

## Minutes of a meeting of the Keighley Area Committee held on Thursday, 24 February 2022 in The Children's Centre, Parkwood Street, Keighley BD21 4QH

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Commenced 6.05 pm  
Concluded 7.50 pm

### Present – Councillors

LABOUR	CONSERVATIVE
Lintern Hussain Slater	Brown Ali Herd Clarke Glentworth

Apologies: Councillor Kyle Green, Councillor Caroline Firth and Councillor Mike Gibbons

### Councillor Brown in the Chair

#### 22. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

No disclosures of interest in matters under consideration were received.

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

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

#### 24. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions submitted by the public.

#### 25. HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE NON-CLASSIFIED ROADS AND SURFACE DRESSING ALLOCATION FOR KEIGHLEY CONSTITUENCY - 2022/23

The report of the Strategic Director, Place, (**Document “H”**) provided information on the Capital Highway Maintenance funding element of the Local Transport Plan for 2022/23 and made recommendations on the allocation for Non-Classified road resurfacing schemes and Surface Dressing sites in the Keighley constituency.

The report revealed the DfT Capital Highway Maintenance allocation (through the Local Transport Plan) for the maintenance of A, B, C Classified roads and Non-Classified roads in 2022/23 was expected to be in the region of £4.5m.

Appended to the report were details of resurfacing schemes completed and those still outstanding from the 2021/22 approved list. It was reported that the two remaining schemes would be completed in early 2022/23.

A recommended list of Non-Classified resurfacing schemes for the 2022/23 financial year was attached at Appendix 2 and a recommended list of Surface Dressing sites was included at Appendix 3.

The list of resurfacing schemes at Appendix 2 was detailed in priority order based on road condition and coincided with a value of £300,000. The list exceeded the allocated budget for the Keighley Constituency and Members were asked to approve the recommended list or to substitute schemes from the priority list with those from the reserved list as they deemed necessary to address local highway concerns.

It was reported that surface dressing was a preventative measure designed to extend the lifetime of the roads. Appendix 3 totalled approximately £330,000 and it was intended that all work would be completed on all of the surface dressing sites listed.

Members reported that Lawkeholme Lane had been identified incorrectly in Appendix 2 as being located in Keighley East when it was situated in the Central ward and it was agreed to correct that error.

It was questioned when schemes identified on the reserve list at Appendix 2 would be completed and it was reported that they would ordinarily start to be addressed in the next financial year. If priority schemes were unable to be addressed schemes from the reserve list could be completed sooner. It was explained that some funding remained from the Pothole Fund and it was hoped to use some of that allocation for schemes on the reserve list.

Members queried the process for overspent budgets and it was explained that any overspend would be deducted from the next years' allowance. Any underspend would be carried forward.

Members questioned the criteria for pot hole repairs and it was explained that if pot holes were located in a deteriorated area surface patching would be required. On longer lengths of road full resurfacing or surface dressing would be required, however, surface dressing was only suitable if the road had not deteriorated greatly. Preventative measures such as surface dressing could extend the life of the road by seven to ten years.

A Member raised a particular problem which had occurred in the Keighley West ward. Micro asphalt surfacing had failed and residents were walking the product into their homes and ruining floors. Assurances were requested that this had been raised and would not happen again.

In response it was explained that the contractor had experienced a number of failings with that dressing and that these would be addressed at no cost to the Council. It was expected that repairs would be conducted once the weather had improved. It was not known if residents were aware of progress and it was

requested that details be forwarded to the Principal Engineer, Highway Maintenance North, who agreed to provide a response to those residents.

A Member queried why measures required on Nares Street did not appear on the proposed list and reported previous assurances that the work would be conducted. It was believed that patching may have been ordered in that location and that would not be included in the reports being considered. It was agreed, if details could be forwarded to the Principal Engineer, that investigations would be made about that site.

The process utilised to assess road conditions was reported and revealed that internal inspections and a third party annual survey were conducted. The survey included high definition video inspection to grade and categorise the condition of roads. The next survey would be conducted in June 2022.

A Member questioned if the Capital Highway Maintenance allocation in the region of £4.5 million was a delegated budget and it was clarified that West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA) received that capital funding. WYCCA applied a formula to make allocations to the five authorities in the region.

In response to questions about the figures quoted in Appendices 2 and 3 it was explained that those amounts were available for both programmes. The estimate for schemes in Appendix 2 was slightly higher than the £300,000 available, however, some schemes would be completed at a higher cost than the estimate and some would be lower. It was not predicted that there would be an overspend on costs.

A Member reported that work had been carried out on the cobbles located on Harry Lane/Muffin Corner, Oxenhope and there was a request from Haworth Parish Council that the cobbles be replaced. It was confirmed that the cobbles should be replaced following the temporary tarmac filling. The Principal Engineer agreed to liaise with colleagues and contact the Member directly with a report on progress.

In response to questions about surfacing car parks it was explained that this was the remit of Parking Services.

It was questioned how pot holes should be reported to the Council and Members were advised to contact the Council's Contact Centre who would liaise with the operational teams. Members reported that they found it easier to report on line as opposed to telephone calls.

A pothole which had been paint sprayed to indicate it would be repaired without any action taking place was reported by a Keighley Central Ward Member. It was explained that if the defect was less than one square metre it would be repaired by the operational team.

