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Agenda for a meeting of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held on Thursday, 14 December 2023 at 5.00 pm in Committee Room 1 - City Hall, Bradford

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To:

A. PROCEDURAL ITEMS

1. ALTERNATE MEMBERS (Standing Order 34)

The Director of Legal and Governance will report the names of alternate Members who are attending the meeting in place of appointed Members.

2. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

(Members Code of Conduct – Part 4A of the Constitution)

To receive disclosures of interests from members and co-opted members on matters to be considered at the meeting. The disclosure must include the nature of the interest.

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Notes:

- (1) *Members must consider their interests, and act according to the following:*

Type of Interest	You must:
<i>Disclosable Pecuniary Interests</i>	<i>Disclose the interest; not participate in discussion or vote; and leave the meeting <u>unless</u> you have a dispensation.</i>
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discussion or vote; and leave the unless you have a dispensation.

- (2) *Disclosable pecuniary interests relate to the Member concerned or their spouse/partner.*
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- (4) *Officers must disclose interests in accordance with Council Standing Order 44.*

3. MINUTES

Recommended –

That the minutes of the meeting held on 9 November 2023 be signed as a correct record (previously circulated).

(Yusuf Patel / Jane Lythgow – 07970 411923 / 07970 411623)

4. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

(Access to Information Procedure Rules – Part 3B of the Constitution)

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Any request to remove the restriction on a report or background paper should be made to the relevant Strategic Director or Assistant Director whose name is shown on the front page of the report.

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(Yusuf Patel / Jane Lythgow – 07970 411923 / 07970 411623)

5. REFERRALS TO THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

The Committee is asked to note any referrals and decide how it wishes to proceed, for example by incorporating the item into the work programme, requesting that it be subject to more detailed examination, or refer it to an appropriate Working Group/Committee.

B. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ACTIVITIES

6. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Members are asked to consider if the **Not for Publication Appendix to Document “T”** containing the Community Safety Partnership Performance report should be considered in the absence of the public and, if so, to approve the following recommendation:

Recommended –

That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the Not for Publication Appendix to Document “T” containing the Community Safety Partnership Report because information would be disclosed which is considered to be exempt information within paragraph 7 (Crime Prevention) of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

It is considered that, in all the circumstances, the public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing this information as it is in the overriding interest of proper administration that Members are made aware of the safety implications of any decision without prejudicing the work of the Community Safety Partnership.

7. BRADFORD DISTRICT COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP PERFORMANCE REPORT AND DELIVERY PLAN

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The Safer Communities Delivery Co-ordinator, on behalf of the Community Safety Partnership, Safer Bradford, will present a report, **Document “T” including Not for Publication Appendix two**, which provides an annual performance report summary for the twelve months to 30 September 2023 and presents the annual Delivery Plan.

Recommended –

That Document “U” be acknowledged and the work of Safer Bradford in delivering improved results be recognised.

(Michael Churley – 01274 431364)

8. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR (ASB) STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

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The report of the Anti-Social Behaviour Team Manager, **Document “U”**, is presented as a response to the resolution at full Council on 11 July 2023 to continue prioritising action against Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) and working with the police and partners in measures to combat ASB.

The report is divided into the three heading areas in the resolution: Progress on tackling ASB; options for any new approaches; and learning from other areas to build on our measures to tackle ASB and its causes.

Recommended –

That the report be acknowledged and the work of the wider ASB Partnership, delivering improved results, be recognised.

(John Redding – 01274 431364)

9. VOLUNTEERING INITIATIVES IN THE BRADFORD DISTRICT 2022-23 33 - 58

The Strategic Director, Place, will present a report (**Document “V”**) which provides an update on volunteering initiatives across the Bradford District supported by Stronger Communities and VCS partners.

Recommended –

- 1. That the initiatives and volunteering that support services to local communities be acknowledged.**
- 2. That the Strategic Director, Place, be requested to present a further report to provide an update on the impact of the VCSE Service Improvement Programme and the Volunteer Coordinator to support volunteering across the district in 12 months-time.**

(Mahmood Mohammed – 01274 433799)

10. CORPORATE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - WORK PROGRAMME 2023/24 59 - 72

The Chair of the Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Committee will submit a report (**Document “W”**) which includes the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee work programme for 2023/24, which are attached as appendix 1 to Document “W”.

Also attached as appendix 2, is a list of unscheduled topics for 2023-24.

Recommended –

- (1) That the Committee may choose to add to or amend the topics included in the 2023-24 work programme.**
- (2) That Members consider any detailed scrutiny reviews that they may wish to conduct.**

(Mustansir Butt - 01274 432574)

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Report of the Community Safety Partnership Board to the meeting of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held on 14 December 2023

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Subject:

Bradford District Community Safety Partnership Performance Report and Delivery Plan

Summary statement:

Safer Bradford, the district's Community Safety Partnership, provides an annual performance report summary for the twelve months to 30 September 2023 and presents the annual Delivery Plan.

Appendix Two – Is not for publication under Paragraph 7 (Crime Prevention) of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

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Corporate

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 Safer Bradford, the district's Community Safety Partnership provides an annual performance report summary for the twelve months to 30 September 2023 and presents the annual Delivery Plan.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) were created by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. The act requires statutory agencies including local authorities, police authorities, fire and rescue services and health authorities set up a Community Safety Partnership (CSP) to work with partners, the community and voluntary sector to tackle issues including crime and disorder, anti-social behaviour (ASB), substance misuse and reducing re-offending in the local authority area.
- 2.2 The Community Safety Partnership in Bradford district reports to the District Wellbeing Board.
- 2.3 The CSP is required to produce a Community Safety Plan, identifying areas for priority attention. The CSP has determined to produce a 'Plan on a Page', this is based on the logic model approach of the Wellbeing Board and increases visibility and focus on key actions. A copy of the 'Plan on a Page' is attached at Appendix One.
- 2.4 Performance data is reported to the CSP Board on a quarterly basis and is summarised in the body of this report and at Appendix Two.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

3.1 Benchmark data

- 3.1.1 Appendix Three illustrates our position in relation to other West Yorkshire (WY) Authorities in some key crime areas. The strong connection between crime and relative poverty would generally indicate that Bradford would experience slightly higher levels of crime than some of our neighbours. However, the picture is mixed, and, in some areas, it is worth noting our relative success.
- 3.1.2 Overall crime has not increased in Bradford as much as it has across WY since the Pandemic, and we now have a crime rate below the WY average. In addition, our re-offending rates for young people is below the WY average and our adult rate is below the average for England and Wales (please see some commentary on project work to reduce re-offending at section 3.3.12 and 3.4.3 of this report).
- 3.1.3 The figures on violence offences are mixed with our domestic violence rate higher than the WY average but the rate for serious sexual offences being lower. A relatively high proportion of crime is related to domestic abuse, the Council is prioritising this along with Police and other partners (see Section 3.2).
- 3.1.4 The most prevalent types of anti-social behaviour have continued to fall this year,

following rises during the pandemic; most notably youth ASB and that caused by motorbikes, quads along with the emerging nuisance of electric motorbikes and scooters.

- 3.1.5 It must also be added that data and figures are not the only way to measure success. For example, Bradford City centre experiences lower crime rates than most equivalent Northern cities, however, we are aware that this would not be the perception of some, and we need to communicate a positive community safety narrative alongside the very positive and manifest regeneration of the city centre.

3.2 Priority: Protect Vulnerable Groups and Individuals from Criminality

3.2.1 Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence

- 3.2.2 There were 19,434 domestic abuse (DA) incidents recorded on Police systems across the district (twelve months to September 30, 2023), a 6.1% decrease in incidents this figure still remains unacceptably high. Out of these incidents, a child was present at 25.8%. There were 2092 serious sexual offences recorded over the same period, an increase of 6%.

- 3.2.3 Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) is a multi-agency risk assessment meeting where information is shared on the highest-risk victims of domestic abuse. Bradford MARAC referrals are increasing yearly, and we have heard 1267 cases over twelve months to 31 October 2023. Compared to the previous twelve months, this is an increase of 14.04%. To manage demand, we have established a MARAC working group engaged with several Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) across the UK, and we are currently exploring and trialling new ways of working to develop our risk management further and reduce demand on the partnership.

- 3.2.4 A Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) is a multi-agency review of the circumstances in which the death of a person aged 16 or over has, or appears to have resulted from violence, abuse, or neglect by a person to whom they were related or with whom they were or had been in an intimate personal relationship, or a member of the same household as themselves this includes victims who have taken their own life. Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHR) were introduced by Section 9 of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 (DVCA 2004) and became statutory for all councils in England on 13 April 2011.

- 3.2.5 Domestic abuse and sexual violence (DASV) negatively impacts the whole family and broader society, and research has shown that children living in households where DA occurs could have an increased risk of developing acute and long-term physical and emotional health problems and trauma, which may, without the proper support, perpetuate the cycle of violence. The Domestic Abuse Act became law in April 2021.

- 3.2.6 This legislation introduced new criminal offences and stated that children are victims of domestic abuse in their own right. Implementation of the act within Bradford continues with:

- 3.2.7 The Bradford Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Strategy is working towards the strategic aims set out in the strategy below:

<https://www.saferbradford.co.uk/media/jozhjrwi/bradford-dasv-strategy-21-24.pdf>. It is governed by the Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence Board. This strategy will be reviewed next year in 2024.

- 3.2.8 The DASV partnership continues to work collaboratively via the sub-groups: Early Intervention & Prevention, Support & Protection, Perpetrators & Sexual Violence. Each sub-group ensuring that we continue to take action, change attitudes, and improve lives as a district partnership. Within this strategy, a subsequent housing strategy was launched to implement the new duties of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021: <https://www.bradford.gov.uk/media/6724/bradforddistrictdomesticabusesexualviolencehousingstrategy.pdf>
- 3.2.9 The New Burdens government funding is allocated across the district to enhance the commissioned DASV service offer and create opportunities to pilot new ways of working, the funding has been allocated via the Home Office until 31 March 2025.
- 3.2.10 The Localities model is underway, linking neighbourhood partnerships to engage in early intervention and prevention place-based projects in tackling DASV, which include a focus on children and young people, comms, and training.
- 3.2.11 A new Sexual Violence Sub-group has been established to focus on this area of work across the district strategically, and research focussing on prevalence and attrition is underway.
- 3.2.12 **The DRAMM Perpetrator Pilot** which focuses on intensive support for standard to medium risk domestic violence perpetrators using the navigation model of support. Following the first eight months of delivery the pilot has showcased a significant reduction in domestic abuse offenses. 16 cases have been managed by the navigator into full navigation: 7 have been successfully discharged in the eight months of delivery with a **94.9% reduction in offending (police verified data)**.
- 3.2.13 Comms and campaigns are being co-produced, and the DASV website continues to see positive engagement: [Home - Bradford DASV \(bradford-dasv.co.uk\)](http://bradford-dasv.co.uk)
- 3.2.14 For the first time we now have a Domestic Abuse Hub located at Sir Henry Mitchel House, where partners from The Police, Local Authority, Commissioned Services, and Third-Sector organisations co-locate and work collaboratively in our response to domestic abuse.
- 3.2.15 Bespoke multi-agency training has been developed and delivered with tailored sessions to social workers, housing providers, youth workers, council wardens and local partnerships This training has a focus on recognising and responding to domestic abuse whilst increasing awareness of the early intervention and prevention opportunities and the support services available.
- 3.2.16 A paper was presented to the Serious Violence Strategic Group in May, and it was approved by the board to embed DASV into the forthcoming Serious Violence Strategy, and that the DASV and Serious Violence Strategies become complementary and mutually reinforcing.
- 3.2.17 The DASV commissioned contract is due to end on 30 September 2024, and the re-commissioning of services is underway. A project team has been established, the

needs assessment and market engagement events have been completed, and consultation with individuals with lived experience is underway. The needs identified via this research and engagement are being fed into the project team and will support the development of the new DASV service specification. The new service spec will go out to tender in 2024, with the service delivery planned to start in October 2024.

3.3 Early Intervention – Safety of Women and Girls

3.3.1 The Government has recognised violence against women and girls as a national priority as has the West Yorkshire Mayor. It is recognised that to reduce violence against women there needs to be a full system response with a significant early intervention and prevention approach.

3.3.2 There is a need to drive the ‘culture change’ required to ensure that attitudes and understandings shift so that current high levels of violence become drastically reduced.

