

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD AT CITY HALL, BRADFORD
ON TUESDAY 22 OCTOBER 2013**

Commenced: 1600

Concluded: 2105

PRESENT

The Lord Mayor (Councillor Khadim Hussain) and Councillors:

LABOUR

Akthar	Greenwood	Khaliq	M Slater
Azam	Hinchcliffe	H Khan	V Slater
Berry	Abid Hussain	I Khan	L Smith
Billheimer	Amir Hussain	S Khan	Smithies
Dodds	Arshad Hussain	Lal	Swallow
Dredge	Imran Hussain	Lee	Thirkill
Engel	Shabir Hussain	Malik	A Thornton
Farley	Ikram	Pullen	G Thornton
Ferriby	Jabar	Ross-Shaw	Wainwright
Godward	Javed	Shafiq	Warburton
Green	Johnson		

CONSERVATIVE

Binney	Gibbons	Miller	D Smith
Brown	Heseltine	Pennington	Sykes
Cooke	Kelly	Poulsen	Townend
Davies	L'Amie	Shah	Walls
Baroness Eaton	Mallinson	Shaw	Whiteley
Ellis	McCabe	B M Smith	

LIBERAL DEMOCRAT

Gray	Leeming	C Reid	Sunderland
Griffiths	Middleton	G Reid	

RESPECT

Ahmed
Collector
Karmani
F Khan
Shabbir

GREEN

Hawarun Hussain
Love
Warnes

INDEPENDENTS

Greaves
Hawkesworth
Naylor

**QUEENSBURY
WARD****INDEPENDENTS**

L Cromie
P Cromie

PEACE

Imdad Hussain

INDEPENDENT

Robinson

The Lord Mayor in the Chair

38. **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

The following disclosures of pecuniary interests and declarations on the basis of transparency in matters under consideration were received:

Scrutiny Review on the Living Wage (Minute 48)

Councillor Middleton made a declaration as a trustee of Otley Road and Undercliffe Community Works which is a Living Wage employer.

Sports Facilities Investment Plan (Minute 49)

As Tong High School swimming pool was listed in the report Councillors Johnson and Wainwright made a declaration as trustees of Tong High School. Councillor Gray declared that his grandson works for the Council for the swimming pools service. Councillor Heseltine declared he was a Club Active member.

Protecting Community Pubs (Minute 52)

Councillor Geoff Reid made a declaration as a member of the Campaign for Real Ale.

Health Care Funding (Minute 53)

Councillor Griffiths declared a prejudicial interest as a General Practitioner and did not participate in the discussion or the decision on the matter. Councillor Hawarun Hussain made a declaration that she worked for the NHS.

Low Carbon Homes for the Canal Road Corridor (Minute 57)

Councillors Cooke and Smithies made a declaration as Board Members of Incommunities. Councillor Hinchcliffe declared that she was a Council appointed Board Member of CRUVL (Canal Road Urban Village Ltd), the joint venture partnership.

Flagstones Thefts Regulations (Minute 62)

Councillor Brown made a declaration as having had paving flags stolen.

Unless indicated otherwise all the declarations were made on the basis of transparency and Members remained in the meeting during consideration and voting on those items.

ACTION: City Solicitor

39. **MINUTES**

Resolved –

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

40. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ruding and Wallace.

41. LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE 'CURRY CAPITAL OF BRITAIN' AWARD 2013

The Lord Mayor offered congratulations to all those involved in Bradford retaining the title 'Curry Capital of Britain' for the third year running. This made it a total of four times that Bradford had won the title and it was testament to the hard work by everyone.

THE 'YORKSHIRE IN BLOOM' AWARDS

Attention was drawn by the Lord Mayor to the hard work of the Council's Parks and Green Spaces maintenance teams, together with so many groups and individuals across the district, which had been recognised through the many awards that had been given by the judges for the Yorkshire in Bloom awards. The efforts of all involved contributed massively to ensuring this area was a more pleasant, attractive and welcoming place in which to live and work.