The Chair referred to surface dressing conducted in the Worth Valley ward which he reported was done quickly and to a high standard. He requested his feedback be passed to the operational team responsible

**Resolved –**

**That the proposed list of schemes for 2022/23 as shown in Appendices 2 and 3 to Document “H” be approved.**

***Action: Strategic Director, Place***

**26. YOUTH SERVICE UPDATE - KEIGHLEY**

The report of the Strategic Director, Place, (Document “F”) provided an update on work undertaken by the Youth Service in the Keighley Area in the past 12 months and outlined the direction of travel for the next 12 months. The item had been deferred, without consideration, at the meeting on 20 January 2022.

***The report provided the following information:***

- ***An overview of youth provision and a timeline of the Youth Services response to the Covid 19 pandemic.***
- ***An update on how the Youth Service continues to respond to increased demand and complexity of need.***
- ***An introduction to the work of the Young Covid Recovery Ambassadors and their role in the community.***
- ***An update on youth provision ward by ward and key developments.***

Appendix A to the report – Keighley Area Youth Service Baseline Provision detailed the current provisions being delivered in Keighley.

Appendix B - Bradford Youth Service Ward Update provided an overview of ward work and developments.

It was reported that there had been many changes to the provision of youth work and youth workers and young people attended the meeting to talk about projects which had taken place over the previous year.

The report revealed that over the previous 12 months Youth Workers had responded to significant increases in referrals from partner organisations to address domestic abuse; educational anxiety; isolation and self-harm. The service had focused on meeting demand through Youth Clubs; Peer Support Groups; One to One Support and volunteering.

Other work targeted at young people with specific needs including those vulnerable and at risk was reported.

Details of Buddy Support as part of the Youth in Mind project was also discussed. In response to questions it was explained that there was often a time delay in young people receiving help once referred to specialist services. Those young people could talk to the Youth Service more quickly through the Buddy Support initiative and could choose to get more involved if they wished. As a result of the help from the project some young people felt that they no longer needed other interventions.

Service users and workers reported their own experiences of the service. Skills and opportunities through the Kick Start Programme were reported. One person reported that he had been able to undertake training courses to enable him to

work with young people on a range of sporting activities.

It was reported that the service worked with the Department of Work and Pensions and businesses to provide a Keighley hub to enable young people to work with employment coaches to help them with their first venture into employment. It was questioned what kind of employment young people were directed to and it was explained that they were supported towards their individual interests. The service facilitated ways to explore ideas and opportunities. It was acknowledged that children were in school throughout the day but that some needed ways to socialise out of school; speak to different people and from other communities. Many young people started as volunteers and with the experience they gained went on to gain paid employment.

Details of a planned trip to Coventry in relation to Bradford's City of Culture 2025 bid were discussed and it was suggested that the Director of Culture be invited to visit the young people in their measures to support the bid.

A participant who was a youth worker on a Special Inclusion Group held on a Monday evening reported how she had been able to make a difference to young people and to support them through activities such as sport and games. Her involvement had initially been as an attendee of the group and she had since succeeded in her ambition to secure paid employment because of the experience she had gained.

A video showing the work of COVID ambassadors in involving young people and senior citizens was presented and helped to break the stigma that young people did not interact with the elderly. It was explained that the COVID Ambassadors were employed in every ward of the Council, undertaking youth work training to support them in their role and they had integrated in to local teams including support for students who were anxious about returning to school. The Ambassadors engaged with young people to identify local area issues. The information gathered was shared with Public Health Bradford and had been integral to responding to local issues and supporting the community to recover from the pandemic. An Ambassador reported his own experience and how the scheme had increased his confidence and skill set.

Details of an EU Group working with Eastern Europeans and people new to the country were discussed. Measures to help people integrate into communities included helping them register for schools; experiencing new activities such as camping; supporting them to develop a curriculum vitae or preparing for interview questions were provided. A volunteer worker who helped interpret for the group explained measures undertaken to help young people and build trust. In response to questions it was explained that participants usually found out about the group through word of mouth or social media. The group was also promoted in schools and through liaison with Early Years staff.

Other young people reported their experiences as youth service attendees who had gone on to volunteer and, following apprentice roles, had undertaken qualifications and achieved employment with the service.

A Member reporting his links to local businesses and Leeds College suggested he would be happy to help young people find employment through his many

contacts. It was acknowledged that young people often found it hard to gain employment if they lacked practical experience.

A Member questioned what would happen to the Ambassador roles when the funding ceased. It was reported that they had all benefitted from their involvement and had developed skills and experience. Some job opportunities did exist but not enough to employ all the Ambassadors whose contracts would cease at the end of March 2022.

Members questioned the biggest challenge the service faced and how they could help make improvements. It was explained that young people had been involved in shaping services and it was imperative to listen to what they thought about the district and how they could access service. The Youth Voice and Youth Summit would create a space for young people to identify emerging issues and should invite decision makers to attend. There had been a very successful Youth Summit held prior to the global pandemic and it was plans were in place for another summit in June 2022. Young people had conducted research and distributed a questionnaire to collect information to be fed into the June event.

Members thanked the young people for the invitation to their centre and the informative presentation on the work, and their involvement with, the Youth Service in Keighley.

**Resolved –**

**That the work undertaken by the Youth Service in the Keighley Area as detailed in Document “F” be welcomed.**

***Action: Strategic Director, Place***

Chair

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

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