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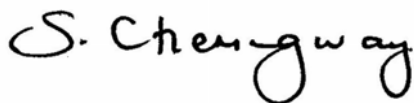
Dear Councillor

COUNCIL MEETING – 22 OCTOBER 2013

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Council to be held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Bradford, on Tuesday, 22 October 2013 at 1600.

The agenda for the meeting is set out overleaf.

Yours sincerely



City Solicitor

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AGENDA

A. PROCEDURAL ITEMS

1. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

(Members Code of Conduct - Part 4A of Constitution)

To receive disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests from 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 only becomes apparent to the member during the meeting.

Notes:

- (1) Members may remain in the meeting and take part fully in discussion and voting unless the interest is a disclosable pecuniary interest or an interest which the Member feels would call into question their compliance with the wider principles set out in the Code of Conduct. Disclosable pecuniary interests relate to the Member concerned or their spouse/partner.*
- (2) 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.*
- (3) Members are also welcome to disclose interests which are not disclosable pecuniary interests but which they consider should be made in the interest of clarity.*
- (4) Officers must disclose interests in accordance with Council Standing Order 44.*

2. MINUTES

Recommended -

That the minutes of the meeting held on 9 July 2013 be signed as a correct record (previously circulated).

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

4. WRITTEN ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LORD MAYOR

(Standing Order 4)

(To be circulated before the meeting).

5. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

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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.

(Adrian Tumber - 01274 432435)

B. BUSINESS ITEMS

6. PETITIONS (Standing Order 11)

Ward

To consider up to five requests for the Council to receive petitions in accordance with Standing Orders.

- (i) Request for off-street parking on part of the Wibsey fairground
- (ii) Save Bingley Pool
- (iii) Stop the Saltaire Turbine

Wibsey
Bingley
Shipley

As the petition concerning Bingley Pool has more than 1500 signatures in accordance with the Council's petitions scheme a debate of up to 15 minutes will take place.

If any further requests are received, in writing, by mid-day three working days before the meeting (Thursday), details will be circulated.

(Palbinder Sandhu- 01274 432269)

7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (Standing Order 13)

There are no public questions.

(Palbinder Sandhu- 01274 432269)

8. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND JOINT COMMITTEES

(Standing Order 4)

Recommended –

- (1) **That Councillor Abid Hussain replace Councillor Vanda Greenwood as an alternate on the Regulatory and Appeals Committee.**
- (2) **That the appointment of Isobel Scarborough (who represents the Bradford District Older People's Partnership), Tim Pickles and Susan Crowe (who both represent the Strategic Disability Partnership) as non voting co-opted Members**

on the Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the remainder of the 2013/14 Municipal Year be confirmed.

To consider any other motions (i) to appoint members to a Committee or a Joint Committee; or (ii) to appoint Chairs or Deputy Chairs of Committees (excluding Area Committees).

9. MEMBER QUESTION TIME (Standing Order 12)

To deal with supplementary questions arising from the attached questions of which written notice has been given.

Notes:

- (i) Answers to written questions shall be circulated at the commencement of the meeting.*
- (ii) The Lord Mayor will have regard to the list of questions and the political composition of the Council in calling on Members to put their supplementary question to the Leader of Council and Portfolio Holders.*
- (iii) A period of up to 30 minutes shall be available for supplementary questions to Members of the Executive.*

10. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEES
(Standing Order 15)

10A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE EXECUTIVE – MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2014-16 TO 2016/17

The Director of Finance submitted **Executive Document “N”** to the meeting of the Executive held on 16 July 2013 presenting the Medium Term Financial Strategy.

The Executive resolved:

- (1) That the Medium Term Financial Strategy was considered as an assessment of the Council’s financial outlook to 2016-17, and as the framework in which the Council achieves value for money, stability and resilience.
- (2) That the updated and revised Medium Term Financial Strategy at Appendix 1 to Document “N” be recommended to Council for approval.**

(Sarah Kirk - 01274 434055)

10B RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CORPORATE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – SCRUTINY REVIEW INTO THE IMPLICATIONS FOR THE DISTRICT OF BRADFORD COUNCIL ADOPTING A LIVING WAGE

Previous reference: Council Minute 34 (2012/13)

On 10 July 2012 the Council requested the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee, in consultation with staff, trade unions, business organisations and the Child Poverty Board, to undertake an in depth investigation over the next twelve months into the implications for the District of the Council adopting a Living Wage policy and to report the findings of that investigation back to Full Council. The City Solicitor will submit **Corporate Overview and**

Scrutiny Committee Document “K” presented to the meeting of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 25 September 2013 which contains the findings from the detailed scrutiny review into the implications for the Council adopting a Living Wage. The Committee:

Resolved -

That the Scrutiny Review report into the implications for the district of Bradford Council adopting a living wage policy be referred to Council for it to consider the key findings of this review, to determine whether further work needs to be done to progress this and/or whether Bradford Council should proceed to becoming a Living Wage employer.

