

Report of the Strategic Director – Environment and Sport to the meeting of Shipley Area Committee to be held on 27 January 2016

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Subject:

Shipley Area Ward Plans – New Format for 2016-17

Summary statement:

This report proposes a new format for Ward Plans for 2016-17.

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Overview & Scrutiny Area:
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1. SUMMARY

1.1 This report proposes a new format for Ward Plans for 2016-17.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 With ever reducing budgets, staffing and funding in the whole of the public and voluntary sectors it is important to concentrate remaining resources on the main priorities which will help improve the quality of life for all in each Ward.

2.2 Currently the Shipley Ward plans include a numerous priorities ranging from 19 to 42. The Shipley Area Co-ordinator's Office is proposing the Ward Plans for 2016-17 focus on the top six to eight priorities for each Ward and that for each priority the Plan sets out clear methods for addressing them and includes the principles of the Council's 'New Deal' initiative including community empowerment, increased volunteering, devolution and measures to reduce demand on Council services (eg People Can campaign).

2.3 If the principal is approved it is proposed that the top six to eight priorities will be drawn up by Ward Officers in consultation with Ward Councillors and other partner agencies and that final plans are approved by this Committee.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

3.1 There are no other considerations.

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

4.1 Officer support for co-ordination of the Ward Plans will be provided by the Shipley Area Co-ordinator's Office.

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 Wellbeing placed upon the Council to promote and improve the well-being of the District.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

7.1.1 Ward Plan priorities promote fairness and inclusion while supporting Shipley Area Committee's commitment to equal opportunities for all.

7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

7.2.1 Resources available to Shipley Area Committee, described in this report, will directly support the delivery of the District's Sustainable Community Strategy.

7.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

7.3.1 Some actions undertaken to address priorities in the Ward Plans will have an impact on greenhouse gas emissions. 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. A number of priorities supported in the period covered by this report demonstrate a positive impact on community safety issues across Shipley Area.

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

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 activity outlined in this report addresses priorities in all Wards in the Shipley Area.

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

8.1 None.

9. OPTIONS

9.1 That Shipley Area Committee adopts the recommendation outlined in this report.

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

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

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 That the new format for Ward Plans for 2016-17 as set out in section 2 of this report be approved.

11. APPENDICES

11.1 No appendices.

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

12.1 No background documents.