

Report of the Strategic Director of the Department of Place to the meeting of the Bradford South Area Committee to be held on Thursday 19 October 2023

Subject:

Bradford South Locality Plan 2022-2025

Summary statement:

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EQUALITY & DIVERSITY:

The District Plan and Locality Plans are underpinned by a cross cutting principle of tackling inequality in our communities and aim to deliver a broad range of projects, approaches and partnership interventions to provide support to our diverse communities. 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, we will support this approach, address inequality and improve opportunities for communities across our district.

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Overview & Scrutiny Area:

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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 the emphasis on the role of Area Committees and supporting local councillors in their capacity as democratic champions.
- 2.3 The project has seen the strengthening of resource and capability within the Neighbourhood Service, including the recruitment of 15 Assistant Ward Officers and five Stronger Communities Engagement Officers and a broadening of the role and influence of Area Co-ordinators as convenors of place across the district teams.
- 2.5 This work is underpinned by developing arrangements for 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. By prevention we mean, preventing or delaying problems from arising in the first place so that everyone across the Bradford District – whatever locality they come from – can live a long, healthy, and full life. In turn, Early Help is about tackling problems head-on when they emerge, intervening early before problems escalate. At the heart of both Prevention and Early Help is a constant focus on **what's strong, not what's wrong**. We work closely with communities 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.
- 2.6 Delivered well, the Locality 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 intervention by statutory services.

2.7 “Bradford South Locality Plans and Ward Plans 2022 – 2025” (Document F) were considered by Bradford South Area Committee at its meeting held on 8 September 2022. This meeting was not concluded and immediately adjourned following the news of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. This was represented and the Locality and Ward plans adopted at the Bradford South Area Committee meeting on Thursday 29 September 2022.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

3.1 The Locality Plan set out priorities for Bradford South, working with its partner agencies, communities and residents to address between 2022 and 2025 as part of a 3 year plan. This is building on the work that Bradford Council, its partners and communities have undertaken over recent years.

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

4.1.1 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.

4.1.2 The Locality and Ward Plans priorities assist the Area Committee in its place-based area management role, and to inform the allocation of Area Committee budgets.

4.1.3 Officer support for co-ordination to take forward the Locality and Ward Plans will be provided by the Bradford South Area Co-ordinator’s Office.

4.1.4 The Bradford South Locality and Ward Plans 2022 – 2025 are used to inform the budget-setting processes and service-planning throughout the authority and partners.

4.1.5 The Bradford South Locality and Ward Plans 2022 – 2025 have been developed with and will be shared with key service-providers such as the Police, Health, social housing landlords and community organisations to request that these Plans be used to inform their own priority-setting processes.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

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

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

6.1 There are no known legal implications from this work.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1.1 One of the key themes in the Locality Plan aims to increase sustainability across the Area. The locality and Ward Plans provide more details on a range of actions, approaches, outcomes and indicators that address a range of Community Safety issues including anti-social behaviour.

7.2 TACKLING THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.2.1 Locality approaches should reduce travel.

7.3 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.3.1 Community Safety issues will be addressed within the Locality Plan. The locality and Ward Plans provide more details on a range of actions, approaches, outcomes and indicators that address a range of Community Safety issues including anti-social behaviour.

7.4 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

- 7.4.1 There are no known issues.

7.5 TRADE UNION

- 7.5.1 There are no known issues.

7.6 WARD IMPLICATIONS

- 7.6.1 There will be positive implications for all Wards in the Bradford South Area if the Strengthening Locality Working programme achieves its objectives.

7.7 IMPLICATIONS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

- 7.7.1 The views of young people have been considered in the development of the Locality Plan through a district wide survey and through consultation in Youth Work settings. It is hoped that through taking action in line with the priorities set out in the Locality Plan that the outcomes for children and young people across a range of priorities will be improved.

7.8 ISSUES ARISING FROM PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESMENT

- 7.8.1 There are no known issues.

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

- 8.1 There are no not for publication documents.

9. OPTIONS

- 9.1 This report is presented to the Bradford South Area Committee for information, discussion and comments.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Bradford South Area Committee:

- 10.1 Notes the progress and achievements of delivery of the priorities contained within the Bradford South Locality Plan 2022-2025, as set out in Appendix A of this report.
- 10.2 Agree that the Bradford South Area Co-ordinator presents a further progress report to the Bradford South Area Committee in 12 months, setting out the progress and achievements made for each of the priorities detailed in the Bradford South Locality Plan 2022-2025.

11. APPENDICES

- 11.1 Appendix A: Bradford South Locality Plan progress and achievements report 2022-2025.

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

“Locality working review: Bradford South Approach and creating Localities Plans for the area” (Document I) considered by the Bradford South Area Committee at its meeting held on 30 September 2021.

“Locality working review: Bradford South Approach and creating Localities Plans for the area” (Document I) considered by the Bradford South Area Committee at its meeting held on 28 October September 2021.

“Localities update and discussion” (Document ‘Q’) considered by Bradford South Area Committee at its meeting held on 2 December 2021.

“Bradford South Locality Plans and Ward Plans 2022 – 2025” (Document F) considered by Bradford South Area Committee at its meeting held on 8 September 2022. This meeting was not concluded and was immediately adjourned following the news of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.