67th ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF REMEMBRANCE

The Lord Mayor reminded Members that the 67th annual Festival of Remembrance would take place at the St George's Concert Hall on Sunday 3 November 2013 and they were encouraged to show support for the event which remembers the courage and sacrifice of the members of the armed forces who had lost their lives or been injured in the line of duty.

42. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

There were no restricted documents.

43. PETITIONS

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

In accordance with Standing Order 4.2 a motion was moved and carried so that the petition on Bingley Pool could be dealt with as part of the referral from the Regeneration and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee concerning the call-in of the Executive's decision on the Sports Facilities Investment Plan (Minute 49 refers).

The following requests were received:

Request for off-street parking at Wibsey

Resolved –

That the petition be referred to Bradford South Area Committee for consideration.

Stop the Saltaire Turbine

Resolved –

That the petition be referred to the Shipley Area Committee for consideration.

ACTION: City Solicitor (reference to Committees)

44. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from the public.

45. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES

Resolved –

- (1) That Councillor Hassan Khan be appointed to the Regeneration and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee in place of Councillor Ross-Shaw.**
- (2) That Councillor Abid Hussain replace Councillor Vanda Greenwood as an alternate on the Regulatory and Appeals Committee.**
- (3) That Councillor Heseltine replace Councillor Pennington as an alternate on the Regulatory and Appeals Committee.**
- (4) That Councillor Davies replace Councillor Townend as an alternate on the Children’s Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee.**
- (5) That Councillor Walls replace Councillor Davies as an alternate on the Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee.**
- (6) That Councillor Townend replace Councillor Walls as an alternate on the Environment and Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee.**
- (7) That the appointment of Isobel Scarborough (who represents the Bradford District Older People’s Partnership), Mike Young (former Statutory Mental Health Services Manager), 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.**

ACTION: City Solicitor

46. MEMBER QUESTION TIME

Council Document “D” detailed the written questions and answers from Members to the Leader of Council and Portfolio Holders.

**47. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEES
RECOMMENDATION FROM THE EXECUTIVE – MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL
STRATEGY 2014/16 TO 2016/17**

Previous reference: Executive, Minute 28 (2013-2014)

At the meeting of the Executive on 16 July 2013 the report of the Director of Finance (**Executive Document “N”**) presented the Medium Term Financial Strategy.

Resolved –

That the updated and revised Medium Term Financial Strategy at Appendix 1 to Executive Document “N” be approved.

ACTION: Director of Finance

**48. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CORPORATE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE – LIVING WAGE**

Previous references: Council, Minute 34 (2012-2013)
Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Minute 23 (2013-2014)

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 report of the Chair, **Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee Document “K”**, presented to the meeting of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 25 September 2013 contained the findings from the detailed scrutiny review into the implications for the Council adopting a Living Wage.

Resolved -

That the Council recognises the benefits that the Living Wage would bring to its lowest paid employees and employees of Council contractors.

However the Council notes that introduction of the Living Wage would cost an additional £4 million and that this would create a significant extra financial pressure at a time when, having seen cuts to its funding of over £100 million in the last three years, the Council faces a forecast shortfall of more than £100 million more over the next three years.

The Council will however, continue to work locally with the trade unions to examine how it could introduce the Living Wage on a phased basis over a period of time.

The Council calls on national political parties that support the Living Wage to commit to ensuring that Local Government is funded to an appropriate level to be able to pay it.

ACTION: Assistant Director Human Resources

49. **RECOMMENDATION OF THE REGENERATION AND ECONOMY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – CALLED IN DECISION – SPORTS FACILITIES INVESTMENT PLAN**

Previous references: Executive, Minute 39 (2013/14)/Regeneration and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Minute 26 (2013/14)

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.*

Council received a petition requesting that the Bingley swimming pool be saved. A combined debate took place on the petition and the call-in. Consideration was given on whether to refer the petition. A motion was moved by Councillor Green as set out below was carried.

