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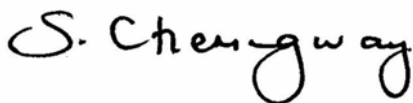
Dear Councillor

COUNCIL MEETING – 21 JANUARY 2014

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Council to be held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Bradford, on Tuesday, 21 January 2014 at 1600.

The agenda for the meeting is set out overleaf.

Yours sincerely



City Solicitor

Notes:

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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 10 December 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)

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 Director or Head of Service 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.

(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.

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| (i) | Wensleydale Road, Bradford – Request for bollards to be installed in passage with Petrie Road | <u>Bradford Moor</u> |
| (ii) | Little Lane Children’s Centre, Ilkley | <u>Ilkley</u> |
| (iii) | Haworth Park toilets | <u>Worth Valley</u> |
| (iv) | Baildon Children’s Centre | <u>Baildon</u> |
| (v) | Northgate, Baildon toilets | <u>Baildon</u> |

If the meeting of Council decides to suspend Standing Orders more petitions may be received.

(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)

To consider any 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 STANDARDS COMMITTEE AND GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE – PLANNING CODE OF CONDUCT**

The City Solicitor and the Assistant Director Planning, Highways and Transportation will submit **Document “J”** which sets out proposals and options for amendments to the Council’s Planning Code of Conduct in the light of adoption within the Council’s Constitution of a local Members Code of Conduct by Council.

Recommended -

That the revised Planning Code of Conduct be adopted.

(Dermot Pearson - 01274 431941)

- 10B 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.

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MEMBER QUESTION TIME

Questions submitted in accordance with Standing Order 12

QUESTIONS TO MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE

1. **Councillor Gill Thornton**

Can the leader comment on the impact that the recently announced Local Government Settlement will have on Bradford District and how reductions in funding for Bradford compare to other areas?

2. **Councillor Miller**

Could the Leader of the Council agree to a review of procedures relating to the time afforded to objectors to planning applications, in order to allow each unconnected objector to speak for five minutes at the relevant meeting, rather than unrelated objectors having to share five minutes as is presently the case?

3. **Councillor Middleton**

To Cllr Green, Strategic Regeneration Portfolio Holder -
What has happened regarding Bradford Council's plans reported in September 2013 to let the empty Rawson Market building for an Asian Bazaar in Bradford City Centre?

4. **Councillor Karmani**

Can the Leader clarify on the action that has been taken locally to address problem gambling in particular given that there has been a rise in the number of fixed odd betting machines nationally and locally and in particular what support services are available for people with gambling addiction locally and if this is being funded by the Council?

5. **Councillor Naylor**

Could the Leader confirm what steps are being taken to reduce the disproportionate effect on children in rural communities, such as Addingham, Silsden and Steeton, where there is no school provision provided within statutory walking distance of these communities should access to free school transport be removed?

6. **Councillor Robinson**

What arrangements have been made to ensure the repayment of the loan to Bradford Council is made by the previous owners of Bradford Bulls?

7. **Councillor Jabar**

Does the Leader agree that the Government's proposed introduction of "School Chancellors" is an admission that oversight of local schools cannot be carried out from Whitehall and, in relation to the issues at the Kings Science Academy, appears to be too little, too late?

8. Councillor Dredge

It was recently reported that Kris Hopkins, the MP for Keighley and Housing Minister, had “handed over almost £20m to Bradford Council as a reward for its contribution to building new homes” and suggested that this could help to protect local services from Government spending cuts. Can the Leader clarify whether or not this is the case?

9. Councillor Davies

Please can the Portfolio holder for Children’s Services provide the overall result for each Children’s Centre in the Bradford Metropolitan District from the most recent Ofsted inspections?

10. Councillor Swallow

What will be the likely financial and social impact on Bradford of the Government’s decision to scrap funding for local welfare provision schemes supporting people facing severe hardship?

11. Councillor Hassan Khan

Can the Leader reassure people that the Council is taking steps to protect the integrity of this year’s local elections?

12. Councillor Shaw

Can the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Sport provide details of “before and after costs”, since the introduction of permits at Waste Transfer Sites, regarding any additional staffing to check permits, any increase in removing fly tips and any reduction in the cost of processing waste at the Transfer Sites, due to a reduction in throughput since permit introduction?

13. Councillor Warburton

What is the impact of the recent Education Funding Agency decision to reduce the funding for 18-19 year olds in Schools and FE institutions and what steps are being taken to raise and mitigate the impacts?

