

Agenda for a meeting of the Executive to be held on Tuesday, 9 April 2024 at 10.30 am in the Council Chamber - City Hall, Bradford

Members of the Executive – Councillors

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A. PROCEDURAL ITEMS

1. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

(Members Code of Conduct – Part 4A of the Constitution)

To receive disclosures of interests from members and co-opted members on matters to be considered at the meeting. The disclosure must include the nature of the interest.

An interest must also be disclosed in the meeting when it becomes apparent to the member during the meeting.

Notes:

- (1) *Members must consider their interests, and act according to the following:*

Type of Interest	You must:
<i>Disclosable Pecuniary Interests</i>	<i>Disclose the interest; not participate in the discussion or vote; and leave the meeting <u>unless</u> you have a dispensation.</i>
<i>Other Registrable Interests (Directly Related)</i> OR <i>Non-Registrable Interests (Directly Related)</i>	<i>Disclose the interest; speak on the item <u>only if</u> the public are also allowed to speak but otherwise not participate in the discussion or vote; and leave the meeting <u>unless</u> you have a dispensation.</i>
<i>Other Registrable Interests (Affects)</i> OR <i>Non-Registrable Interests (Affects)</i>	<i>Disclose the interest; remain in the meeting, participate and vote <u>unless</u> the matter affects the financial interest or well-being</i> <i>(a) to a greater extent than it affects the financial interests of a majority of inhabitants of the affected ward, and</i> <i>(b) a reasonable member of the public knowing all the facts would believe that it would affect your view of the wider public interest; in which case speak on the item <u>only if</u> the public are also allowed to speak but otherwise not do not participate in the discussion or vote; and leave the meeting <u>unless</u> you have a dispensation.</i>

- (2) *Disclosable pecuniary interests relate to the Member concerned or their spouse/partner.*
- (3) *Members in arrears of Council Tax by more than two months must not vote in decisions on, or which might affect, budget calculations, and must disclose at the meeting that this restriction applies to them. A failure to comply with these requirements is a criminal offence under section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.*
- (4) *Officers must disclose interests in accordance with Council Standing Order 44.*

2. **MINUTES**

Recommended –

That the minutes of the meetings held on 5 March 2024, including Budget Executive be signed as a correct record (previously circulated).

(Yusuf Patel – 07970 411923)

3. **INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS**

(Access to Information Procedure Rules – Part 3B of the Constitution)

Reports and background papers for agenda items may be inspected by contacting the person shown after each agenda item. Certain reports and background papers may be restricted.

Any request to remove the restriction on a report or background paper should be made to the relevant Strategic Director or Assistant Director whose name is shown on the front page of the report.

If that request is refused, there is a right of appeal to this meeting.

Please contact the officer shown below in advance of the meeting if you wish to appeal.

(Yusuf Patel – 07970 411923)

4. **RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE**

The following recommendations have been referred to the Executive:

(i) Petition received at Council – Tuesday 12 March 2024

Petition - objection to the sale of Skirrow Street Car Park, Cottingley.

Resolved – That the petition be referred to the Executive for further consideration.

(ii) Regeneration and Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on Tuesday 19 March 2024

REPORT ON THE USE OF GLYPHOSATE FOR WEED CONTROL WITHIN BRADFORD METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Resolved –

- (1) That, following consideration the options set out in Document “AG”, that Option 2: All Area constituencies to stop using Glyphosate in all Parks and Cemeteries (except in exceptional use) using strimming as a control measure, in April 2024, be recommended to the Executive for adoption. This would see the adopted highway continue to be weed sprayed but avoiding sensitive areas highlighted in Document “AG”.**
- (2) That it be further recommended to the Executive that clear signs be placed in all relevant areas explaining what the Council is doing.**
- (3) That officers continue to add areas of high sensitivity to be avoided in the use of glyphosate in particular areas around schools and play parks.
- (4) That officers continue to liaise with other Local Authorities re best practice and experiences in the reduced use of glyphosate.
- (5) That should Option 2 be adopted (as set out in Resolution 1), information be circulated to Area Committee Chairs informing them of the cessation of glyphosate use (except in exceptional use) as detailed in Option 2.

