAMHS, school nurses and from schools themselves. Local schools were beginning to buy into a service as they shared concerns about non-attendance
- A Member asked about the rise in domestic violence and where support was available in Baildon – Officers advised that they had hired facilities as pre-existing ones had closed due to Covid. Safe spaces were available at the Methodist Church in Baildon, the Little House in Bingley as well as St Hughes and the Kirkgate Centre in Shipley
- The Ambassadors would only be in post for another 2 months – was there any chance that this could be extended?
- Officers advised that there would no extension as there was no more funding available
- Was the number of avoidable deaths at a normal level?
- Members were told that it was difficult to ascertain as GDPR prevented

getting access to the necessary data

Resolved –

- 1. That the work undertaken by the Youth Service in the Shipley Constituency as detailed in the report be welcomed**
- 2. That Members wished to thank all of the teams working with young people across the District in difficult and challenging circumstances**
- 3. That Officers interrogate the data and its source to bring to a future Area Committee meeting**

Action: Strategic Director, Place

47. SHIPLEY AREA COMMITTEE UPDATE ON ASSETS OF COMMUNITY VALUE

The report of the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources (**Document “K”**) was submitted to the Committee to provide the annual update following the decision at the meeting of the Executive in September 2020 to change the process for listing Assets of Community Value (ACV).

The Senior Asset Management Officer attended the meeting and explained the reasons and rationale for the change in process. Previously, due to conflicting calendars, only 34% of assets proposed completed the process for listing. Following the change of process, 100% were being processed within the statutory period. He also explained the Localism Act which provided the rights to communities to identify a property or land that is believed to further their social interests or social wellbeing, it gives them a fair chance to submit a bid to purchase if the owner decides to sell. He also explained and the implications when an asset was identified and the process that took place as a result.

There were 5 nominations in Shipley and an overview of each was provided for Members information.

Members were then given the opportunity to comment and ask question, the details of which and the responses received are as below.

- Members requested clarification relating to a community asset which was being contested by Incommunities.
- Officers advised that the organization stated that the land in question formed part of residential gardens so could not be listed. The Council had placed a charge on the land which only then can lift. Incommunities would have to inform the Council if they wished to sell it
- It was noted that it would not prevent land from being sold but consideration would be given by Planning as to why an ACV should be disregarded

Resolved –

That the update of listings as Assets of Community Value be noted by the Area Committee.

Action: Strategic Director, Corporate Resources

48. PROTECTING VULNERABLE CHILDREN AND ADULTS AT RISK OF EXPLOITATION

The report of the Chief Executive's office (**Document "L"**) was submitted to the Committee to provide Members with an update on the contemporary strategic response to all form of exploitation in both children and adults who were deemed at risk and how the partnership in Bradford was driving for continuous improvement. The report also indicated how the partnership was seeking to hold agencies to account for their work in this area and outlined the challenges presented as a result of the Covid 19 pandemic.

The partnership in Bradford was made up by the Bradford Safeguarding Adults Board (BSAB), The Bradford Partnership (TBP) and the Community Safety Partnership who were working together to protect vulnerable children and adults at risk resulting in professionals being able to recognise and respond at an earlier stage.

The report included details of recent activities and events that had taken place provided background information on who was affected, the types of exploitation and the impact it had on, not only the victims, but their family, friends and community. Exploitation, in its variety of forms was not a new issue but dictated new ways to tackle it with changes in methodology such as the use of social media for example, by perpetrators.

The All Age Exploitation sub group (AAE), chaired by Superintendent Richard Padwell of West Yorkshire Police, was the strategic lead for the district's child exploitation action plan and for reviewing the Child Exploitation Protocol and reported into both the TBP and BSAB annually. The AAE hosted a large multi-agency event which was attended by over 100 frontline practitioners with the aim of better understanding of the threat, harm and risk in Bradford as well as what worked well, areas that could be enhanced and the changing nature of vulnerability.

In addition to the above, 'The Programme Precision' initiative worked to tackle serious and organised crime in the county. The steering group consisted of local partners, West Yorkshire Police and was Chaired by the Council's Chief Executive, Kersten England.

Summaries of the organizations, bodies and panels set up and working to address the complex nature of exploitation were provided so that Members had a clear indication of what was being done and by whom stating the aims and objectives of each one.

