



Agenda for a meeting of the Bradford East Area Committee to be held on Thursday, 5 October 2023 at 6.00 pm in Committee Room 4 - City Hall, Bradford

Members of the Committee – Councillors

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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 the discussion or vote; and leave the meeting <u>unless</u> you have a dispensation.</i>
<i>Other Registrable Interests (Directly Related)</i> OR <i>Non-Registrable Interests (Directly Related)</i>	<i>Disclose the interest; speak on the item <u>only if</u> the public are also allowed to speak but otherwise not participate in the discussion or vote; and leave the meeting <u>unless</u> you have a dispensation.</i>
<i>Other Registrable Interests (Affects)</i> OR <i>Non-Registrable Interests (Affects)</i>	<i>Disclose the interest; remain in the meeting, participate and vote <u>unless</u> the matter affects the financial interest or well-being</i> <i>(a) to a greater extent than it affects the financial interests of a majority of inhabitants of the affected ward, and</i>

(b) a reasonable member of the public knowing all the facts would believe that it would affect your view of the wider public interest; in which case speak on the item only if the public are also allowed to speak but otherwise not do not participate in the discussion or vote; and leave the meeting unless you have a dispensation.

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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 13 July 2023 be signed as a correct record (previously circulated).

(Louis Kingdom – 07890 416570)

4. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

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(Louis Kingdom – 07890 416570)

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

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

To hear questions from electors within the District on any matter this is the responsibility of the Committee.

Questions must be received in writing by the Director of Legal and Governance in Room 112, City Hall, Bradford, BD1 1HY, by mid-day on Tuesday 3 October 2023.

(Louis Kingdom – 07890 416570)

B. BUSINESS ITEMS

6. TRO OBJECTIONS - ROWANBERRY CLOSE/WHITEBEAM WALK 1 - 8

The Strategic Director, Place will submit a report (**Document “F”**) which considers objections and support received to recently advertised proposals for a permit parking scheme on Rowanberry Close/Whitebeam Walk, Eccleshill.

Recommended –

- (1) That the objections to the proposed permit parking measures on both Rowanberry Close and Whitebeam Walk having been taken into account are determined not to outweigh the proposed benefits of the Order and the Order therefore be sealed and implemented as advertised.**
- (2) That the objectors and supporters be informed accordingly.**

Overview and Scrutiny Area: Regeneration & Environment

(Andrew Smith – 01274 434674)

7. SMART STREET LIGHTING - UPDATE ON PROJECT PROGRESS 9 - 20

The Strategic Director, Place will submit a report (**Document “G”**) which seeks to provide Members with a progress report on the Smart Street Lighting Project and the work undertaken to date.

Recommended –

- (1) That Members acknowledge the progress of the Smart Street Lighting project and welcome future updates**

- (2) **That Members endorse the project and the positive impact for Bradford East area constituency and its wards.**

Overview and Scrutiny Area: Regeneration & Environment

(Allun Preece – 01274 434019)

8. **BT DIGITAL VOICE PROGRAMME** 21 - 24

The Strategic Director, Place will submit a report (**Document “H”**) which provides the Committee with information about the BT Digital Voice Programme.

Recommended –

That the Committee notes the information presented within the report.

Overview and Scrutiny Area: Corporate

(Louise Williams – 01274 431066)

9. **POLICING UPDATE - BRADFORD EAST** 25 - 38

The Strategic Director, Place will submit a report (**Document “I”**) which updates Members on key policing and anti-social behaviour issues in the Bradford East Constituency.

Recommended –

That the Committee notes the work undertaken by the Bradford East Neighbourhood Policing Team and partners.

Overview and Scrutiny Area: Corporate

(Louise Williams – 01274 431066)

10. **UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND (UKSPF)** 39 - 50

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

Recommended –

(1) **That the contents of this report are noted.**

- (2) **That the Area Committee accept an annual report on the progress on UKSPF delivery.**

Overview and Scrutiny Area: Regeneration & Environment

(Ingunn Vallumroed – 07816 355406)

11. **ALLOCATION OF COMMUNITY BUILDINGS GRANTS FOR 2023-2025** 51 - 56

The Strategic Director, Place will submit a report (**Document “K”**) which outlines the recommendations of the Bradford East Area Committee Grants Advisory Group for the allocation of Community Buildings Grants 2023-2025.

Recommended –

That the Committee notes and endorses the Community Buildings Grants as set out in Para 3.4 and 3.5 of Document “K”.

Overview and Scrutiny Area: Corporate

(Louise Williams – 01274 431066)

THIS AGENDA AND ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN PRODUCED, WHEREVER POSSIBLE, ON RECYCLED PAPER



Report of the Strategic Director Place to the meeting of Bradford East Area Committee to be held on 5 October 2023

F

Subject:

**ROWANBERRY CLOSE/WHITEBEAM WALK, ECCLESHILL, BRADFORD, PERMIT
PARKING OBJECTIONS/SUPPORT**

Summary statement:

This report considers objections and support received to recently advertised proposals for a permit parking scheme on Rowanberry Close/Whitebeam Walk, Eccleshill.

EQUALITY & DIVERSITY:

It is expected that there will be no disproportionate impact on Equality & Diversity from the project recommended for implementation within this report. The Council has considered its obligations under the Equalities Act 2010 and in particular, but not exclusively, the Public Sector Equality Duty. The Council is satisfied that the report proposes no discrimination on users of the public highway with those characteristics considered protected from discrimination under that duty.

Ward: Eccleshill

David Shepherd
Strategic Director Place

Portfolio:

Regeneration, Planning and Transport

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Overview & Scrutiny Area:

Regeneration and Environment

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report considers objections and support to recently advertised proposals for a permit parking scheme on Rowanberry Close and Whitebeam Walk, Eccleshill, Bradford.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Concerns have been raised for several years by local residents over the lack of available parking space on both Rowanberry Close and Whitebeam Walk, this has been supported by ward councillors and the permit parking scheme was requested.
- 2.2 At the meeting of the Bradford East Area Committee held on the 5 July 2022, funding was approved as part of the Safe Roads schemes programme to promote a permit parking scheme on Rowanberry Close and streets in the vicinity.
- 2.3 Following initial consultation with ward members and local residents the proposed scheme extents were determined. The location of the proposed permit parking is shown on drawing nos. HS/TRSS/105398/JH01.8.2, attached as Appendix 1.
- 2.4 The proposals were advertised between 27 July 2023 and 18 August 2023. Consultation letters and plans were also delivered to residents in the immediate vicinity of the proposals. This resulted in four objections and nine comments of support including a 55 signature petition.
- 2.5 A summary of the valid points of objection and corresponding officer comments is tabulated below:

Objectors Concerns	Officers Comments
The objector's property is on Stone Hall Road and they currently park one car at the front of their property and one at the rear of their property on Rowanberry Close, they are objecting on the grounds that they will not be given a permit to the scheme which will mean that they are required to park on Stone Hall Road which they say is dangerous. They have also stated that a lot of the issue with parking is that residents of Rowanberry Close do not park correctly within the bays, reducing the overall parking spaces.	The objector currently has a car parked on Stone Hall Road in a permit holders bay which they have a permit for, there are three permit holder's spaces adjacent to their property, beyond this the nearest spaces are on the opposite side of the road but there are unrestricted spaces available on their side of the road within 40metres of their property boundary. The bays on Rowanberry can be remarked to aid with correct parking.

<p>The objector lives on Back Stone Hall Road and has parked on Rowanberry Close for many years. the permit parking scheme does not allow for a permit for their household. The installation of the permit parking scheme will mean that they have to park on Stone Hall Road where there is limited parking on the Back Stone Hall side of the road. They have concern that if they were to park on the opposite side of Stone Hall Road will create a pinch point for larger vehicles.</p>	<p>There are spaces available on Stone Hall Road within 60metres of the property. Parking on both sides of Stone Hall Road would create an obstruction for a pinch point, which in turn would slow down the vehicles travelling along the road.</p>
<p>The objector appears to live within the proposed permit parking scheme but is objecting because they do not own a car and therefore only receive one visitor parking permit, whereas others who own avehicles receive one for their vehicle and a second for a visitor.</p>	<p>The owners permits used within the scheme will be electronic and cannot be transferred between vehicles so there will be no advantage to an owner of a vehicle receiving a permit other than for parking their own vehicle each eligible property within the scheme will receive a visitor permit which can have up to 10 named vehicles on it.</p>
<p>The objector is a relative of two Rowanberry Close residents who have carers up to eight times a day. The concern is that the list of visitors could not be updated quickly enough for the carers who change throughout the day to be added meaning they could not park within the scheme.</p>	<p>There is unrestricted parking available within 45metres of the resident's property, which the carers could use and walk to the property, this would be similar to the scenario on busy terraced streets where carers would have to park in an available space and then walk to the property they are visiting. The permit parking area does allow for marked bays to be installed within it for things such as limited waiting. If complaints were received following installation, then consideration could be given to the installation of bays to help carers as part of a future Traffic Regulation Order.</p>

2.6 A summary of the support received and corresponding officer comments is tabulated below.

Supporters Comments	Officers Comments
<p>This is a petition organised by a resident of Rowanberry Close and Whitebeam Walk suggesting that the majority of residents on the two roads are elderly and that permit parking would give them peace of mind to take their cars out to go shopping and to the doctors etc.</p>	<p>There are 55 signatures on the petition many of whom have also written emails of support separately.</p>

This support states that they are a blue badge holder with mobility issues and that with residents of Stone Hall Road and Back Stone Hall Road parking on Rowanberry Close they are often unable to park close enough to their property.	The resident has also raised the issue of non-blue badge holders using the disabled bays on the street which can be dealt with by Parking Services separately.
This supporter is a resident of Whitebeam Walk and a blue badge holder and supports the scheme due to often being difficult to find a space on the road.	Disabled bay applications can be made separately.
This supporter is a wheelchair user on Whitebeam Walk and is supporting the scheme as they cannot always find a space due people from surround areas and people selling cars using them.	Disabled bay applications can be made separately.
The supporter is a resident of Whitebeam Walk and is in full support of the scheme.	
Two supporters both residents of Rowanberry Close who are in agreement with the proposal	
Two supporters of the scheme living on Whitebeam Walk state that most of the residents are pensioners and many are disabled and that there are a number of non-residents and commercial vehicles parked there.	It is possible that the commercial vehicles belong to residents. However, as stated by the supporter most residents are pensioners, so this is unlikely.
This supporter lives on Rowanberry Close and states that they have not been out in their vehicle in the last six months due to anxiety of not being able to find a parking spot when they return as their disabilities do not allow them to walk very far.	
This supporter did not leave their address details but say they support the scheme	

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 Local ward members and the emergency services have been consulted on the proposals. Ward member comments were received and incorporated as part of the scheme. No adverse comments have been received from emergency services.

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

- 4.1 The estimated cost of the proposals is £10,000. This can be met from the 2022/23 Safe Roads Budget previously approved by this committee.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

None.

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

6.1 There are no specific issues arising from this report. The course of action proposed is in accordance with the Council's powers as Highway Authority.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

There are no Sustainability implications arising from this report.

7.2 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

There is no impact on the Council's own and the wider District's carbon footprint and emissions from other greenhouse gases arising from this report.

7.3 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

The implementation of the permit parking scheme should improve the parking availability for residents of Rowanberry Close and Whitebeam Walk

7.4 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

There are no implications on the Human Rights Act

7.5 TRADE UNION

None

7.6 WARD IMPLICATIONS

Ward members have been consulted on the proposals.

**7.7 AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS
(for reports to Area Committees only)**

None

7.8 IMPLICATIONS FOR CORPORATE PARENTING

None.

