



Report of the Strategic Director of Environment and Sport to the meeting of Bradford South Area Committee to be held on 17 March 2016.

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Subject:

Draft Updated Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2014-17

Summary statement:

This report presents a Draft Updated Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2014-17 for consideration by the Area Committee.

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1. SUMMARY

This report presents a draft updated Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2014-17 for consideration by the Area Committee.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 Bradford Council's Executive resolved on 9 March 2004:

“that the Community Development and Lifelong Learning Director prepare Area Committee Plans, setting out local accountability of Services, including Actions responding to Ward Members, Neighbourhood Forums, Neighbourhood Action Plans, Parish Plans, Urban Village Plans and other local action planning.”

2.2 This work was undertaken and has been followed through by the Neighbourhood Service, through the Area Co-ordinator's Office, working to support the Area Committee through the implementation stage of Bradford South Area Committee Action Plans covering the period 2004 – 11.

2.3 Partners, Services and Agencies have also been committed to supporting action planning at a Neighbourhood and Area-level within the Sustainable Community Strategy. They have supported Locality Planning and have worked with Bradford South Area Co-ordinator's Office to identify issues.

2.4 Ward Assessments were first developed to provide information used to underpin the updated Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2014-17 when it was last updated in March 2014. Ward Assessments are now embedded within the Bradford Observatory Website. These are update on an on-going basis.

2.5 The information collated through this process has identified areas where priorities in the draft Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2014-17 continue to be addressed by mainstream provision. This will be of particular importance to the Area Committee where it involves Services which have been devolved to it. It also enables Bradford South Area Committee to more effectively identify where it may wish to allocate those resources.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

3.1 The purpose of the Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2014-17 is to support improvements to the quality of life in Bradford South. It sets out priorities for action and provides a framework for the Area Committee to monitor progress.

3.2 Bradford South Area Committee will implement the Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2014-17 directly by use of its executive powers and delegated budgets as well being a co-ordinatory body and catalyst for action working in partnership.

3.3 For a number of the priority issues within the Action Plan, it is likely that the main role of the Area Committee will be to continue to act as a co-ordinatory body and catalyst for action; with the Area Committee taking an investigative, supportive, developmental, championing, and monitoring role.

- 3.4 It is suggested that this role will largely be conducted through requesting Council Service Departments and partner agencies to note and respond to the priorities, to present reports to the Area Committee on the work they are undertaking and the progress that is being made against the priorities within the Area Committee Action Plan.
- 3.5 By presenting priorities by Ward it is intended that the Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2014-17 will continue to be used to support the work of Ward Leadership Teams and Ward Officer Teams on an ongoing basis.
- 3.6 The Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2014-17 can contribute to the District-wide Community Strategy and progress towards the 2020 Vision of Bradford as a good place to live, work, rest, and play.

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

- 4.1 The production and dissemination of the Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2014-17 is undertaken from within existing resources.
- 4.2 The Area Committee Action Plan priorities can be used to assist the Area Committee in its Local Area Management role, and to inform the allocation of Area Committee budgets.
- 4.3 Officer support for co-ordination to take forward the Action Plan will be provided by the Bradford South Area Co-ordinator's Office.
- 4.4 The Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2014-17 will inform the budget-setting processes and service-planning throughout the Authority.
- 4.5 The Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2014-17 will be forwarded to other key service-providers such as the Police and Clinical Commissioning Groups and community organisations to request that the Action Plan be used to inform their own priority-setting processes.

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

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

Priorities identified within the Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2014-17 will promote fairness and inclusion while supporting Bradford South Area Committee's commitment to equal opportunities for all.

7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Sustainability considerations are an element in actions taken to address priorities within the Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2014-17.

7.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

Actions to assist in identifying the greenhouse gas impacts of actions to address priorities within the Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2014-17 will be undertaken. 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. Community safety priorities have therefore been identified for inclusion in the Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2014-17.

7.4.2 A key aspect of this work relates to supporting the Safer Communities Strategy, the Council's obligations under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Act 1998 and the work of the Safer Communities 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 priorities outlined in this report will help to address issues in the Great Horton, Queensbury, Royds, Tong, Wibsey and Wyke Wards.

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

7.8.1 The priorities within the Bradford South Area Committee's Action Plan 2014-17 help inform Bradford South Area Committee decisions.

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

None.

9. OPTIONS

- 9.1 That Bradford South Area Committee adopts the recommendations outlined in this report.
- 9.2 That Bradford South Area Committee adopts the recommendations outlined in this report, with amendments.
- 9.3 That Bradford South Area Committee decides not to accept the recommendations outlined in this report.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 That Bradford South Area Committee approves and adopts the draft updated Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2014-17.
- 10.2 That Bradford South Area Committee requests Council Officers, partner agencies and community organisations to support the implementation of the draft updated Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2014-17.
- 10.3 That Bradford South Area Committee requests the Area Co-ordinator to continue to work with the relevant officers to support the implementation of the Area Committee Action Plan, as adopted, and to prepare a schedule of reports about progress, to be presented to future meetings of the Area Committee.
- 10.4 That the Interim Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2016-17 should be considered in future revisions of District-wide strategies and budget-setting processes.

11. APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Draft Updated Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2015-16.

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

- 12.1 "Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2011-14" (Document AW), report to Bradford South Area Committee, 27 January 2011.
- 12.2 "Draft Interim Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2011-14" (Document BH), report to Bradford South Area Committee, 24 March 2011.
- 12.3 "Draft Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2011-14" (Document BA), report to Bradford South Area Committee, 22 March 2012.
- 12.4 "Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2011-14 Update" (Document AW), report to Bradford South Area Committee, 24 January 2013.

- 12.5 “Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2011-14 Update” (Document BA), report to Bradford South Area Committee, 24 January 2014.
- 12.6 “Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2014-17 Update”, report to Bradford South Area Committee, 26 March 2015