

## Minutes of a meeting of the Bradford South Area Committee held on Thursday, 27 October 2022 in Committee Room 1 - City Hall, Bradford

Commenced 6.00 pm  
Concluded 7.10 pm

### Present – Councillors

LABOUR	GREEN	THE BRADFORD SOUTH INDEPENDENTS
S Khan Wood D Green Johnson Walsh	Edwards	Majkowski

### Councillor D Green in the Chair

#### 22. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

No disclosures of interest in matters under consideration were received.

#### 23. MINUTES

##### Resolved –

**That the minutes of the meetings held on 8 and 29 September 2022 be signed as correct records.**

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

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

#### 25. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no referrals made to the committee.

**26. BRADFORD 2025 UK CITY OF CULTURE UPDATE AND OTHER CULTURAL PARTNERSHIP ACTIVITIES IN BRADFORD SOUTH**

The Strategic Director Place submitted a report (**Document “H”**) which provided an update regarding UK City of Culture 2025 and other work the council’s Culture & Events Team are supporting across the Bradford South Constituency.

The Principal Cultural Partnerships Manager was in attendance and with the invitation of the Chair gave a synopsis of the report. She stated that in early 2021 running alongside Bradford’s UK City of Culture 2025 bid campaign, the Council adopted an ambitious 10-year cultural strategy, ‘Culture Is Our Plan’, which aimed to instigate more cultural investment and engagement across every part of the Bradford District. Both the UK City of Culture bid and the 10-year cultural strategy present compelling opportunities for an enhanced cultural offer across all six wards in Bradford South. On 2 February 2022 Bradford submitted its bid to be UK City of Culture 2025. Followed on 18 March 2022 by the announcement Bradford was through to the final stage of the competition being one of four places on the shortlist for UK City of Culture 2025, selected from eight long-listed locations, from across the UK. On 10th May 2022 the UK City of Culture special advisory panel came to Bradford. The panel of judges, led by Sir Phil Redmond, took a guided tour of the district, meeting artists, young people, businesses and community leaders to hear why they thought Bradford should be UK City of Culture 2025. On 31st May 2022 Bradford was revealed as the winner of the hotly contested competition live on BBC The One Show by Secretary of State for the Department of Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS).

The latter set a course to deliver more than 1000 new performances and events including 365 artist commissions, a series of major arts festivals as well as exciting national and international collaborations. Its themes would be rooted in the unique heritage and character of Bradford and would reveal the magic of the district that was held in its people, its ambition, and above all, its potential.

**Resolved –**

**That the information contained in Document “H” be noted.**

**LEAD: Strategic Director Place**

**27. YOUTH SERVICE UPDATE - BRADFORD SOUTH**

The Strategic Director Place submitted a report (**Document “I”**) which gave an update on work undertaken by the Youth Service in the Bradford South Area in the past 12 months and outlined the direction of travel for the next 12 months.

The Bradford North Area Co-ordinator was in attendance and at the invitation of the Chair, provided a synopsis of the report to the committee. He explained that Bradford Council Youth Service was part of the wider Bradford District Youth Offer that aimed to ensure the provision of a range of activities and services that took place in safe spaces, where young people could develop a sense of belonging, socialise with their peers and develop relationships with adults they

could trust. It recognised that with the right supportive relationships, strong ambitions and good opportunities all young people could realise their potential and be positive and active members of society.

The Youth Service vision statement was to work with partners to ensure that young people grew up healthy, happy, informed and aspiring; proud of who they were, where they came from, and actively involved in their community.

**Resolved –**

**That the work undertaken by the Youth Service in the Bradford South Area, as detailed in Document “I”, be welcomed.**

**LEAD: The Strategic Director Place**

## **28. PREVENTION AND EARLY HELP SERVICES WITHIN THE SOUTH LOCALITY**

The Strategic Director Children’s Services submitted a report (**Document “J”**) which provided an overview of the progress made within the South Locality of Prevention and Early Help Services.

At the invitation of the Chair the representative from the service introduced the report to the committee. She stated that the children and young people are the future of Bradford. It was paramount that the children grew up in a Family Friendly City where every child, young person and family was safe and well. It was important for children to realise their full potential, have high aspirations for themselves and their neighbourhoods and to become adults who helped to drive the prosperity of the district. Section 10 of the Children Act 2004 required each local authority to make arrangements to promote cooperation between the authority, each of the authority's relevant partners and such other persons or bodies working with children in the local authority's area as the authority considers appropriate.

This council’s vision was not something that any one organisation or group of people could make happen on their own. ‘Working together to safeguard children’ guidance re-emphasised the crucial role of effective Early Help. It focused on the collective responsibility of all agencies, including adult services, to identify, assess and provide effective targeted early help services.

This report focused on the Prevention and Early Help services in the South of the District – its progress, actions and challenges.

**Resolved –**

**That the information contained in Document “J” be noted.**

**LEAD: Strategic Director Children’s Services**

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

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