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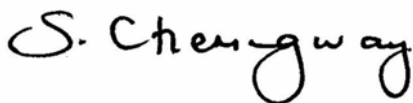
Dear Councillor

COUNCIL MEETING – 15 JULY 2014

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Council to be held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Bradford, on Tuesday, 15 July 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 June 2014 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) | St Paul's Road/Wellington Crescent, Shipley – Residents only parking, 20mph speed limit and access only | <u>Shipley</u> |
| (ii) | No fracking in the Bradford District | <u>all wards</u> |
| (iii) | Council wardens | <u>all wards</u> |
| (iv) | Object to the closure of Bingley's public toilets | <u>Bingley</u> |
| (v) | Save Shipley Toilets | <u>Shipley</u> |

As the petitions concerning the closure of Bingley's public toilets and Save Shipley Toilets have more than 1500 signatures in accordance with the Council's petitions scheme a debate of up to 15 minutes on each petition will take place.

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)

Recommended –

- (1) That Councillor Engel replace Councillor Swallow on the Children’s Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- (2) That Councillor Mohammed replace Councillor Dodds on the Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- (3) That Councillor Hassan Khan replace Councillor Wainwright on the Regeneration and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Councillor Wainwright be appointed as an alternate.
- (4) That Councillor Abid Hussain replace Councillor Shabir Hussain on the Regulatory and Appeals Committee and Councillor Shabir Hussain be appointed as an alternate.
- (5) That the appointment of the following non-voting co-opted representatives to the Children’s Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the 2014/15 Municipal Year be confirmed:–

Health Representative: Kathy O’Connell

Teachers Secondary School Representative: Steve Boddy

Teachers Primary School Representative: Stephen Pickles

Teachers Special School Representative: Irene Docherty

Voluntary Sector Representative: Janet Jewitt.

- (6) That the appointment of the following non-voting co-opted representatives to the Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the 2014/15 Municipal Year be confirmed:–

Isobel Scarborough - Bradford District Older People's Partnership

Mike Young - Former Statutory Mental Health Services Manager

Tim Pickles - Strategic Disability Partnership

Susan Crowe - Strategic Disability Partnership

To consider any further 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)

To consider any 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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ON RECYCLED PAPER

COUNCIL

15 JULY 2014

MEMBER QUESTION TIME

Questions submitted in accordance with Standing Order 12

QUESTIONS TO MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE

1. **Councillor Warburton**

Can the Leader tell us what progress is being made in discussions with partners about the use of the Better Care Fund?

2. **Councillor Cooke**

What steps has the Leader taken to ensure that ward councillors are informed, and where appropriate consulted, about significant actions by the council (such as legal proceedings to remove travellers from Council land)?

3. **Councillor Jeanette Sunderland**

Question to the Leader - How much New Homes Bonus has the Council received since this funding stream began and how much has been spent in building affordable homes?

4. **Councillor Ahmed**

The recent 'attacks' by Britain First members in a number of Mosques in Bradford including the ex Lord Mayor Cllr Khadim Hussain's family home have caused considerable unease and distress to the Muslim community. Will the leader join me in condemning these Islamophobic acts which were designed to stoke tensions, and reassure the muslim community that such behaviour by fascists is not welcome in our city?

5. **Councillor Warnes**

Would the Leader of Council please take this opportunity to (1) welcome the campaign by Friends of the Earth to 'Help Schools Go Solar', (2) agree that Bradford Council's Environment and Climate Change Unit is well placed to work closely with our schools to install solar energy technologies in approximately 40 Bradford schools by April 2016, and (3) undertake to write to Education Secretary Michael Gove asking that the government puts in place financial measures that will make it easier for our schools to 'go solar'?

6. **Councillor Hawkesworth**

In view of widespread concern about possible electoral abuse in the United Kingdom will the Leader please report to Council on the Elections held in the District on May 22nd 2014 specifying if there are any causes for concern arising out of the elections, including the improper use of Council resources, and if so detail what action is being taken to address them?

7. Councillor Shafiq

Can the Leader tell me what steps this Council is taking to improve educational attainment of children in primary and secondary schools, what challenges it faces in achieving improvements and what parents can do to help?

