

## **Decisions of the Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 15 July 2014**

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### **DECISIONS:**

#### **1. PETITIONS**

##### **(1) St Paul's Road and Wellington Crescent, Shipley – Residents Only Parking**

**At the request of the lead petitioner this petition is deferred to the meeting of Council on 21 October 2014.**

##### **(2) No fracking in the Bradford District**

**Resolved –**

**That the petition be referred to the Executive.**

##### **(3) Council Wardens**

**Resolved –**

**That the petition be referred to the Executive.**

##### **(4) Save Bingley Toilets**

**Resolved –**

**That the petition be referred to Shipley Area Committee.**

##### **(5) Save Shipley Toilets**

**Resolved –**

**That the petition be referred to Shipley Area Committee.**



**(6) Save St Ives Toilets**

**Resolved –**

**That the petition be referred to Shipley Area Committee.**

**(7) Ban Bloodsports on Ilkley Moor**

**Resolved –**

**That the petition be referred to the Environment and Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee.**

**(8) Jesmond Avenue, Bradford – Parking Permits**

**Resolved –**

**That the petition be referred to Bradford West Area Committee.**

**(9) Victoria Road Trees, Saltaire**

**Resolved –**

**That the petition be referred to the Regeneration and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee.**

**(10) Laisterdyke Business and Enterprise College**

**Resolved –**

**That the petition be referred to the Children’s Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee.**

***ACTION: City Solicitor (referral to Committees)***

**2. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES**

**Resolved –**

**(1) That Councillor Engel replace Councillor Swallow on the Children’s Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee.**

**(2) That Councillors Mohammed and Akthar replace Councillors Dodds and Swallow on the Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee.**

**(3) That Councillor Jamil replace Councillor Wainwright on the Regeneration and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee.**

**(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**  
**and Mike Pollard**

- (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**

***ACTION: City Solicitor***

### **3. SOLAR SCHOOLS**

**Resolved -**

**This Council welcomes the 'Run on Sun' campaign that has been launched by Friends of the Earth to (a) promote clean energy, (b) make it easier for schools to invest in solar power, and (c) raise awareness of the financial, practical and environmental benefits of schools being powered by solar energy.**

**This Council also welcomes the extensive work that has been successfully carried out by the officers of our Environment and Climate Change Unit in recent years to reduce the Council's energy bills, invest in clean, renewable energy and establish Bradford Council as a national leader among UK councils for sustainable energy investment.**

**This Council applauds the pioneering spirit and vision shown by the staff, students and governors of Saltaire Primary School, where the solar panels installed in August last year by Council staff are operating successfully.**

**This Council notes that:**

- a) solar photovoltaic and thermal panels are an affordable renewable energy technology that can be quickly installed and easily maintained across Bradford's schools estate;**
- b) Bradford Council is able to provide free energy audits to schools and is an accredited installer of solar technologies;**
- c) the capital investment required for solar photovoltaic panels is typically repaid within 7-9 years (by reduced electricity bills and feed-in-tariff income) and the energy generated for 25-40 years is free to the school;**
- d) Friends of the Earth estimate that the financial benefits per school can be as high as £8,000 per annum;**

- e) approximately forty Bradford schools are suitable for the early installation of solar technologies, thereby potentially saving our community nearly £5m over the next 15 years;
- f) the use of solar technologies contributes towards cutting Bradford's carbon footprint;
- g) solar technologies are a visible symbol of our determination as a community to reduce our carbon footprint and build energy security across Bradford District;
- h) solar technologies are a fantastic educational resource that can boost awareness of sustainable energy among children and local families;

This Council therefore requests that:

1. a robust funding formula to facilitate the installation of solar technologies by the Council across our schools is finalised by the Environment and Climate Change Unit and the Schools Forum as a matter of urgency;
2. the Chief Executive writes to every school in our district, as soon as the funding formula is finalised, outlining the financial and environmental benefits of solar photovoltaic and solar thermal technologies and publicising the fact that the Council is an accredited installer of these technologies;
3. the Environment and Climate Change Unit engages as proactively as possible with Bradford's schools to ensure the maximum and earliest roll-out of solar technologies across the schools estate;
4. the Environment and Climate Change Unit launches a high profile and well-publicised district-wide campaign over the summer months to encourage our schools to invest in solar technologies installed by the Council;
5. the Environment and Climate Change Unit liaises closely with Friends of the Earth to ensure that Bradford Council is positively involved in the 'Run on Sun' campaign;
6. the Environment and Climate Change Unit presents a comprehensive report to the Environment and Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee before the end of September 2014 explaining and evaluating (a) the progress to date in this area of the Council's responsibilities and (b) a planned programme for installing solar PV and thermal panels in our schools over the coming 2-3 years.

**ACTION:** *Chief Executive/Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture/  
Strategic Director Children's Services/City Solicitor (Scrutiny Lead)*

#### 4. BINGLEY REGENERATION

Resolved-

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

The Council resolves to work with local members, organisations, businesses and communities to further develop and deliver on plans to secure sustainable regeneration and economic growth for Bingley and to call on Government to support our town centres locally and nationally.

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

## 5. GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF LOCAL SCHOOLS

**Resolved-**

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.

**ACTION:** *Strategic Director Children's Services*

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