14. Councillor Geoff Reid

To Cllr V Slater, Transport Portfolio Holder - What is Bradford Council's attitude to the distraction to drivers caused by vehicles or trailers parked on major roads or road junctions purely for advertising purposes?

15. Councillor Lynne Smith

What impact will the introduction of a new, national, Single Fraud Investigation Service have on existing Bradford Council services?

16. Councillor L’Amie

Given the importance of robust governance in raising standards in schools, can the Portfolio Holder for Children’s Services advise colleagues of what is being done to encourage more people with a range of skills and a diversity of backgrounds to become school governors?

17. Councillor Karmani

What strategy do we have in place to reduce the number of NEETs in Bradford both in terms of current NEETS and future NEETS given that regionally we have one of the highest proportions of NEETS in the UK and what assurances do we have that we are providing long term employment and education opportunities for these young people and not just short term measures that enable us to present more favourable statistics. Can you also clarify that this activity is taking place in those wards that have the highest youth unemployment and levels of NEETs?

18. Councillor L'Amie

Can the Portfolio Holder for Children's Services advise members of what programmes are in place to encourage closer working between local schools and business, are any new schemes being developed?

19. Councillor Middleton

To Cllr Green, Leader of the Council - How many international trips did members of the Bradford Council Executive take in 2013 in their capacity as Portfolio Holders and members of the Executive, when some or all of the cost was met by Bradford MDC?

20. Councillor Cooke

In light of the ongoing concerns regarding the financial stability of Keighley Town Council, can the Leader of the Council confirm that Bradford Council would have no liabilities for the debts of Keighley Town Council?

21. Councillor Cooke

Can the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Planning and Transport advise members of how much unspent Section 106 money the council currently holds and how much of this falls into the categories of allocated and unallocated?

22. Councillor Townend

In view of the Council proposing to build 110 houses on Cliffe Lane West, Baildon, can the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Planning and Transport inform colleagues what would be the cost to signalise the Green Lane junction, and are there any proposals to do so?

23. Councillor Leeming

To Cllr Berry Children's Services Portfolio Holder - When will it be decided if a School Crossing Patrol will be in place on Otley Road for the safety of children and pedestrians crossing this busy main road to access Peel Park Primary School?

24. Councillor Shabbir

Can the Deputy Leader inform me the outcome of the discussions that he has held with the road works team? Specifically he will recall the work on Scotchman Road and the fiasco of the coinciding the road works with three schools. Can we ensure that this won't happen again in any part in Bradford and that road works need to be coordinated with schools properly? Road works such as this put lives at risk.

25. Councillor Cooke

Some Bingley Rural residents were not informed that the 23 December 2013 recycling collection had been cancelled resulting in inconvenience and annoyance. What steps is the Portfolio Holder taking to ensure that residents are always informed about changes in collection times and dates in good time?

26. Councillor Cooke

What measures are proposed to maintain pedestrian safety on the Leeds Liverpool Canal following its improvement for use by cyclists?

27. Councillor Cooke

Given persistent reports of the abuse of footpaths by cyclists at St Ives what actions is the Portfolio Holder taking to ensure that all residents can enjoy the country park?

28. Councillor Middleton

To Cllr A Thornton Environment Portfolio Holder -

What action is Bradford Council taking to ensure that the Brow Wood is protected as an 'area of high quality landscape and public open space' as envisaged in the New Bolton Woods Masterplan as endorsed by Executive Committee on 9 October 2012?

29. Councillor Mallinson

Can the Leader of the Council inform members of the percentage of premises in Bradford District which are exempt from council tax along with a breakdown of the reasons behind the exemptions?

30. Councillor Davies

Does the Council have an estimate of the number of electric cars used across the district and also where are charging points located or planned to be located?

31. Councillor Shabbir

Can the leader of the council assure us that BRI has taken all the necessary steps to ensure that it complies with the inspection findings and that residents of Bradford will continue to receive appropriate care and treatment at BRI.

32. Councillor Townend

What proposals are there for improving play facilities in Baildon, particularly in areas that currently have no provision, i.e. from the village centre to Shipley Glen?

33. Councillor Townend

Does the Portfolio Holder for Social Care propose increasing the desperately needed support to Alzheimer sufferers and their carers in Baildon, as we currently only have the facility on one afternoon per month?

34. Councillor Shabbir

Can the portfolio holder provide me with an update on the drainage problem on Keighley Road that I raised a number of council of meetings prior?