3.3.3 In collaboration with a Professor of Sociology and Criminology at Bradford University a baseline survey has been delivered. The survey had a good response of 706 people:

- 49% of respondents had witnessed women being harassed in public by men or groups of men in the last year, with varying frequency.
- 91% of respondents agree that the safety of women and girls should be a top priority for Bradford Council and its Partners.
- The four highest-rated priorities for the local Safety of Women and Girls (SOWG) partnership include **engaging with men and boys** to challenge attitudes, **working with communities to raise awareness** and prevent abuse and violence, **increasing the prosecution of perpetrators**, and **enhancing education and awareness**.

3.3.4 The Safety of Women and Girls is everybody’s business. To ensure effective change for Bradford District we are working with the place-based Strategic Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion Lead to run a ‘Systems Thinking’ workshop.

3.3.5 The systems thinking approach will focus on a zoomed in look at the journey of women and girls in our ‘Place’ and access to services whilst a zoomed-out look will focus on how well we are coordinated and connected.

3.3.6 Prioritising the upstream work necessary to have a real impact on violence against women is something that has been supported by the Wellbeing Board and Safer Bradford has funded an Officer to support the development of this work.

3.4 Priority: Reducing Crime and Re-offending.

3.4.1 Patterns of crime over recent years have been substantially affected by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and government restrictions on social contact. Compared with the pre-coronavirus pandemic year ending March 2020, we saw decreases in such crime types for the year ending August 2022, specifically:

- Burglary (down 49%),
- Vehicle offences (down 26%),

- Robbery (down 23%).

3.4.2 It is too early to say whether, or over what period, the crime rates will reach pre-Pandemic levels. However, taking burglary in particular the rate this year to November is 35% lower than the same figure for 2019/20.

3.4.3 **The Multi-Agency Reducing Re-Offending Service (MARRS)** was commissioned by The National Probation Service and supported with funding by Safer Bradford. The target group are individuals currently on a probation licence who have a range of unmet needs, have a history of reoffending, and have failed to fully benefit from previous probation input. The project has demonstrated remarkable outcomes in reducing reoffending, engaging with probation orders, addressing housing and mental health needs, and facilitating successful community reintegration:

- 90% of all discharges with a planned exit resulting in an **89% reduction in offending (police verified data)**,
- Nights in custody and/or prison were **reduced by 100%**.

3.4.4 Both MARRS and DRAMM (see 3.2.12) projects underline the critical impact of the navigation model in achieving reductions in reoffending behaviour and addressing complex needs. By extending their application there is the potential to see similar results for a wider cohort of offenders. A paper was taken to Safer Bradford Board in October 2023 and the recommendation to explore wider use was approved.

3.5 Serious and Organised Crime (SOC)

3.5.1 Serious and Organised Crime (SOC) continues to have more impact on UK citizens than any other national security threat. It affects all parts of the country, having a daily impact on individuals, communities, businesses, public services, and national infrastructure. The estimate of the cost of SOC to the UK economy last year was £37 billion per year. This is highly likely to be an underestimate.

3.5.2 A range of crime types are involved but the pre-dominant motive for involvement in SOC is financial and the most prevalent activity relates to the illegal drugs trade. Violence and intimidation are associated with SOC activity, and this has a corrosive effect on efforts to support and regenerate some of our more disadvantaged communities. Organised Crime Groups (OCGs) will often seek to exploit young people or vulnerable adults to carry out activities.

3.5.3 Partnership work to disrupt Organised Crime Groups (OCGs) is an increasing part of the response to SOC. This includes working alongside local communities. Partnership groups have been set-up in priority locations.

3.5.4 A partnership to tackle serious and organised crime has also been developed in Holme Wood which is seeking to better engage and build the confidence of the local community as well as intervene early with those at most risk by working with local primary schools and youth projects. This work is done alongside pro-active policing, which between 01/11/2022 and 31/10/2023 has seen 214 arrests, 392 stop and searches, 137 bikes/cars/quads seized (including a significant number of stolen vehicles) and 48 'Cannabis Farms' located with a range of drugs recovered.

3.5.5 These partnership areas are developing comprehensive plans engaging law enforcement agencies but also focussing on prevention and early intervention opportunities to educate, protect and divert those within communities that are vulnerable to SOC threats. Key long terms solutions will seek to engage and empower communities and reduce the conditions in which crime, particularly SOC, can take root.

3.6 Drugs & Alcohol

3.6.1 April 1st 2023 saw the launch of the newly commissioned Alcohol and Drug Treatment and Recovery service New Vision Bradford. This contract is led by national (but locally rooted) provider HumanKind with local organisations Bridge Project, Project 6 (Keighley), and Create Strength Group as subcontractors.

3.6.2 Additional Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID) funding streams are also included within this wider contract: Supplementary Substance Misuse (SSMTRG), Rough Sleeping (RSDATG), Housing Support (HSG), and Individual Placement (IPS) grants. All of these grants require evidence of additionality to the current system and that the core Public Health grant is not reduced.

3.6.3 Due to the numbers of service users being transferred into the new system being lower than initially anticipated, overall treatment numbers appear low. However, new numbers into treatment have been steadily increasing since the start of the contract and October 2023 saw 134 new individuals start structured treatment (up from 85 in the first month and totals from just over 2000 at the start of the contract to 2678 at the end of October). Numbers of individuals in structured treatment is the current OHID priority and our contractual Year 1 priority with the new provider.

3.6.4 Due to the aforementioned drop in numbers to below the 'baseline' of 21/22 (only seven under from 3556 to 3449) we have been formally notified by OHID that we are required to complete an improvement plan. We are confident, as are our regional OHID programme managers, that this anomaly is due to timing and the process of procuring and implementing a new service.

3.6.5 Alcohol is the largest identified unmet need in the district and our current plans for Y2 of the contract and Y3 of SSMTRG reflect this. Currently the service proportionally has 77% opiate and or crack service users and 16% alcohol (the rest are 'other') and published unmet need figures by OHID show that our proportions should be 43% alcohol and 51% opiate and or crack. We are in the process of recruiting to an Alcohol Public Health Specialist (through the additional OHID funds) and committed to early funding of some of the planned increase in alcohol workers within the system (two staff currently onboarding).

3.6.6 At the start of the year, we undertook a needs assessment based on the OHID Commissioning Quality Standards (CQS) and identified thirty specific areas for recommended focus; twelve of these were Criminal Justice orientated.

3.6.7 We have just secured and agreed MOJ funding (to commence 1 January 2024) to support specific pieces of work within the criminal justice field (cannabis specific

delivery, co-located drug and alcohol workers, dedicated admin function and management) and have committed to provision of additional resource from SSMTRG to further increase and improve our delivery of criminal justice interventions (continuity of care, out of court disposals, in-cell and required assessment interventions, integrated offender manager support).

- 3.6.8 Improved place-based delivery is also an additional priority further to internal council feedback and OHID data showing under-representation within treatment numbers from particular communities.

3.7 Bradford district Combating Drugs Partnership (CDP)

- 3.7.1 The CDP is **1 of 104** partnerships across England. Since inception in June 2022, Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Board had incorporated the Combating Drugs Partnership (CDP) and as such, supports delivery of the Drug Strategy 2021:

1. Break drug supply chains,
2. Improve treatment and recovery systems,
3. Achieve a generational shift in the demand for drugs.

- 3.7.2 Adopting the principle that combating drug use and harm is a priority; with this comes a commitment to ensure that co-ordinated action across a range of local partners including enforcement, treatment, recovery, and prevention is taken.

- 3.7.3 Since inception, Bradford district CDP has overseen key delivery achievements on all requirements as set out by the national Joint Combating Drugs Unit (JCDU):

- Agree terms of reference for the partnership and governance structure.
- Conduct a joint needs assessment,
- Agree local drug strategy delivery plan,
- Agree local performance framework.

- 3.7.4 A number of strategic planning and delivery working groups support delivery of the CDP: Alcohol and Drug Strategy Group (A&DSG); a multiagency partnership which plans work to ensure that as a system, we work better together to deliver on priorities. For the group, priorities include early identification and reducing stigma; reducing harms; prevention starts earlier in life; providing specific packages of alcohol support and ensuring accountability through local strategic and operational groups. Further groups include Lived Experience involvement and insight and Joint Analytic Group (JAG).

- 3.7.5 It is the work of the JAG who finalised the Needs Assessment between public health, ICB (NHS, probation, police and service area experts and Outcomes Framework. The needs assessment is intended to provide both situational assessment and a data picture of where the Bradford combating drugs position is in 2022, it also draws interpretation and conclusions about what this means for Bradford's efforts to combat drugs and improve lives.

- 3.7.6 The top three issues identified by the needs assessment and subsequently shared with JCDU through the self-assessment process are:

- Treatment access for the whole range of substance misuse including alcohol and unmet needs, particularly continuity of care for those leaving prison based on prevalence figures, and ethnicity where variation is shown between hospital admission data and those in treatment,
- Drug production particular cannabis and the links to county lines; alongside cannabis makes up large proportion of drug offences,
- Low numbers of opiate and non-opiate drug users successfully leaving treatment.

3.8 Priority – Build Confidence in Community Safety Services

3.8.1 Hate Crime:

3.8.2 Following hate crime levels stabilising in 2021 the rate of hate incidents reported to the Police (crime and non-crime) has decreased by 5.35% to September 2022.

3.8.3 65.3% of hate crime victims were satisfied with the level of service they had received during the year to 30 September 2022, this is an increase of 8.7% on last year's rate. Increased collaboration among Hate Crime Coordinators from West Yorkshire Police, Bradford Hate Crime Alliance, Victim Support, and Restorative Solutions has improved user experience. In addition, Conducting police led Hate Crime Scrutiny Panels has led to continued improvement to the police service.

3.8.4 Hate Crime Awareness Week 2023 - 14-21 October 2023 - programme showcased 13 events which ran across the Bradford District. Programme included:

- Service of Hope and Remembrance to launch the week at Bradford Cathedral,
- Stronger and Safer team delivered online 'Critical Thinking' and Misogyny training to professionals,
- The 'Bradford for Everyone' social media saw 13,044 views, 55 re-posts, and 165 likes across 15 social media posts on Twitter/X alone,
- Across the whole programme during the week there was approximately 1360+ people engaged at the in-person activities with broadcasts on BBC Radio Leeds and BCB Radio.

3.9 West Yorkshire Violence Reduction Partnership (VRP)

3.9.1 Violence has a huge impact on victims both physically and mentally and can have a lasting impact on people's lives, families, and friends. Beyond the person, the economic costs are also significant, with the VRP estimating the costs to be £406million a year in Bradford.

3.9.2 A public health approach has been, and is intended to remain, the key approach to the reduction of violence in the region. By addressing the underlying risks which are associated with making a person more susceptible to being a victim or perpetrator of violent crime, it is intended to mitigate and reduce the impact.

3.9.3 Early intervention and prevention are central to a public health approach and are central to the strategy. Working alongside the criminal justice strategy it will require the engagement and input of partners to focus on issues such as deprivation, early years trauma, family breakdown, drugs and alcohol, employment, education attendance/attainment, housing, and mental health.

- 3.9.4 In Bradford, there were 591 offences involving knives recorded by West Yorkshire Police between July 2022 to July 2023. This figure is a slight increase from the previous twelve months, when 513 offences were recorded (+78), the majority of this rise can be attributed to robberies where a knife was used, a rise from 124 to 199 (+75) in the same period. There were 88 offences involving gun crime in 2022 with more than half being attributable to BB guns. At the time of writing Bradford has not had any homicide offences in 2023. (Including Domestic homicide)
- 3.9.5 The Violence Reduction Partnership for West Yorkshire continue to fund, in part, some of our Bradford based projects, one of the key examples of this is the Award-winning intensive intervention project 'Breaking the Cycle' which works alongside police, social care, health and education in response to children who are criminally exploited, exploiting others, those who are county line trafficked and where there are links to urban street gangs. Breaking the Cycle work all hours to support this highly vulnerable cohort of young people.
- 3.9.6 Over the last year Breaking the Cycle have received 458 referrals between 01.01.23 and 01.11.23 and are currently working with 372 individual young people. The team provide intensive interventions to those identified and flagged as being most in need and this can mean a child is seen as often as is needed to disrupt and break the cycle of exploitation.
- 3.9.7 Breaking the Cycle Team were finalists in three categories at the 2023 National Children and Young People Awards – a National Award Scheme that recognises and celebrates excellence in social care. judges said that "Breaking the Cycles team "exhibit exceptional dedication and expertise. Their intelligence-led, intensive interventions are a lifeline for young people at risk of serious organised violence, exploitation, and drug-related issues".
- 3.9.8 The Project continues to develop its footprint in earlier intervention, with youth workers operating in the A&E department at Bradford Royal Infirmary, the Police Station and district Pupil Referral Unit – recognising the need to respond intensively to earlier identified concerns and reduce impacts on threshold services.
- 3.9.9 Breaking the Cycle have provided an out of hours, crisis, and response service, which has responded to 159 calls for service in the 3-month period of July to September 2023. The team continue to provide safe spaces for children and young people who have experienced trauma and those in police protection, working closely with children's social care and police colleagues to keep children safe whilst safety plans are devised.
- 3.9.10 The team have undertaken a further 1128 interventions with children and young people who have attended A&E department at Bradford Royal Infirmary supporting children who have presented through incidents of sharp instrument injury, weapons, assaults, substance misuse, mental health crisis or where explanations of injury do not match injury presented. These interventions provide continued support to children post discharge in order to reduce numbers of readmissions, and pathways to wider support services.
- 3.9.11 There were 9,998 violent youth crimes (under 25) recorded in Bradford, of which 6,821 were crimes of violence against the person for the year ending 2022.