7.9 ISSUES ARISING FROM PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESMENT

None

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

None

9. OPTIONS

- 9.1 That the objections to the proposed permit parking measures on both Rowanberry Close and Whitebeam Walk having been taken into account are determined not to outweigh the proposed benefits of the Order and the Order therefore be sealed and implemented as advertised.
- 9.2 That the objections be upheld and the proposal abandoned.
- 9.3 Councillors may propose an alternative course of action from that recommended on which they will receive appropriate officer advice.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

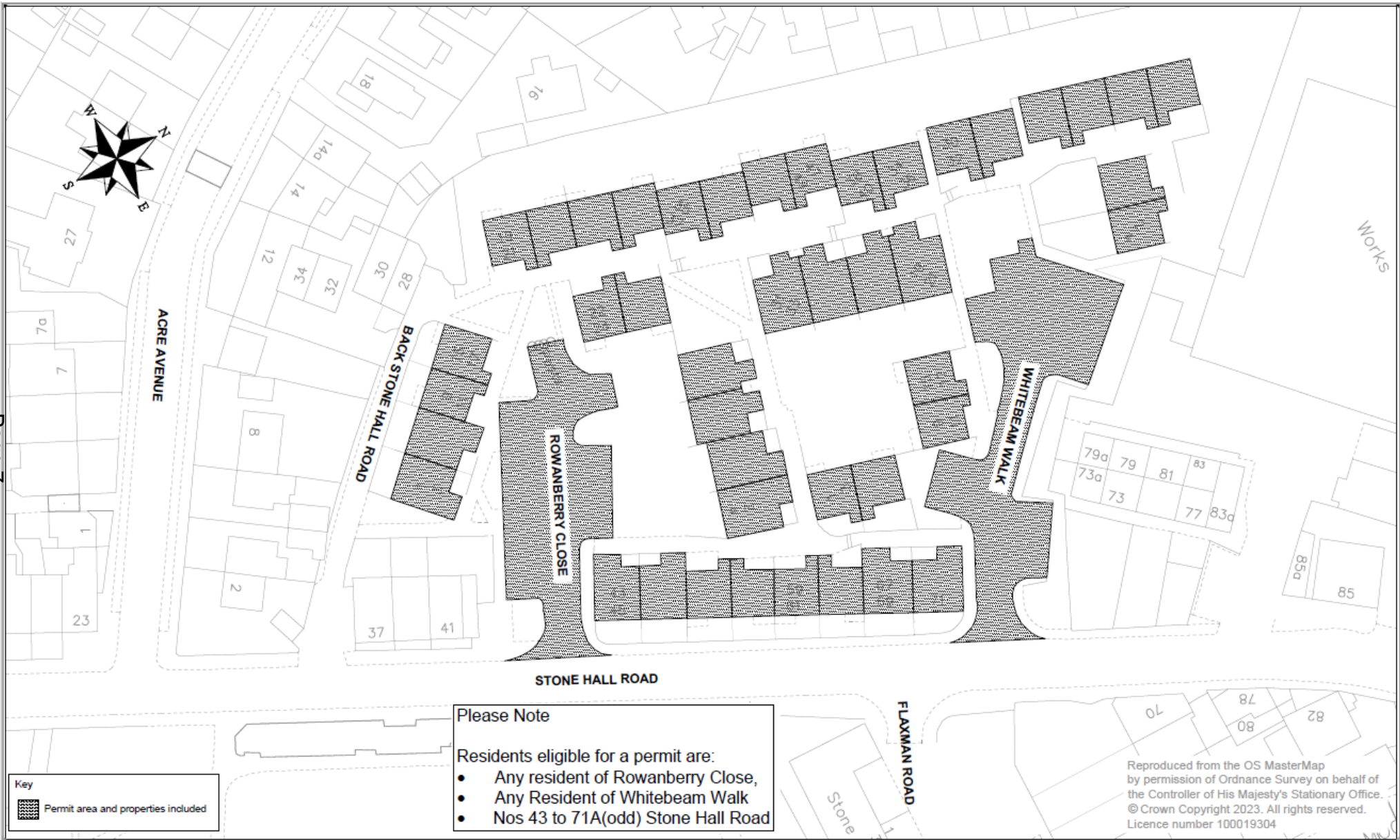
- 10.1 That the objections to the proposed permit parking measures on both Rowanberry Close and Whitebeam Walk having been taken into account are determined not to outweigh the proposed benefits of the Order and the Order therefore be sealed and implemented as advertised.
- 10.2 That the objectors and supporters be informed accordingly.

11. APPENDICES


Appendix 1 Drawing HS/TRSS/105398/JH01.8.2

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

- 12.1 City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council File Ref: HS/TRSS/105398



Key


 Permit area and properties included

Please Note

Residents eligible for a permit are:

- Any resident of Rowanberry Close,
- Any Resident of Whitebeam Walk
- Nos 43 to 71A(odd) Stone Hall Road

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Report of the Strategic Director of Place to the meeting of Bradford East Area Committee to be held on 5th October 2023

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Subject:

SMART STREET LIGHTING – UPDATE ON PROJECT PROGRESS

Summary statement:

The following reports seeks to provide Members with a progress report on the Smart Street Lighting Project and the work undertaken to date.

EQUALITY & DIVERSITY:

There are no equality and diversity issues.

David Shepherd
Strategic Director - Place

Portfolio:

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Overview & Scrutiny Area:

Regeneration and Environment

1. SUMMARY

- This report provides Members with an update on progress of the Smart Street Lighting project, specifically, the work completed in the Bradford East constituency replacing old street lighting luminaires, life expired columns and the installation of the Central Management system and LoRaWAN network.

2. BACKGROUND

- The Council approved an invest to save project of £45m to update its current lighting stock, of approximately 56,500 assets, with the aim of significantly reducing energy consumption, maintenance costs and reducing CO² emissions. The project will replace the existing inefficient lighting with energy efficient LED's whilst retaining most of the existing lighting columns. It is envisaged that there will be a need for the replacement of approximately 15,600 life expired lighting columns which were identified during a survey of all existing assets (carried out in 2019-20). The new lighting solution will be controlled using a Central Management System (CMS) to control the lighting via a Low power wide area network (LoRaWAN) platform to facilitate Internet of Things (IoT) connectivity for a variety of sensors and devices.
- The project has been split into two work streams "In Scope" works around 48,300 assets which are the standard column replacements, connections and luminaire replacements on the majority of streets across the district and "Out of Scope" works around 8,200 which are the more challenging assets such as heritage assets, pole mounted and wall mounted luminaires, columns in back streets, overhead cabled columns etc.
- The "In Scope" works is being undertaken by the external contractor Amey OW Ltd. and the "Out of Scope" works will be a mix of the Councils in house delivery teams for the luminaire replacements and a further contract resource for the remaining column replacements and connections.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- None currently.

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

- There are no financial issues arising from the project to date. The funding was agreed by the PAG and is split as follows;
£25,893,509 Prudential Borrowing
£19,084,597 SALIX interest free Government Funding for carbon reduction projects.
- Upon completion of the project, it is projected that the Council will have reduced the annual energy consumption, as outlined in the table in Appendix A.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

- Due to the size and nature of the project there are several risks in delivering the works, these are being effectively managed through the NEC contract with Amey OW Ltd. as well as the whole project being overseen by a governance framework and monthly project board meetings to ensure that risks are managed and mitigated effectively.
- The Smart Street Lighting Project Board reviews the risk register at each meeting and assesses whether escalation is required or whether the Project Executive is satisfied that the risks are being managed effectively.

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

- There are no current legal issues.

7. Links to the Locality Plan

Smart Street Lighting is an all-District service delivery project.

7.1 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

- The Smart Street Lighting project forms part of the Council Plan in helping to deliver the priority area “A Sustainable District”. By replacing the old street lighting units with energy efficient LED’s this will reduce the Councils energy consumption for street lighting by at least 65% whilst providing lower maintenance requirements and costs.
- The installation of the Central Management System facilitates the dynamic control of the lighting enabling dimming and switching off lights, automatic fault reporting which saves on physical night inspections of lights to identify failures as well as pseudo energy metering so that the actual consumption of the units can be monitored and provided for billing purposes.
- The specification for all new lighting columns has been developed to provide a useful life of 50 years rather than 30 years offered with standard specification columns, reducing the necessity to replace as frequently. Also, the LED luminaires are projected to have a 20-year life, again reducing the need for frequent replacement as opposed to the old lamps which had a 4 – 6-year life.

7.2 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

- By reducing the energy consumption of the street lighting assets this provides a significant reduction in CO² emissions. It is anticipated that the savings will be around 6000 tonnes of CO² per annum when the project is complete. In addition to this by specifying materials with longer life this also reduces the Councils carbon footprint.
- The provision of the CMS and the LoRaWAN network enables the Council to

control the lighting and provide connectivity of a plethora of sensors which could assist in providing data to support the Councils response to the Climate Emergency. Refer to Appendix A for carbon reduction figures.

7.3 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- The first phase of the project was to survey every asset in the District to ascertain both electrical and structural safety, this included non-destructive testing of all steel lighting columns. During the survey, columns were identified for replacement based on the results of the testing with many concrete columns proposed for replacement. Overall, the column replacements identified are in the region of 30% of the stock.
- Inevitably, during the survey around 700 columns were found to be structurally unsafe requiring immediate action. These units were cut down to just above the shoulder around 1.2m above ground level and made safe. Risk assessments were undertaken to identify those requiring urgent replacement based upon whether they were the only light in the street or multiple lights in the same street. The vast majority of these have been replaced with around 15 outstanding across the District.
- The provision of a safe, modernised, fit for purpose streetlighting infrastructure is an important service for ongoing community safety.

7.4 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

- There are no human rights implications.

7.5 TRADE UNION

- There are no trade union implications.

7.6 WARD IMPLICATIONS

- As an all-District project, all wards in the Bradford East Constituency are affected by the project. This includes installation works resulting in traffic management measures, barriers on pavements and limited time disruptions in all streets as work is carried out.
- Ward specific data regards number of assets and completed works can be found in Appendix B.
- It should be noted that as the contractor's data is not held against Wards and that these have been derived from the "Town" and "Locality" fields in the Asset Management System. Work is ongoing to provide this information in a more accurate form.

7.7 AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS (For reports to Area Committees only)

- The project aligns with the Area Committee Action Plan priority of A Sustainable District, not only in providing energy efficient lighting but also improving the street scene by replacing outdated concrete columns and providing lower maintenance LED lighting.

7.8 IMPLICATIONS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

There are no implications for children and young people.

7.9 ISSUES ARISING FROM PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESMENT

No issues arising.

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

- None

9. OPTIONS

- This report provides information on the progress of the Smart Street Lighting Project and therefore there are no options requiring a decision.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

- That Members acknowledge the progress of the Smart Street Lighting project and welcome future updates
- That Members endorse the project and the positive impact for Bradford East area constituency and its wards.