(Mustansir Butt - 01274 432574)

10C REFERRAL FROM THE REGENERATION AND ECONOMY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - CALLED IN DECISION - SPORTS FACILITIES INVESTMENT PLAN

The Executive at its meeting on 17 September 2013 received a report from the Strategic Director Environment and Sport (**Executive Document “U” containing Not for Publication Appendix A**) which set out the outline business case for a programme of investment in sports facilities to provide a new City Centre sports facility, construction of three new Community Swimming Pools and the subsequent phased disposal of the existing Richard Dunn Sports Centre, Bowling, Bingley and Queensbury pools. The report asked for confirmation of this option as a strategic direction of travel.

Executive resolved:

- (1) *That the work undertaken on behalf of the Council be noted.*
- (2) *That the Strategic Director Environment and Sport and the Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder Environment, Sport and Sustainability, be authorised to undertake detailed development work to complete the business case for the preferred option set out at section 6 to Document “U” and the supporting recommendations set out in the not for publication Appendix A to Document “U”.*
- (3) *That costs for completion of the business case be met from the £0.5m allocated by the Executive at its meeting of the 8th of June 2012 for development of a revised Sports Facilities Strategy.*
- (4) *That a subsequent report be brought back to the Executive once the detailed business case for delivery of the City Centre Swimming Pool has been completed.*

The decision of the Executive was called in for the following reasons:

1. Resolution "2" does not take into consideration that outside consultants are being employed by the Council to create a City Centre plan and that any potential site allocations for a new pool will have to take this plan into consideration. It is not known when this plan will be completed and various consultations will have to take place to ensure that the Council has a robust plan. The recent markets strategy for the City Centre was held back for the very same reason that the consultants had not yet started their work. There also appears to be no consideration of engaging with

community groups to explore other avenues regarding running or maintaining their local swimming pool which I find disgraceful.

2. Resolution "3" makes no reference to the work that my scrutiny committee have already undertaken and is awaiting various reports to come back regarding the sports and cultural strategy for the district as well as the provision for leisure services. These need to be combined so that the district has an over arching strategy encompassing the varied needs of the district.
3. Resolution "4" has no reference to following the scrutiny process to ensure that all endeavours have been met to create linkages between sport, culture, healthy living, tourism, the economy and the well being of the citizens of the district.

At the meeting of the Regeneration and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 10 October 2014 the call-in was considered and it was:

Resolved –

That the decision of Executive be referred to full Council for consideration, in which case the decision may not be implemented until the Council has met to consider the matter and that Council considers the following:

- (1) That any public consultation should take place within each of the affected locations across the district.**
- (2) That the Committee urges the Executive to consider cultural concerns and equity of provision when looking at accessibility of the facilities and not just travel times.**
- (3) That the Committee requests that the Executive:**
 - (i) Explore and develop a Community Consultation Plan with regard to the Sports Facilities Investment Plan; and**
 - (ii) The consultation questions be open allowing the public to comment rather than simply choosing one of the given options.**

In accordance with Paragraph 8.6.9 of Part 3E of the Constitution Council can following consideration of the matter resolve to:

- (1) Release the decision for implementation.**
- (2) Refer all or part of the decision back to the Executive to reconsider it in the light of any representations Council may make. The decision may not be implemented until the Executive has met to reconsider its earlier decision.**

If Council makes no resolution in accordance with paragraph 8.6.9 of the Constitution the decision may be implemented.