- 3.9.12 With the implementation of the serious violence duty imminent (End of January 2024), work is underway producing a Serious Violence Strategy and Delivery Plan. The duty ensures that serious violence is made a focus within existing multi-agency arrangements, such as multi-agency safeguarding arrangements or Community Safety Partnerships and allow for collaboration between a much wider set of partners.
- 3.9.13 The new Serious Violence Duty requires police, justice agencies, fire and rescue, health, education, and local authorities to collaborate and plan to reduce and prevent serious violence in their local areas – producing a strategic needs assessment, a strategy, evaluating impact, and adopting a public health approach.
- 3.9.14 Part of the delivery will include a continuation from last year of violence reduction month in March 2024, working with local schools and Bradford College, a series of educational events and programs will be used to raise awareness of this issue in our communities, help young people talk about issues effecting them, and develop the conversation where it is needed. It is also planned to train some of the Breaking the Cycle team in Counselling Skills, Ethics and Cognitive Behaviour Therapy (CBT) with the aim of helping some of the young people involved in violence understand why and give them the skills and confidence to change behaviour.

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

- 4.1 Funding is provided from the West Yorkshire Mayor to commission services and activities to address the Community Safety Partnership's (CSP) priorities and to support delivery of the West Yorkshire Police and Crime Plan. The annual grant for 2023/24 incorporated £342,000.00 to Safer Bradford to support the delivery of the district Community Safety Plan ; £450,000.00 to support local responses to drugs and alcohol; £125,000.00 Supporting the Youth Justice Service in preventing and tackling youth crime and substance misuse. There is currently no indication what the allocation will be for 2024/25. This does not have a direct effect on the Council's mainstream funding.
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7.1.3 **Equality Data** – Our data better provides us with the right insight, evidence, and intelligence to make well informed decisions that impact on our communities. The CSP Plan on a Page is an evidenced based approach that is built on a strategic needs assessment document produced by Police and Council analysts. By using evidence-based decision making and having a better understanding of the demography and geography of criminal and anti-social behaviour the partnership is able to deploy resource against the areas that are likely to result in the greatest impact

7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

7.2.1 There are no sustainability implications apparent.

7.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

7.3.1 There are no greenhouse gas emission impacts apparent.

7.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

7.4.1 Implementation of the Community Safety Plan is expected to positively impact community safety across the district.

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7.9 ISSUES ARISING FROM PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESMENT

- 7.9.1 None

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

- 8.1. Appendix Two: Bradford Community Safety Partnership – Performance Report, The Twelve Months To 30 June 2023 appendix 2 contains data about particular crime fighting initiatives which could potentially adversely affect the success of those initiatives if made public. Therefore, it is exempt under Paragraph 7 (Crime Prevention) of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

9. OPTIONS

- 9.1 The Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider the plan on a page and performance data and referring observations and matters for consideration back to the CSP as appropriate.

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- 10.1 The Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee acknowledges this report and recognises the wider work of Safer Bradford to delivering improved results.

11. APPENDICES

- 11.1 Appendix One – CSP Plan on a Page.
- 11.2 Appendix Two – Community Safety Partnership Performance Report (**Not for Publication**).
- 11.3 Appendix Three – Bradford to West Yorkshire Community Safety Benchmark Data.

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Bradford CSP – Plan on a Page 2021 – 2023

KEY OBJECTIVES

WHAT WE WILL DO

HOW WE WILL DO IT

KEY PARTNERSHIP AREA

HOW WE WILL KNOW THAT WE HAVE IMPROVED COMMUNITY SAFETY

Reduce Crime and Re-offending (Perpetrators)

- Respond to identified community concerns and fears such as dangerous driving, drugs and burglary
- Tackle Serious and Organised Crime (SOC)
- Strategic response to extremism and radicalisation
- Support a partnership approach to reducing re-offending

- Produce and deliver Serious Violence Strategy in partnership with the West Yorkshire Violence Reduction Unit.
- Develop SOC Silver arrangements extending the partnership input into tackling organised crime.
- 'Prevent' programme to undermine hate and extremism
- Build on the success of the 'Integrated Offender Management' model to reduce re-offending

- CONTEST Board (Counter Terrorism)
- Programme Precision Silver Board (Serious and Organised Crime)
- Reducing Re-Offending Board
- Youth Endowment Fund – Place Project Group

- Programme Precision co-ordinates enhanced partnership disruptions curtailing activities of organised crime groups
- A Public Health approach ensures key measures of serious violence are stabilised/reduced
- Significantly reduce the re-offending of prolific offenders managed by multi-agency intervention programmes

Protect Vulnerable Groups and Individuals from Criminality (Victims)

- Implement the Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence District Strategy
- Respond to the specific safety concerns of women and girls
- Work with Safeguarding Services to reduce criminal exploitation of vulnerable groups
- Challenge and build partnership to reduce Serious Violence (SV) especially among young people

- Develop co-production and early intervention processes for Domestic Abuse/Sexual Violence
- Deliver Safer Streets programme for women and girls
- Support development of district exploitation strategy and development of a Child Exploitation Hub
- Provide a training response to frontline staff to recognise and respond to exploitation

- All-age Exploitation Group (Sub- group to Safeguarding Boards)
- Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Board
- West Yorkshire Violence Reduction Unit – Partnership Executive Group

- Safety programmes for Women and Girls leads to real and perceived improvements in Transport networks, Parks and in the Night Time Economy
- Evidence the impact of prevention and early intervention services and approach on domestic abuse/sexual violence victims/perpetrators.
- Reduce the number of people in the district at risk of exploitation

Build Confidence in Community Safety Services (Communities)

- Improve our collective response to anti-social behaviour (ASB)
- Deliver targeted work on high priority ASB issues such as anti-social vehicle use and youth nuisance
- Respond to the specific needs of groups showing less confidence in community safety services including confidence to report hate crime

- Increase co-ordination between services tackling ASB and continually review procedures
- Review and Implement revised Hate Crime Strategy
- Better understand and respond to the impact of crime on marginalised communities and adapt community safety services to respond

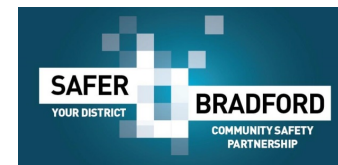
- Hate Crime Strategic Management Group
- Community Safety Equalities Group
- Anti-social Behaviour Strategic Partnership
- Steerside Partnership

- Increase proportion of those who report 'feeling safe in their neighbourhood'
- Engagement with minority community forums indicates greater confidence in community safety services and confidence data that CSP's will 'keep people safe'
- Data indicates reduction in those reporting anti-social behaviour as the 'key community safety concern' in their area

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Benchmark Data

<u>Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence</u>	Bradford	West Yorkshire	England & Wales
Domestic abuse-related crimes (rate per 1,000 population) (Apr 2022 to Mar 2023)	29.8	25.7	15.2 (No update available)
Percentage of all crimes that were domestic abuse-related (Apr 2022 to Mar 2023)	21.3%	21%	17%
Serious sexual offences (rate per 1,000 population) (Apr 2022 to Mar 2023)	3.8	4.2	2.7
<u>Crime & Reoffending</u>	Bradford	West Yorkshire	England & Wales
Total crimes (rate per 1,000 population) (Apr 2022 to Mar 2023)	140.1	163	92.5
Burglary residential (rate per 1,000 households) (Apr 2022 to Mar 2023)	11.6	10.7	7.7
Rate per 100,000 of first time entrants to the Youth Justice System (Jul 22 - Jun 23)	178	228	160
Re-offending rates for Adults (Oct 19 – Sept 21)	27.4%	26.0%	31%
Re-offending rates for Juveniles (Oct 20 – Sept 21)	31.5%	31.9%	30.5%
<u>Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)</u>	Bradford	West Yorkshire	England & Wales
ASB Victim satisfaction	69.7%	69.2%	
Anti-Social Behaviour Incidents (rate per 1,000 population) (Apr-22 to Mar-23)	12.6	11.5	Not Available
Anti-Social Behaviour Incidents change vs previous 12 months (Apr-22 to Mar-23)	-22.5%	-23.6%	Not Available
Number of ASB nuisance driving incidents – change vs previous 12 months (Apr-22 to Mar-23)	-13.1%	-15.6%	Not Available
<u>Serious Violence (12 months to July 2023)</u>	Bradford	West Yorkshire	England & Wales
Homicide (Non-domestic)	0	16	Not Available
Attempted Murder	-60%	+7.1%	

Assault with Injury	-9%	-13.4%	
Section 18 Wounding	-2%	-4%	



Report of the Anti-social strategic partnership to the meeting of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held on 14th December 2023

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Subject: Report of the Anti-social Behaviour (ASB) Strategic Partnership

Summary statement:

This report is produced as a response to the resolution at Full Council on 11th July to continue prioritising action against ASB and working with the police and partners in measures to combat it.

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1. SUMMARY

This report is produced as a result of the resolution from Full Council on 11th July to continue prioritising action against ASB and working with the police and partners in measures to combat it. The report is divided into the 3 heading areas in the resolution: Progress on tackling ASB; options for any new approaches; and learning from other areas to build on our measures to tackle ASB and its causes.

2. BACKGROUND

Anti-social behaviour is a substantial issue for many residents of the Bradford district. It is sometimes perceived to be a minor problem without real impact but for many people it can be a real ordeal significantly affecting their quality of life. The ASB Strategic Partnership recognise that our communities and elected representatives are well placed to understand the impact of ASB and that their views should inform what measures might be taken to mitigate it.

The Anti-Social Behaviour Action Plan produced by the Government earlier this year sets out a number of overarching aims, these are:

- Tougher punishment with proposals for immediate justice for perpetrators, cracking down on illegal drugs and encouraging orderly behaviour,
- Making communities safer through scaling up hotspot enforcement and discouraging anti-social behaviour,
- Reducing rough sleeping and begging,
- Building local pride through tackling empty shops and properties and supporting local markets and by improving access to green spaces,
- Prevention and Early intervention and increased local activities,
- Improvement of data, reporting, and accountability.

Anti-social behaviour comes in many forms. The communities of Bradford share concerns about a range of issues including:

- The antisocial and dangerous driving of motor vehicles, motorbikes and quad bikes
- The selfish and anti-social use of fireworks
- Evidence of substance misuse and psychoactive substances
- Anti-social behaviour resulting from excessive drinking of alcohol
- Youth nuisance, anti-social behaviour and intimidation
- People living street-based lives causing anti-social behaviour in their communities.

3 Progress on tackling ASB

There has been an overall improvement in performance in the majority of areas related to anti-social behaviour over the last 12 months based on police recorded data. This followed significant increases over the period of the Pandemic so the current falls in ASB are to be welcomed.

3.1 Anti-Social Behaviour satisfaction

Overall ASB victim satisfaction for the Bradford district has risen steadily over the past 12 months. It started at a low point in October 2022 where Bradford was 20%

points behind the West Yorkshire average to a high point in September 2023 where the Bradford district has seen an increase in satisfaction of 10% to 69.7% satisfaction which is ahead of the West Yorkshire average and sees the Bradford district only 0.9% behind the best placed West Yorkshire authority.

3.2 Recorded Anti-Social Behaviour

Levels of reported ASB are down 14.2% on the same period last year to 6536 police recorded incidents across the district. Compared to the same month the previous year, figures were lower in 10 of the 12 months.

