



Report of the Strategic Director of Place to the meeting of Bradford South Area Committee to be held on 30 July 2020.

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Subject:

BRADFORD SOUTH AREA COVID-19 RECOVERY ACTION PLAN 2020-2021

Summary statement:

This report presents a draft plan to guide the work of the Bradford South Area Office and Hub in shaping, and where appropriate coordinating, responses to Covid 19 within the Bradford South Area.

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1. SUMMARY

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2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 During the Coronavirus national lockdown, the Area Office reformed into an Area Hub for the duration of the lockdown. This hub mobilised Council support and worked closely with local voluntary, community and faith organisations to ensure particularly people who were shielded and vulnerable received necessary practical support and volunteers were mobilised and engaged in the effort.
- 2.2 Also during the Coronavirus the Area Hub coordinated Council Wardens and Youth Workers to engage with the local community to increase awareness of the importance of keeping safe.
- 2.3 A key function of the Bradford South Area Office, working alongside Councillors and the Area Committee, is to coordinate the drafting and actioning of Area and Ward plans to meet local needs. In response to the Coronavirus the Area Committee has asked that the Area Office presents a Covid 19 Recovery Plan. This plan will be the central plan that determines the work of the Area Office during at least the rest of the financial year 2020-21.
- 2.4 The information collated through this process has identified areas where priorities in the Bradford South COVID -19 Recovery Action Plan continue to be addressed by mainstream provision. This will be of particular importance to the Area Committee where it involves Services which have been devolved to it. It also enables Bradford South Area Committee to more effectively identify where it may wish to allocate those resources.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 The purpose of the Bradford South COVID -19 Recovery Action Plan 2020 – 21 is to establish the priorities of the Area Committee and provide a framework for officers to deliver against agreed actions to mitigate against the impact of the Coronavirus on communities across Bradford South. It sets out priorities for action and provides a framework for the Area Committee to monitor progress.
- 3.2 Bradford South Area Committee will implement the Bradford South COVID -19 Recovery Action Plan 2020 -21 directly by use of its executive powers and delegated budgets as well being a co-ordinatory body and catalyst for action working in partnership.
- 3.3 For a number of the priority issues within the COVID Recovery Plan, it is likely that the main role of the Area Committee will be to continue to act as a co-ordinatory body and catalyst for action; with the Area Committee taking an investigative, supportive, developmental, championing, and monitoring role.
- 3.4 It is suggested that this role will largely be conducted through requesting Council Service Departments and partner agencies to note and respond to the priorities, to

present reports to the Area Committee on the work they are undertaking and the progress that is being made against the priorities within the Ward Plans.

- 3.5 Bradford South COVID -19 Recovery Action Plan 2020 - 21 can contribute to the District-wide approaches to dealing with Covid and its secondary impacts.

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

- 4.1 The production and dissemination of the Bradford South COVID-19 Recovery Action Plan 2020 - 21 is undertaken from within existing resources.
- 4.2 The Bradford South COVID-19 Recovery Action Plan 2020 – 21 will inform the budget-setting processes and service-planning throughout the Authority.
- 4.3 The Bradford South COVID-19 Recovery Action Plan 2020 – 21 will be forwarded to other key service-providers such as the Police and Clinical Commissioning Groups and community organisations to request that the Plan be used to inform their own priority-setting processes.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

- 5.1 There are no significant risks and governance issues arising from the proposed recommendations in this report.

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.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

Priorities identified within the Bradford South COVID-19 Recovery Action Plan 2020 - 21 will promote fairness and inclusion while supporting Bradford South Area Committee's commitment to equal opportunities for all and Bradford Council's Corporate Equalities actions.

7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Sustainability considerations are an element in actions taken to address priorities within the Bradford South COVID-19 Recovery Action Plan 2020 - 21. Covid has occurred at a time of increasing concern about the environmental impact at a global level. Wherever possible the concerns related to the environment will be incorporated.

7.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

Actions to assist in identifying the greenhouse gas impacts of actions to address priorities within the Bradford South COVID-19 Recovery Action Plan 2020 – 21 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 Community Safety issues are acknowledged as a key contributor to the quality of life in neighbourhoods. Community safety priorities have therefore been identified for inclusion in the Bradford South COVID-19 Recovery Action Plan 2020 - 21.

7.4.2 A key aspect of this work relates to supporting the Safer Communities Strategy, the Council's obligations under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Act 1998 and the work of the Safer Communities Partnership.

7.4.3 Internationally there has been an increase in domestic abuse during the Covid pandemic. There is a need to link domestic abuse issues in communities to the district wide Domestic Violence team.

7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

7.5.1 No direct implications arising from the Human Rights Act.

7.6 TRADE UNION

7.6.1 No direct Trade Union implications arise from this report.

7.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

7.7.1 The priorities outlined in this report will help to address issues in the Great Horton, Queensbury, Royds, Tong, Wibsey and Wyke Wards.

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

7.8.1 This will be the Area Committee Action plan

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

None.

