

Decisions of the Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 21 January 2014

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DECISIONS:

1. PETITIONS

**Wensleydale Road, Bradford – request for bollards to be installed in passage with
Petrie Road**

Resolved –

That the petition be referred to Bradford East Area Committee.

Haworth Park Toilets

Resolved –

**That the petition be referred to the Executive as part of the budget process
consultation.**

Northgate, Baildon Toilets

Resolved –

**That the petition be referred to the Executive as part of the budget process
consultation.**

Laycock Lane, Keighley –

**As the petition did not comply with Standing Order 11.5, as the petitioners were not
in attendance to present the petition, the petition was not received.**



**Little Lane Children's Centre, Ilkley
Baildon Children's Centre
Menston and Burley Children's Centre
Alternative Children's Centre Proposal
Bingley Trinity 5 Rise Children's Centre
Treetops Children's Centre, Haworth
Objecting to the Children's Centre Proposals
Hirst Wood Children's Centre**

Resolved –

That the petitions be referred to the Executive as part of the budget process consultation.

2. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES

Resolved –

That Councillor Walls replace Councillor Whiteley on the Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee; Councillor Walls be appointed Deputy Chair; and Councillor Whiteley be an alternate.

ACTION: City Solicitor

3. RECOMMENDATION FROM THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE AND GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE – PLANNING CODE OF CONDUCT

Resolved-

That the revised Planning Code of Conduct be adopted.

ACTION: City Solicitor/Assistant Director Planning, Transportation and Highways

4. CHILDREN'S CENTRES CONSULTATION

Resolved –

This Council notes the Government's reduction by one third of the Early Intervention grant that took place over a year ago, equivalent to £253 for each 0-4 year old in the District.

We recognise the support that has been given to support Children's Centres since that cut by this Council working with the Schools Forum.

This Council notes that a wide range of consultation responses have been submitted , and that as yet the outcomes of that consultation and other issues relating to the future delivery of Children's Centres have not been determined.

Notes that assessment of all proposals submitted during the consultation process is being undertaken and that no decisions have been reached.

This Council recognises that alternative models of delivery will be required in order to deal with the loss of Central Government funding. It resolves to take full account

of the outcomes of the consultation, give consideration to any alternative proposals put forward and confirms its intention to secure the future use of Children's Centre buildings in consultation with Schools and the Community.

ACTION: *Strategic Director Children's Services*

5. SHARED SERVICES

Resolved -

The Council notes:

- (1) That the Chief Executive has already been asked by the Leader of Council to enter discussions with neighbouring authorities and other public sector partners on the potential for shared services and collaborative working and that discussions, instigated by Bradford, are currently ongoing with other Councils and public sector organisations.**
- (2) That the Council already engages in a wide range of shared and collaborative working including West Yorkshire Pension Fund, West Yorkshire Joint Services and significant joint procurement and commissioning activity.**
- (3) That since 2010 the Council has delivered internal efficiency savings of over £22.5m, including management reductions of over £10m, and that the delivery of those efficiencies significantly outstrips the performance of some of the shared service initiatives that have been quoted as models to emulate.**
- (4) That Business Process Reviews continue to secure ongoing efficiency savings totalling £850K in 2013.**
- (5) That some decisions and contractual arrangements inherited from the Council's previous administration mean that major efficiencies will be difficult to achieve until such a time as it is possible to alter those arrangements.**
- (6) That the Executive's budget proposals for 2013-14 and 2015-16 would deliver further savings through improved efficiency, joint working and pooling of resources with 58% of the total value of the proposals having no direct, detrimental impact on services.**
- (7) That Shared Services don't necessarily deliver savings and the scale and speed of the Government's disproportionate cuts to the Council's funding are such that they cannot be absorbed solely through sharing or other efficiencies so local services will inevitably be affected.**

The Council resolves to:

- (1) Instruct the Chief Executive and Director of Finance to keep working to identify and pursue potential opportunities for shared services and collaboration with other authorities and public sector partners where these will deliver benefits to the people of Bradford District.**
- (2) Continue to seek improvements in internal efficiency, value for money and opportunities to reduce costs.**

ACTION: *Chief Executive/Director of Finance*

6. WORLD WAR 1 COMMEMORATIONS

Resolved-

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.

ACTION: *Chief Executive/Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture*

7. DISTRICT WIDE REGENERATION

Resolved-

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.

ACTION: Chief Executive/Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture

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