The majority of ASB complaints received are related to youth nuisance (30%) and nuisance use of motorcycles and quad bikes (32%). Both areas have seen a decline in numbers reported compared to the previous year, in the case of youth nuisance there has been a decline of 11% and for nuisance motorcycles 22%. There are two areas that have seen an increase in numbers reported; both are responsible for a very small percentage of overall reports, alcohol, 4% of the total and fireworks, 7% of the total; it is recognised that while the numbers reported are relatively low, they are two of the most visible types of ASB. Alcohol issues tend to be seasonal with the highest number of reports coming over the summer months. It is recognised that fireworks are an issue all year round, but the reporting numbers between December and July are very low. Numbers increase in the build-up to bonfire night with the vast majority being received in November.

3.3 ASB Officers' performance

Bradford District ASB team is a multi-agency team lead by a Police Sergeant and consists of 3 Council Officers and 3 Police Officers. Each officer is co-located with the Neighbourhood Policing Team for the area that they cover and offer expert advice on the most serious and complex cases. They utilise powers from the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 to tackle ASB issues which cause the most significant harm to communities. They hold a multi-agency ASB panel every 2 weeks for youths and monthly for adults. These panels consist of a wide range of partners including Police, Neighbourhood Services, Incommunities, Mental Health Services, Youth Justice and Yorkshire Ambulance Service amongst others to ensure effective co-ordinated interventions to reduce ASB across the District.

In the last 12 months the team have overseen the issuing of 38 Final warnings, 47 Acceptable Behaviour Orders, 183 ASB amber warning letters, 1 Community Protection Warning and 2 Community Protection Notices. One of the team's greatest successes this year has been their obtaining 15 Criminal Behaviour Orders (CBO) at court, owing to the huge amount of work involved in obtaining one. A CBO is available on conviction for any criminal offence in any criminal court. The order is aimed at tackling the most serious and persistent offenders where their behaviour has brought them before a criminal court. CBOs include prohibitions to stop the anti-social behaviour and may also include requirements to address the underlying causes of the offender's behaviour, for example engaging in rehabilitation. The court may make a CBO against an offender only on the application of the prosecution.

For a CBO to be made:

The court must be satisfied, beyond reasonable doubt, that the offender has engaged in behaviour that caused, or was likely to cause, harassment, alarm or distress to any person; and that the making of the order will help in preventing the offender from engaging in such behaviour. Of note, the requirements of the CBO

do not need to be related to the criminal offence for which the recipient is in court.

3.4 Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) enforcement

PSPOs deal with a particular nuisance in a defined area that is having a detrimental effect on the quality of life for those in the local community. Councils can use PSPOs to prohibit specified activities, and/or require certain things to be done by people engaged in particular activities, within a defined public area.

PSPO's became available following the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. A PSPO must be taken out by a local authority and can last no longer than 3 years but can be renewed if necessary. Failure to comply with the order can result in a fixed penalty notice.

There are some PSPOs which the ASB team do not manage, these are those which replaced the old gating orders and those which replaced dog control orders. In addition, there is PSPO targeted at reducing moorland wildfires that is managed by the Countryside Service.

The ASB Team manages the PSPO's which enforce alcohol abuse in our urban centres; the anti-social use of vehicles and an additional PSPO in Ilkley which aims to control ASB around the riverside during hot weather periods.

Enforcement of the vehicle PSPO has improved over the past 12 months. A great deal of work has been done recently to build the infrastructure and partnerships which allow for the acquisition and submission of evidence. To date in 2023 the Council has issued 139 Fixed Penalty Notices. The majority of these have been discharged with the payment of a £100 fine. A small number are not paid and so far 5 have been successfully prosecuted for breach of the PSPO, each receiving a fine nearing the maximum of £1000.

There are two PSPO Enforcement Officers for the district who work extremely hard to deal, particularly with the issues of anti-social street drinking. There are excellent examples of collaborative working, utilising all our collective resource and powers to ensure that we have a comprehensive plan that not only focusses on assertive use of enforcement powers but also recognises the vulnerabilities of the perpetrators and seeks to change behaviours through support and engagement. However, it is recognised that extra enforcement resourcing would be needed to make a really significant difference.

3.5 Operation Steerside

Operation Steerside originated in 2016 as a Bradford District Police enforcement operation. It has developed into a partnership approach recognising the need not just for enforcement, but engagement and education too and a plan to deliver these aims has been developed through the board. It seeks to look at the issues more collaboratively.

The Steerside Enforcement Team consists of a dedicated Sergeant and 10 PC's. Bradford is the only WY district to have this resource. Supported by additional funding through the Community Safety Partnership has enabled a more proactive approach to be adopted.

Between October 2022 – September 2023 Steerside has undertaken 210 operations leading to:

- 2623 Fixed Penalty Tickets / Traffic Offence Reports / Vehicle Defect Rectification Scheme notices.
- 71 CLE 2/6 (this is a report to DVLA of an untaxed vehicle)
- 405 Reports for Summons.
- 93 Section 59 warnings (Section 59 of the Police Reform Act 2002 refers to vehicles being used in a manner which causes alarm, distress or annoyance).
- 300 vehicle seizures.
- 105 arrests.
- 20 PSPO notices which are forwarded to the council for retrospective enforcement.

These figures are those attributable to the Operation Steerside enforcement team. This is on top of other enforcement action taken across the Bradford District.

3.6 Operation Soundwood

Ensuring the safety of women and girls is a community safety priority of the elected Mayor for West Yorkshire and also the Bradford Community Safety Plan. There have been concerns raised about the harassment of women and girls by males using vehicles in the area of the University and College in Bradford. As a result, the partnership reviewed its collective powers and identified that the district-wide vehicle PSPO could be used to deal with behaviour.

Operation Soundwood was launched and uniformed officers were deployed to provide a visible deterrent to would-be offenders and to provide reassurance to potential victims of this insidious behaviour. In tandem, plain clothed officers were deployed to see if they would be accosted and harassed in the same manner as had been reported in the area.

Between 1st October 2022 and 30th September 2023, ten instances of the operations have been undertaken, the results of which were:

- 5 breaches of the vehicle PSPO identified (3 re driving and 2 re harassment of women and girls).
- 86 Traffic Offence Reports.
- 4 s59 warnings.
- 8 vehicles seizures.
- 5 individuals reported for Summons to Court.

As a partnership we have also taken an educational approach and several partners have received active bystander training, which encourages people to challenge unacceptable behaviours, including those that have become normalised over time. Some have been given training in, and granted access to the Police Partnership Intelligence Portal (a web-based portal for the submission of intelligence by the partners to the police).

Appropriate businesses have been trained in the 'Ask for Angela' scheme. This is a national scheme which works by training staff in licensed, and other premises, to support those who are out with a new or existing partner but may feel vulnerable to violence or abuse. When someone approaches a staff member and 'Asks for Angela'. The trained member of staff will understand the person asking actually needs help and will be able to respond appropriately and discreetly. Specific and tailored training materials for a wide range of settings including charity organisational, cultural venues and community groups has been developed. This includes in-person training with relatable scenarios and exemplars for different settings. Work was done to raise public awareness of the Ask for Angela scheme.

This has led to a wider understanding across the district of why it might be needed and how to use it.

Through a variety of methods (attending pub watches, group training sessions, drop-in sessions and booked appointments) 127 venues have been engaged with across the district to promote the scheme and encourage sign up. As well as bars and pubs, this has included a wider variety of establishments beyond licensed premises including libraries, museums, community centres, cinemas, bus stations and theatres. In total, 73 venues are accredited on the scheme across the Bradford District.

3.7 The Bonfire Period

The Bonfire Period in 2023 continued the trend in recent years of reducing instances of crime and anti-social behaviour. Police calls for anti-social behaviour reduced, as did the number of attacks on the Fire Service staff. Bonfire Night, though busy, was quieter than recent years. However, it must be re-iterated that levels of disorder remain at unacceptable levels.

As in previous years, the Area Offices, communities, elected members, and voluntary groups worked alongside blue light services providing a significant partnership response. This helped to educate and build resilience, challenge negative behaviours and, where necessary, take appropriate enforcement action.

The Anti-Social Behaviour Team was actively involved in undertaking prevention work with those most vulnerable to becoming involved in anti-social or dangerous behaviour. Several hundred community volunteers were enlisted across the district; including a mix of residents, business representatives, voluntary groups and faith leaders.

In the weeks running up to Bonfire Night Clean Teams from both the Council and Incommunities shifted 100's of tonnes of waste that presented a danger if set alight. This work included the checking of bonfires that were being built and dismantling those which remained a danger to the public.

On the 4th and 5th November, the Youth Service and 'Breaking the Cycle' deployed up to 80 staff each night working across all 5 constituencies in teams of 3-4 workers. This involved the majority of the service in street-based work responding to calls for service to engage groups of youngsters and the remainder in youth centre-based work.

Local community volunteers, co-ordinated through the area office teams, were engaged in pre-emptive and proactive actions that minimised problems and controlled incidents before they got out of hand, especially in hot spot areas. This led to a number of potential incidents being minimised or avoided completely.

4. Options for New ASB Approaches

- 4.1** The new role of ASB Manager for the Council affords an opportunity to review and refresh the district approach to ASB. The first priority is to raise the profile of ASB across all sections of the council and with wider partners, both statutory and non-statutory. There will also be a comprehensive review of current working processes

and practises to make improvements if necessary. We thank the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee ASB Call to Action and look forward to the findings when published as these will help inform this review.

4.2 Euroway Trading Estate car cruises

There have been regular repeated instance of 'car cruises' taking place at the Euroway trading estate. The ASB team, Neighbourhood service Area team, Highways and the local Neighbourhood Policing Team have worked closely with residents and elected members to address the issue. Funding was sourced to install a CCTV camera capable of capturing the registration numbers of cars attending these car cruises.

As a result of the footage captured a substantial number of PSPO breach notices have been issued as outlined in the PSPO enforcement section of this report, section 3.4

5 Learning from other areas to build measures to tackle ASB and its causes

It must be realised that we do not face the problems of ASB alone and sharing good practice among authorities is key to achieving successful outcomes for our district. We are seeking to find examples of excellent practise across the country and exploring relationships with a number of other local authorities to identify what has worked well for them. Examples include: the effective use of PSPOs with Brent Borough Council who manage the space around Wembley; the use of enhanced CCTV capabilities with Sunderland (drones) and Leeds (CCTV vans); and the effective use of the Community Protection Warning (CPW) and Community Protection Notice (CPN) with Blackpool. CPNs were introduced under the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2014. They are there to deal with conduct that is having a detrimental effect on the quality of those in the locality, is of a persistent nature and unreasonable. There are no restrictions in legislation on the types of behaviour CPN's can be used to deal with and they are already used regularly by the Council's Environmental Enforcement Team. A CPN must be preceded by a CPW.

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The ASB, Crime and Policing Act 2014

The ASB Act 2003

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998

Data Protection Act 1998

Equality Act 2010

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12.1 The Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee acknowledges this report and recognises the work of the wider ASB Partnership to delivering improved results.

13 APPENDICES

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Report from the Director of Place to the meeting of the Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Committee to be held on December 14th 2023

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Subject: Volunteering Initiatives in the Bradford District 2022-23.

Summary statement:

This report gives an update on volunteering initiatives across the Bradford District supported by Stronger Communities and VCS partners.

EQUALITY & DIVERSITY:

Our work supporting volunteering, is designed to be inclusive and benefit all local service delivery across the district. Whilst this is right and consistent with the principle of equalities at the heart of everything we do; it is also the case that our investment needs to demonstrate how it is enabling us to make sustainable progress in equality, diversity and inclusion and culture.

All grant funded, contracted partners and projects recognise the single statutory duty to promote equality under the Equality Act 2010. All our partners ensure and demonstrate that services delivered, consider the need to:

- eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Equality Act 2010
- advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.
- foster good relations between people who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

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1.0 SUMMARY

Bradford District has a strong and vibrant civil society sector with an estimated 5,000 plus voluntary and community groups, 30,000 regular volunteers and 100,000 occasional volunteers committed to making Bradford District a better place to live. Our projects are connecting more and more people to volunteering opportunities in which they can make a difference. We also support community organisations offering volunteering opportunities to provide valuable local services in challenging financial times.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- Volunteering provides a platform for communities to engage in neighbourhood activities through events and enables them to self-identify key issues that they want our support with. This collective working towards common causes helps bring down barriers to integration and cohesion in neighbourhoods. It also helps in general to strengthen our communications and improve environments where people live.
- We have promoted volunteering successfully, across localities, in all fields including health, environment and recycling, culture and arts to promote cohesion, integration and pride in neighbourhoods. Volunteering also has an impact on individuals, building their cv, reducing loneliness, supporting people with mental health issues, instilling confidence and pride in where they live. It also impacts heavily on service provision, through community clean ups or adopting green spaces and running local libraries. There is both social and economic value to the contributions volunteers make.
- The Voluntary and Community Sector support volunteering comprehensively through training, local opportunities, providing support for those wanting to participate and crafting a 'Volunteering Standard' award for organisations who meet a good threshold for supporting volunteers in their service provision.
- The VCS Service Improvement contract provision for supporting volunteering in the Bradford District, includes recruitment and training. It also involves creating a database for volunteers and working local communities, partners, and businesses to provide organised volunteering opportunities. One of the initiatives that we are jointly working on is the volunteering week to be held in all five of the constituency areas from January to March 2024.
- It should be noted that while volunteering increased across Bradford District during the covid pandemic, the impact of which was captured in the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee in March 2022, the number of reported volunteers has dropped since then due to a variety of factors such as cost of living pressures and the elderly who make up a good proportion of those who volunteer decreasing; due to the need to socially isolate for health reasons.