Resolved –

That the petition be referred to the Executive for consideration as part of the ongoing development of its sports facilities investment plan.

An amendment moved by Councillor Pennington was defeated. In accordance with Council Rules of Procedure 25.6 a request was made for the votes for, against and abstaining on the amendment referring the petition moved by Councillor Pennington to be recorded.

The Council voted as follows:

For the amendment (32): Councillors Binney, Brown, Cooke, L Cromie, P Cromie, Davies, Baroness Eaton, Ellis, Gibbons, Gray, Griffiths, Heseltine, Kelly, L'Amie, Leeming, Mallinson, McCabe, Middleton, Miller, Pennington, Poulsen, C Reid, G Reid, Shah, Shaw, B M Smith, D Smith, Sunderland, Sykes, Townend, Walls and Whiteley.

Against the amendment (51): Councillors Ahmed, Akthar, Azam, Berry, Billheimer, Collector, Dodds, Dredge, Engel, Farley, Ferriby, Godward, Greaves, Green, Greenwood, Hinchcliffe, Abid Hussain, Amir Hussain, Arshad Hussain, Hawarun Hussain, Imran Hussain, Shabir Hussain, Ikram, Jabar, Javed, Johnson, Karmani, Khaliq, F Khan, H Khan, I Khan, S Khan, Lal, Lee, Love, Naylor, Pullen, Ross-Shaw, Shabbir, Shafiq, M Slater, V Slater, L Smith, Smithies, Swallow, Thirkill, A Thornton, G Thornton, Wainwright, Warburton and Warnes.

Abstentions (4): The Lord Mayor and Councillors Hawkesworth, Imdad Hussain and Robinson.

A motion setting out the reasons for the call-in referred to Council by the Regeneration and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee was moved by Councillor Mallinson. An amendment moved by Councillor Cooke was defeated. The amendment moved by Councillor Andrew Thornton was carried and it was,

Resolved-

That the decision be released for implementation.

ACTION: *Strategic Director Environment and Sport*

50. RECOMMENDATION OF THE STAFFING COMMITTEE – APPOINTMENT OF STRATEGIC DIRECTOR CHILDREN’S SERVICES

Previous reference: Staffing Committee, Minute 8 (2013/2014)

At the meeting of the Staffing Committee on 9 October 2013 the report of the Chief Executive **Staffing Committee Document “E”** considered the arrangements for making an appointment to the post of Strategic Director Children’s Services.

Resolved-

- (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.**

ACTION: *Chief Executive/Assistant Director Human Resources*

51. RECOMMENDATION OF THE CORPORATE PARENTING PANEL – LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN STRATEGY 2013/14

Previous reference: Corporate Parenting Panel, Minute 11 (2013/2014)

At the meeting of the Corporate Parenting Panel on 11 September 2013 the Assistant Director Children's Specialist Services submitted **Corporate Parenting Panel Document "B"** presenting the Looked After Children Strategy 2013-14 (summary document).

Resolved-

That the summary of the Looked After Children Strategy 2013-14 be accepted by all Members in their role as corporate parents.

ACTION: Strategic Director Children's Services

52. PROTECTING COMMUNITY PUBS

The motion was moved by Councillor Griffiths.

An amendment, as set out in the resolution below, was moved by Councillor Green and was carried.

An amendment moved by Councillor Ellis was defeated.

Resolved -

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.

While recognising the importance of community pubs the Council acknowledges that it would require evidence that a specific pub were commercially viable on an ongoing basis before determining to retain the building and/or to refuse conversion to other uses.

Subject to that qualification, Bradford Council resolves to submit the proposal to the Government under the Sustainable Communities Act.

ACTION: Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture

53. **HEALTH CARE FUNDING**

A motion, as set out in the resolution below, was moved by Councillor Green and was carried.

Amendments moved by Councillor Gibbons and Councillor Naylor were defeated.

