

Report of the Assistant Director of Neighbourhood and Customer Services to the meeting of Bradford East Area Committee to be held on Thursday 17 March 2016

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Subject:

Bradford East Ward Plans

Summary statement:

This report invites members to consider draft Ward Plans for the Bradford East Area covering the period 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017.

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Overview & Scrutiny Area:

Corporate

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report invites members to consider draft Ward Plans for the Bradford East Area covering the period 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Ward Plans highlight local priorities and provide a basis for tackling issues collectively at a local level.
- 2.2 The method for developing priorities for Wards has been through the annual Ward Assessment. The Ward Assessment includes a wide range of key statistical information about the Ward. In addition to the statistical data, there is also a range of qualitative information gained through community engagement. The quantitative and qualitative information is used to establish the needs of the Ward. The Assessment also includes information about community strengths and resources available to address the Ward needs.
- 2.3 Information collated through this process has identified priorities in the Ward Plans that require addressing.
- 2.4 Members in all the six wards and partners have been involved in the development of the Ward Plans. The Committee may wish to look to allocate resources at its disposal to meet the priorities contained in the Plans. The Ward Plans 2016 - 2017 are attached as Appendix A.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 The purpose of the six Ward Plans is to set out a clear list of priority issues that should be addressed in 2016 - 2017 in order to improve the social, economic and environmental conditions within the Bradford East Area. The Ward Plans will continue to be the subject of a refresh on an annual basis with full consultation with members, partner organisations and the community.
- 3.2 Bradford East Area Committee is able to influence the Ward Plans directly by use of its executive powers and delegated budgets, as well as by a co-ordinator body and catalyst for action working in partnership. The six Ward Plans list the current priorities which can be amended in the light of emerging conditions and opportunities (e.g. devolution).
- 3.3 The Ward Plans will contribute to the District and Council Plans currently being developed promoting greater accountability and buy into Bradford Council's New Deal outcomes. The principles and ways of working incorporated in New Deal feature strongly in terms of the action proposed to address priorities in the Ward Plans. These include community empowerment, increased volunteering, devolution and reducing demand on Council services.

4. OPTIONS

- 4.1 That Bradford East Area Committee adopts the recommendations outlined in this report.

4.2 That Bradford East Area Committee adopts the recommendations outlined in this report, with amendments.

4.3 That Bradford East Area Committee decides not to accept the recommendations outlined in this report.

5. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

5.1 The production and dissemination of the six Ward Plans can be met from within existing resources.

5.2 The priorities contained in the Ward Plans can be used to assist the Area Committee in its Local Area Management role and to inform the allocation of existing Area Committee budgets.

5.3 Officer support for co-ordination to action the priorities in the Ward Plans can be provided by the Area Co-ordinator's Office.

5.4 The six Ward Plans will inform budget-setting processes and service-planning throughout the Area.

5.5 The Bradford East Ward Plans will be forwarded to other key service-providers such as the Police and Clinical Commissioning Groups and community organisations to request that the Ward Plans be used to inform their own priority-setting processes.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

6.1 There are no significant risks arising out of the proposed recommendations

7. LEGAL APPRAISAL

7.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

8.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

The Ward Plans will seek to address concerns that have arisen from all sections of the community.

8.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Sustainability considerations should be a constant element in any actions taken to address the Ward Plans.

8.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

There are no Greenhouse Gas Emission implications arising from this report.

8.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

Community safety priorities have been included in the six Ward Plans.

8.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

There are no Human Rights implications arising from this report.

8.6 TRADE UNION

There are no Trade Union implications arising from this report

8.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

Priorities identified in the Ward Plans will benefit all six wards in Bradford East.

9. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

There are no not for publication documents.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 That the Bradford East Area Committee approves and adopts the six Ward Plans 2016 - 2017.
- 10.2 That Bradford East Area Committee requests Council Officers, partner agencies and community organisations to support the implementation of the six Ward Plans 2016 - 2017.
- 10.3 That the Bradford East Area Co-ordinator reports back to this Committee on the progress in addressing the priorities contained in the Ward Plans 2016 - 2017.

11. APPENDICES

- 11.1 **Appendix A:** Draft Ward Plans 2016 -2017.

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

- 12.1 Ward Plans and Ward Assessments 2014 - 2015
- 12.2 Ward Assessments – 2016