3.0 OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

There are a range of projects and initiatives that support volunteering in the Bradford

District. Some of the projects supported by the Stronger Communities Team include: Covid Community Champions, Citizen Coin, Community Ambassadors, Big Lunches (which were part of the Jubilee celebration events) volunteer recruitment, training, and a volunteer 'Volunteering Standard' for organisations that take on volunteers.

3.1 People Can - Make a Difference – Campaign

'People Can Make a Difference' is a long-term campaign to promote and encourage strong and active communities. We continue to engage Council Teams and external organisations to amplify awareness about People Can. The launch of the Council refreshed Employee Volunteering Policy in early 2024 will serve as an opportunity to raise even further awareness and a communication plan will help us to deliver this.

People Can is used across the council and is more prevalent in the five area offices who each have their own social media sites and post on a regular basis. People Can branding is used extensively on community litter picks and local events organized by ward officers. The People Can hashtag on X – #makeadifference is used to post inspirational and motivational text evidencing communities giving back, this suggests it adds value in getting messages across and used in the right context for our services.

The People Can resources and materials are also used when events and clean ups are undertaken by external groups, the bags, litter pickers and tabards making it clear that their activity is supported by the council. The table below gives the numbers of followers on Facebook and X

People Can - Facebook	followers	Views	reacted
BFD South	2700	9468	160
BFD East	3049	31809	969
BFD West	2200	29290	1,066
Keighley	802	907	
ShIPLEY	1200	6516	141
Stronger Com Team	1700		
Twitter X			
Keighley	909		
Stronger Com Team	2075	2811	37

Please Appendix B for People Can for examples of promotional posters.

3.2 Citizen Coin

Through app-based technology, the Citizen Coin scheme rewards people for doing social good. It connects our voluntary organisations with their neighbourhoods and our communities with businesses. The project underpins the Council plan by promoting better skills, creating more good jobs and better health. It supports us to ensure we create safe, strong, active communities, whilst helping to grow our economy, sustainably.

The project sits within the Stronger Communities Partnership's Strategy under Pillar Three: Getting Involved which focuses on increasing civic participation. Activities under this outcome are to ensure that 'more people from all backgrounds will connect with

others, participate in civic life, and get involved in their own communities. The project intends to bring local residents of different backgrounds together to engage in local activities. This is captured via the Citizen Coin scheme which enables people to earn digital discount coins when undertaking social value activities, such as volunteering, that they can then use to get discounts off goods and services. Those earning the digital discount coin can also opt to donate their coins to other people and organisations.

The evaluation report on the pilot is available from: <https://bradfordforeveryone.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Citizen-Coin-Evaulation-Report-2022.pdf>

3.3 Citizen Coin Current Position

Some key highlights include:

1. Data Snapshot (as of 8 November 2023) - Reflects percentage changes since January 2022, marking the transition from project pilot to going live.
 - 2517 registered users/volunteers (208% increase).
 - 168 retailers offering discounts off goods and services (50 % increase).
 - 162 rewarding organisations using the scheme to advertise activities (170% increase)
 - 13,421 coins generated and are in circulation (330% increase)
2. Training and building connections.
 - Actively promoting Citizen Coin with internal departments at the Council to join the platform this includes Public Health; Sports and Leisure; BEEP; Theatres; Museums; Libraries as well as engaging with external organisations and programmes such as: Born In Bradford; JU:MP; Gateway Centre; Windhill Community Centre; Ammy Construction to name a few.
3. Working with education establishments
 - University of Bradford; Carried out two training sessions with senior staff; attended Staff Benefit event days and delivered two information sessions.
 - Bradford College: Fresher Week and Staff benefits events.
 - New College: A pilot project has run involving the recruitment of student volunteers who will serve as Champion students to promote Citizen Coin
 - Shipley College: To offer staff training and working with the Business Department to work alongside students taking a lead of the promotion and development of citizen coin in Shipley as part of their qualification.
 - Bradford Grammar have successfully implemented the scheme within their sixth formers. The school Coordinator manages the account; providing various volunteering activities which students sign up to and then are rewarded internally using the app. The students also sign up to volunteering activities that are external to the school.
 - SkillsHouse: Working closely with colleagues in ESOL and SkillsHouse to offer Citizen Coin to all new learners.

4.0 Community Events

4.1 Kings Coronation - May marked the Coronation of a new Monarch, His Majesty King Charles III. It is the first coronation since Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in 1953. It was celebrated across the country and The Commonwealth and marked with a three-day bank holiday weekend from Saturday 6 May to Monday 8 May 2023. We supported people from across the district to get involved in organising and attending events and activities to celebrate by organising Big Lunches in their localities and opening the invitation to all their neighbours.

- 216 funded projects across the Bradford District
- Over 25,000 people participated at events - promoted cohesion with neighbours.
- Over 1,000 volunteers organise local events.

4.2 Refugee Week District Wide Impact

Refugee Week 2023, ran from 19 June to 25 June, offering an action packed, wide range of 31 events and activities across the district. [Refugee-Week-2023-Programme.pdf](#) (bradfordforeveryone.co.uk) These events extended across all five constituencies with a noticeable presence in both Bradford East and Keighley.

The events successfully attracted public participation, and in addition, there were some bespoke events organised specifically for the more vulnerable refugees and asylum seekers within the district. In total, approximately **3,900** people engaged with the full programme of events offered during the week.

The Shared Coffee Morning provided an opportunity for Afghan and Ukrainian women to meet. This private gathering brought together Afghan ladies housed in the Bridging Hotel and Ukrainians from Keighley. The event facilitated social mixing opportunities between groups that might not usually have the opportunity to meet. The women enjoyed sharing food and stories which enabled them to discover commonalities and appreciate the unique circumstances of one another. Notably, the event had a significant impact on an older Afghan lady and an older Ukrainian lady, who particularly valued the opportunity to connect and share their own life stories.

These events exemplify inclusive and community development spirit that Refugee Week instils in the Bradford District, fostering connections, understanding, and support among diverse groups within the community. -

- 95% of participants rated the events they attended as 'Very Good' or 'Good.'
- 82% 'Strongly Agreed' or 'Agreed' that the events fostered a sense of belonging to their local area.

- 86% 'Strongly Agreed' or 'Agreed' that the events helped them connect with people from different backgrounds and communities to their own.

5.0 Bradford for Everyone Ambassadors - Volunteer Programme

The Ambassador Volunteer programme is another project that continues on from the Bradford for Everyone programme. The Ambassador group is made up of Bradford District citizens, who ensure that the voices, knowledge, and experiences of local people are included in the design, delivery, decision making and evaluation of our work.

The Ambassador programme has been an extremely successful project, that has had positive impacts on many other projects and wider benefits beyond those directly involved. The Bradford for Everyone – Ambassadors film highlights the journey, learnings, and impact of the project: <https://youtu.be/tq1YBFm-j20> The Bradford for Everyone's Volunteer Ambassadors work was also highly commended for Community Involvement in the LGC Awards in 2021.

Ambassadors promote the work of integration and social cohesion and encourage others to also get involved in creating a 'Bradford for Everyone'. The group forms as a Delivery Partner Sub-group to the Stronger Communities Partnership Board and five Ambassadors from each constituency are elected to represent the voices of communities on the Stronger Board.

6.0 Refresh of Bradford Council Employee Volunteering Policy

Bradford Council acknowledges that volunteering helps our communities to thrive, connects us all and can help make our citizens feel that they belong. The contributions our volunteers make are invaluable, unique and can positively benefit users of council services, employees, local communities, and the volunteers themselves. As a large, diverse local authority we recognise and value the contribution made by our volunteers, and we want to build on this.

Current Position:

- We have updated the Employee Volunteering - Manager & Employee Policy & Guidance.
- Obtained feedback from staff and managers on the new Policy & Guidance.
- Conducted an external review to benchmark what other Councils do and see what the participation rates have been for them. Presented the findings to the Council's Senior Leadership Team in October 2023 to gather input and decisions from Assistant and Strategic Directors.
- Building a new Bradnet Page (internal intranet) – this will provide information on the People Can Campaign and Citizen Coin; it will also provide up to date information on where other volunteering opportunities can be sought; this will include City of Culture volunteering opportunities, volunteering with support from Participate and CABAD. Council Teams and Area Teams will also be encouraged to use this platform to recruit volunteers promoting volunteering and civic participation.

7.0 Research Work

7.1 Volunteering and Social Cohesion Research Project: **Power of Connection** The Volunteering and Social Cohesion Research Project, started in September 2022, and had active participation from Bradford's Stronger Communities in the Advisory Panel. The recently published Literature Review - Linking Volunteering and Social Cohesion, has been published.

To complement the research insights, a new online resource 'The Power of Connection' has been developed. This toolkit aims to assist organisers and supporters of volunteers in fostering meaningful connections among individuals from diverse backgrounds. Launched in July 2023, with Bradford's Stronger Communities contributing to the presentation panel, the toolkit is now being promoted for use with partner organisations across the district to help us all to build on social cohesion.

7.2 Shaping the Future with Volunteering - As part of a national volunteering research project 'Shaping the Future with Volunteering', Community Action Bradford and District (CABAD) is working alongside national charities to better understand current statistics, trends, motivations and potential barriers for people volunteering across Bradford. This research will feed into wider UK analysis of why people do or don't volunteer. The survey undertaken in December 2023, has had over 750 responses. Early reviews show many of the findings reflect similar trends in the recent NCVO 'Time Well Spent' survey such as people having less time to volunteer despite a desire to help, with flexible hours and expenses being key considerations for volunteer-involving organisations. Positively, there is a wide appetite from people to volunteer regardless of their circumstances, with interest in both national and local causes.

8.0 VCS Service Improvement Programme - Volunteering

8.1 Here4BDCC is a partnership of Community Action Bradford & District (CAB&D), Participate Projects, HALE and The VCS Alliance and this partnership is the main provider of voluntary and community sector support in Bradford. CAB&D and Participate are the leads within the VCSE SIP contract by the Council to support the vision within Bradford of diversifying the volunteering offer across the district, improving the quality and safety of volunteering and bringing volunteer-involving organisations together to share good practice and work towards sharing the capacity of volunteering in Bradford. The team has more than 30 years' experience in the field of supporting and managing volunteers, including at scale.

- Here4BDCC are promoting Citizen Coin Reward Agency sessions on their training website for Community groups across the district.
- Providing on going training and recruitment for volunteers

- Volunteers' Week from 1 to 7 June - Area networks for Volunteers Week 2023, theme was "Innovation in Volunteering" - The area network events were organised in partnership as part of the [Here 4 BDCC](#) contract, funded by Bradford Council.

8.2 The area networks are designed to support all voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations with a range of topics during the year. In Volunteers Week these focussed on volunteer recruitment and retention. This was a free event for organisations looking for volunteers. They ran workshops on volunteer recruitment and diversification, looking at ethnicity, age, disability, service users representation and community ownership/accountability helping attendees to share their experiences and problem-solve as well as sharing good practice. The events were held in:

- Bradford East area network, Thursday 1 June 2023 (10am to 12pm), in person at The Springfield Centre.
- Bradford West area network, Friday 2 June 2023 (10am to 12pm), in person at Manningham Mills Sports Association.
- South area network, Monday 5 June 2023 (12.30pm to 2.30pm), in person at Bierley Community Centre.
- Shipley area network, Tuesday 6 June 2023 (1pm to 3pm), in person at Caroline Street Social Club, Saltaire.
- Keighley area network, Wednesday 7 June 2023 (5.30pm to 7.30pm), in person at Clarke Foley Centre, Ilkley.

