

Report of the Strategic Director Place to the meeting of the Executive to be held on 5 December 2023

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Subject:

Shipley Locality Plan – Progress update 2023

Summary statement:

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EQUALITY & DIVERSITY:

The Locality Plans are being developed in consultation with a wide variety of partners with the aim of ensuring that the voices of all communities in the Locality are heard. They 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 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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1. SUMMARY

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2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The vision for the 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 this 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 Neighbourhood & Community Services, including the recruitment of 15 Assistant Ward Officers and five Stronger Communities Participation & Engagement Officers and a broadening of the role and influence of Area Co-ordinators as convenors of place.
- 2.4 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 with wider partner agencies, 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.
- 2.5 A new initiative called Neighbourhood Connect was started this year in February 2023 in BD18. It's key purpose to help people and reduce the demand on statutory services. This involved the Area Office receiving referrals for people that do not meet Adult Services threshold for support (e.g. loneliness, isolation, challenges with

independent living, financial problems etc.) and getting people connected with relevant groups or individuals who can help, such as befriending services, community groups with specific interests or whatever organisation is suitable to help that individual and help build their confidence in the community.

Since February it has been adopted across all wards in the Shipley Area with Adult Services as the main agency currently referring into the Area Office. So far over 40 referrals have been made and this is likely to increase. The concept has proved very popular and has been taken up by all 5 Neighbourhood Area Teams. More information on this and all priorities including case studies are shown in Appendix 1 and includes information on

- Shipley Area skills Partnership
- Shipley Enterprise Hub
- Shipley Towns Funf Business Grants
- The Environment, Climate Change and Biodiversity initiatives
- Youth work initiatives
- Health Partnership progress
- Bingley Menopause group initiative
- Neighbourhood Connect
- Mens Sheds
- Cost of living Assistance

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

3.1 The Locality Plan set out priorities for Shipley 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. Progress against the priorities are reported to Shipley Area Committee on a quarterly basis.

3.2 Funding that has been awarded by Shipley Area Committee:

Community Buildings Grant - £30,255
UKSPF capacity Building & Infrastructure Support Local Groups - £16,687
UKSPF Community measures to Reduce the Cost of Living - £56,711
Combined Cost of Living Fund - £81,992
Climate Community Grant - £73,800
Community Chest - £11,500

3.3 Shipley secured £25 million of funding as part of the Government's Towns Fund. This will deliver the following in the area:

Development and Investment Fund

Value - £7m

Purpose - The limited availability of good quality serviced sites and premises is a key constraint upon local economic growth in Shipley. In addition, the increasing lack of affordable housing available particularly in the town centre area is proving a constraint on inclusive local economic growth.

Town Centre and Infrastructure Improvements

Value – £5.04m

Purpose - The significant enhancement of public realm and connectivity within Shipley town centre.

The Community, Arts, Heritage and Future Technology Hub

Value - £5.39m

Purpose - Development of The Community, Arts, Heritage and Future Technology Centre by Shipley College will connect local people to opportunities to gain the skills which are in demand in the region by offering a state-of-the-art space for running the Government's new flagship T Levels. The scheme also supports the protection and enhancement of the historic environment and setting of the Saltaire World Heritage Site.

Capital assistance to Business Growth

Value - £2m

Purpose - The Business Growth Programme is designed to help new businesses start-ups, small and medium-sized businesses and large businesses based in or looking to locate into the Shipley Towns Fund area.

Shipley Library Enterprise Hub

Value - £80,000

Purpose - To develop and upgrade the exhibition space in Shipley Library to showcase local entrepreneurs, craftspeople, makers and small businesses including support, mentoring and training opportunities, networking events and workspace facilities.

Health, Wellbeing and Community Campus

Value - £3m

Purpose - To create a health and wellbeing campus offering wide range of integrated support services delivered by a skilled workforce and a team of volunteers who are trained in engaging, assessing, motivating and giving people the tools to improve their health and wellbeing.

Wrose Quarry Wetlands

Value - £70,000

Purpose - Regenerating the heritage site at Wrose Hill/Quarry, including adding accessible footpaths, improving biodiversity by creating new wetland features and tree planting, adding new recreational features.

Shipley Sustainable Community Hub

Value - £2.51m

Purpose - The Sustainable Community Hub project involves the renovations of the

Kirkgate Centre building, an historic building based in the heart of Shipley, which needs significant structural refurbishment to enable the building to continue to serve the community for many years to come.

This hub will provide our town with a place to meet, gather, and connect with one another in a safe environment. The project will be a community resource delivering volunteering opportunities, upskilling, reducing isolation, improving wellbeing, holding social community events alongside targeted access to specialist creative facilities and equipment.

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

- 4.1 This work falls within the current budget and resources of the Neighbourhood Service and other existing Council and partner agency resources that are available for joint working to address the Locality Plan priorities.

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 This strategy falls within the Councils general power of competence in section 1 of the Localism Act 2011. There are no legal implications directly arising from this progress report. Legal input provided on the current projects have included advice on grants, procurement and subsidy control and further legal input will be provided as required.

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.

7.2 TACKLING THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.2.1 See Progress on 'A Sustainable district' (Appendix 1) including updates on Clean Air, Biodiversity, and support to community groups to tackle the Climate emergency.

7.3 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.3.1 Community Safety issues will be addressed within the Locality Plan.

7.4 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

- 7.4.1 No known issues.

7.5 TRADE UNION

7.5.1 No known issues.

7.6 WARD IMPLICATIONS

7.6.1 There will be positive implications for all Wards in the Shipley Area if the Shipley Locality Plan achieves its objectives.

7.7 AREA COMMITTEE LOCALITY PLAN IMPLICATIONS

7.7.1 This report details progress being made to address the 18 priorities in the Shipley Locality Plan.

7.8 IMPLICATIONS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

7.8.1 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 Bradford's Looked After Children will be improved.

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 Decisions related to Locality Plans are the responsibility of the relevant Area Committee. Therefore, this report is presented to the Executive for information, discussion, and comment.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 The Executive is invited to comment on the Shipley Locality Plan – Progress Update 2023, as set out in Appendix 1 of this report.

10.2 The Executive requests that the Shipley Area Co-ordinators, accompanied by the Chair of Shipley Area Committee, presents a progress report to the Executive in 12 months' time, setting out the progress and achievements made for each of the priorities detailed in the Shipley Locality Plan during 2023/24.

11. APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Shipley Locality Plan – Progress Update and case studies 2023

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

- 12.1 Shipley Area Committee meeting Wednesday 25th January 2023 – Locality Plan - Progress Update (Document 'L').
- 12.2 Shipley Area Committee meeting Wednesday 2nd August 2023 – Locality Plan – Progress Update (Document 'E')