35. **Councillor Townend**

When do the Council propose re-opening the right of way at Baildon Green (opposite the Cricketers Pub), which has been closed for many years thereby denying access to the public?

36. **Councillor Robinson**

What advice did the City Solicitor receive in deciding that the images on Rev.Paul Flowers computer were indeed inappropriate and not illegal and pornographic?

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NOTICES OF MOTION

1. CHILDREN'S CENTRES CONSULTATION

To be moved by Councillor Shabbir
Seconded by Councillor Ahmed

This Council notes and acknowledges that the proposals set out in the Children's Centre Consultation do not have the backing and or support of the majority of parents living in the Bradford District.

Furthermore, the council proposal undermine easy access, increase costs, place families at risk and potentially undermines the long term strategy to improve education attainment and job market entry to the most vulnerable in Bradford.

In particular Frizinghall residents and parents are concerned that their local children's centre will be closing and this will put considerable financial strain on parents living in the area.

Council notes that the process of consultation within Bradford Council has become extremely poor and inadequate

The Council notes and supports the petition of parents.

The Council resolves to:

- Protect front line services for all parents
- All children's centres are accessible to parents and do not place an additional burden on parents either financial or other physical barriers
- That alternative proposals that have been submitted are considered
- Council officers undertake to meet the residents of Frizinghall and other affected areas

2. SHARED SERVICES

To be moved by Councillor Miller
Seconded by Councillor Cooke

Council notes the savings and efficiencies that some local authorities have achieved by sharing services with other Councils and public authorities.

Council instructs the Finance Director to prepare terms of reference for a review of shared services including:

Investigating the experiences of local authorities and groups of local authorities that have successfully shared administrative and other services
Assessing the costs of implementation and the possible savings that can be realised from shared services

Establishing the appetite for sharing services among Bradford's neighbouring authorities and other public bodies (e.g. police, fire, NHS, higher education) operating within the District

Council asks that:

1. These terms of reference be submitted to Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee for inclusion in its work programme for 2014/15
2. The Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee report back to Council in time for its findings to be considered as part of the 2015/16 budget process.

3. WORLD WAR 1 COMMEMORATIONS

To be moved by Councillor Green
Seconded by Councillor Miller

This Council pays tribute to the sacrifices made by those who fought in defence of the country in World War 1. We are committed to playing our part in the national commemorations of the centenaries of the outbreak of the War in 1914 and the armistice of 1918.

The Council notes that it is already making plans to commemorate the events of the First World War and the sacrifices made by those involved and to provide opportunities to reflect on its impact.

The Council instructs the Chief Executive to ensure that the commemorations are inclusive of all communities, widely advertised and actively seek contributions and ideas from local people.

4. DISTRICT WIDE REGENERATION

To be moved by Councillor Green
Seconded by Councillor Imran Hussain

The Council recognises the recent progress on local issues of significant importance to the District's regeneration and economy including Westfield, the Worth Way development in Keighley, the purchase of the Odeon, the Canal Road Corridor, Buck Lane Business Park and the new Skelwith Development.

Council notes that these developments reflect commitments to progress regeneration made by the current administration in its 2010 manifesto.

However we recognise that big challenges remain and much more needs to be done in order to achieve our ambitions for the District.

Youth unemployment remains high; population growth means the District needs to create 5,000 jobs a year; City centre regeneration does not begin and end with Westfield nor does regeneration begin and end with the city centre; congestion continues to be a problem in many areas.

The Council resolves to continue working closely with its partners across all sectors to help to create the right conditions for local growth and deliver a strong and sustainable local economy, in particular it will seek to:

- Maximise investment in the District from the Leeds City Region, Government and the private sector.
- Maximise inward investment from national and international investors
- Develop effective transport infrastructure and digital networks
- Equip local people with the skills that business needs.
- Continue to target employment support at young and disadvantaged people
- Offer quality sites and premises to attract business.
- Promote research, innovation and business growth
- Increase business start ups and ensure that businesses in all parts of the District can access appropriate support and advice.
- Deliver vibrant city and town centres.
- Market and promote the District as a place to do business.
- Lobby Government to increase the economic powers and autonomy of local authorities.

The Council instructs the Chief Executive to ensure that the Council and its partners develop the “Producer City” strategy as a five to ten year plan designed to strengthen the public-private sector partnerships cultivated over recent years in order to deliver on priorities for regeneration and the economy to the benefit of all parts of the District.