8.3 Participate Projects – Bringing businesses and communities together. They provide a unique delivery model, including a bespoke service that meets the needs of the volunteering organisation, whilst maximising the impact for the community organisations supported.

8.4 Participate have built a solid reputation of building relationships with national and local businesses to connect with them with community initiatives as part of their corporate social responsibility. Positive and sustainable impact in our communities is at the heart of their effort. The skills and invest from businesses act as catalyst for other community investment and enable communities to develop and help themselves.

Within the VCSE SIP Participate Projects are providing an online matching service, called Bradford Together, supporting publicly contracted businesses to meet the social value commitments (in partnership with the council) and developing with business volunteers, a new database of volunteering opportunities for businesses (which will sit beside an impact/social value measurement tool).

8.5 Business Team & Skills Volunteering -Business team volunteering is a great way to build teams, develop individuals and make a real difference in communities. Participate work with some of the largest companies in the UK to develop and deliver their team volunteering whilst supporting their ESG. Our Skills for Good project identify the skills,

knowledge and expertise within business so we can match available projects at local non-profits. In the last year Participate have delivered:

- £184,256 Value of Business Brokerage
- Community Impact 78,245 Hours of Volunteering

See Appendix C for VCSE SIP contract and case studies.

8.4 City of Culture 2025 and Volunteering Cities Programme – The Stronger Communities Team including our partners CABAD, Participate, Equality Together and CoC25 culture and volunteering the project supports the delivery of two strategic outcomes in our Council Plan 2020-24: “Skills, good jobs and a growing economy” and “Safe Strong and Active communities”.

- The Council’s Cultural Strategy (Culture is Our Plan), co-created with over 3,000 Bradfordians, also aligns to Spirit’s desired outcomes. The delivery of the Cultural Strategy provides an opportunity to grow our cultural volunteering.
- The Stronger Communities Team successfully bid for The Spirit of 2012 Volunteering Cities Fund and is supporting the CoC25 team and gearing up the offer for volunteers to get involved, a grant of £200,000, with additional funding of £50,000 to cover costs that reduce barriers for people taking part, such as access costs. The project is expected to last between two and two and a half years, finishing by the end of March 2025. We expect that in early 2024 to fast track progress as new staff have been recruited and the launch of a logo and communications strategy the new year.
- Stronger and Communities, CABAD and Participate are supporting CoC25 by recruiting just under 4,000 volunteers, a number of which will have the opportunity to get accredited training from Shipley College. They will have a ‘uniform’ and opportunities to engage in both short term and long volunteering ongoing support in their roles.

9.0 Community Stars - This December we celebrate Bradford District’s prestigious Awards for all those people who always strive to make a difference in their communities through volunteering. Organised by Bradford Council and the Stronger Communities Team gives the opportunity to say thank you to those enriching the lives of Bradford people. This year around 25,00 people have voted in the Telegraph & Argus for the nine categories of volunteering. The awards ceremony will take place on 6 December at Bradford Hotel.

10.0 Impact and outcomes of volunteering – we know that there many reasons people will volunteer for example doing things in memory of loved ones, supporting local community organisations and charities or just by wanting to support services to vulnerable people. All the projects and initiatives outlined above contribute to positive outcomes.

The impact of volunteering is immense both at personal level and for those that benefit from services provided. IT is estimate that nationally a saving of £17bn is made through support provided by careers looking after relatives or others in their communities. Some of the impacts of volunteering are given below:

- Pride and belonging, people feel that they are part of a community or a locality through volunteering, whether they offer their time to a local library, clean a green space or run a community centre.
 - By learning new skills and increasing their knowledge they can build a CV to help gain paid employment or move into another field of work
 - Saving resources – as mentioned with the example above volunteer carers reduce pressure on health and social services, by getting involved community clean ups pressures on cleaning services is reduced.
 - Social mixing allows people that are lonely to interact with others and give them a purpose to get active and give opportunity to make friends. It effectively tackles social isolation. It also allows people from different backgrounds and age groups to mix and get to know each other's culture, background and concerns for their neighbourhood.
 - Health benefits, by getting socially active helps their mental wellbeing and engaging with others on worthwhile local initiatives people remaining active.
 - Sharing information and ideas leads to newer initiatives, sharing of best practice, resources and creativity in neighbourhoods.
 - Supporting communities, we saw with Covid-19 that community ambassadors played a key role in disseminating vital information, food hubs provide much needed support to those struggling with the cost-of-living crises. Food banks run by volunteers are a much-needed resource and have a increasing role in supporting vulnerable people.
 - Promotes safe, strong, and active communities.
 - Helps community organisations and charities to operate by having volunteers with a range of skills and knowledge to sit on boards, committees etc.
 - Helps businesses to use their Corporate Social Responsibility to undertake opportunities with their staff.
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- The Stronger Communities Team are currently working on capturing Social Value - Social value calculations aim to quantify the positive impact on people and communities. There are many tools that can be purchased. Stronger Communities has been utilising the HACT Social Value Metrics which has a Social Value Bank containing 88 outcomes, 11 themes e.g., employment; environment; health; financial inclusion; youth; social groups & hobbies; physical activity; homelessness, and more. The HACT Social Value Metrics has transitioned into an online tool with associated costs, having previously been

utilised as a free of charge spreadsheet. Whilst we can provide information on Social Value captured through the Citizen Coin technology, we are exploring the use of other tool options.

Please see Appendix A for case studies.

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

4.1 There are no additional financial or resource matters. Funding for the above schemes and projects is provided through existing Council budgets and the VCSE Service Improvement contract.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

5.1 There are significant risks arising out of the implementation of the proposed Recommendations.

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

6.1 There are no legal issues arising from this report.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

The contribution of volunteers in all aspects of the delivery of services across the district support the principle of sustainability. For example, community clean ups of green spaces, recycling of waste, better use of resources and provision of activities for all demographics which include better health outcomes and maintenance and use of community assets.

7.2 TACKLING THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY IMPLICATIONS

There are no impacts on greenhouse emissions arising from this report.

7.3 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

There are no Community Safety implications arising from this report. DBS checks and safety equipment are available when required for specific projects.

7.4 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

There are no Human Rights issues arising from this report.

7.5 TRADE UNION

There are no Trade Union issues arising from this report

7.6 WARD IMPLICATIONS

The volunteering support and initiatives, such as the Volunteer Week and Citizen Coin, are available in all wards and are coordinated with the area offices.

7.7 AREA COMMITTEE LOCALITY PLAN IMPLICATIONS

The projects and initiatives for volunteering are in line with Area Committees ward plans.

7.8 IMPLICATIONS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Volunteering initiatives benefit services provided to children through organised local activities, examples are scout clubs, youth clubs, play schemes etc.

7.9 ISSUES ARISING FROM PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESMENT

The confidentiality of personal data is paramount in all of the work we do relating to our workforce and resident volunteers. We do not anticipate that any additional actions arise from the work outlined in this report.

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

None

9. OPTIONS

9.1 That the initiatives and projects promoting volunteering both internally and external to the council are supported by officers.

9.2 The Council officers and departments cease to support all volunteering initiatives and projects.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 That the Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Committee acknowledge the initiatives and volunteering that support services to local communities.

10.2 That a further report is brought back to Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee to provide an update on the impact of the VCSE Service Improvement Programme and the Volunteer Coordinator to support volunteering across the district in 12 months.

11. APPENDICES

Appendix A Case Studies

Appendix B People Can posters that promote Volunteering

Appendix C

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

12.1 Report of the Director of Place to the meeting of the Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Committee to be held on 10th March 2022

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Appendix A

Case Studies for Citizen Coin

Who	What they said
Volunteer	<p>I am a child of asylum seekers, and I am an immigrant. I am black and I am a woman.</p> <p>I have had to work nights in very poorly paid jobs as a carer and a cleaner during the day.</p> <p>Why, because that's all that is and was available to a person like me...</p> <p>I have so much potential and so much to offer but feel people like me just get left behind.</p> <p>I worked day and nights to fund my university education and survive.</p> <p>Then I was given an opportunity to volunteer for Bradford Council, which opened up so many doors for me.</p> <p>It gave me confidence, it gave me skills, gave me strength and the opportunity for growth and development.</p> <p>Three years on... I am now working for Bradford Council, as a senior officer.</p> <p>And this would have never happened if these opportunities to volunteer weren't here in the first place. My life has changed.</p>
Volunteer	<p>Citizen Coin is a brand-new scheme in the Bradford district that has allowed me to earn discounts in local businesses just by volunteering my time, I have earned Citizen Coins on the app by taking part in canvassing days in Ilkley and Keighley (Places I've never been to before so I'm exploring new places) and taking online surveys. The app is really simple to use and displays many discounts with new ones popping up all of the time. It is a great way for local businesses.</p> <p>to give something back to volunteers in their local area and to increase their sales too. It's a great scheme which will for sure encourage more people to volunteer for things they might not have ever done before, I have!</p>
Volunteer	<p>Citizen Coin is easy to sign up to in the first instance. It connects me to others who are like-minded, allows me visibility of volunteer opportunities in my area (locality or volunteering type or volunteering group, etc), shows me how much I already do! and opportunities or gaps that can be filled in as a community. It gives back to those who volunteer but never thought of getting anything in return, but also incentivises volunteering across those who are not currently engaged in this. Ultimately, Citizen Coin increases community engagement and a sense of community and offers holistic help to everyone involved.</p>

	<p>For businesses, it offers the opportunity to increase marketing without impacting a limited marketing budget, in a time where we need to increase high street footfall post-COVID-19 whilst bringing in atypical footfall (i.e.: getting in customers that you wouldn't otherwise) and tailoring incentives to increase consumption of slower moving items and/or items that incentivise other purchases e.g.: buying an accompanying snack or meal to go with a free coffee. Best of all it offers the business flexibility in doing what it wants to do to increase customer-base and give back to the community.</p>
Retailer	<p>Here at Bread + Roses we rely heavily upon support from volunteers. It is wonderful to be able to offer a reward that has real value, we are proud to be Citizen Coin retailers.</p>
Rewarding Agency	<p>The English Language Advice Hub have been using Citizen Coin as a reward for English Language learners in the district as they improve their digital skills and integrate more through its use. While learners are happy to share their experiences with us, being able to reward the time it takes is an added bonus. It also gives the learners a sense of pride in having accomplished something that helps the district as a whole and not just them as individuals. The app is helping people feel more connected and people are really interested in being involved with and using it.</p> <p>For a lot of our learners the process of improving digital skills is not easy and there are many digital barriers, so they are not only sharing their voices to improve ESOL provision in the district they are also highlighting where the digital device gap and digital skills divide exists as well. This means that the uptake is slightly slower than in other areas. Many of our users need quite a lot of support with the app and with digital device use as well. They are, however, willing to learn and the app is encouraging and supporting them to improve their digital skills. As an organisation the app is a great way that we can reward the learners helping us while also helping people improve their skills and their integration and connectedness to the district as a whole.</p>
Volunteer	<p>I have used the app consistently since it was released. I love how it makes it easier to participate in local voluntary activities as previously I struggled to find any online. The bonus of coins as a small reward for volunteers is unique and appreciated and is obviously a positive for retailers who will hopefully receive extra customers and free advertising. I have found the app simple and easy to use and am excited to see how it will be further developed.</p>

<p>Rewarding Agency / & USER</p>	<p>Citizen coin has been a brilliant experience as an individual and citizen of the district it is a great imitative which allows me to save money in difficult times but also support business and allows me to participate in different activities whereby being rewarded I feel valued. I believe this initiative if pushed more will have great results and I have told most of my friends and family members who have also signed up as they see it as a great opportunity.</p> <p>In terms of a provider, we see this platform as a really useful tool in terms of participation and being able to reward all those who have participated with our activities. It is also great to know by doing this we are helping boost the economy of the city by encouraging individuals to shop and spend within the city.</p>
<p>Quotes</p>	<p>Shabana says “we love what we do here at The Cutting&Colour Room. We offer razor cuts and normal cuts and colours. We work with all kinds of hair types and thrive on challenging hair. Having Citizen Coin is such an amazing idea, helping to reach out to the wider community bringing people back into Bradford.</p> <p>Citizen Coin is opening up opportunities for communities to help support local businesses. In return we as small local businesses will help support communities.”</p> <p>Farah from Academia-Apparel says “this is a revolutionary scheme for Bradford District, not only does it help local small businesses with a free publicity platform, it also gives us the opportunity to really thank all those kind people in our communities who give up their time to make positive differences for others. We are proud to be a legacy business that supports such a gratifying initiative”.</p> <p>Ursula at Plant one on me says “Fantastic idea – celebrating those doing good for community”.</p> <p>Natalia from Glamour Style says, “brilliant idea, young people helping out the community and businesses”.</p> <p>Tanveer, from Tech Bitz said “we have been part of this journey for a couple of months and I am seeing significant changes for communities and businesses. Great Stuff.”</p>
<p>Free2b-Me- (Rewarding Agency)</p>	<p><u>Free2b-Me-Wendy Lewis (Rewarding Agency)</u></p> <p>We are Free2b-me and we support people with their various needs such as mental health and wellbeing, physical activities, people seeking asylum, 24-hour WhatsApp support, social hubs, we support people with phone data, food, raising voices</p>