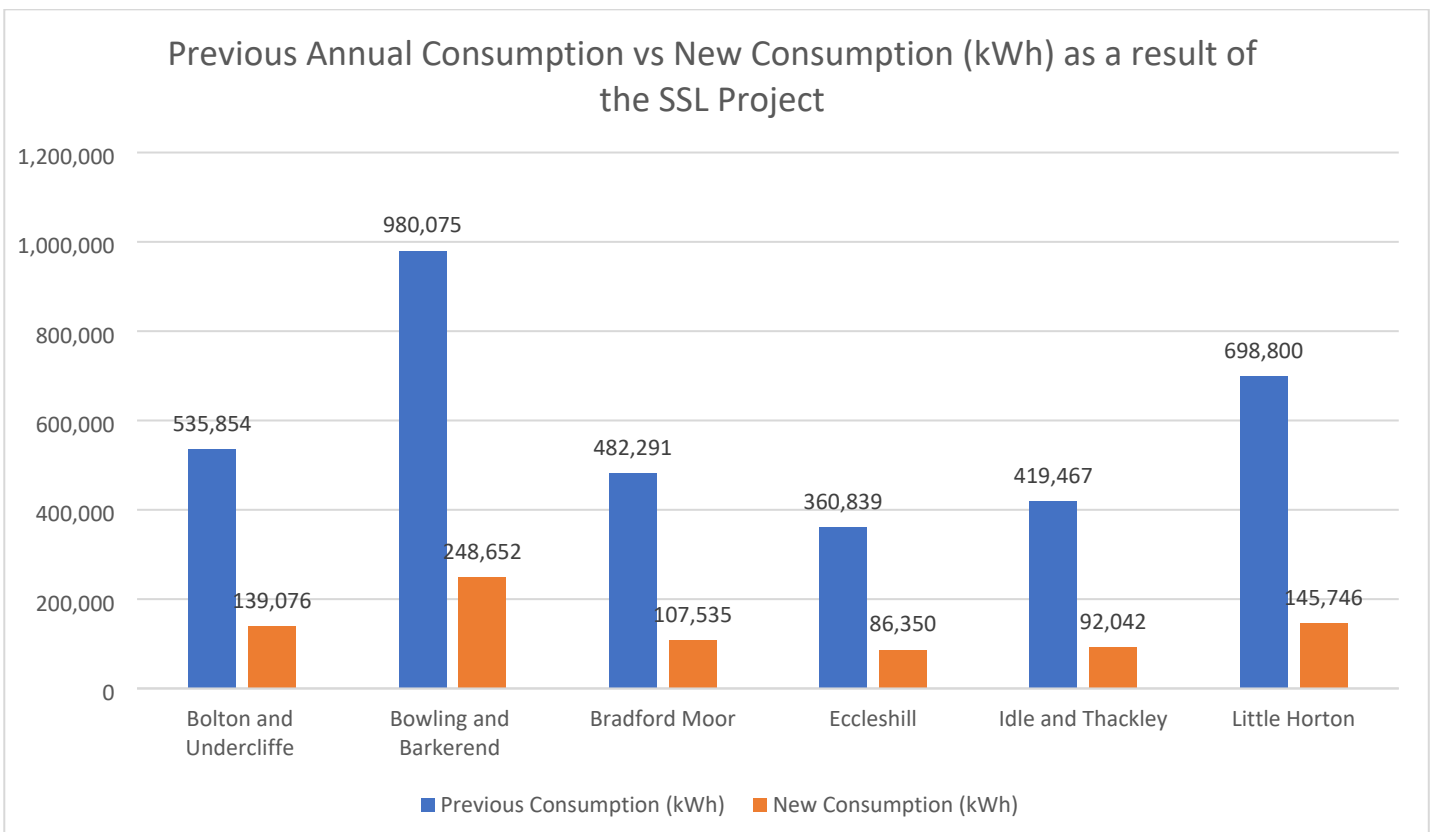
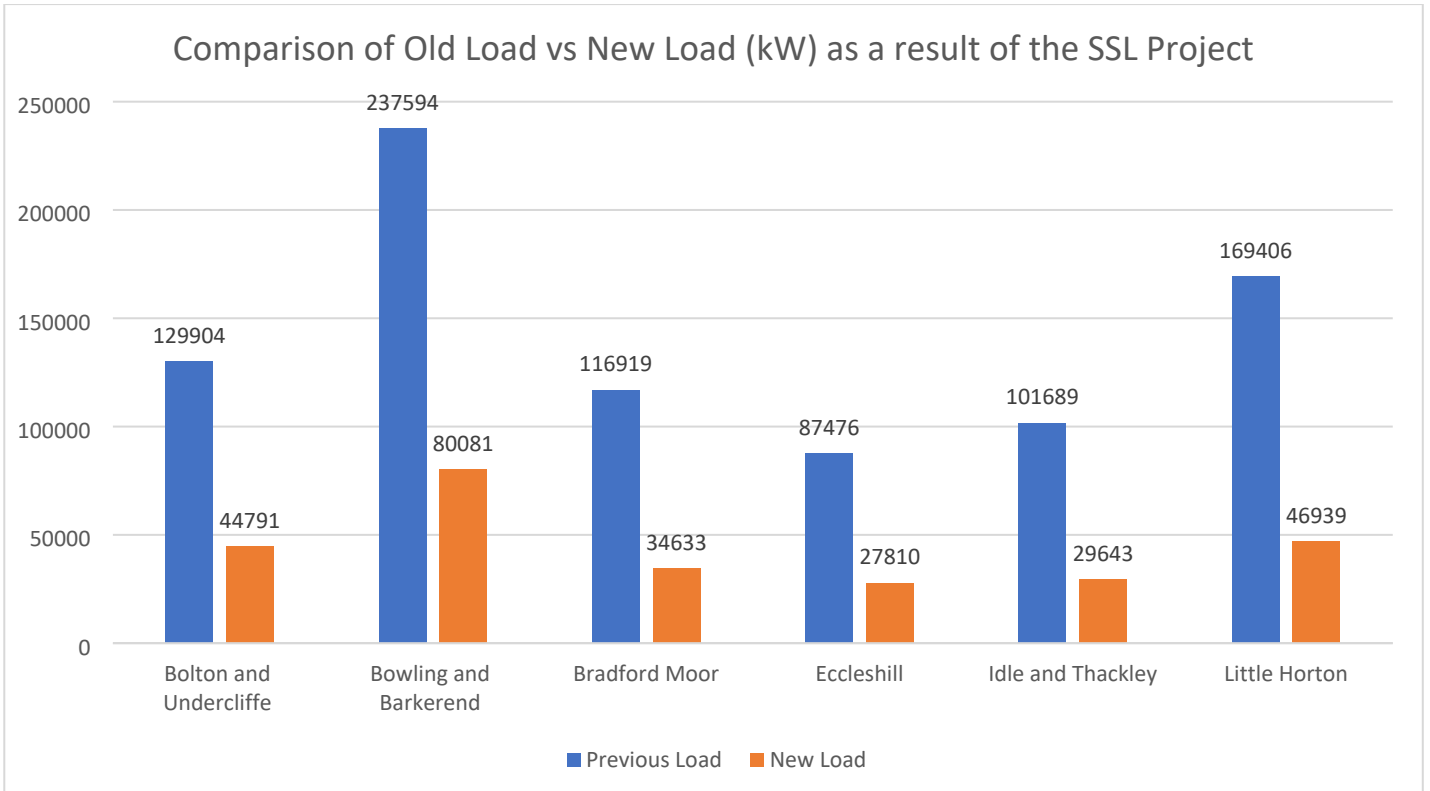
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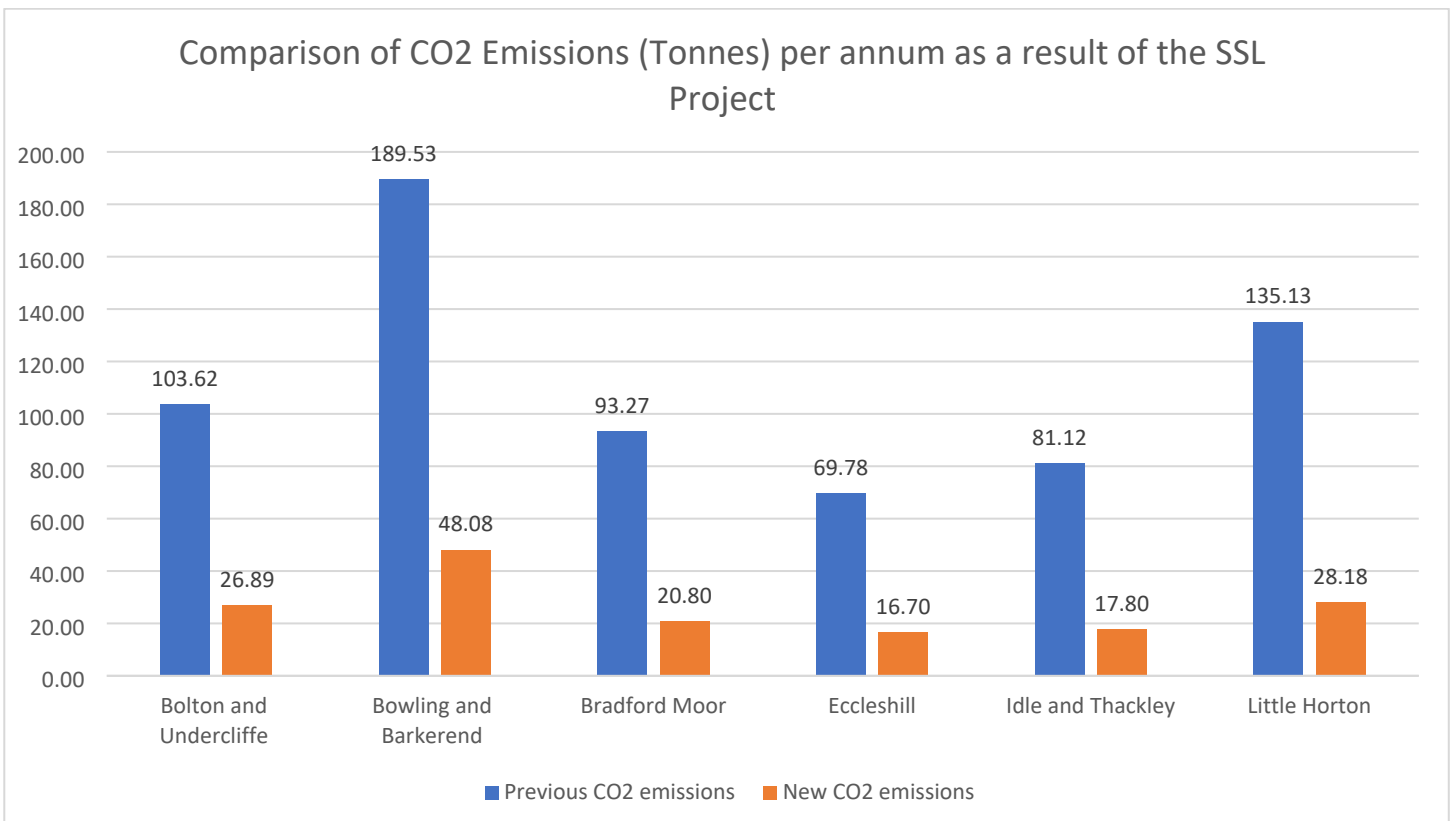
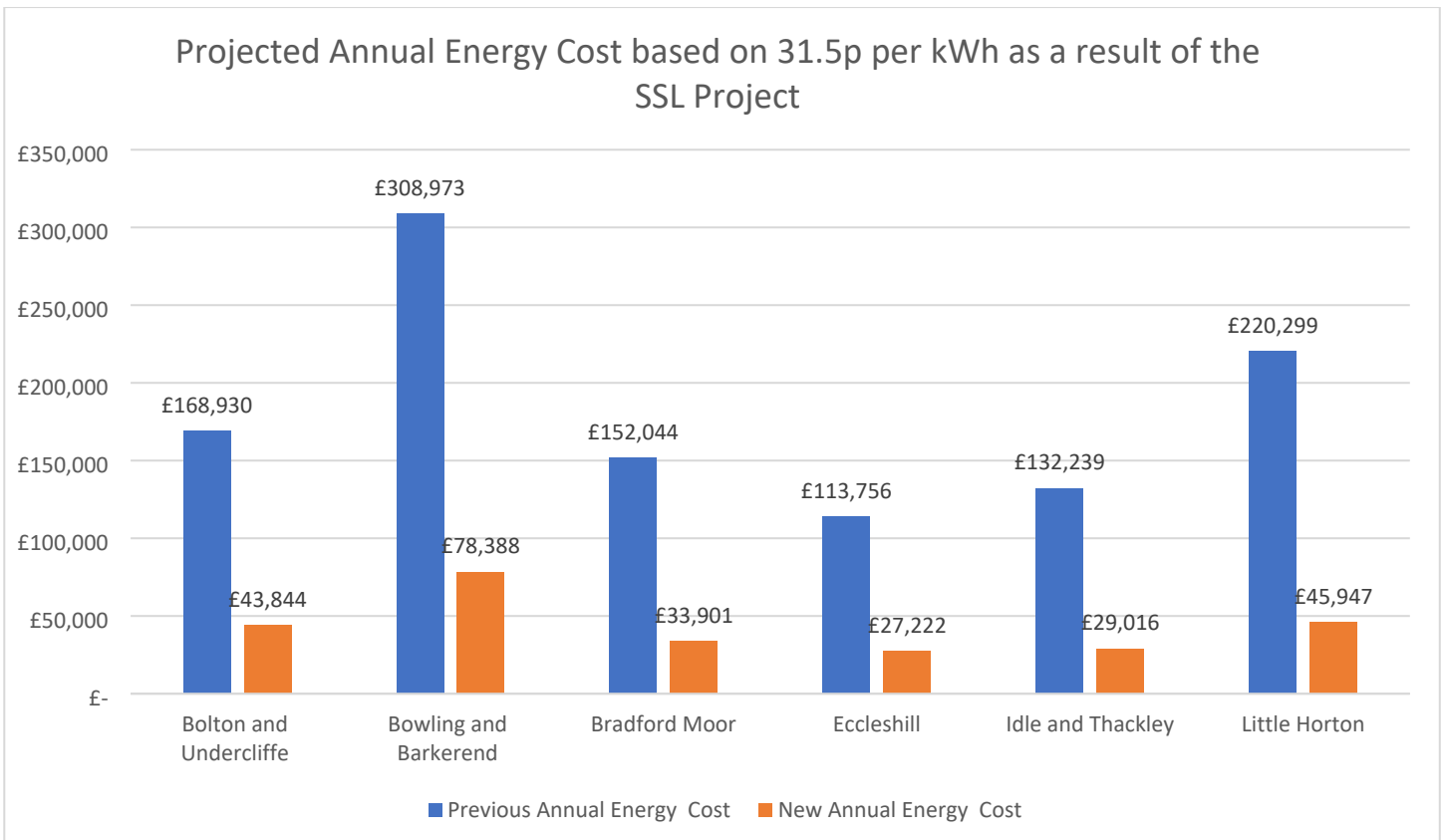
- **Appendix A** – Charts outlining Load Reduction, Energy Savings and CO2 savings by ward.
- **Appendix B** – Chart identifying Smart Street Lighting works, by work type and completed works by ward to date.

