

**Minutes of a meeting of the Bradford South Area
Committee held on Thursday, 22 June 2023 in
Committee Room 1 - City Hall, Bradford**

Commenced 6.00 pm
Concluded 7.00 pm

Present – Councillors

LABOUR	GREEN
D Green Berry T Hussain Johnson Mitchell Walsh Wood	Edwards

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR (Standing Order 35)

Resolved –

That Councillor Green be appointed Chair of the Bradford South Area Committee for the 2023/2024 Municipal Year.

ACTION: Director of Legal & Governance

Councillor Green in the Chair

2. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIR (Standing Order 35)

Resolved –

That Councillor Sabiya Khan be appointed Deputy Chair of the Bradford South Area Committee for the 2023/2024 Municipal Year.

ACTION: Director of Legal & Governance

3. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

In the interest of transparency Members declared the following interests:

- (i) Councillor Mitchell declared an interest in the item relating to Safe Roads Programme (Minute 8) as his property backed on to Rook Lane, which was included in the list of works.
- (ii) Councillors Edwards, Mitchell and Walsh declared an interest in the item relating to UKSPF (Minute 9) as they were either trustees or employed by organisations that had received funding under the programme.

ACTION: Director of Legal & Governance

4. MINUTES

Resolved –

That the minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2023 be signed as a correct record.

5. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions submitted by the public.

7. WIBSEY PARK AVENUE & FARFIELD AVENUE, BRADFORD, TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES - OBJECTIONS

The Strategic Director Place submitted a report (**Document “A”**) which set out objections received to recently advertised proposals for traffic calming measures on Wibsey Park Avenue & Farfield Avenue, Bradford.

The Principal Engineer explained that over 300 properties had been consulted on the proposed TRO which had generated 12 objections and 11 letters of support, details of which were set out in section 2.5 of the report.

A Member ascertained if there was any scope to widening the road. In response the Principal Engineer explained that the proposed budget for the scheme was

£45,000, so it couldn't be looked at within the parameters of the existing budget.

The Chair added that there had been some discussions around this and in the context of undertaking the legal work and possible slippage, there may be an opportunity of extending the remit of the scheme using the 2023/23 Safe Roads budget. He also requested that the positioning of the pedestrian crossings be looked at as some highway safety concerns had been raised.

A Member also thanked officers for taking on board the concerns of residents and the Wibsey ward Councillors in promoting the scheme.

Resolved –

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

ACTION: Strategic Director Place

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8. SAFE ROADS PROGRAMME 2023/24

The Strategic Director Place submitted a report (**Document “B”**) which sought approval for the 2023/24 Safe Roads programme for the Bradford South Constituency.

The Principal Engineer explained that the list of outstanding schemes set out in Appendix 4 to Document “B” had been reviewed in consultation with Ward Councillors.

In response to a question regarding a scheme in Tong Ward, it was agreed that the Burnham Avenue scheme would be reinstated on the list of outstanding schemes.

Following some concerns expressed around the number of collisions on Hollybank Road, the Principal Engineer stated that up to date information regarding accidents etc. would be looked at and future schemes prioritised accordingly.

In response to a question regarding the funding of mobility kerbing and the number of outstanding requests, the Principal Engineer explained that any work in the future would be undertaken, where the most benefit could be derived from the installation.

Following discussion, it was agreed that work on the Wibsey Park Avenue scheme could commence in earnest, whilst the legal process for the Hutton Road scheme is completed, and it was therefore:

Resolved –

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

ACTION: Strategic Director Place

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9. UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND

The Strategic Director Place submitted a report (**Document “C”**) which provided a review of the above funding opportunity and provided an outline of how the devolved funding will be distributed in Bradford. The report also focussed on the role of the Area Committees in terms of decision maker of local funding and influencer of the district delivery.

The Programme manager gave a brief history of the programme and an explanation of the funding mechanism, drawing attention to the constrained timetable associated with delivering the programme.

During the discussion, the Chair stated that funding for training was earmarked for year 3 of the programme, whereas this should have been undertaken in year 1 and be a theme throughout. He also expressed reservations that capital grant funding of £12000 in Year 2 would only fund a very discreet project.

In response the Programme Manager explained that capital funding would increase in subsequent years and therefore more tangible projects could be delivered over time. Skills funding has been pre-determined by Government to only be spent in Year 3.

The Chair stressed that it was imperative that the Area Committee Chairs were consulted before any decisions were made on funding specific projects.

A Member stated that bidding and receiving funding within a constrained time limit was challenging and that it was a real concern for organisations, and therefore it was important to talk and consult with organisations in a timely manner on how best to spend the money.

In relation to consultation, a Member stressed that good communication with organisations was key, as a top down approach only created distance and there was also a need to avoid duplication when it came to consultation.

In response it was acknowledged that there was some flexibility in delivery and outcomes and how we spent the money, so therefore Members' suggestions would be taken on board.

The Chair highlighted the need to have some more clarity around the funding mechanism and that it be done in a timely manner and that ward councillors were

consulted accordingly. In addition, it was suggested that organisations are given advice and assistance in submitting bids.

The Programme Manager explained that a significant amount of funding would be coming in Year 3 of the programme, and therefore using the Area Committee process effectively and providing additional support were crucial factors in delivering a successful programme.

The Chair suggested that to avoid the issues experienced to date and allow for Area Committee involvement; that this matter should be placed as a standing item on the Area Committee's agenda for the foreseeable future, and it was therefore:

Resolved –

- (1) That the report be noted.**
- (2) That UKSPF be added as a standing agenda item for future Area Committee meetings.**
- (3) That the Area Committee receives an annual report on the progress on UKSPF delivery.**

ACTION: Strategic Director Place / Area Coordinator (2)

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10. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The Area Committee noted that the remaining meetings for the 2023/2024 Municipal Year:

(All Meetings will be held on Thursday at 6.00pm)

20 JULY 2023
14 SEPTEMBER
19 OCTOBER
7 DECEMBER

25 JANUARY 2024
15 FEBRUARY
7 MARCH

Chair

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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