	<p>and challenging procedures especially for marginalised groups.</p> <p>We joined Citizen Coin because it helps with people seeking asylum, coins give them a little something where they can get food and stuff. We like Citizen Coin because it supports everyone, the people get the benefit, organisations benefit, businesses benefit. It's a win win all round.</p> <p>It's also good for our organisation because we give the CC. We've had people who want to join us because we are on CC, once they come, they get to know people and it's good for their mental wellbeing and getting people out there. While on Citizen Coin, they also look at other things that other organisations are offering. With the current economic crisis, Citizen Coin will help a lot of people, like my asylum group gets the coins and use them to get food. It is always beneficial for everyone. If you join CC, you get people coming to your restaurant or shop, this helps you survive as well. Everywhere I go I tell people about Citizen Coin; it has gotten us new members and it gets us out there.</p>
<p>Kondwani Chikuwi (New Joy Gospel Church) Member-Consumer)</p>	<p>I joined Citizen Coin because I am involved in community work. For example, I currently help youths at New Joy Church where I mentor them and help them learn how to play different musical instruments. New Joy Church recently joined Citizen Coin and I registered myself onto the platform because there are good deals on there, deals such as the one by Bradford City and deals from food places like from La Crepe House.</p> <p>As a consumer, I can get discounts and great deals if on Citizen Coin. This has helped me save my money and find fun activities for my 3-year-old daughter who is full of energy. I particularly like the Climbing Hub place which has recently opened, I know my daughter would love that! When I visit The Climbing Hub, I will not only go with my daughter, I might invite some of my friends who also have children, we could have a play date. Citizen Coin is not just helping me and my friends and family save money, it's also helping me to be more active and connect with my loved ones. If everyone had the app, we could all connect a little more and have lots of activities to do while saving money.</p>
<p>Bradford East Africa Community (Rewarding Agency)</p>	<p>We are a community group and our aim is to engage African communities and encourage them to engage with activities in the local area, including explore pathways to employment, learn more about local authorities, support new people by getting them out and getting them familiar to new facilities and places. We want to build confidence.</p>

	<p>Citizen Coin is a fantastic project which encourages local people to support their local area, at the same time, they are promoting the economy and our local area, if someone gets a coin they can be encouraged to spend their coin. For the African Group, we use Citizen Coin to get different adverts and it brings all information together where the members get to know what is happening. It's a platform bringing people together, its new and when people get used to it, it will help the community even more. People can get news easily and can know where to go and have fun. Citizen Coin is helping us to encourage people to get involved and to stay motivated. There is a bright future in Citizen Coin, this would connect people, businesses, locals to connect ever stronger. We currently use the platform to advertise activities and advertise our work. When we do this, it goes wider, people then know the where, where and when it's all happening.</p>
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Appendix B

People Can posters promoting Volunteering



My Volunteer role

“Volunteers live longer and happier”

Dawn C. Carr MGS PhD Psychology Today 2014



Fiona Phillips,
Public Health Consultant with Bradford


I am a Community First Responder for Yorkshire Ambulance Service. This is something that I didn't really have particular skills to bring to except for a willingness to learn, and the ambulance service provide fantastic training.

This role is about being first on scene in your local community at certain ambulance calls – usually where the presenting complaint is difficulty breathing, chest pain, cardiac arrest. In my day job as a Public Health Consultant, we do a lot of strategic work planning health services and community interventions.

For me it is important to stay grounded in what life is like for real people and the health and wellbeing challenges they face. When someone calls an ambulance, they are often at their lowest point of health and extremely anxious. Being able to offer help and reassurance until the ambulance arrives is fulfilling and I can use this experience to inform my day job.




People Can Stay active



My Volunteer role

“Volunteers live longer and happier”

Dawn C. Carr MGS PhD Psychology Today 2014




Iain MacBeath
Strategic Director,
Adult Social Care and Health
Adult Social Care

I have volunteered in various capacities for the Samaritans for nearly 15 years at different branches. Initially as a Samaritans listener, then as a Trustee and branch fundraiser.

* Because of my role, I've never volunteered to listen on the patch where I work – though you never know who gets through on your shift. Whilst some calls received are certainly from people who are really struggling mentally and physically and who are suicidal, many people who call are lonely or have other problems they want to talk about.

The Samaritans mantra is to listen without judgement or intrusiveness. I've always found it fulfilling, both in terms of assisting strangers by being a good listener and helping them explore why they feel as they do – but also personally because of people you speak to and the genuinely lovely fellow volunteers you connect with, many of whom are now great friends.



People Can Stay active

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Appendix C



VCSE SIP contractual outputs

- Within the contract the Here4BDCC partnership is asked to support organisations to complete the People Can Quality Award. Since April 2022 we have refreshed the Quality Award to ensure it is up-to-date and revamped the marketing, ensuring the way groups are able to acknowledge that they have completed the QA is now provided in a digital format.
- Since June 2022 we have supported and approved 12 new awards with four pending; the time to complete an award is anywhere between three and six months, depending on the maturity and size of the organisation. We aim to complete 20 by April 2024.
- Business engagement outcomes and outputs are within the main report.
- We have launched a new Here4BDCC volunteering Facebook page.
- We are working with BD2025 through Spirit of 2012 funding; CAB&D were part of the successful bid writing team for this funding, are supporting the staff at BD2025 and will provide legacy activities when the funding ceases.
- Our Citizen Coin collaborations include attendance at Big Advice Day as well as the Area Networks plus a case study is provided below around the software development input Here4BDCC has provided.

Citizen Coin Case Study

Background

The VCSE SIP contract requires the contract holder(s) to work in partnership to promote Citizen Coin (CC) across the Bradford District. This case study centres on joint activity across the Here4BDCC partnership.

The issue

CC was piloted during the COVID-19 pandemic and since we have emerged from lockdown and started to engage with community activity again, the increase in uptake for the app is not parallel to the increases in community activity. The Here4BDCC volunteering team decided to look into why uptake by the VCSE was not as expected.

Who is affected?

The council has made a large investment into CC and therefore has a lot at stake financially and reputation-wise. The creator of CC is therefore seeking support to get CC used more widely.

What we did

Participate Projects used the CC app as an incentive within some of their own activities to see how much take up it would get and how user-friendly the app is for administrators.

Participate had their annual award's evening and promoted CC at this event; there were flyers for all attendees and coin rewards for attendance. They tracked the number of new sign-ups after the event.

Participate used CC rewards for their own corporate volunteering activity days, awarding local people coins when they completed a challenge.

What we achieved

Both of the activities gave the Here4BDCC volunteering team solid feedback that we shared with the CC creator; there were sign-up issues, usage issues for the individual who is rewarded and large admin issues for the organisations' giving rewards.

We met with the creator with a suggested list of adjustments that could be made for the app so that it would be more attractive both to individuals earning coins and those awarding them.

The creator worked with the app content designers to look at these suggestions and we are expecting to see some of them in the near future.

Business Engagement case studies

Vanquis

Vanquis have been heavily involved this year with regards to Team day volunteering. They have completed 4 projects that has engaged 86 employees. Vanquis have also covered all the costs of materials (£11,928) to complete these projects.

High Speed Training (HST)

This year they have engaged in team days, skilled volunteering and donation of products. They have donated over 100 free training courses passed on to VCSOs across the district. They have also completed 3 days engaging 31 colleagues. Finally, 22 employees have given 67 hours to skilled volunteering projects.

Flutter

Although Leeds based, they have been actively supporting International Mixed Ability Sports (IMAS) through skilled volunteering. This is with their most senior leadership team including the CEO of Sky Betting and Gaming (a Flutter brand). This has accumulated in a three year commitment being agreed where they will give a total £500k of support

Balfour Beatty

Balfour have utilised their team volunteer days completing 2 projects engaging 15 colleagues. More impressively they have been utilising their contractors, supply

chain and skilled employees. They supported The Valley Project (Holmewood) by installing a new toilet block. The total labour and material costs came to £15,000.

In addition they have completed ad hoc pieces of support to VCISO's including loaning metal partition walls for a fundraising event and supplying quantity surveyors to complete free assessments.

Cross-cutting case study involving volunteering and insight work

Lateral Flow Tests

Background

This case study shows how the different elements of the contract work together for a positive outcome; this case study provides evidence of linkages between the Business Engagement and Volunteering, Voice and Influence and Information elements of our work.

The issue

COVID is not going away; it persists in the community and still has an impact on our communities and the staff within the VCSE sector. Testing for COVID stopped being mandatory and access to free testing kits ceased. This led to increased costs for VCSE organisations and their service users.

Who is affected?

COVID isn't picky – it will infect anyone; staff, volunteers and service users of VCSE organisations are all at risk of picking up COVID. The VCSE sector works with some of the most disadvantaged and vulnerable people in Bradford District so the impact of COVID is huge.

What we did

Through the Business Engagement part of our contract, Participate Projects were offered access to free lateral flow tests (LFTs) from Morrisons supermarket due to their long-standing relationship with this business. We were offered in excess of 1 million tests but they had a limited shelf-life.

Insight already gathered indicated organisations were still using tests and would be able to put these tests to appropriate use. We tested this by assessing the feasibility through our Leaders' Network meeting and WhatsApp group.

Once we had established the feasibility we put out a formal call for interested organisations using our Leaders' Network WhatsApp (and email) but also expanded it to our Briefing Bradford list to ensure was open to a wide a group as possible. Within the call we outlined the key criteria that they needed to be able to use them by their expiry date.

Orders were collated and then the massive job of moving the tests from a depot somewhere around Northampton to Bradford began. All of the shipping was provided by Morrison's at no charge.

When the LFTs arrived in Bradford, Participate Projects delivered large quantities to three key venues in the district and the organisations picked up from the nearest venue to their offices. In total we distributed 15,800 LFTs.

What we achieved

This piece of work showed the added value of the business relationships within our partnership. We helped avoid thousands of LFTs going into landfill and supported Keighley area office groups with 660 tests, Shipley area office groups with 3900 tests and 8600 tests were used across the Bradford area offices. The groups who received the LFTs provided support to the following communities of interest alongside the local community:

- Women fleeing domestic violence
- Learning Disabilities and neuro-divergence
- People suffering mental health issues
- Drug and Alcohol users
- Sex workers
- Low income families
- Older people

By responding to the ask from Morrison's we have also shown a key Bradford business how responsive the sector can be and have consolidated that existing relationship.

Added Value

CAB&D are working with Shaping the Future in Volunteering (a national collaboration of 26 national charities) on a research project to understand barriers to diversification of volunteers within national charities. The initial desktop research has been completed and we are in phase where focus groups are being held with local residents. Final report is due March 2024.



Report of the Chair of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the meeting to be held on Thursday 14 December 2023

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Subject:

Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Work Programme 2023/24.

Summary statement:

This report includes the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee work programme for 2023/24.

EQUALITY & DIVERSITY:

Community Cohesion and Equalities related issues are part of the work remit for this Committee.

Cllr Nazam Azam
Chair – Corporate Overview and Scrutiny
Committee

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**Corporate
Community Safety**

Overview & Scrutiny Area:

Corporate

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report includes the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee work programme for 2023/24, which are attached as appendix 1 to this report.
- 1.2 Also attached as appendix 2 to this report, is a list of unscheduled topics for 2023-24.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Council constitution requires all Overview and Scrutiny Committees to produce a work programme.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 The Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee has the responsibility for “the strategies, plans, policies, functions and services directly relevant to the corporate priority about customer services and e-government, that improve the Councils ability to deliver, govern and change, community cohesion and all other corporate matters not falling within the responsibility of any other Overview and Scrutiny Committee.” (Council Constitution, Part 2, 6.2.1).
- 3.2 The remit of this Committee also includes:
 - the co-ordination of the discharge of the Overview and Scrutiny role within the Council and in relation to external bodies;
 - supporting the Executive through its contribution towards the improvement of the Council’s performance;
 - co-ordinating the development of the Overview and Scrutiny role within the Council.
- 3.3 Best practice published by the Centre for Public Scrutiny suggests that “work programming should be a continuous process”. It is important to review work programmes, so that important or urgent issues that arise during the year are able to be scrutinised. Furthermore, at a time of limited resources, it should also be possible to remove areas of work which have become less relevant or timely. For this reason, it is proposed that the Committee’s work programme be regularly reviewed by members of the committee throughout the municipal year.
- 3.4 The work programme as agreed by the Committee will form the basis for the Committee’s work during the year, but will be amended as issues arise during the year.
- 3.5 As well as this, Corporate Overview & Scrutiny members are currently undertaking a Call for Action inquiry in relation to, Anti-Social Behaviour across the District.