Members were then given the opportunity to comment and ask questions, the details of which and the responses received are as below.

- Referring to 2.36 of the report, what was the total cohort – what was done with the other 10% who were referred to the Breaking the Cycle team?
- Officers stated that 200 referrals had been made into ‘Breaking the Cycle’ with the emphasis on protection rather than prevention with a lot of support from Youth Services. They were working with 350 young people over a longer time to try to protect them. Since the service began it had worked with 1000 young people. They also informed Members that they were working with Bradford Royal Infirmary providing specialist level support to tackle knife crime.
- Were further referrals made for the other 10%?
- Officers advised that there were likely other interventions in place such as YOT
- Referring to 2.41 in the report a Member asked about ‘Chatbot’ which was in place for 13-18 year olds. What happened if an older, but still vulnerable person made contact in this way?
- Officers advised that they would be signposted to an appropriate service. They also said that it could be rolled out and made available to schools – it would also be online on their website soon
- Free Safeguarding training was available for everyone and the Chair requested that a briefing was sent to Members including how it was being advertised. An update on uptake of the training would be welcomed next year so that Councillors could encourage completion of the training on offer.
- A Member asked about the protocols in place for Modern Slavery cases for adults.
- Officers advised that there were both district and national Safeguarding teams. If a person presented in hospital for treatment (as per the incident specified), referrals should be made to the Hospital Medical Safeguarding Team. Palmco also provided resources for victims.
- Was mandatory training rolled out to other organizations?
- Officers advised that over the previous 12 months they had been looking at a multi-agency approach to training including the way in which exploitation had evolved and was evolving. Council partners had a statutory requirement to undertake training. The development of a Safeguarding Business Initiative was also being considered as only a low number of companies had policies around Safeguarding/Exploitation. The partnership Board was developing a piece of work on this matter.
- Referring to 2.7 in the report relating to prosecutions which covered 2013-2019, were there any, more up to date figures available?
- Officers advised that they would look into this and provide them to the Area Office

The service was open to ideas and were working with a national working group, an organization called ‘VKPP’ was looking at both online and wider exploitation

and how improvements could be made.

Resolved –

- 1. That an updated report be presented to the Area Committee in 12 months' time.**
- 2. That the report be noted.**

Action: Chief Executive

49. STREET CLEANSING SERVICE IN THE SHIPLEY AREA

The report of the Shipley Area Co-ordinator (**Document “M”**) was submitted to the Committee to provide details of the minor operational changes that were being proposed to the Street Cleansing Service in the Shipley constituency area and included data on fly tipping cases reported to the council.

Following cuts in the allocated budget, Shipley Area Committee a move to a more zonal based working from the previous ward based approach. The report detailed the principles of how the service operated to prioritise the needs of the area. The report gave an overview of both the advantages and disadvantages of the current service model.

Officers were proposing a move to a hybrid model which was explained in the report. A map was partially modelled to demonstrate how the proposed model would work showing frequency of collections. The model would be fully mapped on approval of the proposal. The only downside envisaged would be if there was sickness on a large scale.

Members were then given the opportunity to comment and ask questions, the details of which and the responses received are as below.

The Chair commented that it was positive if the service would improve and give ownership back to the local area. He also liked the idea of knowing where the teams would be each day.

- Was graffiti cleaning factored in to be addressed and was it logged?
- Officers advised that it wasn't currently being logged but an app for drivers was being looked into, so that incidents could be reported. It could be implemented within 6 months and could also be used to report other problems such as damage and fly tipping
- Station Road/Otley Road (side road near Aire Valley Concrete was raised as it was not being cleaned. Could we work with either National Rail/Northern Rail to reach an agreement to maintain the area?
- Officers advised that they could broker an agreement subject to meeting with the appropriate party

Resolved –

- 1. That members select option 1 as the preferred cleansing delivery model and that Officers work up detailed work patterns in each ward.**
- 2. That Officers draft work patterns similar to the Shipley example in Appendix 1 as soon as practicable.**

Action: Damian Fisher

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

The report of the Shipley Area Co-ordinator (**Document “N”**) was submitted to the Committee to discuss how the funding awarded for voluntary organizations should be allocated.

The Committee agreed to discuss the allocation at the next GAG meeting.

Resolved –

- 1. That the £60,000.00 is 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: Damian Fisher

Chair

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

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