(Phil Barker - 01274 432616)

10D **RECOMMENDATION FROM THE STAFFING COMMITTEE – APPOINTMENT OF STRATEGIC DIRECTOR CHILDREN’S SERVICES**

On 9 October 2013 the Staffing Committee considered the arrangements for making an appointment to the post of Strategic Director Children’s Services. The report of the Chief Executive **Document “E”** recommends the following arrangements:

Recommended -

- (1) That Council confirms that they are in agreement with the proposal to appoint to the position of Strategic Director, Children’s Services on the salary package as detailed in paragraph 2.6 of this Report and in accordance with the Council’s Pay Policy Statement.**
- (2) That Council resolves that an Appointments Panel be given delegated responsibility to appoint to the position of Strategic Director, Children’s Services and that the Panel comprise three Elected Members (two Labour and one Conservative) with the membership to be on the nomination of the Leader of Council and Leader of the Conservative Group (and shall include at least one Member of Executive).**
- (3) That Council resolves that an Appointments Panel be given delegated responsibility to appoint to the position of Director of Human Resources and that the Panel comprise three Elected Members (two Labour and one Conservative) with the membership to be on the nomination of the Leader of Council and Leader of the Conservative Group (and shall include at least one Member of Executive).**
- (4) That the Chief Executive be authorised to commence the recruitment process for the post of Strategic Director Children’s Services in consultation with the Leader of Council.**

(Tony Reeves - 01274 432002)

10E **RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CORPORATE PARENTING PANEL – LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN STRATEGY 2013-14**

The Assistant Director Children’s Specialist Services submitted **Corporate Parenting Panel Document “B”** to the meeting of the Corporate Parenting Panel held on 11 September 2013 presenting the ‘Looked After Children Strategy 2013-14’ (summary document). The document included information in respect of:

- Achievements over the preceding twelve month period.
- The Council’s partners.
- Priorities for the next twelve months.
- The Pledge for Looked After Children in the District.
- The work of the Children in Care Council.

The Corporate Parenting Panel resolved:

- (1) That the possibility of amending the covering photograph of the ‘Looked After Children’s Strategy 2013-14’ to better reflect Bradford and a wide range of children’s ages be investigated.**

- (2) That the Children in Care Council be involved in the production of the next Looked After Children's Strategy.
- (3) **That the summary of the 'Looked After Children Strategy 2013-14' be referred to full Council for the attention of all Members in their role as corporate parents.**

(Julie Jenkins - 01274 432904)

10F To consider any further recommendations (if any) arising from meetings of the Executive and Committees held after the publication of this agenda and prior to the Council meeting.

11. **NOTICES OF MOTION** (Standing Order 17)

To consider the attached motions of which notice has been given.

12. **DATE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNCIL 2014**

Previous reference: Minute 13 (2013/14)

At the Annual Meeting of Council on 21 May 2013 dates for Full Council during the municipal year 2013/14 were agreed subject to the date for the Annual Meeting of Council being amended should the District and European elections be combined in 2014. As an Order has been issued that the District and European elections be held on 22 May 2014 it is:

Recommended –

That the Annual Meeting of Council be held at 1030 on Tuesday 10 June 2014.

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COUNCIL

22 OCTOBER 2013

MEMBER QUESTION TIME

Questions submitted in accordance with Standing Order 12

QUESTIONS TO MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE

1. **Councillor Azam**

Can the leader comment on the recent activity of the EDL in Bradford?

2. **Councillor L'Amie**

Further to the passing of the "Young Carers" motion at the council meeting on 9 July 2013, can the Portfolio Holder for Children's Services provide colleagues with an update as to what progress has been made to date regarding the identification of young carers and putting in place the appropriate support packages etc?

3. **Councillor Sunderland**

Question to the Portfolio Holder for Adult Services & Health - When purchasing or providing individual Care packages please give details of how many "packets" of time are purchased broken down to show the number of time "packets" for each of the following times.

More than 40 minutes?

31 to 39 minutes?

30 minutes?

16 to 29 minutes?

15 minutes?

11 to 14 minutes?

10 minutes?

9 minutes or less??

4. **Councillor Shabbir**

What immediate measures have Bradford Council put in place to ensure that there will not be a repeat of the tragic death of Hamzah Khan and that lessons are being learned and officials are being held to account for any failure in duty of care?

5. **Councillor Warnes**

Will the Leader please tell us how many planning consents granted by the Council since the beginning of 2012 have included a condition that the developer had to incorporate on-site renewable energy technologies into the new building; and explain what measures are in place to ensure that developers are obliged to include these technologies in future applications?