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

- None

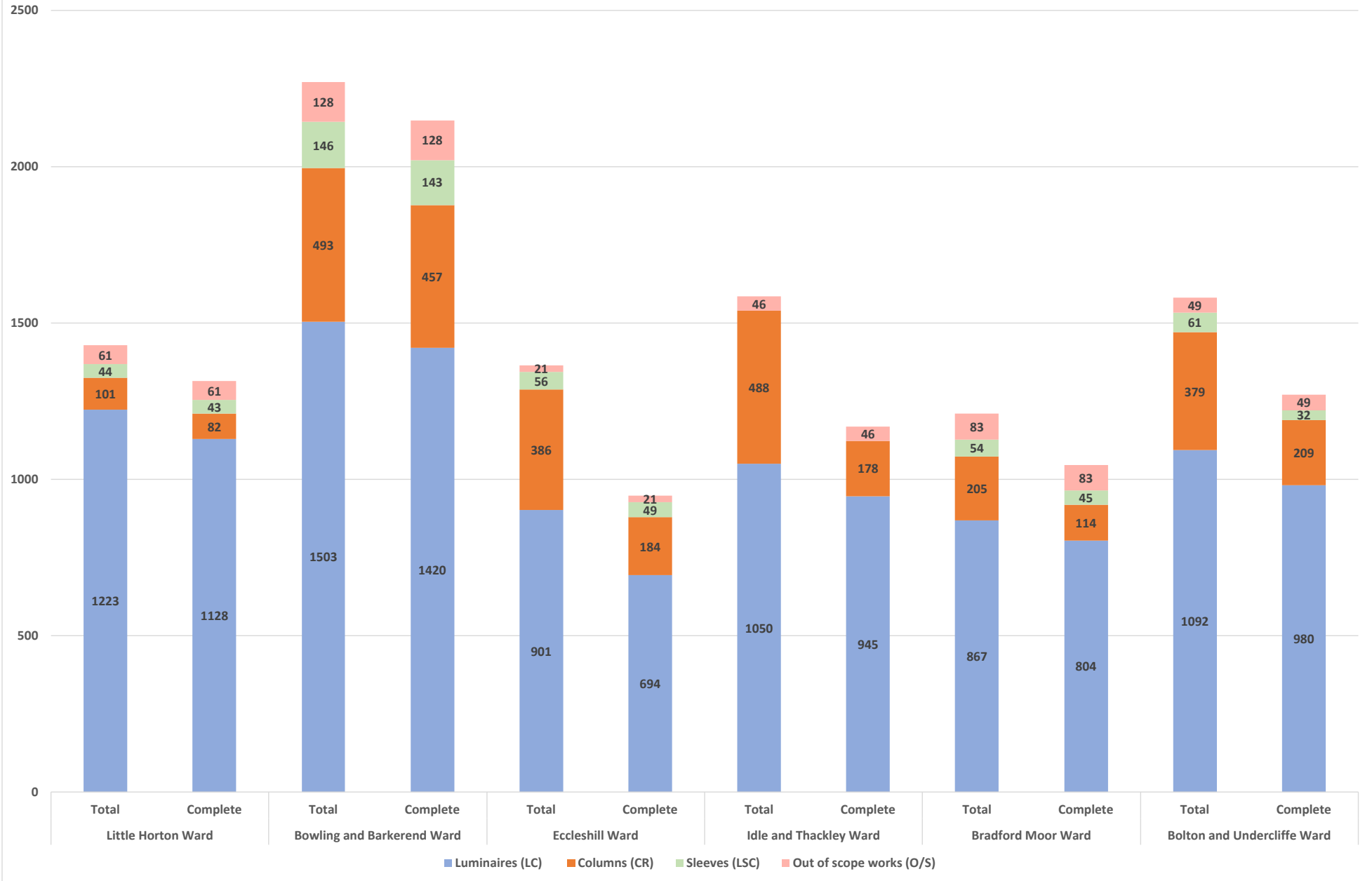
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Report of the Strategic Director to the meeting of Bradford East Area Committee to be held on 5 October 2023

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Subject:

BT Digital Voice Programme

Summary statement:

Earlier this year, BT announced that we would be contacting customers about the switch to our digital home phone service, Digital Voice, on a region-by-region basis from the summer. We also expanded our Digital Voice trials with a small group of customers beyond the pilots in Salisbury and Mildenhall, made up of lower usage landline customers, who have a full fibre broadband connection already.

EQUALITY & DIVERSITY:

Improved digital connectivity will help connect areas across the Bradford district's diverse communities. Digital connectivity provides opportunities to access services, information online, social connections; helping people to stay connected and informed.

David Shepherd
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Portfolio:

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Overview & Scrutiny Area:

Corporate

1. SUMMARY

Earlier this year, BT announced that we would be contacting customers about the switch to our digital home phone service, Digital Voice, on a region-by-region basis from the summer. We also expanded our Digital Voice trials with a small group of customers beyond the pilots in Salisbury and Mildenhall, made up of lower usage landline customers, who have a full fibre broadband connection already.

2. BACKGROUND

The following information has been provided by BT Digital Connect through the Engagement Management Team.

Over the last 6 weeks, we've upgraded the last remaining eligible customers to Digital Voice in Salisbury and Mildenhall, and around 35,000 lower usage, full fibre broadband customers from our expanded trial. In total, we've now got around two million customers across the country using Digital Voice.

Customer feedback from these trials has also been really positive, which has given us confidence to now extend these trials further to a wider group of customers across the country who are ready to make the switch. We have been contacting all full fibre and a smaller group of broadband customers yet to switch to Digital Voice.

As before, we won't be proactively switching customers who fall under any of the below criteria, where we have this information available:

- Customers with a healthcare pendant;
- Customers who are over 70;
- Customers who only use landlines;
- Customers with no mobile signal or
- Customers who have disclosed any additional needs.

These customers will be delayed from switching as work continues with stakeholder groups to build confidence in the new solutions we have, help to shape the solutions we're developing and help them to better understand the support available to make the move.

Preparing for our regional approach

From the summer, customers will be encouraged to make the switch to Digital Voice on a region-by-region basis. The first three regions will be the **East Midlands, Yorkshire & Humberside**, and **Northern Ireland**. In addition, customers who are ready and keen to make the switch to Digital Voice can also contact us at any time, as many have continued to do.

Customers in these regions will be contacted at least four weeks before being upgraded, to help ensure they're ready to make the switch. For the vast majority of customers, the move to Digital Voice simply involves connecting a landline phone to a BT broadband router. More than 99% of phone handsets are compatible with our Digital Home Phone Service and for those that aren't, we have a range of handsets that customers can add to their order.

The regional approach will be supported by general awareness communications and advertising campaigns, delivered across local and regional media to explain to customers the simple steps required to make the move to Digital Voice. BT will also be present on high streets across the country and at local town hall drop-ins to directly address customer questions on the ground.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

3.1 There are no other considerations.

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

4.1 There are no direct financial resource implications for the Council.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

5.1 There are no direct risk management and governance issues arising for the Council.

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

6.1 There are no direct legal appraisal matters arising for Council.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

7.1.1 There are no direct sustainability applications.

7.2 TACKLING THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY IMPLICATIONS

7.2.1 There are no direct greenhouse gas emission impacts arising from this report.

7.3 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

7.3.1 There are no direct community safety implications arising from this report.

7.4 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

7.4.1 There are no direct Human Rights Act issues arising from this report.

7.5 TRADE UNION

7.5.1 There are no direct trade union issues arising from this report.

7.6 WARD IMPLICATIONS

7.6.1 This work will support digital connectivity across the district.

7.7 AREA COMMITTEE LOCALITY PLAN IMPLICATIONS

7.7.1 This work directly supports digital connectivity and inclusion.

7.8 IMPLICATIONS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

7.8.1 There are no direct implications.

7.9 ISSUES ARISING FROM PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESMENT

7.9.1 There are no privacy impact assessment issues arising from this report.

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

8.1 There are no not for publication documents.

9. OPTIONS

9.1 This report is for information purposes only.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 That the Bradford East Area Committee notes information presented within this report.

11. APPENDICES

11.1 There are no appendices.

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

12.1 There are no background documents.



Report of the Strategic Director Place to the meeting of the Bradford East Area Committee to be held on 5 October 2023

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Subject:

Policing - Bradford East

Summary statement:

This report updates members on key policing and anti-social behaviour issues in the Bradford East Constituency.

EQUALITY & DIVERSITY:

It is recognised that our most disadvantaged neighbourhoods experience a greater range of community safety issues. In addition, a range of minority 'community of interest' groups can experience extra barriers in accessing services.

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Overview & Scrutiny Area:
Corporate

1 SUMMARY

1.1 This report updates members on key policing and anti-social behaviour issues in the Bradford East Constituency.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 Bradford East Neighbourhood Policing Team works closely with Bradford Council's Neighbourhoods (Area Co-ordinator's) Team across the East Constituency. There are named Police and Council Ward Officers aligned to wards across the area who are supported by designated staff with allocation to specific areas. The operational boundaries of the Police and Council are co-terminus and therefore enable effective co-ordination, tasking and problem-solving.

2.2 A breakdown of crime figures for the Bradford East Area can be found in Appendix 1. The figures show January – July 2023. When comparing this period to last year there has been a 5% decrease in crime. There has been a rise in Burglary Dwelling offence when compared to 2022. Offences of Robbery have continued to fall as have offences of Theft from Motor Vehicle.

2.3 Bradford East has seen a reduction in Anti-social Behaviour (ASB) calls for service (14%), as can be seen on the data within the appendix. Together with the local authority there has been an increased focus on working with young people across the area to educate and divert them away from ASB.

2.4 Following a sharp increase in ASB across Eccleshill and Idle and Thackley wards last year, a cohort of young people were identified and plans were put in place across the partnership for various levels of intervention depending on the involvement of those young people. This saw the Neighbourhood Policing Office, Police Early Intervention Team, Council Ward Officers, Youth Services, Breaking the Cycle and local schools work together to support those identified, ensuring the right interventions were put in place.

2.5 Bonfire period has traditionally seen attacks on emergency services and high levels of ASB and, in some cases, disorder within Bradford East. Last year saw a significant reduction with no recorded attacks on any emergency service on the 4th or 5th November, traditionally the busiest nights. The Area Co-ordinator's Team, NPT officers and the local community worked together to ensure the nights passed without event.

2.6 The first year of the school engagement programme saw 24 primary schools work with Police and Bradford City Community Foundation. 3 inputs were provided in each school covering knife crime, ASB and healthy relationships. Next school year we will have 31 schools signed up for the programme.

2.7 Together with the Area Co-ordinator's Team a Bradford East Faith Group is being developed which will see the Police and other services meet with faith leaders from across the different faiths and wards of Bradford East to increase accessibility and create a forum where issues can be raised and addressed.

2.8 The BD3 Unites Partnership continues, seeing the Police, Council, and local community

work together on a number of community-led projects. Further policing operations have continued in the area.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

3.1 There are no other considerations.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

4.1 There are no direct risk management and / or governance issues arising from this report.

5. LEGAL APPRAISAL

5.1 The report provides an update from the Police about crime and work undertaken with partners across the Bradford East area.

6. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

6.1 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

6.1.1 There are no sustainability implications apparent.

6.2 TACKLING THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY IMPLICATIONS

6.2.1 There are no direct greenhouse gas emission impacts apparent.

6.3 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

6.3.1 Implementation of the Locality and Ward Plans and the Community Safety Plan is expected to positively impact community safety across the district.

6.4 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

6.4.1 There are no issues arising from this report.

6.5 TRADE UNION

6.5.1 There are no issues arising from this report.

6.6 WARD IMPLICATIONS

6.6.1 Certain Ward areas experience greater crime and community safety issues. Ward Plans are expected to prioritise these locations.

6.7 IMPLICATIONS FOR CORPORATE PARENTING

6.7.1 It is recognised that looked after children can be more vulnerable to specific crime types and appropriate Corporate Parent leads should be kept up to date with trends and concerns in relation to community safety.

6.8 ISSUES ARISING FROM PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESMENT

6.8.1 There are no issues arising from this report.

7. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

7.1 None.

8. OPTIONS

8.1 That the Area Committee offers further views and advice to the Council/Police and partners tackling crime and community safety in Bradford East Area.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 That Bradford East Area Committee notes the work undertaken by the Bradford East Neighbourhood Policing Team and partners.