8. Councillor Lynne Smith

Can the Portfolio Holder for Culture comment on the recent announcement of Arts Council England funding for National Portfolio Organisations. Has this latest round of funding gone any way to redressing the north/south imbalance in arts funding?

9. Councillor Brown

Can the Leader advise colleagues whether the council will commit to supporting local employers and being seen to do so, by measures such as choosing a Jaguar / Landrover, or any other make and model which has components manufactured by local companies, when it is time to replace the Mayoral Car?

10. Councillor Farley

Can the Leader comment on the progress being made in Keighley and the positive work carried out over the last 6 months to achieve Fair Trade status for the town?

11. Councillor Akthar

Thousands of people enjoyed the Tour de France as it passed through the District. Can the Portfolio Holder comment on the legacy of the Tour de France and what benefits it is likely to bring to the District?

12. Councillor L'Amie

Can the Portfolio Holder for Children's Services advise members of the measures being taken, to increase the educational attainment levels of local children and young adults, in partnership with schools and adult education providers, to increase the capabilities of the local workforce, to attract inward investment from those employers providing high quality employment and subsequently increasing the life prospects of the local population?

13. Councillor Wainwright

Does the Portfolio Holder agree that there seem to be inconsistencies in the views of the Housing Minister and MP for Keighley which suggest that while he believes many more homes are required and that rural villages should have homes for local people, they should not be built in his constituency and the District's much needed new homes should be confined to the City of Bradford?

14. Councillor Jeanette Sunderland

Can the Leader advise me how much money (both internally and externally) the Council has spent to obtain legal opinion about the ownership of the wall at Thackley Corner?

15. Councillor Greenwood

Some people have been asking about the road works on Canal Road and why they are being undertaken at certain locations. Can the Portfolio Holder take the opportunity to explain the situation?

16. Councillor Cooke

Would the Leader consider that the strategy and process for deciding grants to voluntary and community sector organisations is a key decision?

17. Councillor Greenwood

Given Eric Pickles ban on Councils using CCTV cars to tackle illegal parking can the Portfolio Holder comment on the activity of Bradford's CCTV car in keeping our roads clear and safe and how Mr Pickles latest diktat from London will impact on that activity?

18. Councillor Shabbir

Can the portfolio holder please explain the reasons for the IEB served on Belle Vue Boys School in 2011 and who authorised the IEB? Can he also further explain who is to be held accountable for the failure of a council appointed IEB to turn the school around. And would he agree that the policies of IEBs is inconsistent and highlights the poverty of aspiration that exists when parents and community representation is not the driving force behind the school?

19. Councillor Hassan Khan

Can the Portfolio holder outline the role the Children's Services Department played in supporting the successful Better Start bid?

20. Councillor L'Amie

Can the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Planning and Transport inform members of what actions the Council is taking to ensure that the units on the Buck Lane industrial estate in Baildon are used by genuine "Hi Tech " Companies?

21. Councillor Shafiq

What is the Council doing to make sure that its workforce at all levels is representative of the population it serves and has the skills and experience to reach senior management positions? In particular, what efforts are being made to ensure that this is the case in Children's Services?

22. Councillor Engel

What is the Council doing to reduce homelessness and the costs of homelessness?

23. Councillor Fear

Question to the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Planning and Transport - What is Bradford Council seeking to do to address the problems residents have with accessing details of planning applications that impact on them on the Bradford Council Planning website?

24. Councillor Brown

Can the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Planning & Transport confirm whether she considers it acceptable that there were delays in the receipt of lamp posts for Providence Lane, because they were in transit from Spain and will she commit to trying to increase the amount of council money spent with local firms?

25. Councillor Thirkill

Can the Portfolio holder outline the progress being made on the establishment of an Adoption Forum for the District?

26. Councillor Hassan Khan

What progress is being made on the City Connect cycle route?

27. Councillor Whiteley

David Laws the Minister for State for Schools has said that his department has secured £7.5billion basic need funding for 2015/16 which will enable local authorities to create a further 500,000 school places. Can the Portfolio Holder for Children's Services advise colleagues of the actions that Bradford Council is taking to secure monies from the fund, to create more secondary school places for children in Wharfedale, because Ilkley Grammar School cannot meet current demand let alone the increased need associated with recent planning permissions in the area?