6. **Councillor Hawkesworth**

Does the Leader not agree that it would be wrong for the Council to be party to an arrangement where Council planning Officers obtain advice relating to the creation of a plan

which will result in planning permission for large numbers of houses to be built in the district from a professional firm when the same firm is actively advising and will continue to advise developers and landowners who will seek planning permission under that plan in view of the fact that such action will devalue the perception of the Council's impartiality in the public eye?

7. Councillor Robinson

What are the Portfolio Holder's thoughts following other Councils recent change in legislation to prosecute members of the public who "SPIT" on the highways?

8. Councillor Warburton

Can the Leader update us on progress with the Odeon and Tyrils?

9. Councillor Ikram

What changes have been made to Bradford's inter-agency frontline child protection services since 2010?

10. Councillor Cooke

Does the Leader of the Council believe that multi-million pound public contracts should be issued without a competitive tender process?

11. Councillor Sher Khan

What benefits will the introduction of technology to deliver non-invasive autopsies bring to the communities of Bradford District and is it fair to say that Bradford is leading the way on this issue?

12. Councillor Lynne Smith

What is the potential impact on the Council's finances of the Government's decision to top-slice and hold back a billion pounds in local government funding?

13. Councillor Baroness Eaton

Can the Leader of the Council inform colleagues of what training is provided not only to senior officers of the council but any others who have regular interactions with elected members, regarding the political aspects of local government?

14. Councillor Sher Khan

How much has the Council cut management costs by, including senior management, since May 2010?

15. Councillor Geoff Reid

Question to the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Planning & Transport - Residents living adjacent to the Fagley Quarry site in Eccleshill/Fagley are concerned about the proposed substantial housing development there, but no further consultation or a planning application has appeared. Will the Portfolio Holder confirm now if and when this scheme is due to go ahead?

16. **Councillor Warburton**

Since the inception of the New Homes Bonus, how many new houses have been built year on year and how much has this raised in funds for the District?

17. **Councillor Mallinson**

Can the portfolio Holder for Housing, Planning & Transport Portfolio Holder advise colleagues of what actions the Council are taking with relation to landowners and house-builders, to bring forward the development of significant sites with existing planning permission for housing?

18. **Councillor Jabar**

What support is the Council providing to Kings Science Academy in the wake of its Ofsted judgement?

19. **Councillor Ahmed**

Could the Leader give us the confidence that those officers responsible at senior levels are here and committed to the needs of our District and could he assure us that processes are in place to ensure senior officers declare any conflicts of interest in any activities and projects inside and outside the Bradford District that conflict with their role here in Bradford. Is the Leader confident that all these declarations have been made?

20. **Councillor Swallow**

What impact is the bedroom tax having on children's movement between schools?

21. **Councillor Poulsen**

Can the Leader of the Council provide details of meetings involving the Council, held over the last year, about proposals to provide a commuter service on the Keighley and Worth Valley Railway?

22. **Councillor Shafiq**

What are the implications for Bradford of the proposals within the Children and Families Bill to remove Council's roles in recruiting and assessing adopters?

23. **Councillor Swallow**

What action is the Council taking to bring empty properties including former commercial properties back into use and what powers does it have to force developers to utilise such sites before building on previously undeveloped land and/or owners of such properties to bring them back into use?

24. **Councillor Middleton**

Question to the Leader of Council - How much to date has been received of the prosecution costs of £38,635 ordered to be paid in May 2013 by the defendants in the Tradex/Beckside Road Bazaar case?

25. Councillor Brown

Can the Leader of the Council inform members why the proposed community link from the broadband fibre link serving Stanbury Primary school never materialised when the local community had been led by the council to firmly believe it was coming?

26. Councillor Vanda Greenwood

Does the Leader share concerns that the Transparency of Lobbying, Non Party Campaigning and Trade Union Administration Bill will severely curtail the ability of charities, voluntary organisations and Trade Unions to campaign on matters of local and national importance and result in the gagging of democratic debate and scrutiny?

27. Councillor Ross-Shaw

How many green deal assessments have been done and deals signed up to in Bradford and nationally?

28. Councillor Davies

Can the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Planning and Transport provide details of the cost to run of the Council's Empty Property Loan scheme and does she consider it a success when in two years only seven loans have been completed?

29. Councillor Lynne Smith

Does the Leader believe that the Government's intention to put the Local Authority Publicity Code on a statutory footing will help or hinder the Council's ability to stand up for the interests of its citizens and communities?