10. APPENDICES

10.1 Appendix 1 – Police Crime Statistics.

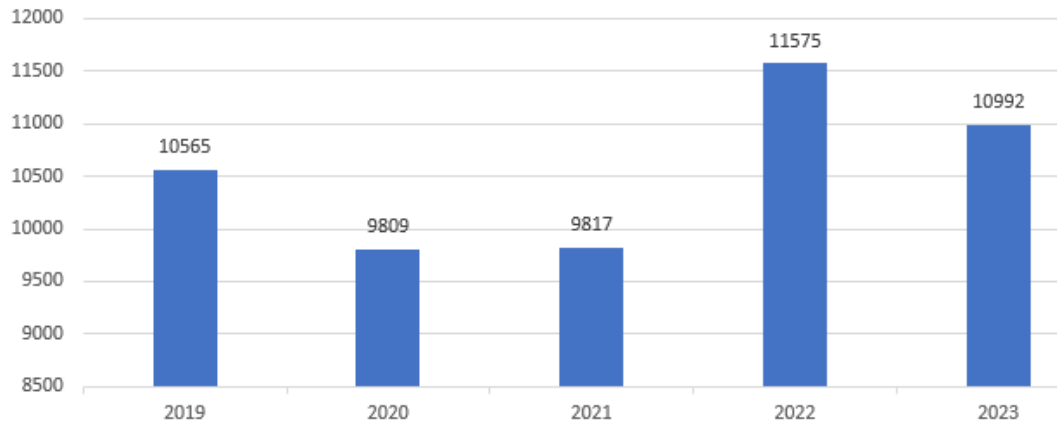
11. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

11.1 None.

APPENDIX 1 CRIME STATISTICS

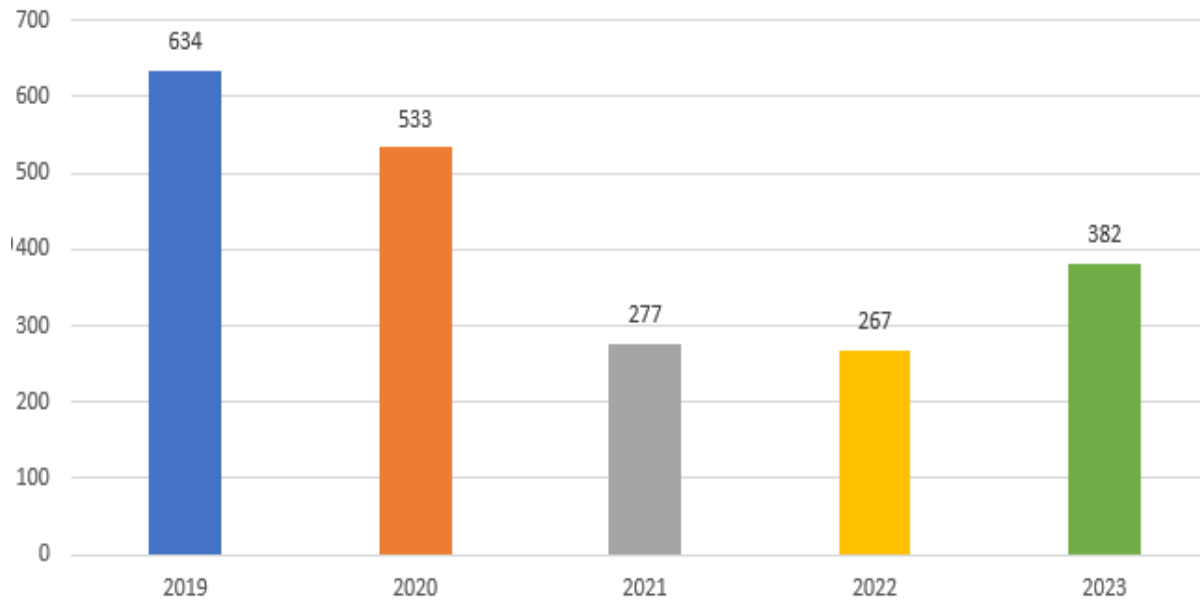
TOTAL CRIME OFFENCES: 5% decrease from 2022 to 2023 (Stats in the graph compare 01 Jan to 31 July each year)

Bradford East: Total Recorded Crime 1st January - 31st July

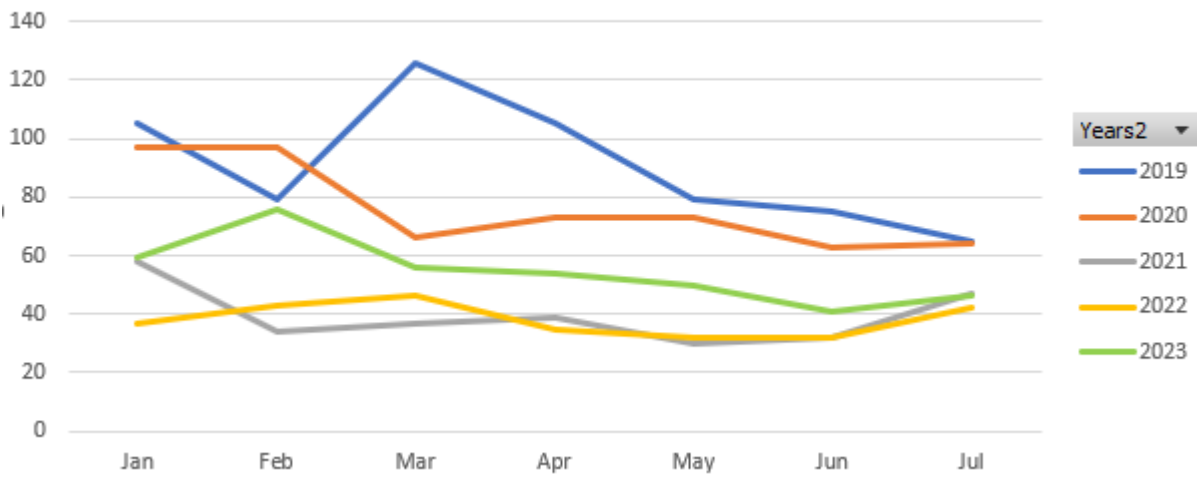


RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY OFFENCES: 43% increase compared to last year.

Total Residential Burglaries - 01 JAN to 31 JUL

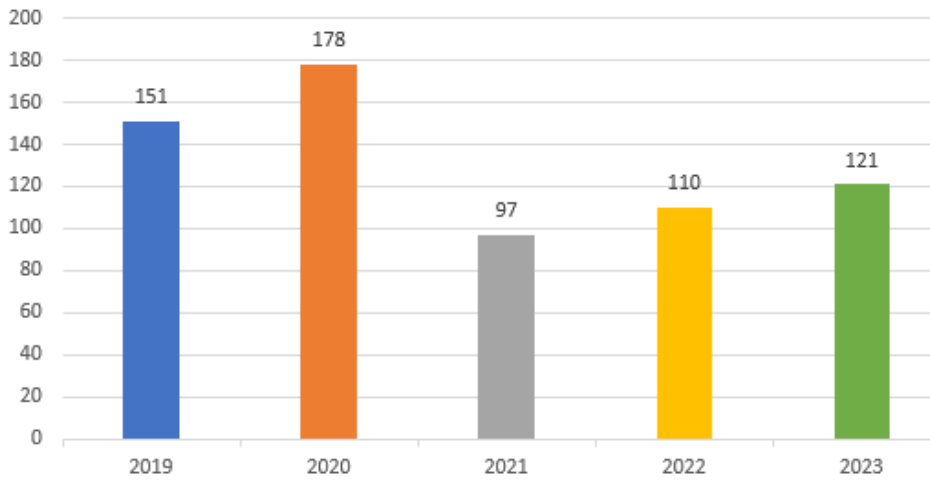


Monthly Burglary Residential Offences - 01 JAN to 31 JUL

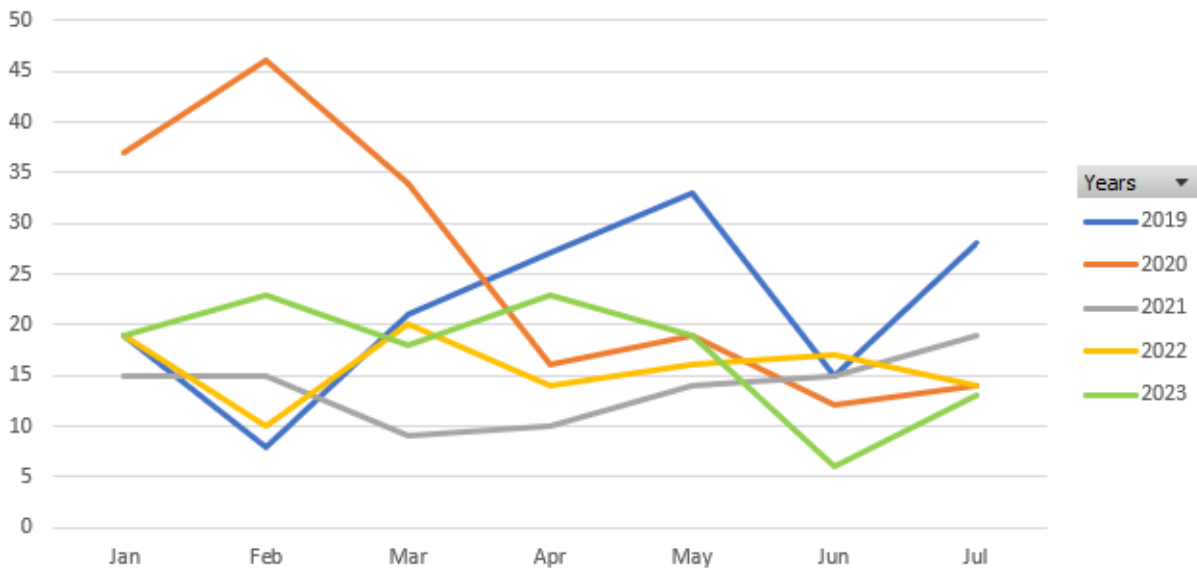


BUSINESS BURGLARY OFFENCES: 10% increase compared to last year.

Burglary Business Offences - 01 JAN to 31 JUL

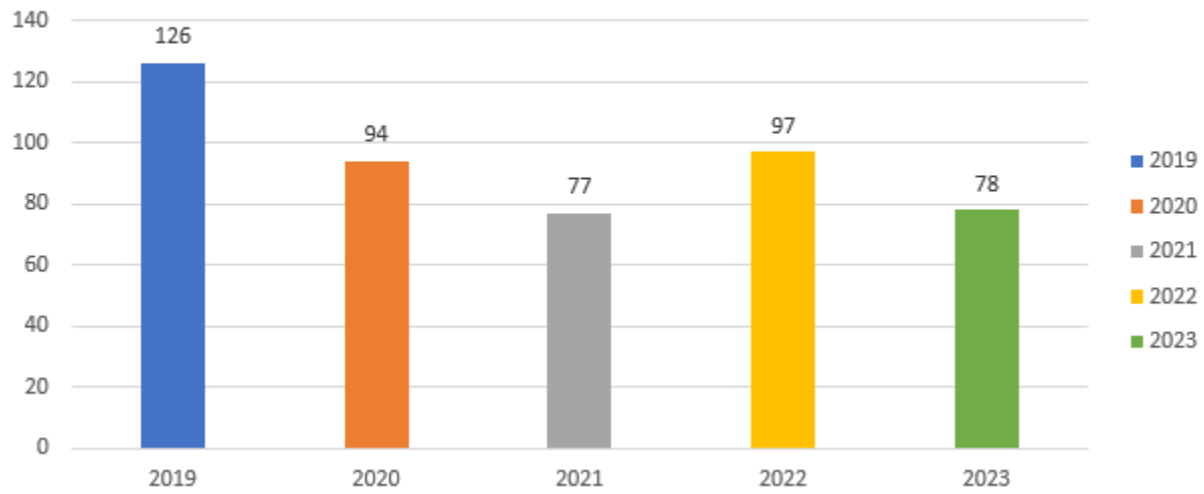


Monthly Burglary Business Offences - 01 JAN to 31 JUL

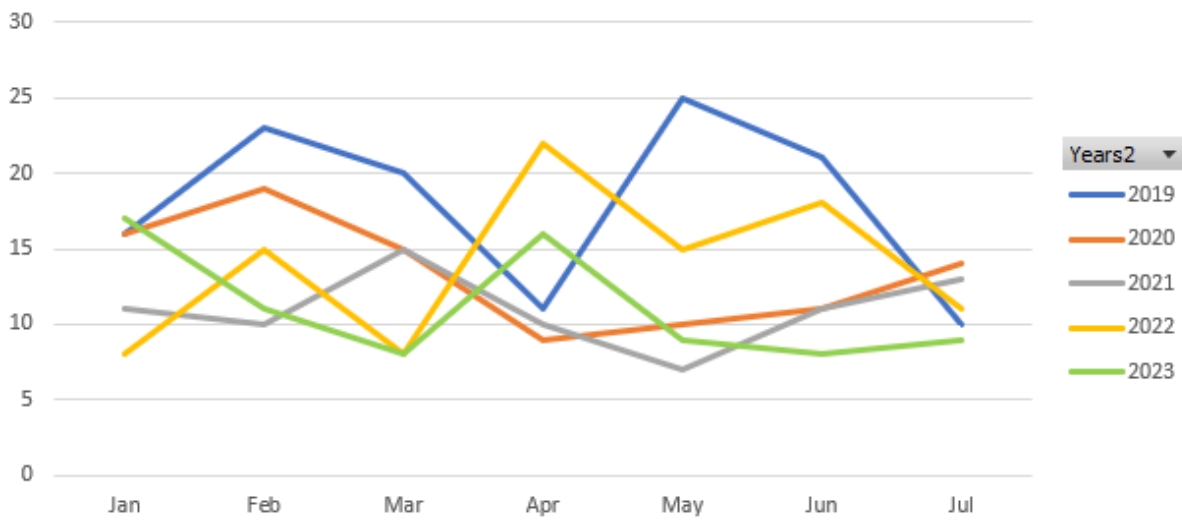


ROBBERY OFFENCES: 24% Reduction compared to last year.