To be actioned by: Strategic Director, Place

(iii) **Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Thursday
21 March 2024**

BRADFORD COUNCIL'S GAMBLING CROSS DEPARTMENTAL
ACTION PLAN - PROGRESS REPORT

Resolved –

- (1) That this Committee requests progress against Bradford Councils Gambling Cross Departmental Action Plan, be presented to this Committee in 12 months, which also includes all outcomes delivered.
- (2) That this Committee requests that Bradford Councils Leader and Chief Executive write to the District MP's and Ministers, to encourage the Gambling Commission and Helpline to refer cases to services, such as those provided by the NHS.
- (3) This Committee requests that Bradford Council Licensing consider a proactive approach to under age activity inspections, of gambling premises.
- (4) **That this Committee asks the Executive to consider Bradford becoming a gambling free advert zone, similar to Sheffield and explore possibility of Bradford 2025 Capital of Culture events, to not advertise gambling related activities.**

To be actioned by – Director of Public Health

(Yusuf Patel – 07970 411923)

B. STRATEGIC ITEMS

LEADER OF COUNCIL & CORPORATE

(Councillor Hinchcliffe)

5. QTR 4 FINANCE POSITION STATEMENT FOR 2023-24

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The Director of Finance will submit a report (**Document AY**) which provides Members with the forecast year-end financial position of the Council for 2023-24 and sets out the unprecedented scale of its financial challenges. It outlines the revenue and capital budgets and the year-end forecast financial position based on information at the end of February 2024. It states the Council's current reserves and school balances.

The Council's forecast overspend has a net decrease of £1.2m from Quarter 3/ Period 9 to £74.2m as outlined in the report. This is subject to the actual outturn, closure of the accounts and the pending balance sheet review. A final 2023-24 Finance Position Statement will be provided in July based on outturn data at the 31st March 2024.

The report outlines the unprecedented overspend, and the ongoing action being undertaken to address the current challenges and further urgent action that will be required to secure a sustainable financial position. The Council has now effectively run out of reserves, and consequently it applied for, and has now had approved, Exceptional Financial Support from Government of £80m for 2023-24 and £140m for 2024-25.

A capitalisation directive approved is however only an interim solution. To achieve a financially sustainable position, the Council and the Trust will need to deliver a combination of; significantly higher level of savings than is currently proposed; additional income, further asset disposals and further capital expenditure reductions.

A continuous cycle of identifying new savings and other measures to reducing the gap will need to be embedded in 2024-25.

Recommended –

That the Executive

- (1) Review and comment on the Qtr 4 Finance Position Statement for 2023-24**
- (2) Note the following has been approved under Section 1.7 of the Financial Regulations for inclusion in the Capital programme:**
 - £0.075m for capital works on the garden and the purchase of three hoists at a Children's Residential Homes. This will be funded from the 2023-24 General Contingency budget included in the CIP.**
- (3) Approve the charges for court costs in respect of Council Tax and Business Rates as outlined in section 15.3 to Document "AY".**

Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Corporate

(Andrew Cross – 01274 436823)

C. PORTFOLIO ITEMS

HEALTHY PEOPLE AND PLACES PORTFOLIO

(Councillor Ferriby)

6. REVIEW OF INTERMEDIATE CARE SERVICES

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The Strategic Director of Adult Social Care and Health will submit a report (**Document “AZ”**) which sets out ambitious plans for our health and care partnership to transform intermediate care (IMC) services in Bradford District and Craven. We have drawn on our District Plan and strategies as a Health and Care Partnership; approaching this challenge as one system, committed to the sustainability of all partners.

Recommended –

- (1) Members are asked to comment and agree the blueprint for intermediate care in Bradford District and Craven.**
- (2) Members are asked to agree the permanent closure of Thompson Court Care Facility in Crossflatts and Norman Lodge Care Facility in Odsal.**

Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Health and Social Care

(Iain MacBeath – 01274 432990)

REGENERATION, PLANNING & TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO

(Councillor Ross-Shaw)

7. BRADFORD COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) - ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE EXPANSION OF HEALTH PROVISION IN BURLEY IN WHARFEDALE

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The Council resolved at the meeting of Executive on 13 July 2023 to be minded to allocate £400,000 from the Bradford Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), towards the costs of the construction of an extension of Grange Road GP Surgery Burley in Wharfedale, in order, to increase capacity of the practice. This was subject to the need for a further report to Executive to formally allocate the funds which were conditional on the receipt of CIL from the Sun Lane housing development and a funding agreement between the Council and the surgery.

The Strategic Director, Place will submit a report (**Document “BA”**) which confirms receipt of the first phase of funds from the development and a draft funding agreement has been prepared with the surgery and their lenders. The report recommends that the Council formally allocate the £400,000 to the Surgery in line with the funding agreement to support the delivery of the extension.

Recommended –

- (1) That the Executive approves the allocation of £400,000 from CIL to the Grange Park Surgery, Burley in Wharfedale**
- (2) The allocation be made available in line with the mechanism set out within the draft funding agreement which allows staged draw down linked to the construction plan**
- (3) That the implementation of the funding agreement and any variation required is delegated to the Strategic Director (Place) in consultation with the Interim Director of Legal and Governance, Section 151 Officer and the Portfolio Holder.**

Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Regeneration and Environment

(Michala Bartle - 01274 432522)