

Report of the Strategic Director of the Department of Place to the meeting of Keighley Area Committee to be held on 16th March 2022

Subject:

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Draft Keighley Locality Plan 2022-25

Summary statement:

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EQUALITY & DIVERSITY:

The implementation of the new approach to Locality Working in the Keighley Area will include an Engagement Plan which will set out how the voices of all communities in the Area are heard. This will include specific targeting, to ensure the views of minority groups who are seldom heard are engaged in the process.

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Portfolio:

Safer and Stronger Communities

Overview & Scrutiny Area:

Corporate

1. SUMMARY

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2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The vision for the Strengthening Locality Working approach is to build safe, strong and active localities where citizens and local leaders are empowered to work alongside public agencies and partners to address local needs and issues. Working collaboratively and creatively, they utilise local assets, resources and opportunities to enhance community capacity and tackle inequalities. People are at the heart of service design and delivery, and experience coordinated support within their localities and only need to tell their story once. A stronger focus on prevention and early help promotes better outcomes for local people and helps reduce the need for statutory interventions wherever possible.
- 2.2 To achieve the vision the project advocates a stronger role for Bradford Council and its partners as a leader and place shaper, aligning delivery and resources, renewing emphasis on the role of Area Committees and supporting local councillors in their capacity as democratic champions.
- 2.3 A previous report entitled "Strengthening Locality Working" (Document 'E') considered by Keighley Area Committee at its meeting held on 23 December 2021, set out this approach in more detail.
- 2.4 In July 2021 a 'Priority Setting Workshop' was held on-line to consider the insights gained from the data profile for the Area (Appendix A), and begin to develop a set of emerging priorities that could form the basis of the Keighley Locality Plan 2022-25.
- 2.5 Since the workshop in July, at three further meetings of the Keighley Area Community Partnership, and in discussions at 'Place' meetings and at a briefing for all Keighley Area District Councillors, work has been done to further develop the priorities in the draft Locality Plan and to gain inter agency support and ownership of the themes that are emerging, and action that could be taken to address them.
- 2.6 This report presents a draft format for the Keighley Locality Plan 2022-25 and a set of 18 locality-wide priorities for the Area Committee's approval (see Appendix B). These priorities follow the six 'priority outcome areas' set out in the Council Plan 2021-25 (see Appendix C).
- 2.7 The 'Actions, Outcomes and Indicators' sections of the Plan are still in development and will be presented to the Area Committee for approval at its first meeting of the new municipal year.
- 2.8 The Ward Plans are dependent on the approval of the priorities set out in the draft Locality Plan. They will take more time to develop and be underpinned by further

community engagement work and discussions with Members and partners at a ward level. Therefore, they will be presented to the Keighley Area Committee for noting at its first meeting of the new municipal year.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 Appendix A is the data that has been made available to help with the process of setting Area priorities. There are plans at the District level to enhance this dataset and therefore in the spring the Area is likely to have a broader set of data to work with. The available statistical data provides some areas that require further investigation and further insights will be able to be made when an enhanced dataset is available.
- 3.2 The Partnership accepts that its approach to Locality Planning would benefit from further community engagement; listening to communities and finding out from residents what they feel is going well and their ideas on what could be done better. Therefore, Ward Officers are currently leading a programme of community engagement which will include an online survey, door knocking, focus groups and discussions with existing community groups. Elected members will be encouraged to be involved in these activities.

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

This work falls within the current budget and resources of the Neighbourhood Service and other Council resources that are available for the Strengthening Locality Working programme.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

A key purpose of Strengthening Locality working is to reduce the demand on services.

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

There are no known legal implications from this work.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

No known sustainability issues. One of the key themes in the Locality Plan aims to increase sustainability across the Area.

7.2 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

Locality approaches should reduce travel

7.3 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

Community Safety issues will be addressed within the Locality Plan

7.4 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

No known issues.

7.5 TRADE UNION

No known issues.

7.6 WARD IMPLICATIONS

There will be positive implications for all Wards in the Keighley Area if the Strengthening Locality Working programme achieves its objectives

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

The Locality Plan 2022-25 will replace the existing Area Committee Action Plan

7.8 IMPLICATIONS FOR CORPORATE PARENTING

No known implications

7.9 ISSUES ARISING FROM PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESMENT

No known implications

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

None

9. OPTIONS

9.1 That members approve the draft format for the Keighley Locality Plan 2022-25 and the 18 priorities, as set out in Appendix B of this report.

9.2 That members suggest changes to the format for the Keighley Locality Plan 2022-25 and the 18 priorities.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 Keighley Area Committee approves the draft format for the Keighley Locality Plan 2022-25 and the 18 locality-wide priorities, as set out in Appendix B of this report.

10.2 Keighley Area Committee requests that the Keighley Area Co-ordinator completes the remaining sections of the Keighley Locality Plan 2022-25, including the Ward Plans, and presents them to Keighley Area Committee for consideration at its first meeting of the new municipal year.

11. APPENDICES

Appendix A: Keighley Area statistical data to support Locality Planning

Appendix B: Draft Keighley Locality Plan 2022-25

Appendix C: Our Council Plan: Priorities and Principles 2021 - 2025

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

“Strengthening Locality Working” (Document ‘E’), Keighley Area Committee, 23 December 2021