

## Minutes of a meeting of the Bradford West Area Committee held on Wednesday, 18 January 2023 in Committee Room 1 - City Hall, Bradford

Commenced 5.30 pm  
Concluded 6.25 pm

### Present – Councillors

<b>LABOUR</b>
Alipoor
Amran
Azam
Engel
Ibrar Hussain
Kamran Hussain
Nazir
Regan
Shaheen

### Councillor Amran in the Chair

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**Action: Director of Legal and Governance**

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**Action: Director of Legal and Governance**

#### 34. MINUTES

**That the minutes of the meeting held on 22 September, 20 October and 22 November 2022 be signed as correct records.**

***Action: Director of Legal and Governance***

**35. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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

**36. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions submitted by the public.

**37. LUMB LANE, BRADFORD, TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES - OBJECTIONS**

The report of the Strategic Director, Place (**Document “P”**) considered objections received to recently advertised proposals for traffic calming measures on Lumb Lane, Bradford.

**Resolved –**

- (1) That the objections be overruled and the proposed traffic calming measures be constructed and implemented as advertised.**
- (2) That the objectors be informed accordingly.**

***ACTION: Strategic Director, Place***

**38. STREET CLEANSING SERVICE IN THE BRADFORD WEST AREA**

The report of the Bradford West Area Co-ordinator (**Document “Q”**) provided an update on the Street Cleansing Service in the Bradford West Constituency area and shows trends of the numbers of fly tipping and cleansing cases reported to the Council.

The Bradford East Area Co-ordinator was present and with the invitation of the Chair, provided a synopsis of the report. He stated that currently the Bradford West Area had 7 ward based clean teams that undertook individual work. After cleaning the Area’s Gateway routes, each clean team would move on to one of the weekly routes in ensuing each street within the ward would be attended to once a week.

With prescriptive working, there was greater transparency around what was expected of staff and this increased understanding by staff and Managers with has the following advantages:

- A prescribed day of working allowed programmed days of action for residents to move cars to allow more effective litter clearance, mechanical sweeping and gully cleaning;
- More effective mechanism to performance manage teams in terms of all

- work undertaken; and,
- More efficient use of resources targeting areas of need, eliminating down time in terms of reacting to complaints travelling from one end of a ward to another;
  - It also gave the public a clear understanding as to how often and when their area or street would be cleaned.

Cleansing staff continued to support days of action, sometimes by working alongside local residents but mostly by removing the waste collected by residents. The vital role provided by local residents and businesses in helping to remove waste and litter continued in the Bradford West Area. Whilst some litter picks were organised and undertaken on an ad hoc basis, other groups regularly litter picked their neighbourhoods. However, cleansing staff collect the bags of litter and large items.

In response to clarifications sought by the committee, it was advised that some referrals may have not been attended to due to being overlooked as a result of immense workloads, however this would be addressed as a matter of urgency. The costs associated with cleaning locations following events in the Bradford West area were covered with the existing Bradford West area budget.

The Chair thanks the Bradford East Area Co-ordinator for his support in cleansing services for the Bradford West area.

**Resolved –**

- (1) **That the Assistant Director, Neighbourhood and Customer Services and the Portfolio Holder, Healthy People and Places gives this committee assurance that funding be available to support the Task Force Team after June 2023 when its funding comes to an end, to allow the team to continue working with Bradford West Ward Officers.**
- (2) **That an update report be presented to the Bradford West Area Committee in 12 months.**

***ACTION: Assistant Director, Neighbourhood and Customer Services***

**39. NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS**

This report of the Bradford West Area Co-ordinator (**Document “R”**) provided information on the work of the Neighbourhood Wardens and Environmental Enforcement Officers in the Bradford West Area.

The Environmental Services and Enforcement Manager attended the meeting and gave the following summary of the report. The Environmental Enforcement Officers dealt with waste-related issues affecting the environment and our neighbourhoods. They primarily dealt with complaints (known as service requests) received from the public. The types of issues they undertook included:

- Fly tipping
- Rubbish in gardens

- Business waste
- Litter from businesses
- Dog Control Offences
- Deployment of CCTV
- Business and Householder Duty of Care Offences
- Seizure of vehicles involved in fly tipping
- Pro-active enforcement – stop & search
- Pest Control – rats & mice

There were currently 3 Environmental Enforcement Officers in Bradford West. In addition, he also provided environmental enforcement training to further support the team.

In response to clarifications sought by the committee, it was explained that: The fact that the service was inundated with complaints, additional resources would enable him to increase the Enforcement Officer resource within the team. However, the service had encountered some setbacks in recruitment due to a lack of interest in vacancies advertised;

The Chair expressed stated that to secure additional funds was paramount for the service due to the fact that the City Ward within the Bradford West area was larger than any other ward and the needs of the area to be covered on a daily basis was extremely demanding due to limited funds.

The Committee echoed the sentiments of the Chair, therefore:

**Resolved –**

- (1) **That the Assistant Director, Neighbourhood and Customer Services and the Portfolio Holder, Healthy People and Places be requested to ensure funding for Bradford West be enhanced to meet the extra need of the City Centre or that the same model in place for the Cleansing Team be deployed.**
- (2) **That the committee is concerned that the Task Force funding for the Enforcement work is due to end in June 2023, and therefore the Assistant Director, Neighbourhood and Customer Services and the Portfolio Holder, Healthy People and Places provide reassurances that this will not affect the Enforcement Team in Bradford West as this team is currently under resourced in light of the significant workload.**
- (3) **That a further report detailing the progress of the Environmental Enforcement and Neighbourhood Warden Service be brought to the Area Committee in 12 months' time.**

***ACTION: Assistant Director, Neighbourhood and Customer Services***

Chair

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

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