9. OPTIONS

9.1 That Bradford South Area Committee adopts the recommendations outlined in this report.

9.2 That Bradford South Area Committee adopts the recommendations outlined in this report, with amendments.

9.3 That Bradford South Area Committee decides not to accept the recommendations outlined in this report.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 That Bradford South Area Committee approves and adopts the draft updated Bradford South COVID-19 Recovery Action Plan 2020 - 21.
- 10.2 That Bradford South Area Committee requests Council Officers, partner agencies and community organisations to support the implementation of the draft updated Bradford South COVID-19 Recovery Action Plan 2020 - 21.
- 10.3 That Bradford South Area Committee requests the Area Co-ordinator to continue to work with the relevant officers to support the implementation of the COVID-19 Recovery Plan.
- 10.4 That the Bradford South COVID-19 Recovery Action Plan 2020 – 21 should be considered in future revisions of District-wide strategies and budget-setting processes.

11. APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Draft Bradford South COVID-19 Recovery Action Plan 2020 - 21.

| | Priority | Actions | Services to involve? | Update |
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| Return to community safety and environmental improvement work | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinating ASB action responses | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reporting/Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Neighbourhood Policing Team Youth Workers ASB team, Safer Communities Team | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restart engagement with local residents to rebuild confidence and encourage reporting of issues | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and support neighbourhood watch/street surgeries etc. with partners | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ward Councillors Neighbourhood Wardens Neighbourhood Policing Team | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tidy and clean neighbourhoods | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encouraging local people to keep their neighbourhood tidy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ward Councillors Volunteers Ward Officers Neighbourhood Wardens Voluntary and Community Groups | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce domestic abuse | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Link issues of domestic abuse in Bradford South Communities to wider district wide strategies and actions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ward Officers Children's Services Council DV team | |
| Reducing the risk of a second outbreak – Including community responses to track and trace. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Readiness to respond to a significant new outbreak of Covid in Bradford South | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mobilise an appropriate Hub to meet the scale of the outbreak Set up food/medicine to support people self isolating Have a store of good quality PPE for staff Follow standard operating procedures (SOP) for a community outbreak. Community language and sign post information Encourage all to use re-useable PPE. e.g. Cotton masks | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Health Ward Officers Neighbourhood Wardens Youth Workers Young Ambassadors Neighbourhood Policing Team Voluntary and Community Groups | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Help prevent a second outbreak of Covid | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Young ambassadors to be involved in identifying ways to reduce risks with young people Undertake engagements within communities to maintain awareness of the risks of Covid and promote ways to keep safe Maintain good links with police re monitoring large gatherings, parties, complaints etc. and any other action they can take. Continue to raise awareness of how to reduce risks of Coronavirus and stay safe Prioritise clear info for older people Share info on how to report concerns about employers who are exposing staff to risk by not following Covid secure guidelines Work with local businesses to ensure safe working | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faith Organisations Social Prescribers employed by Royds Volunteers | |

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| Dealing with issues related to the economic impact on communities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring everyone has access to debt and finance advice • Help with job opportunities and training • Supporting feeding children and young people throughout school holiday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign posting what services are available including self employed • Connect with district and regional job opportunities and schemes • Find ways to promote local job opportunities to local residents • Support food banks to continue • Consider how to help young people leaving school and looked after children\care leavers become job ready – volunteering, mentoring etc. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ward Officers • Youth Workers • Neighbourhood Wardens • CHAS • Voluntary and Community Organisations • Regeneration • Children’s Services | |
| Working with health to help reduce the impact of reduced access to health care over during the Coronavirus crisis period | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with Community Health Partnerships to mobilise testing and approaches to peoples health | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give information to reduce fear • Immunisation programmes for children\cancer screening and flu vaccinations etc. • Awareness campaign – work with partners to encourage people to take up preventative health care, especially in areas where take up is already low • Promoting ‘social distanced’ walking buses at primary schools • Promote healthy lifestyles and eating - diabetics figures have increased • Oral health – hard to get into a NHS dental service –impact on peoples health • Engaging EU/migrant communities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ward Officers • Community Health and Partnerships 7, 8 and 9 • Voluntary and Community Groups • Public Health Team • Volunteers | |
| Working with partners on the issue of mental wellbeing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social isolation • Dementia • Befriending schemes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating safe places for shielded and vulnerable people including risk assessments • Supporting and reassuring people living with dementia • Bereavement counselling – promote what there is. Assess whether more is needed and how to arrange this. • Promoting the Royds and Healthy Lifestyle Befriending scheme and similar schemes – in line with their capacity to take more referrals • Referring people to activities to rebuild confidence after isolation etc. – opportunities for friends to get to get together again in small groups but also locating people who were isolated before • Mental health training for local workers and volunteers, similar to “recognise and respond” DV basic training • Support older people to go out safely and encourage them to socialise again without fear • Neighbourhoods team to create opportunities for social prescribers to refer people to | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ward Officers • Public Health Team • Youth Workers • Community Health Partnerships 7, 8 and 9 • Voluntary and Community and faith groups • Social prescribers employed by RCA | |