28. Councillor Sher Khan

How much has it cost the Council to prepare the former central library building to accommodate staff currently based at Futures House and when will those staff be relocated and the building brought back into use?

29. Councillor Swallow

What steps are being taken to make best use of the recently announced looked after child premium?

30. Councillor Cooke

Further to the Planning Minister's invitation for councils to become vanguards for the new "Right to Build" scheme, can the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Planning and Transport advise colleagues of how the council intends to respond to this invitation?

31. Councillor Azam

What impact is the Film Literacy Project having with Bradford Schools?

32. Councillor Fear

Question to the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transport - What measures does Bradford Council have in place to complete and adopt roads as part of new housing developments where the developer has defaulted on work?

33. Councillor Faisal Khan

What is the 'BD3 problem' with regards to schools and what was done about it and who managed it and where was this discussed and is it minuted?

34. Councillor Love

On 21st May 2014 in a report on dental health the Telegraph and Argus claimed 'A spokesman for Bradford Council said it had not taken a stance on fluoridation'. Given that Full Council has voted against fluoridation on at least two occasions in the last 12 years, will the Leader of Council please ensure that spokespeople for the Council are fully briefed before commenting to the press?

35. Councillor Cooke

Can the Leader of the Council advise us what value and purpose is served by expecting local village fairs, fetes and galas to apply for a markets licence?

36. Councillor Cooke

What provision is in place in Bradford City Centre to a) reduce the impact of anti-social street drinking; and b) support street drinkers and drug users in addressing their problems?

37. Councillor Jeanette Sunderland

Question to the Leader - How much each year since 2010 has Bradford Council been offered by the Government to freeze the level of Council Tax?

38. Councillor Ahmed

Will the Leader of the Council provide details, by service, of budget reductions approved by the Council; of his assessment what impact these reductions have had on residents of Bradford; and of his assessment of which residents have suffered the most serious decrease in their quality of life as a result of these reductions?

39. Councillor Cooke

How much in outstanding business rates is Bradford Council owned by Bradford Bulls and is any of this debt considered uncollectable because of liquidation and/or administration proceedings to which the Council was a party?

COUNCIL

15 JULY 2014

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. SOLAR SCHOOLS

To be moved by Councillor Warnes
Seconded by Councillor Love

This Council agrees that the installation of solar energy technologies in Bradford's schools will help to cut their energy bills, limit their carbon pollution and provide additional energy security for our District.

2. BINGLEY REGENERATION

To be moved by Councillor Cooke
Seconded by Councillor Ellis

Council notes:

1. Significant new permissions for housing in the Bingley Area
2. Ongoing discussions with J. Sainsbury PLC regarding the future of the former Bradford & Bingley Building Society headquarters
3. Elements of the Airedale Masterplan relating to Bingley
4. Continuing high levels of retail vacancy within the town

Council asks the Executive to:

1. Develop proposals for replicating or extending the City Centre Growth Zone to Bingley
2. Work with local members and organisations such as the Bingley Chamber of Trade and Bingley Civic Trust to develop this strategy

3. GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF LOCAL SCHOOLS

To be moved by Councillor Berry
Seconded by Councillor Green

The Council is committed to ensuring that all the District's schools benefit from good quality governance, to supporting governors in holding schools' senior management to account and to subjecting the performance of schools and governors to appropriate levels of public scrutiny and accountability.

The Council is concerned that an increasingly fragmented system is undermining and creating barriers to its ability to challenge schools and governors and to intervene where there is cause for concern and is leading to confusion among parents about where accountability lies.

The Council also recognises that the system places a disproportionate amount of responsibility for holding local schools to account in the hands of Central Government.

We note that the Council has demonstrated its preparedness to take steps to address school governance and performance issues across a range of schools as and when necessary and that it has been praised for its work to support Kings Science Academy as it addresses its Ofsted Action Plan. We believe that the Council's powers to support local schools and hold them accountable to local people should be strengthened.

The Council therefore resolves to:

- 1) Re-affirm its ongoing commitment to supporting Governors and head teachers to ensure that children in all our schools are educated to high standards and within a safe, well governed environment.
- 2) Support the Local Government Association's call for Councils to have greater powers including triggering school inspections, offering support and making early interventions.