30. Councillor Wainwright

What are the implications for the District's Clinical Commissioning Groups of the Government's proposals to significantly reduce the weight given to inequality in the distribution of resources?

31. Councillor Shah

Can the Leader of the Council advise colleagues of whether council policy permits the distribution of advertising material, promoting a specific business, sent out with the council's list of approved providers of the same service, particularly when the company in question is not on the approved list?

32. Councillor Middleton

Question to the Leader of Council - How many 'Zero Hour' contracts does City of Bradford MDC employ?

33. Councillor Shabbir

In the light of recent cases in Oxford, Rochdale and Rotherham where it was highlighted that there was a culture amongst social workers and safeguarding officials of ignoring complaints made by victims and the family of victims as they were seen as unreliable, lacking objectivity and dysfunctional; can the Council assure the public that their complaints will be taken seriously and social workers will not impose their judgements over complainants especially those from disadvantaged backgrounds and BME groups?

34. Councillor Warnes

Will the Leader please (a) provide estimates of the likely annual energy consumption and carbon footprint of each of the four schools included in the Priority Schools Building Programme, and also (b) please clarify what the energy consumption and carbon footprint of these schools would be in the event that each of these new schools was constructed to a standard equivalent to BREEAM Outstanding?

35. Councillor Townend

Can the Portfolio Holder for Environment & Sport advise colleagues whether the Council has been in negotiations regarding Bracken Hall for several months and if so provide an update regarding progress, including details of whether this includes terms based upon a peppercorn rent?

36. Councillor Cooke

Can the Leader of the Council advise members of what steps has the portfolio holder taken to ensure the continued operation of Bingley Riding for the Disabled out of St Ives?

COUNCIL

22 OCTOBER 2013

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. PROTECTING COMMUNITY PUBS

To be moved by Councillor Griffiths

Seconded by Councillor Geoff Reid

Bradford Council recognizes the possibility of submitting the following proposal to the government under the Sustainable Communities Act:

“That the Secretary of State help protect community pubs in England by ensuring that planning permission and community consultation are required before community pubs are allowed to be converted to betting shops, supermarkets and pay-day loan stores or other uses, or are allowed to be demolished.”

Bradford Council notes that if this power was acquired it would allow Bradford Council to determine if pubs should be demolished or converted into other uses and could save many valued community pubs.

Bradford Council resolves to submit the proposal to the government under the Sustainable Communities Act and to work together with Local Works and the Campaign for Real Ale to gain support for the proposal from other councils in Yorkshire and across the country.

2. HEALTH CARE FUNDING

To be moved by Councillor Green

Seconded by Councillor Imran Hussain

This Council notes that:

- Bradford District suffers some of the highest levels of deprivation in the country
- The District has a growing population including rapidly increasing numbers of older people.
- There are wide health inequalities within the District.
- Analysis carried out by the Health and Social Care Information Centre ranks Bradford City Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) as the CCG with the highest rate of premature deaths of any CCG in the country.
- Research by Public Health England shows that Bradford District ranks 122nd of 150 local authority areas in terms of premature deaths.

The Council is therefore deeply concerned at NHS proposals to redistribute health funding from the North to other parts of the country.

Those proposals would see Bradford CCGs lose £12.6 million, West Yorkshire £210 million and the North £721.5 million while far more affluent parts of the country would see a net increase in funding. For example, Wokingham which, according to Public Health England, has the lowest level of premature deaths of any local authority would see funding to its local CCG increase by over £12 million – broadly equivalent to that lost by Bradford CCGs.

The Council believes that these proposals are hugely unfair, short-sighted and damaging to the District's ability to tackle health inequalities and could potentially lead to an increase in the number of premature deaths.

The Council therefore resolves to:

- 1) Instruct the Chief Executive to write on its behalf to the Prime Minister, the Secretary of State for Health and to NHS England setting out its opposition to the proposals, making a clear case for Bradford's health care funding to be, as an absolute minimum, retained at its current levels and making clear its belief that any funding formula should take need properly into account and ensure that resources are targeted at places with the highest levels of need.
- 2) Instruct the Chief Executive to write to the District's MPs informing them of the Council's position and asking them to raise the matter in Parliament.
- 3) Liaise with other West Yorkshire and regional local authorities and with local CCGs in order to work together to oppose these proposals and raise public awareness of their potential impact.
- 4) Re-affirm its commitment to tackling health inequalities in Bradford District.
- 5) Request that the Health and Well Being Board considers the implications of these proposals as a matter of urgency.