Resolved -

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.**

ACTION: *Chief Executive/Director of Public Health*

54. REWIRING PUBLIC SERVICES

A motion, as set out in the resolution below, was moved by Councillor Green and was carried.

Resolved -

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.

ACTION: *Chief Executive*

55. **FRACKING**

The motion was moved by Councillor Warnes.

An amendment, as set out in the resolution below, was moved by Councillor Cooke and was carried.

An amendment was also moved by Councillor Warnes.

Resolved -

The Council notes:

- (1) The potential of hydraulic fracturing technologies in securing energy supplies for future generations.
- (2) Concerns over the environmental impact of these technologies
- (3) The contribution that such sources of energy may make to reducing fuel poverty in Bradford

Council recommends that officers prepare:

- (1) A briefing for Councillors covering the planning, environmental and community impacts of the technology
- (2) An assessment of the likelihood of hydraulic fracturing methods being used to extract gas or oil in the Bradford District

ACTION: *Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture/Strategic Director Environment and Sport*

56. **FINANCIAL TRANSACTION TAX**

The motion was moved by Councillor Warnes.

An amendment, as set out in the resolution below, was moved by Councillor Warnes and was carried.

Amendments moved by Councillor Cooke and Councillor Middleton were defeated.

Resolved -

This Council notes that:

- (1) unemployment across Bradford is currently approximately 6% of the workforce, nearly twice the national average, as a result of the economic crisis;**
- (2) Bradford Council has been hit by huge and disproportionate cuts to its central grant since 2010;**
- (3) extending the current Financial Transaction Tax (FTT) on shares to other asset classes such as bonds and derivatives could raise £20bn of additional revenue in the UK a year;**
- (4) at least 11 European nations including France, Germany, Italy and Spain are moving ahead with FTTs on shares, bonds and derivatives estimated to raise £30bn a year.**

This Council believes that:

- (1) revenues from the FTT could help repair the damage caused by cuts in public services since 2010;**
- (2) local government deserves to receive a significant proportion of FTT revenues, making an important contribution to both capital and revenue expenditure such as reversing cuts to council tax benefits;**
- (3) whilst an FTT would have a negligible effect on jobs in the City of London, investing FTT revenues in a smart and progressive way would see a significant increase in employment levels in other sectors.**

This Council therefore:

- (1) urges the UK government to extend the current FTT on shares to other asset classes, such as bonds and derivatives;**
- (2) requests that the Chief Executive writes to the Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, Leader of the Opposition, Chancellor and Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government stating this council's support for extending FTTs;**
- (3) requests that the Chief Executive also writes to all Bradford MPs outlining the Council's position.**

ACTION: Chief Executive/Director of Finance

57. LOW CARBON HOMES FOR THE CANAL ROAD CORRIDOR

The motion was moved by Councillor Warnes.

An amendment, as set out in the resolution below, was moved by Councillor Val Slater and was carried.

An amendment moved by Councillor Poulsen was defeated.

An amendment was also moved by Councillor Warnes.

Resolved -

This Council agrees that low carbon homes are an essential part of our efforts to deal with climate change and fuel poverty, and will continue to support the aims of achieving sustainable development standards for new housing constructed as part of the Canal Road Corridor scheme through the application of existing policy provisions, the inclusion of effective provisions in the emerging Local Plan and Shipley Canal Road Corridor AAP and through working closely in the future with Partners, Developers and House Builders.

ACTION: Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture

58. PROSCRIPTION OF THE EDL

The motion was moved by Councillor Karmani.

An amendment, as set out in the resolution below, was moved by Councillor Green and was carried.

An amendment moved by Councillor Miller was defeated.