Robbery Offences - 01 JAN to 31 JUL

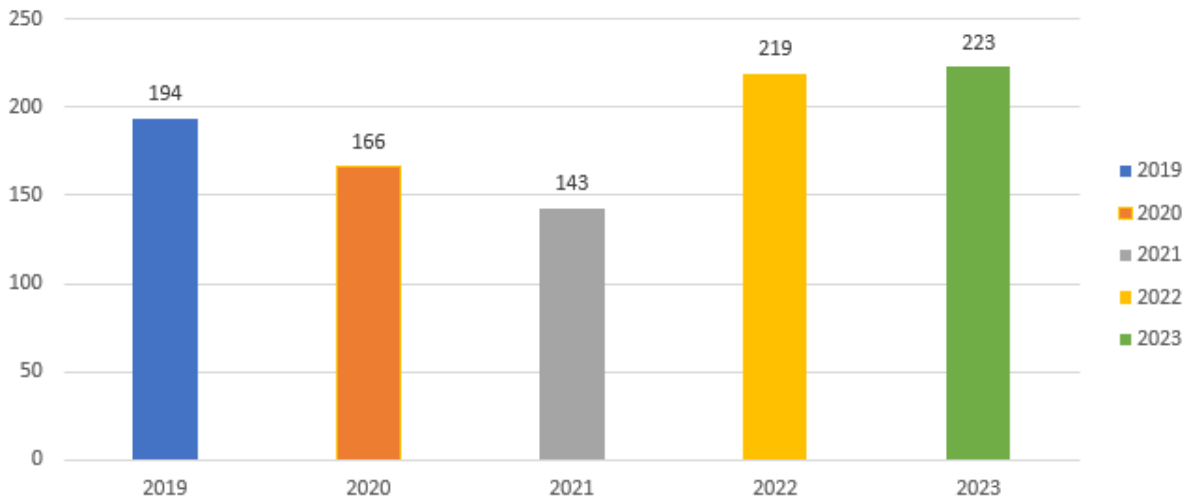


Monthly Robbery Offences - 01 JAN to 31 JUL

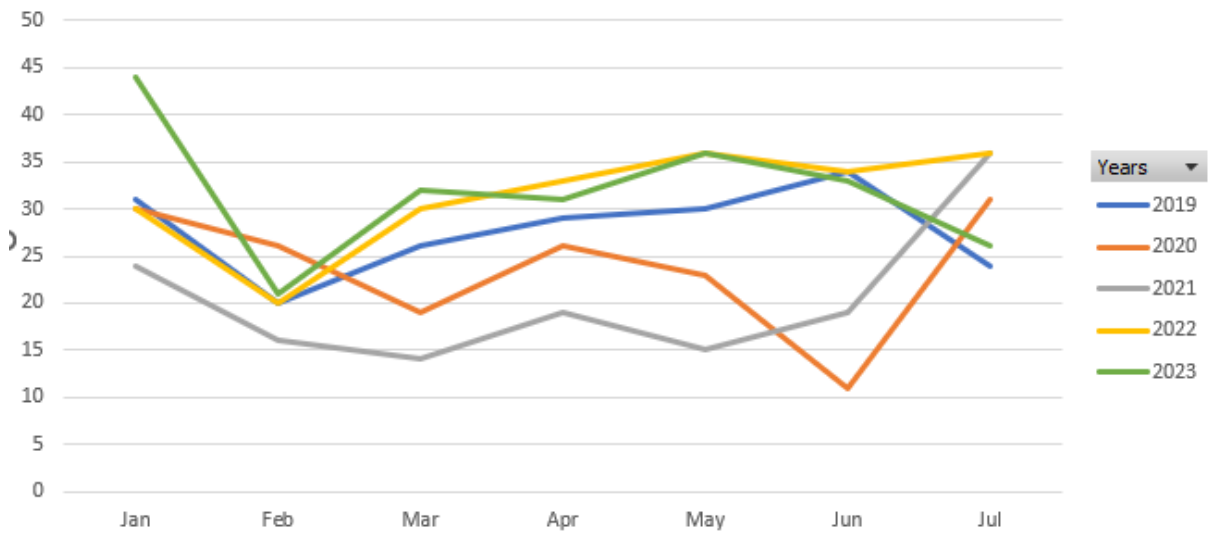


THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENCES: 2% Increase compared to last year.

TOMV Offences 01 JAN TO 31 JUL

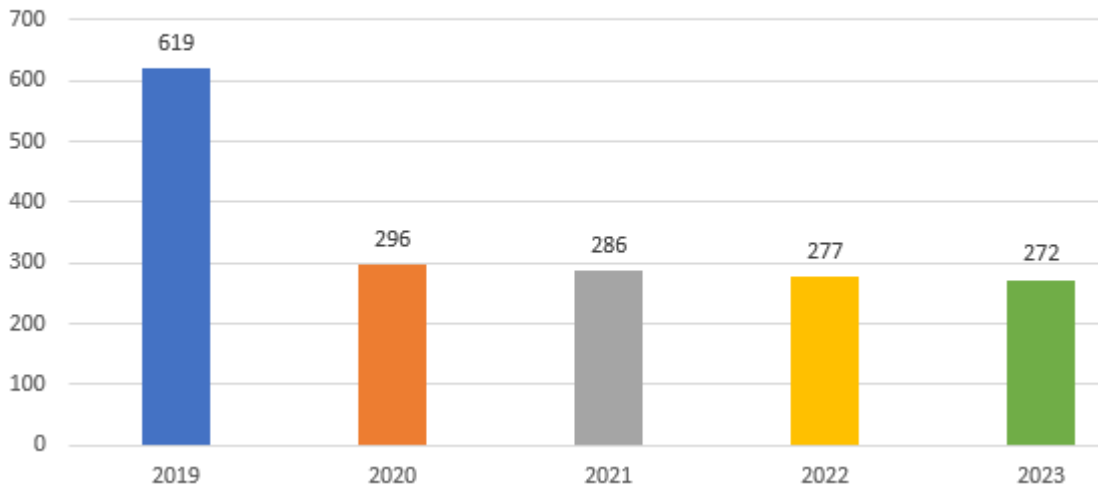


Monthly Theft of Motor Vehicles Offences - 01 JAN to 31 JUL

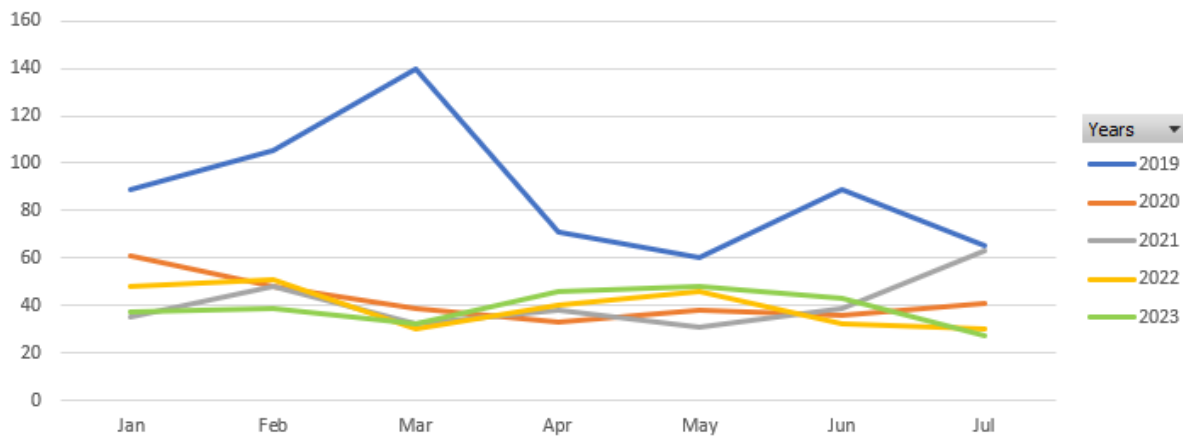


THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENCES: 2% Reduction compared to last year.

Theft From Motor Vehicle Offences - 01 JAN to 31 JUL

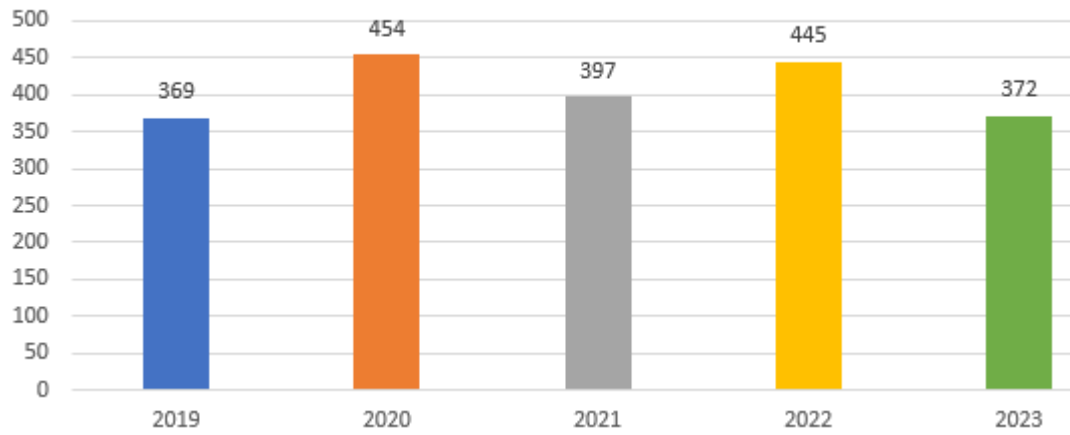


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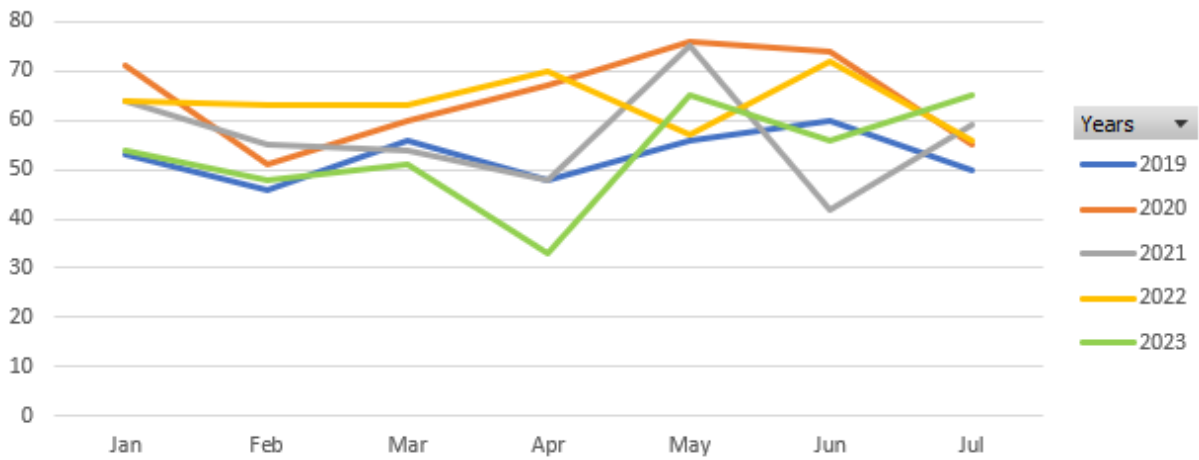


DRUG OFFENCES:

Drug Offences - 01 JAN to 31 JUL



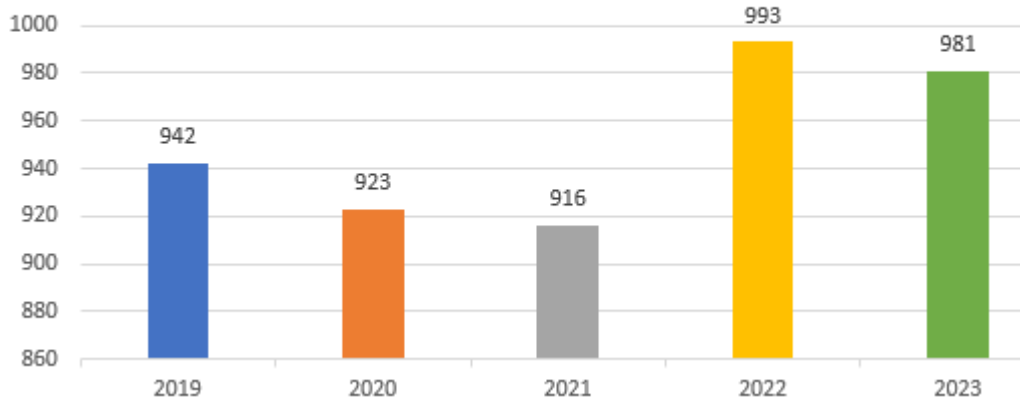
Monthly Drug Offences - 01 JAN to 31 JUL



