

Minutes of a meeting of the Executive held on Tuesday, 3 January 2023 in Council Chamber - City Hall, Bradford

Commenced 10.30 am
Concluded 11.30 am

Members of the Executive – Councillors

LABOUR
Hinchcliffe (Chair)
I Khan
Ross-Shaw
Ferriby
Duffy

Apologies: Councillor Jabar

Observers: Councillor Pollard and Poulsen

181. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Although it was an interest that was not required to be disclosed - in the interest of transparency Councillor Hinchcliffe and Councillor Ferriby reported that they were Members of the West Yorkshire Integrated Care Partnership.

182. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

183. RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE

There were no recommendations to the Executive.

LEADER OF COUNCIL & CORPORATE

(Councillor Hinchcliffe)

184. CALCULATION OF BRADFORD'S COUNCIL TAX BASE AND BUSINESS RATES BASE FOR 2023-24

The Director of Finance submitted a report (**Document "AJ"**) which estimated the district's 2023-24 Tax Base for Council Tax and Business Rates. The calculation was a statutory requirement for the Council's 2023-24 budget. This setting was in preparation for the Council's forthcoming budget process.

A Member of the main opposition group sought further clarification on the total of

the business rates quoted in the report.

The Leader expressed concern on the challenging funding situation facing local authorities; she reported that the Chair of the Local Government Association stated the gap of £5 billion was very concerning; there were challenges on the NHS - Social Care was funded and provided by Councils; local authorities could help the NHS with a number of their issues if Social Care was funded properly and, people who provided social care were paid a decent wage for a profession that was valued.

Resolved –

- (1) That the number of Band D equivalent properties for 2023-24 for the whole of the Bradford Metropolitan District is fixed at 143,920 (as set out in Appendix A, line 13 of Document “AJ”).**
- (2) That the Council Tax Base for 2023-24 for each Parish (set out in Appendix B) be approved.**
- (3) That Bradford’s £0.138m share of the anticipated 2023-24 Council Tax deficit be approved and that the Police and Fire share of the surplus (as set out in 6.3 of Document “AJ”) be noted.**
- (4) That the latest estimate of the gross shares of Business Rates income for 2023-24, be noted. These are set out below:
50% is paid to Central Government - £58.3m
1% is paid to the West Yorkshire Fire Authority - £1.17m
49% is retained by the Council - £57.2m**
- (5) That authority be delegated to the Section 151 officer in consultation with the Leader of the Council to make any necessary amendments to the Business Rates estimate arising from the completion of the 2023-24 NNDR1 form. The amended figures will be provided in updates to the Executive and the 2023-24 Budget papers for Council.**

ACTION: Director of Finance

Overview and Scrutiny Area: Corporate

185. SHIPLEY LOCALITY PLAN 2022-25

The Strategic Director Place submitted a report (**Document “AK”**), which set out the Shipley Locality Plan and the associated Ward Plans for 2022-25.

The Leader thanked and welcomed the good work that was being undertaken with local partners and highlighted the importance of the investment that was

being made in local communities and engaging with other partners such as Police, Housing, Voluntary and Community Sector, Health and supporting people in communities they were in; pleased to see the young people initiative – as a young City it was important that the young people element was strong.

The Regeneration, Planning and Transport Portfolio Holder stressed the importance of locality work; he commended the Wardens for the work that was undertaken in the Windhill Community Centre (wrapping Christmas presents for the In-Communities Christmas Presents Initiative); the Town Funds Programme in Shipley was starting as well as the Capital Assistant Grant Programme; Town Centre improvements were being planned; locality plan ensured all departments were working together to deliver for the constituency.

Resolved –

That the Shipley Area Co-ordinator's, in consultation with the Chair of the Shipley Area Committee, implement the Shipley Locality Plan 2022-25 and present a progress report to the Executive in 12 months' time, setting out the progress and achievements made for each of the priorities detailed in the Shipley Locality Plan 2022-25, including the six Ward Plans.

ACTION: Shipley Area Coordinators

Overview and Scrutiny Area: Health and Social Care

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES PORTFOLIO

(Councillor Duffy)

186. BRADFORD DISTRICT PREVENTION AND EARLY HELP STRATEGY 2022-2025

The Strategic Director, Children's Services submitted a report (**Document "AL"**) which introduced the proposed Bradford District Prevention and Early Help Strategy for 2022-2025.

The Bradford District Prevention and Early Help Strategy set out Children's Services vision and approach to meeting its responsibilities to provide support to children and young people across the district.

It was reported that the family hubs contained a collection of services which included police officers, family support workers, parenting workers, health visitors, ante-natal clinics etc; each hub was unique to that area for example Farcliffe Family Hub in Bradford West had social workers, the Assessment and Children's and Families Team; TFD Centre in Holmewood was co-located with Libraries, Neighbourhoods Teams, Youth Service etc; the Gateway Family Hub in Bradford East had provision for a nursery, libraries, café's run by communities; the Family

Hubs were multi – agency hubs.