3. REWIRING PUBLIC SERVICES

To be moved by Councillor Green
Seconded by Councillor Imran Hussain

This Council, notes:

- that England is now widely recognised to be the country with the most centralised system of government in Europe;
- that devolution has brought decisions about tax and spending, and the quality of public services, closer to voters in Scotland and Wales, while English voters have not gained comparably greater influence over decision-making that affects their taxes and services; and

The Council considers

- that the likely scale of change in how public services are funded and provided makes it democratically unsustainable for those changes to be decided within the existing over-centralised model;
- that services need to be reformed and integrated across local agencies to enable them to prevent problems rather than picking up the pieces;
- that voters should be given back a meaningful say on a wider range of tax and spending decisions, through place-based budgetary arrangements, the abolition of the discredited Barnett formula and the reinstatement of fair financial distribution agreed among English councils, the re-creation of a municipal bond market, and the certainty of multi-year funding settlements for the life of a Parliament;

- that central government should enable that local decision-making by joining up and reducing in size Whitehall departments in order to facilitate local place-based budgets, by reducing Ministers' powers to intervene in local decisions, and replacing bureaucratic tick-box inspection regimes with local service users champions;
- that such a new more mature settlement between central and local government should be put beyond future revision by giving formal constitutional protection to local democracy.

The Council therefore resolves:

- 1) to support the Local Government Association's *Rewiring Public Services* campaign, which embodies these objectives and promotes improved local democracy through increasing Bradford District's voters' influence over services, tax and spending.
- 2) to ask the District's Members of Parliament to join Bradford District Councillors in support of the *Rewiring Public Services* campaign.
- 3) To make the council's position clear to the Secretary of State.

4. **FRACKING**

To be moved by Councillor Warnes

Seconded by Councillor Hawarun Hussain

This Council believes it is completely irresponsible for the Government to offer massive tax-cuts for fracking, and this money should be used to kick-start a major national retrofit scheme to reduce carbon emissions and household energy bills and create thousands of green-collar jobs.

5. **FINANCIAL TRANSACTION TAX**

To be moved by Councillor Warnes

Seconded by Councillor Love

This Council calls on the Government to introduce a Financial Transaction Tax (FTT).

6. **LOW CARBON HOMES FOR THE CANAL ROAD CORRIDOR**

To be moved by Councillor Warnes

Seconded by Councillor Love

This Council agrees that low carbon homes are an essential part of our efforts to deal with climate change and fuel poverty, and will ensure that all new housing constructed as part of the Canal Road Corridor scheme achieves a Code for Sustainable Homes rating of 6.

7. PROSCRIPTION OF THE EDL

To be moved by Councillor Karmani
Seconded by Councillor Ahmed

This Council acknowledges:

That the far right EDL is a conveyor belt for individuals to extreme right groups and movements that advocate direct action, terrorism and violence in the pursuance of their objectives.

This is reflected in many cases the most recent of which is that of a Loughborough teenager aged 16 currently on trial at the Old Bailey on charges of plotting a 'Columbine' style terror attack who attended English Defence League demonstrations and was a member of the far right group's Leicester Division.

That there is extensive evidence of EDL members and participants in their activities who have been convicted of racially motivated hate crime, violence or who have glorified and incited violence against Muslims and other visible minorities; one of many cases is that of English Defence League member, Tracey Ann Davis, who was convicted in Bexley magistrates for racially abusing and launching an unprovoked attack on a Muslim woman who was wearing Islamic dress, another recent incident involved six members of the far right extremist group, the North West Infidels (closely linked to EDL and who attend their events) who were jailed in September 2013 after appearing before Liverpool Crown Court for sentencing over a violent attack on a group of anti fascist musicians in a city bar

That the EDL is clearly a fascist and racist organisation that has become infiltrated and embedded with Neo-Nazis and far-right extremist elements as has been documented by a range of far right monitoring organisations such as Searchlight

The EDL also has links with extreme right organisations across Europe who have attended their demonstrations such as the Danish Defence League who are directly inspired by the 'Breivik Manifesto' and there is increasing extreme right violence being perpetrated by groups such as Golden Dawn in Greece.