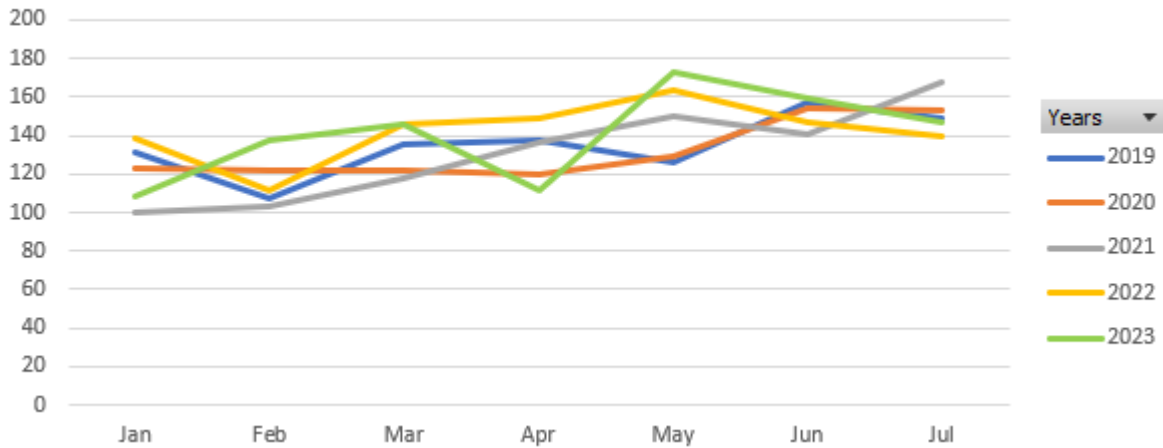
Violent offences Bradford East Report

Violence with injury: **1% decrease compared to last year.**

Violence With Injury Offences - 01 JAN to 31 JUL

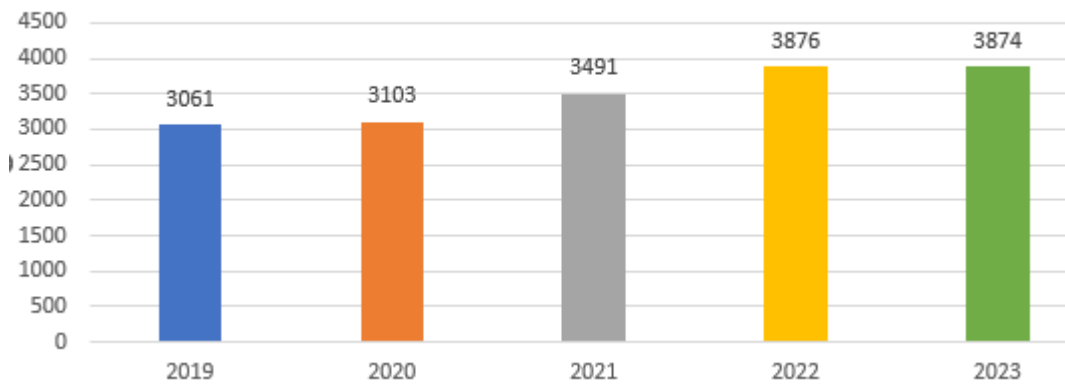


Monthly Violence With Injury Offences - 01 JAN to 31 JUL

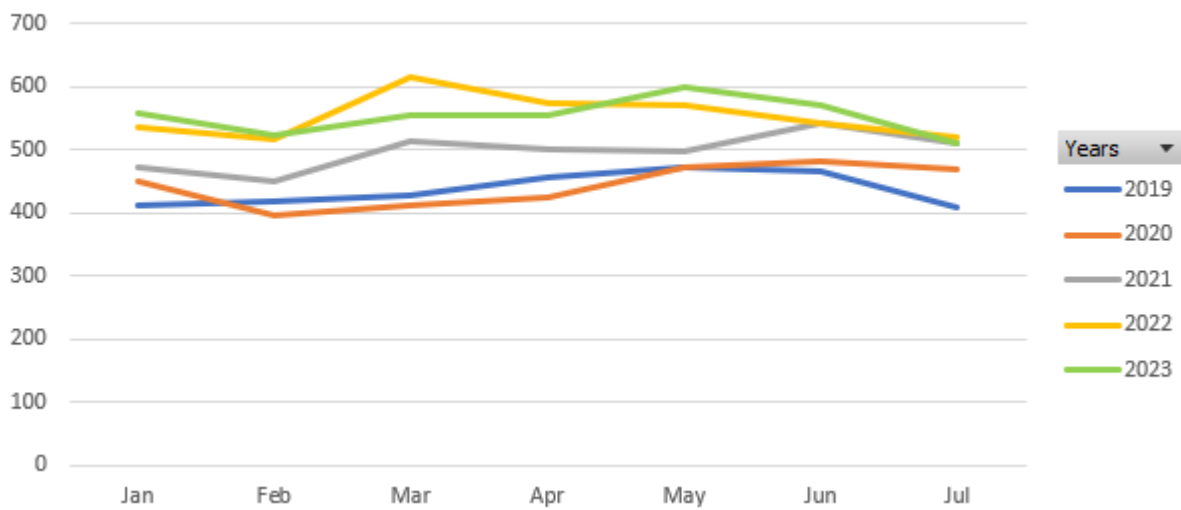


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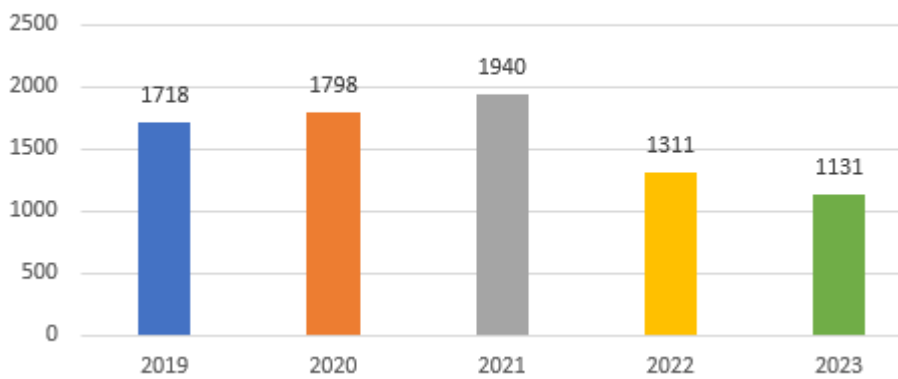
Violence Without Injury Offences - 01 JAN to 31 JUL



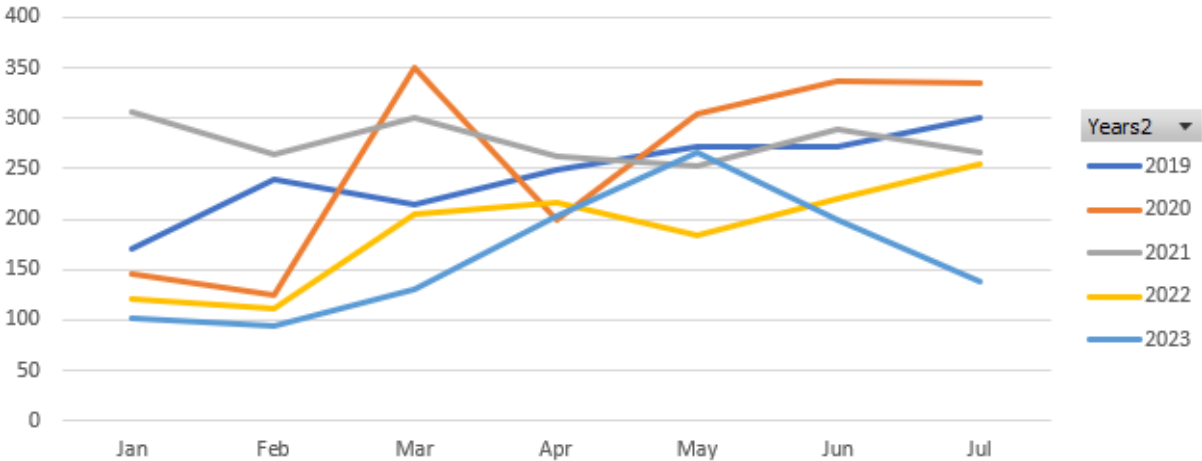
Monthly Violence Without Injury Offences - 01 JAN to 31 JUL



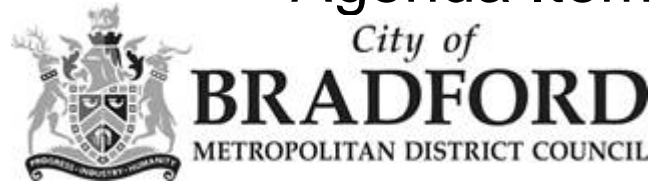
ASB 01 JAN TO 31 JULY



Monthly ASB - 01 JAN to 31 Jul



14% decrease compared to last year.



Report of the Director of Place to the meeting of the Bradford East Area Committee to be held on 5th October 2023

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Subject:

UK Shared Prosperity Fund

Summary statement:

This report provides a review of the above funding opportunity and provides an outline of how the devolved funding will be distributed in Bradford. The report will focus on the role of the Area Committees in terms of decision maker of local funding and influencer of the district delivery.

Equality & Diversity

The district plan ambitions have been used to design the program for UKSPF in Bradford. The District Plan is underpinned by a cross cutting principle of tackling inequality in our communities. UKSPF will set out a program of activity that supports this as a core outcome. Corporately as a Council we have committed to keeping equalities at the heart of what we do– ‘This means everyone can access services regardless of their background, that we embrace our different communities across the whole district and that we build an inclusive organisation.’ In collaboration with partners UKSPF will support this approach and will address inequality and improve opportunities for communities across the district.

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1. SUMMARY

UKSPF replaces the European Structural and Investment Fund following Brexit. The Allocation for West Yorkshire is £80,486,557. It is allocated over a 3-year period, with approx. £12 million delivered in 2022-23, £21 million in 2023-24, and £48 million in 2024-25. The three-pillar Framework allocating UKSPF funding operates across these pillars, Pillar 1 (Communities and Place), Pillar 2 (Supporting Local Business) and Pillar 3 (People and Skills). WYCA is supporting a two-tiered approach to distribution of the funding. £7.578 million of the UKSPF funding will be allocated to Bradford.

This paper provides an update on activity as well as budget and proposed activities for Years 1 3 for the allocated funding through Area Committees.

2. BACKGROUND

UKSPF Programme

The UK government released the UKSPF prospectus in April 2022 as part of its central mission to level up the whole of the United Kingdom. Key outcomes were identified to:

- Boost productivity, pay, jobs and living standards by growing the private sector, especially in those places where they are lagging.
- Spread opportunities and improve public services, especially in those places where they are weakest.
- Restore a sense of community, local pride and belonging, especially in those places where they have been lost.
- Empower local leaders and communities, especially in those places lacking local agency.

CBMDC has designed the approach to UKSPF based on its district plan priority outcomes: Children have the best start in life, Residents achieve good health and wellbeing, Sustainable economic growth and decent work for all, Safe, sustainable and inclusive communities and Action at all levels to address climate and environmental change. The plan is underpinned by the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Our strategic analysis of the above drivers has led to CBMDC's delivery plan for UKSPF being based on Three strategic themes:

- Circular (Green and Inclusive) Economy
- Building Community Infrastructure through volunteering
- Culture is our Plan.

Area Committees as Decision Maker in UKSPF

Please find in Appendix A the interventions and financial allocation that will be designed and delivered through the Bradford East Area Committee.

Appendix A.1 sets out the full area committee allocation with budgets and outputs/outcomes to be delivered across the district.

Year 1 saw the procurement of a 'Cost of living' grant programme with delivering continuing until August 2023, see Appendix B for application form, the call document and list of final beneficiaries. Final monitoring and defrayal evidence is currently being submitted and reviewed, detail will be shared with committees in due course.

Year 2 budget for area committees is (total) £150,000 REV and £60,000 CAP. There was a meeting with all Chairs on 17th August with Noreen Akhtar (AD Neighbourhoods and Customer Services) and Mahmood Mohammed (Head of Stronger Communities) to discuss proposals and options for spending this budget. The following was agreed:

Revenue

To merge the UKSPF allocation for the areas with two other funds (The West Yorkshire Mayor's Cost of Living Fund and The West Yorkshire Mayor's Cost of Living Fund) for a district wide Cost of Living fund. The fund will issue grants to successful applicants to deliver various support to predominantly households in Bradford. These funds administered through Stronger Communities will go live in September 2023.

Bradford East's allocation is £33,116.

Capital

A proposal was presented for the total capital budget to be spent on a district wide Citizen Coin (volunteer reward) scheme. No consensus was reached on this, as such at time of writing the position is:

Shipley – leave centrally

Keighley – considering what to do

East, West, South – draw down funds to spend locally.

The Bradford East committee must ensure their capital allocation (£13,246) is procured and spent correctly by 31st March 2024.

The intervention is E12: Community engagement schemes, local regeneration. A definition of capital spend is enclosed as Appendix A (provided by Bradford Council finance team).

Year 3 will bring a much larger funding allocation to the area committees: a total of £400,000 REV and £400,000 CAP. Bradford East's allocation is £88,321 for each pot.

The revenue budget comes from intervention E35 - Enrichment & volunteering activities, as such activities need to link into this. The capital budget comes from intervention E11 - Capacity building & infrastructure support local groups, so need to focus on this.

Money needs to be defrayed by 31st March 2025, as such each area should as soon as possible start planning for how the funds can be spent. Areas can consider whether they want to join up their budget, e.g. one fund administrator to offer

support / manage grants etc. and should also consider going out to their community for engagement.

Area Committee Influence on the district UKSPF Programme

The district UKSPF programme has been designed and will involve several funding opportunities that can be shaped using the priorities identified within the Locality Plan for Bradford East.