Resolved -

This Council notes:

- (1) That the EDL is a racist, violent and Islamophobic organisation whose parades and demonstrations are designed to provoke, malign and incite hatred.**
- (2) The concern distress and fear caused in particular, but not exclusively, to Bradford's Muslim communities and the financial expense and losses incurred by Tax payers and businesses when these demonstrations take place.**
- (3) That the police in Bradford played a magnificent role in policing the EDL and keeping the City safe. The robust and sensitive manner in which our police handled the EDL is commendable and should be promoted as good practice nationally.**
- (4) That the West Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner has written to the Home Secretary calling for a review of the legislation.**

The Council applauds the dignified and united response of the City and its communities to the threat posed by the EDL. The Council recognises the hard work and commitment demonstrated by Bradfordians in ensuring a positive outcome.

The Council believes that whilst freedom of expression and the right to demonstrate are precious and important these rights come with responsibilities and must distinguish between a peaceful protest and one that invokes racially and religiously motivated violence.

It is intolerable that Bradford and its citizens should live under the ongoing threat of further EDL provocations that cause dismay and cost the City millions of pounds. Bradford should not be held to ransom by these violent thugs and the ongoing national debate must address this issue.

This Council therefore resolves to:

- (1) Ask the Chief Executive to write to the Home Secretary, Theresa May, supporting calls for an urgent review of the law covering this area to allow Councils and the Police the power to ban violent and racist demonstrations.**
- (2) To further ask the Secretary of State to review the classification of the EDL.**
- (3) To continue to monitor far-right (extremist) activity across the district.**
- (4) To continue to work with our partners to ensure a stronger, safer and more resilient district.**

ACTION: Chief Executive/Strategic Director Environment and Sport

59. PROTECTING WOMEN'S RIGHTS TO FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

The motion was moved by Councillor Collector.

An amendment, as set out in the resolution below, was moved by Councillor Ikram and was carried.

An amendment moved by Councillor Miller was defeated.

Resolved -

This Council confirms its belief in the right of women to choose, of their own free will, what they wish to wear.

NO ACTION

60. BEREAVEMENT SERVICE

A motion, as set out in the resolution below, was moved by Councillor L'Amie and was carried.

Resolved -

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.

ACTION: Chief Executive/ All Strategic Directors

61. ODOUR CONTROL AND ENFORCEMENT

The motion was moved by Councillor Ellis.

An amendment, as set out in the resolution below, was moved by Councillor Ellis and was carried.

Resolved -

Council notes the efforts of Council Officers and Members in responding to public concerns about offensive odours relating to animal by-products.

Council recognises that the powers currently available to Local Authorities to deal with odour complaints are limited and slow. Improving this situation through a tightening of regulations around odour and odour control would be welcomed by the Council and the public.

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 A2 animal by product premises, currently under local authority responsibility, to A1 premises, regulated by the Environment Agency.**

ACTION: Chief Executive/Strategic Director Environment and Sport

62. FLAGSTONES THEFTS REGULATIONS

A motion, as set out in the resolution below, was moved by Councillor Ellis and was carried.

Resolved -

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.

ACTION: Chief Executive

63. INADEQUATE RAILWAY STATION PARKING PROVISION

The motion was moved by Councillor Whiteley.

An amendment, as set out in the resolution below, was moved by Councillor Val Slater and was carried.

Resolved -

This Council welcomes the £2 million that was allocated for enhanced station parking in the West Yorkshire Local Transport Plan Implementation Plan 1 (2011-14) and notes the additional parking provided at Crossflatts are part of this programme.

The Council notes that allocations in respect of station parking for the Implementation Plan 2 (2014-2017) are still being finalised.

The Council further welcomes the £32m identified in the West Yorkshire Transport Fund and notes that this is to be delivered in 3 phases and that Menston and Steeton & Silsden are included in Phase 2 (2015-16) and Ben Rhydding and Shipley in Phase 3 (2016-18).

ACTION: Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture

64. 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 was:

Resolved -

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

ACTION: City Solicitor

Chair

Note: These minutes are subject to approval as a correct record at the next meeting of Council.

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THESE MINUTES HAVE BEEN PRODUCED, WHEREVER POSSIBLE, ON RECYCLED PAPER