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

4.1 None.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

5.1 None.

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

6.2 None.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

None.

7.2 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

None.

7.3 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

A key priority of work for this Committee related to the Overview and Scrutiny of the strategies, plans, policies, functions and services directly relevant to the priority of Safer and Stronger Communities.

As well as this, the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee is also the authority's Crime and Disorder Committee under the provisions of Section 19 of the Police and Justice Act 2006.

7.4 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

None.

7.5 TRADE UNION

None.

7.6 WARD IMPLICATIONS

Work of this Overview and Scrutiny Committee has ward implications, but this depends on that nature of the topic.

7.7 IMPLICATIONS FOR CORPORATE PARENTING

None.

7.8 ISSUES ARISING FROM PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESMENT

None.

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

None.

9. OPTIONS

9.1 The Committee may choose to add to or amend the topics included in the 2023-24 work programme for the committee.

9.2 Members may wish to choose any detailed scrutiny reviews that it may wish to conduct.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 That Committee may consider to add to or amend the topics included in the 2023-24 work programme for the committee.

10.2 That members consider any detailed scrutiny reviews that they may wish to conduct.

11. APPENDICES

Appendix One – 2023-24 Work Programme for the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Appendix Two – Unscheduled Topics.

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Council Constitution.
2022-23 Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme.

Democratic Services - Overview and Scrutiny

Corporate O&S Committee

Scrutiny Lead: Mustansir Butt tel - 43 2574

Work Programme

Agenda Items	Description	Report Author	Comments
<p>Tuesday, 27th June 2023 at City Hall, Bradford. Chair's briefing 07/06/23. Report deadline 13/06/23.</p> <p>1) ISG.</p> <p>recommendation from</p> <p>postponed meeting on Thursday 9</p>	<p>To also specifically focuses on the apprenticeship offer</p> <p>disabled staff, supporting them to develop</p> <p>Which also specifically focuses on the apprenticeship offer from ISG, for its disabled staff, supportin</p>	<p>Matthew Seed.</p>	<p>Corporate Overview & Scrutiny from ISG, for its Committee</p> <p>Thursday 10 February 2022. Deferred their skills and experience. from</p> <p>March 2023, due to adverse weather conditions.</p>
<p>2) Prevent.</p>		<p>Danielle King.</p>	<p>Deferred from the meeting on Thursday 9 February 2023.</p>
<p>3) Draft 2023-24 Work Programme.</p>	<p>The proposed areas of work to be considered in this municipal year.</p>	<p>Mustansir Butt.</p>	<p>Includes recommendations that the Committee made in the last municipal year.</p>
<p>Tuesday, 25th July 2023 at City Hall, Bradford. Chair's briefing 06/07/23. Report deadline 13/07/23.</p> <p>1) 2022-23 Annual Performance Outturn.</p>	<p>To include the Council's Locality Plan and full Council Performance.</p>	<p>Ruth Davison/Jenny Cryer.</p>	<p>Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Committee recommendation from Thursday 9 February 2023.</p>
<p>2) Finance Position Statement for 2022-23.</p>		<p>Chris Kinsella/Andrew Cross.</p>	
<p>3) First Quarter Financial Position Statement.</p>		<p>Chris Kinsella/Andrew Cross.</p>	
<p>4) £2m Procurement Contract - Council procurement of energy via a district heat network</p>		<p>John Sharp/Andrew Whittles/Matthew Seed.</p>	<p>Constiitutional requirement.</p>
<p>5) Work Planning.</p>	<p>There is a need to regularly review the work programme, in order to prioritise and manage the work.</p>	<p>Mustansir Butt.</p>	

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Work Programme

Agenda Items	Description	Report Author	Comments
Thursday, 7th September 2023 at City Hall, Bradford. Chair's briefing 16/08/23. Report deadline 24/08/23.			
1) Progress against the Hate Crime Scrutiny Review recommendations.	That a more detailed response to the recommendations contained in Document "W", particularly in terms of some of the specific measures taken to reduce hate crime, be provided to Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Committee in three months' time.	Neena Punnu/Charles Dacres.	Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Committee recommendation from Thursday 8 December 2022. Deferred from the meeting on Thursday 9 March 2023.
2) Draft Overview & Scrutiny Annual Report 2022-23.		Mustansir Butt.	Constitutional requirement.
3) Work Planning.	There is a need to regularly review the work programme, in order to prioritise and manage the work.	Mustansir Butt.	
Monday, 18th September 2023 at .			
1) Call for Action Enquiry into Anti-Social Behaviour.	Informal information gathering session with Young People at the Grange Interlink Centre, Bradford.	Mustansir Butt.	
Thursday, 28th September 2023 at .			
1) Call for Action Enquiry into Anti-Social Behaviour.	Informal information gathering session with residents at The Clarke Foley Centre, Ilkley, LS29 9Z.	Mustansir Butt.	
Thursday, 5th October 2023 at City Hall, Bradford. Chair's briefing 14/09/23. Report deadline 21/09/23.			
1) Progress against the Fireworks Scrutiny Review recommendations.	Report to also include the approaches being used to address the anti-social use of fireworks and the effectiveness of those approaches.	Michael Churley.	Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Committee recommendation from Thursday 12 January 2023.
2) Anti-Poverty Strategy.		Ruth Davison/Kevin Brain/Iain Macbeath.	Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Committee recommendation from Thursday 25 October 2022.

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Work Programme

Agenda Items	Description	Report Author	Comments
Thursday, 5th October 2023 at City Hall, Bradford. Chair's briefing 14/09/23. Report deadline 21/09/23.			
3) Bradford Council Workforce Development Strategy.	Progress report to also focus on: Professional career development spend on Council Departments, with a breakdown of grades.	Anne Lloyd/Emma Lawer/Catherine Warrener.	Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Committee recommendation from Thursday 25 October 2022.
4) Refresh of the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Plan 2022-25/Equalities.	Progress against the plan. Report to be presented in 12 months which specifically focuses on: Key Outcomes: Performance Indicators: Activities of each of the staff Networks: Also quarterly performance reports to be circulated.	Anne Lloyd/Khalida Ahsrafi.	Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Committee recommendation from Thursday 13 October 2022. At the request of officers, deferred to the new Muncipal Year.
5) Work Planning.	There is a need to regularlry review the work programme, in order to priotitise and manage the work.	Mustansir Butt.	
Thursday, 2nd November 2023 at Unknown.			
1) Call for Action Inquiry - Anti Social Behaviour.	Informal information gathering session with residents.	Mustansir Butt.	Being held at St Johns.
Thursday, 9th November 2023 at City Hall, Bradford. Chair's briefing 19/10/23. Report deadline 26/10/23.			
1) Road Safety.	To include outputs and outcomes on driver enforcement and driver behaviour as well as details relating to zero tolerance. Reprenstatives from the Police to also be requested to attend.	Simon D'Vali.	Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Committee recommendation from Thursday 10 November 2022.
2) Second Quarter Financial Position Statement.		Chris Kinsella/Andrew Cross.	Member Request.
3) Work Planning.	There is a need to regularlry review the work programme, in order to priotitise and manage the work.	Mustansir Butt.	

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Work Programme

Agenda Items	Description	Report Author	Comments
Thursday, 14th December 2023 at City Hall, Bradford.			
Chair's briefing 23/11/23. Report deadline 30/11/23.			
1) Safer Communities Plan Performance.		Michael Churley.	Corpoarte Overview & Scrutiny Committee recommendation from Thursday 8 December 2022.
2) Bradford Everyone Stratgey, (Previously known as Stronger Communities Strategy).		Mahmood Mohammed.	Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Committee recommendation from Thursday 8 December 2022.
3) Volunteering.	Focusing on an update on the impact of	Ian Day/Mahmood	Corporate Overview & Scrutiny
Recommendation from		the VCSE Service Improvement	Mohammed. Committee
2022.Moved from	Programme and the		Volunteer Co- Thursday 10 March
	ordinator to support volunteering across the		cancelled meeting on Thursday 6 April District. 2023.
4) Anti-Social Behaviour Reduction Fund.	Request that a report to Corporate Overview & Scrutiny on the District's progress in tackling ASB and noptions for any new approaches and learning from other areas to build on our measures to tackle ASB and its casues.	Noreen Akhtar/Michael Churley.	Council resolution from Tuesday 11 July 2023.
5) Work Planning.	There is a need to regularlry review the work programme, in order to priotitise and manage the work.	Mustansir Butt.	
Thursday, 11th January 2024 at City Hall, Bradford.			
Chair's briefing 19/12/23. Report deadline 21/12/23.			
1) West Yorkshire Joint Services		Karen Pearce/Andy Robson.	
2) Armed Forces Covenant.	To report on progress and to also focus on:	Helen Johnstone/Jahanara	Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Committee
recommendation from	the expected legislative changes;	Impacts of	Thursday 11 November 2021.Moved - Development in relation to the Armed
	from cancelled meeting on Thursday 6 Forces Hub;		April 2023.
	- The work being provided through the Health Service.		

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Work Programme

Agenda Items	Description	Report Author	Comments
Thursday, 11th January 2024 at City Hall, Bradford.			
Chair's briefing 19/12/23. Report deadline 21/12/23.			
3) Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Service.		Carol Stos.	Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Committee recommendation from Thursday 12 January 2023.
4) Work Planning.	There is a need to regularly review the work programme, in order to prioritise and manage the work.	Mustansir Butt.	
Thursday, 8th February 2024 at City Hall, Bradford.			
Chair's briefing 18/01/24. Report deadline 25/01/24.			
1) Third Quarter Financial Position Statement.		Chris Kinsella/Andrew Cross.	Member request.
2) Implementation of Universal Credit across the District.	Report to not only include details of the implementation of Universal Credit across the District, but also the additional support offered by the Council to residents, in relation to the cost of living crisis.	Caroline Lee.	Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Committee recommendation from Thursday 9 February 2023.
3) Council Tax and Business Rates.		Caroline Lee.	Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Committee recommendation from Thursday 9 February 2023.
4) Work Planning.	There is a need to regularly review the work programme, in order to prioritise and manage the work.	Mustansir Butt.	
Thursday, 21st March 2024 at City Hall, Bradford.			
Chair's briefing 29/02/24. Report deadline 07/03/24.			
1) Gambling.	To include the progress against the Gambling Cross Departmental action plan, specifically focusing on clear outcomes; with representatives from Gamcare to also be invited to attend the meeting.	Sarah Exall.	Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Committee recommendation from Thursday 12 January 2023.
2) Call for Action Enquiry - Anti Social Behaviour.	Key findings and recommendations.	Mustansir Butt.	

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Work Programme

Agenda Items

Thursday, 21st March 2024 at City Hall, Bradford.

Chair's briefing 29/02/24. Report deadline 07/03/24.

3) Work Planning.

Description

There is a need to regularly review the work programme, in order to prioritise and manage the work.

Report Author

Mustansir Butt.

Comments

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Democratic Services - Overview and Scrutiny

Scrutiny Committees Forward Plan

Unscheduled Items

Corporate O&S Committee

Agenda item	Item description	Author	Comments
1 Councillor Call for Action - Anti Social Behaviour.		Mustansir Butt.	The Committee agreed to undertake an enquiry into abti-social behaviour, across the whole District.
2 The Social Value and Procurement Policy.	That the new Social Value and Inclusive Growth Rationale and Procurement Policy be considered by members.	Kashi Akhtar.	Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Committee recommendation from Thursday 10 November 2022.
3 District Plan.	Performance against the District Plan together with outcomes delivered, be presented to the Committee in 12 months. The consultation findings to also be presented to this Committee, when they are available.	Ruth Davison/Jenny Cryer.	Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Committee recommendation from Thursday 13 January 2022. Deferred from Thursday 9 February 2023. To be considered in June 2024.

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