The Leader stressed that it was a good example of connecting with communities at a local level.

The Leader of the Conservative Group welcomed the report and the approach that was being taken in relation to early help and requested that information on the family hubs be circulated to all Councillors.

In response to the Leader of the Conservative Group question it was reported that information on the family hubs would be circulated; work was being undertaken to work with families who did not have access to family hub facilities such as looking at more accessible places in Keighley; it was a partnership response to the services being delivered by the family hubs; there had been a delay in the report being submitted to Executive but the work in relation to the strategy had already started.

The Leader highlighted that the delivery of services was a partnership approach which included the Health Service, Police, Voluntary and Community Sector, Care Trust; all partners had to work together to achieve a good service for the children of the district.

The Children and Families Portfolio Holder welcomed the report and re-affirmed the importance of a partnership approach in being successful in the delivery of services and highlighted the importance of addressing issues early so that they did not become a problem in the future.

Resolved–

That the Bradford District Prevention and Early Help Strategy 2022-2025 be approved.

ACTION: Strategic Director, Children’s Services

Overview and Scrutiny Area: Children’s Services

187. PROTECTING CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS AT RISK OF EXPLOITATION

The Chief Executive submitted a report (**Document “AM”**) which provided an annual update regarding the issue of exploitation. It focused on the strategic partnership response to all forms of child and adult exploitation and how partners from the Bradford District Safeguarding Children Partnership, and the Bradford Safeguarding Adults Board work to drive improvements across the district and hold agencies to account for their work in their area.

The Leader welcomed the Chair of the Safeguarding Board to the meeting and highlighted the importance of continuing to prosecute historic crimes of exploitation; she expressed concerns about online cyber exploitation and reported that there was current legislation on cyber-crime being looked at and asked

officers what was being undertaken to educate parents and other agencies in this area.

It was reported that there was a package being developed in relation to cyber exploitation which would be rolled out through the safeguarding partnership and would target people that worked with children. Bernardo's had undertaken a lot of research and work on how parents could support their children in this area.

The Leader requested that a press release be undertaken so that parents were aware of the work Bernardo's had undertaken in this area to support parents about online safety.

The representative of the Police attended the meeting and reported that Bradford was the only place in the Country that had agreed the profile of what exploitation looked like; in terms of what to look out for in relation to modern slavery would be examples such as were people being provided with an opportunity to speak to people or were people being hidden from plain sight; there was a Partnership Intelligence Portal to report information directly, information submitted to the Portal was reviewed on the same day as it was received; if something did not seem right it was best to report it.

The Leader of the Opposition welcomed the report and the work that was being undertaken. She reported that in the future it would be good to see examples of work undertaken in the hubs and requested clarification on the terminology used in the report relating to significant, moderate and emerging.

The Children and Families Portfolio Holder welcomed the comprehensive report and reiterated the concerns relating to cyber-crime and looked forward to the legislation on cyber exploitation.

The Police representative spoke about the strong partnership working that Bradford had and that regular meetings were held almost daily to share intelligence and identify levels of threat, risk and harm and identify immediate intervention. The Safeguarding Office was the biggest office in the Police Station which included various teams – Domestic Abuse Team, Safeguarding Children and Adults, Early Help Officers who visit schools etc.

The Leader welcomed the valuable work of the Safeguarding Partnership.

Resolved –

- (1) That the report be noted.**
- (2) That the Executive commits to working closely with partners to continue to raise awareness of exploitation of both adult and children.**

ACTION: Chief Executive

Overview and Scrutiny Area: Children's Services

HEALTHY PEOPLE AND PLACES PORTFOLIO

(Councillor Ferriby)

188. WEST YORKSHIRE INTEGRATED CARE PARTNERSHIP - MEMBER APPOINTMENT

The Strategic Director, Health and Wellbeing submitted a report (**Document “AN”**) which detailed that each council in West Yorkshire had been formally asked to collaborate with the NHS through the new Integrated Care Partnership arrangements. The Executive was requested to approve establishing a statutory West Yorkshire Integrated Care Partnership, appoint a member to it, and to agree to enter into the Bradford District Health and Care Partnership Agreement relating to collaborative working in respect of health and social care.

The Leader and the Healthy People and Places Portfolio Holder welcomed the integrated care partnership arrangements.

Resolved -

- (1) That establishing the West Yorkshire Integrated Care Partnership (WYICP) as a joint committee be agreed, and for the West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board to act as Secretariat to the WYICP.**
- (2) That the Portfolio Holder for the Healthy People and Places and the Leader of Council be appointed as members of the West Yorkshire Integrated Care Partnership.**
- (3) That it be agreed to enter into the Health and Care Partnership Agreement on behalf of the Council.**

ACTION: Strategic Director, Health and Wellbeing

Overview and Scrutiny Area: Health and Social Care

Chair

Note: These minutes are subject to approval as a correct record at the next meeting of the Executive