Examples include which businesses will be the focus for business support and distribution of grant funding to run cultural events.

The regeneration team have met with the Chair and the Area Co-ordinator to ensure that approach is progressed as we move into years two and three of the funding.

In addition to planning for Year 2, relevant officers are starting work now to plan ahead for Year 3, ensuring stakeholders have the greatest opportunity possible to prepare for and bid for upcoming funding.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

None

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

Appendix A details the agreed allocation of UKSPF funding for each area. The external funding received will be used in conjunction with existing budgets and other funding streams where possible to maximise outcomes.

The proposal does not require any additional finding from the Council with administration and management being managed within existing budgets and the permitted aspects of UKSPF funding allocated to such.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

The allocated funding will be overseen by the Wellbeing Board in Bradford, Chaired by the Council Leader. A project board is in development.

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

Allocation of UKSPF funding must be applied in a consistent manner for which it is provided. This reports to set forth principles of application, and each individual specific proposal must ensure compliance with the criteria.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

The district plan is underpinned by sustainability goals. As the priorities have been set using the district plan the outcomes achieved from this funding help us achieve our district goals on sustainability.

7.2 TACKLING THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY IMPLICATIONS

The work planned on greening areas of Bradford, working with businesses on decarbonisation and supporting household with the costs of living crisis all support this agenda.

7.3 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

Creating civic pride through the implementation of UKSPF will have a secondary benefit of building community cohesiveness and will increase safety and the perceptions of safety.

7.4 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

There are no specific issues arising from this report.

7.5.1 TRADE UNION

There are no specific issues arising from this report.

7.5.2 WARD IMPLICATIONS

This is detailed within the main body of the report and is key to the successful delivery of the programme.

7.7 AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS (for reports to Area Committees only)

See above.

7.8 IMPLICATIONS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

The district plan contains specific outcomes that relate to children and young people. Interventions planned will bring direct and indirect benefit to them as a result of the district plan being the backdrop to the program.

7.9 ISSUES ARISING FROM PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESMENT

There are no specific issues arising from this report.

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

None

9. OPTIONS

None.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) That the contents of this report are noted.
- 2) That the Area Committee accept an annual report on the progress on UKSPF delivery.

11. APPENDICES

Appendix A – Area Committee Funding Allocation

Appendix A1 –Area Committee Funding Allocation

Appendix B – “Cost of Living” funding programme information for Bradford East Area Committee

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None

Appendix A – Area Committee Allocation East

UKSPF Intervention	Year Spend	Allocation
E11 - Capacity building & infrastructure support local groups	2022/23	Revenue £ 22,077
	2023/24	Capital £ 13,246
	2024/25	Capital £ 88,321
E12 - Community engagement schemes, local regeneration	2022/23	
	2023/24	Revenue £ 33,116
	2024/25	
E13 - Community measures to reduce the cost of living	2022/23	Revenue £ 75,069
	2023/24	
	2024/25	
E35 - Enrichment & volunteering activities	2022/23	
	2023/24	
	2024/25	Revenue £ 88,321

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Appendix A.1

UKSPF – Total Bradford Area Committee allocation

Year 1 activity - complete

Intervention	Theme	Activity	Budget	Outputs (Y1-3)	Outcomes (Y1-3)
E11 – Capacity building & infrastructure support local groups	Community Infrastructure and Volunteering	Allocation towards 'Cost of Living' grant programme. Remaining budget rolled over to Y2 for 'Community Buildings' grants.	£23,953 £76,047	Number of organisations receiving grants - 2 Number of organisations receiving no- financial support - 30	Improved engagement number - 100
E13 – Community measures to reduce the cost of living	Community Infrastructure and Volunteering	'Cost of Living' grant programme (grant application process by area).	£340,000	Number of organisations receiving grants - 10 Number of households receiving support - 400 Number of households supported to take energy efficiency measures - 50 Number of people reached - 400	Increased take up of energy efficiency measures - 5

Year 2

Intervention	Theme	Activity	Budget	Outputs (Y1-3)	Outcomes (Y1-3)
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E11 – Capacity building & infrastructure support local groups	Community Infrastructure and Volunteering	<p>1. Remaining Y1 budget rolled over (total – for ‘Community Buildings’ grants’</p> <p>2. Capital grant round (activity needs deciding).</p>	<p>£76,047 (all allocated and spent)</p> <p>£60,000</p>	As above	As above
E12 – Community engagement schemes, local regeneration	Community Infrastructure and Volunteering	Merged with other funds for a district-wide Cost of Living fund (Sep’23 – Mar’24).	£150,000	<p>Number of organisations receiving grants - 2</p> <p>Number of organisations receiving non-financial support - 200</p>	Improved engagement numbers - 400

Year 3

Intervention	Theme	Activity	Budget	Outputs (Y1-3)	Outcomes (Y1-3)
E11 – Capacity building & infrastructure support local groups	Community Infrastructure and Volunteering	Capital	£400,000	As above	As above
E35 - Enrichment & volunteering activities		Revenue	£400,000	Number of volunteering opportunities supported - 100	Number of volunteering opportunities created as a result of support - 100

Cost of Living grant fund – Bradford East

March – August 2023

Area	Organisation	Applied for	Awarded
East	Abu Bakar Mosque	£ 9,576	£ 3,000
East	Anchor Project	£ 7,319	£ 3,000
East	Bradford Community Kitchen	£ 15,000	£ 4,827
East	Bradford Moor Play and Support Services	£ 9,975	£ 4,000
East	Bradford North Foodbank	£ 5,026	£ 3,000
East	Carers Resource	£ 2,520	£ 2,000
East	Karmand Community Centre	£ 10,000	£ 3,000
East	Karmand Community Centre (Canterbury)	£ 10,000	£ 3,000
East	Khidmat Centres	£ 12,880	£ 3,000
East	Neesie Community Interest Company	£ 9,320	£ 3,000
East	Neighbourhood Resource Centre	£ 10,000	£ 3,000
East	Otley Road & Undercliffe Community Works	£ 10,000	£ 3,000
East	Play Bradford	£ 5,652	£ 3,500
East	Ravenscliffe Community Association	£ 7,348	£ 5,500
East	Shine West Bowling	£ 9,994	£ 3,069
East	St John's Bowling Hub	£ 9,930	£ 5,500
East	Staying Put	£ 9,548	£ 3,000
East	The Bradford Sunni Muslim Khalifa Society (BSMKS)	£ 10,000	£ 3,000
East	The IQRA Centre	£ 10,000	£ 3,000
East	Upperbolton Social Club	£ 8,019	£ 3,000
East	West Bowling Community Advice and Training Centre	£ 9,959	£ 4,500
East	West Bowling Youth Initiative	£ 7,560	£ 3,000
East	WomenZone	£ 10,000	£ 3,000
Total	23 projects		£77,896

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Report of the Director of Place to the meeting of Bradford East Area Committee to be held on 5 October 2023

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Subject:

Allocation of Community Buildings Grants for 2023-2025.

Summary statement:

This report outlines the recommendations of the Bradford East Area Committee Grants Advisory Group for the allocation of Community Buildings Grants 2023-2025.

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Overview & Scrutiny Area:

Corporate

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report outlines the recommendations of the Bradford East Area Committee Grants Advisory Group for the allocation of Community Buildings Grants 2023-2025.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Community Building Grant is to support Community Organisations with their core costs including heating, lighting, insurance, business rates and rent.
- 2.2 Applications for the Community Building Grants will only be considered from voluntary and community sector organisations registered or in the process of becoming registered with the Charities Commission based within the Bradford District, businesses and statutory organisations will not be eligible to access this funding.
- 2.3 Definition;

The Bradford Metropolitan District definition of a community building is:

‘A building / part of a building or land operated by local community members, with volunteers and in some cases alongside paid staff, that it exists to provide a range of local services for local people and run by local committees meeting the needs of all in the community or interest group’.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 For 2023-25 we have a district wide allocation of £250,000. Stronger Communities team presented a proposal on 19th January 2023 on the allocation for each area. It was agreed that each area would contribute £5,000 to central pot for organisations providing services district wide.
- 3.2 The district wide allocation of £25,000 will be allocated by a meeting of five area chairs.
- 3.3 Bradford East has been awarded £61,750 over a two-year period, and it will be made clear to all successful organisations that year two funds will be subject to availability of Council funds.
- 3.4 On 6th March 2023 the Grants Advisory Group met to discuss the Community Buildings Grants applications submitted for the Area. In total 24 applications were considered and after full consideration the recommendations from the Bradford East Area Grants Advisory Group are to support and fund 20 organisations (Table 1) to decline 2 applications. Another two applications were passed onto District Wide panel for assessment.
- 3.5 Bradford East Areas Community Building Grants fund has been supplemented by £19,250 from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund for Capacity Building & Infrastructure Support Grant (E11), bringing the total funding to be allocated to £81,000.

<p style="text-align: center;">BRADFORD EAST COMMUNITY BUILDINGS GRANT SUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS (Table 1.)</p>
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Name	2023-24	Subject to Funding 2024-25
Bradford 4 Better	£2,000.00	£2,000.00
Canterbury Advice Centre (Karmand)	£3,000.00	£3,000.00
Community Works	£4,000.00	£4,000.00
Light of The World	£4,000.00	£4,000.00
Neighbourhood Resource Centre	£4,000.00	£4,000.00
Shine West Bowling	£4,000.00	£4,000.00
St Clement's Church	£4,000.00	£4,000.00
St James Community Partnership	£3,500.00	£3,500.00
The IQRA Centre	£4,000.00	£4,000.00
Upper Bolton Social Club	£3,500.00	£3,500.00
WomenZone	£4,500.00	£4,500.00
Blooming Buds	£4,000.00	£4,000.00
Karmand Centre	£4,000.00	£4,000.00
MAPA	£3,500.00	£3,500.00
Play Bradford	£4,000.00	£4,000.00
Primetime at The Vine	£3,500.00	£3,500.00
Ravenscliffe Community Association	£4,000.00	£4,000.00
Springfield Youth and Community Centre	£9,000.00	£9,000.00
St John's Bowling Hub	£4,000.00	£4,000.00
West Bowling Community Advice & Training Centre	£4,500.00	£4,500.00
Total:	£81,000.00	£81,000.00

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

4.1 The amount of Community Building Grant funding per annum for the Bradford East Area was previously £57,000 for four years between 2019-2023. This has been increased to £61,750 for 2023-2025. The additional budget was topped up as outlined in 3.5.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

5.1 There are no direct specific risk management and governance issues.

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

6.1 This work relates directly to the Local Government Act 2000 and to the Duty of Well-being placed upon the Council to promote and improve the well-being of the District.

6.2 Under the Councils Constitution at Article 12, the Executive can delegate/devolve the discharge of functions to Area Committees. In discharging these functions, all decisions made must be in accordance with policies, strategies, plans or criteria approved by the Council or Executive and within the approved budget.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

7.1.1 The progressive distribution of grants to Areas with higher level needs will aid the development of initiatives which reduce inequalities.

- 7.1.2 Priorities supported will promote fairness and inclusion while supporting Bradford East Area Committee's commitment to equal opportunities for all, including those protected characteristics identified within the Equalities Act 2010.

7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.2.1 Resources available to Bradford East Area Committee, described in this report, and used to support the Bradford East Area Ward Plans, will directly support the delivery of the District's Plan and promote and contribute to the People Can Make a difference approach.

7.3 TACKLING THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.3.1 Actions to assist in identifying the greenhouse gas impacts of potential projects to be funded through this budget will be undertaken. These will include a consideration of, for example, energy efficiency opportunities in purchasing new equipment or refurbishing or modifying buildings.

7.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.4.1 There are no direct community safety implications.

7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

- 7.5.1 There are no direct human rights implications.

7.6 TRADE UNION

- 7.6.1 There are no implications related to Trade Unions arising from this report.

7.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

- 7.7.1 The activity outlined in this report affects the whole district and all organisations which currently receive buildings related support in the Bradford East area. The creation and devolution of the Community Building Grant to Area Committees has established a more tailored provision and more accountability at ward and area levels.

7.8 WARD PLAN IMPLICATIONS

- 7.8.1 The activities outlined in this report contribute to priorities within the Bradford East Area Ward Plans.

7.9 IMPLICATIONS FOR CORPORATE PARENTING

None

7.10 ISSUES ARISING FROM PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESMENT

None

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

- 8.1 None.

9. OPTIONS

- 9.1 Bradford East Area Committee adopts the recommendations outlined in this report.
- 9.2 Bradford East Area Committee adopts the recommendations outlined in this report, with amendments.
- 9.3 Bradford East Area Committee decides not to accept the recommendations outlined in this report.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 That Bradford East Area Committee notes and endorses the Community Buildings Grants as set out in Para 3.4 and 3.5 of this report.

11. APPENDICES

- 11.1 None.

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

- 12.1 Report to Bradford East Area Committee on the allocation of Community Building Grants 2017-19. 24 November 2016.
- 12.2 The Allocation of Community Buildings Grants (Extended Community Centre Core Costs), Document R, Bradford South Area Committee, 29 November 2018.