

Report of the Area Co-ordinator to the meeting of Shipley Area Committee to be held on 6th July 2022

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Subject:

Locality Working Review: Shipley approach and creating a Localities Plan for the Area.

Summary statement:

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EQUALITY & DIVERSITY:

The implementation of the Localities Review in Shipley will include an Engagement Plan which will set out how the voices of all communities in Shipley 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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Overview & Scrutiny Area:

Corporate

1. SUMMARY

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2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The vision for the Locality Working Review 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, using local assets, resources and opportunities to enhance community capacity and tackle inequalities. A stronger focus on prevention and early help will promote better outcomes for local people and help to reduce the need for statutory interventions wherever possible.
- 2.2 To achieve the vision the project advocates a stronger role for Bradford Council and all 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 We have increased the resource and capability within the Shipley Neighbourhood Service, including the recruitment of 3 Assistant Ward Officers.
- 2.4 Within the plans will be a Council-wide locality approach to prevention and early help that promotes collaboration between Council colleagues (and then with wider partners) to better support individuals, families and communities across the District. Early help is about tackling problems head-on when they emerge, intervening early before problems escalate and focusing on what's strong, not what's wrong. We will work closely with localities to make the most of their assets, resources and opportunities, empowering citizens and local leaders to work alongside public agencies and partners to address local needs in a collaborative and creative way. The plans will:
- Increase organisational resilience through a common understanding and approach to locality working
 - Evidence outcomes delivered against the Council and District plan priorities
 - Promote community capacity and improve outcomes to be delivered for communities
 - Reduce inequalities and improve access to support for individuals and communities
 - Allow individuals and communities to access multi-disciplinary early help that ultimately prevents/reduces/delays the need for statutory services
- 2.5 Working with our partners and gaining ownership of the new plans will be crucial to the success of the plans. The Shipley Area Office has set up an Area leadership team to look at setting priorities for the next 3 years. Partners include

- Police
- Safer Communities
- NHS
- Community Centres
- Education
- Shipley College
- Libraries
- Public Health
- VCS (Hale, CABAD, JAMES, Cellar Trust)
- Carers' Resource
- Community (Health) Partnerships
- Youth Service and Youth Justice teams
- Childrens and Adults services
- Highways, Cleansing and Parks, Waste services
- Incommunities
- Religious Establishments
- Parish Councils
- Equality Together (Disability Charity)
- Participate (Enterprise Coaching)
- Warden Service

2.6 Consultations with the above partners has begun and partners have been given updated data sets from a variety of sources reflecting the Council priority areas. The identified priorities will not solely focus on what data tells us, but will take into account what communities and partners tell us of their experiences, what they feel is going well and their ideas on what could be done better.

2.7 The Area plan will set out how the Council and partners are going to support communities to deliver better outcomes and will include:

1. Recognising and celebrating what communities are already doing for themselves and their wider strengths.
2. Identifying key areas where communities require support to achieve their desires and aspirations.
3. Identifying where services need to focus their delivery to meet Area expectations
4. Aligning and supporting the District plan priorities.
5. Investing in developing community capacity and empowering residents to help themselves.
6. Taking account of the needs of individual localities and communities, and how these change over time.
7. Promote partnership working across the council, with other agencies and community partners around a locality.

2.8 When completed, draft area and ward plans will need to be considered by this Committee in September.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

3.1 Quantitative and Qualitative Data

- 3.1.1 Statistical datasets will be crucial to support the Localities planning process. Currently the data that has been available to support Areas in developing their plans is included in appendix 1 of this report. Within this data it is possible to compare statistics with the 30 Wards in the District, the 5 Areas and also view trends within Wards to understand if an issue is improving or deteriorating and highlight potential priorities. Some of which could be in part of a ward or even street level.
- 3.1.2 Ward and Assistant Ward Officers are currently analysing the Locality Survey that was completed in April 2022. The information will be used to formulate the draft plans.
- 3.1.3 During July and August Ward officers will continue to engage with Ward Cllrs and also Parish Councils on the priorities.

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

- 4.1 Within the scope of the overall Review of Localities working the budget for the three new Assistant Ward Officers in Shipley are covered by increases to the Neighbourhood Service's base budget for 2021-2 onwards.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

- 5.1 A key purpose of Locality working is to reduce the demand on services

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

- 6.1 No known legal implications beyond those of the overall Localities Review

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1.1 No known sustainability issues. It is expected that the Area plan would increase sustainability as key driver

7.2 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

- 7.2.1 Locality approaches should reduce travel

7.3 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.3.1 Community Safety issues will be addressed within the Localities Plan

7.4 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

- 7.4.1 No known issues related to Human Rights

7.5 TRADE UNION

7.5.1 No issues

7.6 WARD IMPLICATIONS

7.6.1 There will be positive implications for all Wards in Shipley

7.7 AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS

7.7.1 The new plan will replace the existing Ward Plans

7.8 IMPLICATIONS FOR CORPORATE PARENTING

7.8.1 No known implications

7.9 ISSUES ARISING FROM PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESMENT

7.9.1 No known implications

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

8.1 'None'

9. OPTIONS

9.1 This report is for noting purposes only

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 That the committee notes the content of the report for locality planning

10.2 That Ward Officers continue to consult with ward and parish councillors and other partners during July and August to draft priorities

10.3 That the Committee receives a further report in September that will include a draft Area Plan and Ward Plans for consideration

11. APPENDICES

11.1 Appendix 1: Shipley link to statistical data to support Localities Planning:
<https://app.powerbi.com/view?r=eyJrIjoiMDMyMjA0YTctNWRhOC00NDc2LWE3NDgtYjI0MDcxYTc2MjMyliwidCI6IjI4YjZmQwLWFhMTYtNDEyYy05YjI2LWI4NDViOWFjZDFhOSJ9>

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

12.1 None