That the EDL are no different to their counter organisation 'Al Muhajiroun' and it's off shoots and reinventions like 'Muslims against Crusades' that were Proscribed in 2010 under the premise that it contained individuals who glorified terrorism and incited racial violence and was not conducive to the public good and community cohesion

The efforts of council and police in minimising any negative impact from the proposed demonstration on 12/10/13

That Police forces across the country have done an excellent job in policing, monitoring and controlling the actions of the EDL at their street protests across the UK; protests that have cost the tax payer and council tax payers at a time of austerity and cuts tens of millions of pounds in recent years.

That there are more than adequate grounds for proscribing the EDL under the Terrorism Act 2000 in particular a group can be banned if it "commits or participates in acts of terrorism, prepares for, promotes or encourages terrorism or is otherwise concerned in terrorism". Groups can also be outlawed if they "unlawfully glorify the commission or preparation of acts of terrorism".

Furthermore, the EDL have done irrevocable damage to community relations in the UK and have directly fuelled the reformation of a number of extreme right organisations who they have given a platform to on their street demonstrations.

This Council Resolves to:

Petition the Home Secretary Teresa May to proscribe the EDL and offshoot organisations immediately

Call on all District MPs to support this measure

Ensure we have robust local monitoring of far-right extremist activity

Ensure we have local capacity to undertake extreme right counter-extremism work

8. PROTECTING WOMEN'S RIGHTS TO FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

To be moved by Councillor Collector

Seconded by Councillor Faisal Khan

This Council acknowledges:

Any attempt to ban women's dress is an attack on their freedom of expression and should be expressly opposed on Human Rights grounds and Equal Opportunities

Similarly, the calls for a ban on the 'Niqab' is an attack on both women's rights to self expression and their right to religious expression and observance

Failure to recognise and respect Muslims women's rights to self expression and freedom of religion are discriminatory and Islamophobic

Irrespective of personal views on the Niqab, we must defend a women's right to wear it if she freely chooses to do so

There is a growing Europe wide trend to ban Muslims women dress and that such actions should be strongly resisted in the UK where there is greater sense of tolerance and acceptance of differences

Publicly funded organisations that unilaterally decide to ban the Niqab or Hijab are in contravention of the Equalities Act

There is a lack of awareness of the implication and parameters of Muslims women's dress in relation to employment and different vocational sectors that needs to be addressed through education and guidance

This Council resolves:

To support Muslims women's right to freedom of religious expression and dress

To oppose any future measures that may be brought in to curtail this right

To draft guidance in conjunction with local Muslim organisations in relation to Muslim women's dress

To use the Equality act and Human rights act to challenge any local organisations that curtail and undermine the rights of Muslim women in relation to their freedom of expression

9. BEREAVEMENT SERVICE

To be moved by Councillor L'Amie

Seconded by Councillor Ellis

This council commits to providing a one stop shop service for residents suffering bereavement, whereby any changes to care needs, the council tax single occupier reduction and all other services required can be accessed and organised in a single contact.

10. **ODOUR CONTROL AND ENFORCEMENT**

To be moved by Councillor Ellis

Seconded by Councillor Andrew Thornton

Council notes the efforts of Council Officers and Members in responding to public concerns about offensive odours relating to food processing and waste management

Council recognises that the powers available under statutory nuisance legislation are limited and slow and that permits enforced by the Environment Agency may be a more effective control

Council asks the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State and to local MPs urging:

1. The tightening of regulations around odour and odour control
2. Transfer responsibility for permitting and enforcement actions for animal by product premises, from an A2 to A1, controlled by the Environment Agency.

11. **FLAGSTONES THEFTS REGULATIONS**

To be moved by Councillor Ellis

Seconded by Councillor Miller

This council requires the Chief Executive write to the Crime Prevention Minister requesting that regulations be introduced, placing similar legal requirements upon traders in flagstones and other valuable stone, to the regulations which have been introduced to govern the activities of metal traders. The council specifically wishes to see a requirement for all people selling second hand stone providing identification to the purchaser.

12. **INADEQUATE RAILWAY STATION PARKING PROVISION**

To be moved by Councillor Whiteley

Seconded by Councillor Ellis

This council commits to ensuring that the problems generated by increasingly inadequate parking provision at railway stations throughout the district, be raised as a priority for the council, by its representatives on the new Combined Authority.