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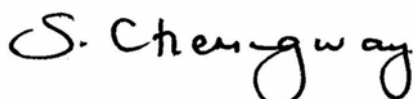
Dear Councillor

COUNCIL MEETING – 20 JANUARY 2015

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Council to be held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Bradford, on Tuesday, 20 January 2015 at 1600.

The agenda for the meeting is set out overleaf.

Yours sincerely



Interim Chief Executive

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 9 December 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.

(i) Decommissioning of Health on the Streets Team (HOTS) **Eccleshill**

If any further requests are received, in writing, by mid-day three working days before the meeting (Thursday), details will be circulated.

(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)

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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MEMBER QUESTION TIME

Questions submitted in accordance with Standing Order 12

QUESTIONS TO MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE

1. **Councillor Jabar**

Will the Leader, on behalf of the Council, place on record its condemnation of the appalling massacre of innocent school children in Peshawar and the recent atrocity in Paris and offer its most heartfelt condolences to the victims and their families?

2. **Councillor L'Amie**

As it was resolved at the 22 October 2013 full council meeting, that "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, can the Leader of the Council advise colleagues of the current position?

3. **Councillor Middleton**

To the Portfolio Holder for Employment, Skills & Culture - When will Eccleshill Library on the Undercliffe Road site BD2 3BE be reopening to the public?

4. **Councillor Shabbir**

Will the portfolio holder tell us if there are any steps to be taken with regards to the back log of planning enforcement cases to be investigated and indeed actioned. And does the portfolio holder agree to the fact that there seems to be an emergence of a culture of overstepping regulations or approval permission and then seeking retrospective planning approval. In respect of this how many developments are reported for planning infringements, how many are deemed to be so, how many are enforced after they have been completed, and how many complaints do we have from neighbours about lack of satisfaction with the response of planning enforcement?

5. **Councillor Love**

Can the Leader of Council advise us of the total number of people on the 2015 Electoral Register of the district, broken down by ward, compared to the 2014 Electoral Register?

6. **Councillor Atkinson**

Could the Leader advise the Council of the proposed costs of maintaining bowling greens and also the cost of planting and maintaining flowerbeds in each location throughout the District and confirm that each club and/or Parish/Town Council that could be affected by the proposed budget cuts has been notified?

7. Councillor Lynne Smith

Can the Leader comment on the Provisional Local Government Settlement and its implications for Bradford District?

8. Councillor Akthar

Can the portfolio holder for Children and Young People's services explain the progress being made on the recommendations from Professor Woods report concerning educational attainment?

9. Councillor Davies

Can the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Sport explain the policy on the provision of grit bins, as it seems to be near impossible to obtain any following requests by local residents?

10. Councillor Greenwood

The Secretary of State for Health has linked the growing numbers of older people with the Accident & Emergency crisis overseen by his Coalition Government. Can the Leader explain the role that Council services play in helping to keep people out of A & E wards and hospital beds and does he agree that the Coalition's failure to address the social care funding crisis and to provide local authorities with sufficient funding to meet local needs in addition to its mishandling of the Better Care Fund will inevitably lead to increasing pressure on Council and local health services?

11. Councillor Akthar

Please could the Portfolio Holder for Employment, Skills and Culture provide an update on the progress of the development on East Parade in Keighley?

12. Councillor Miller

In light of the recent, very serious terror attacks in France, with a council employee being amongst those shot, the Royal United Services Institute has warned that Britain should expect and prepare for copycat attacks. Can the Leader of the Council advise colleagues of what urgent action will be taken, in the interest of staff safety, to alleviate the need for the formerly restricted access West Entrance to the building being continuously wide open, despite a notice in the same doorway informing that the threat level is considered to be "High"?

13. Councillor Hassan Khan

Can the Leader provide an update on negotiations with the Government for greater powers for West Yorkshire?

14. Councillor Fear

To the Portfolio Holder for Planning & Transportation - Now that Winter is here what plans are in place to ensure that road side grit bins will be promptly refilled, and decisions made on outstanding requests for new grit bins?

15. Councillor Wainwright

Can the Leader comment on allegations that the distribution of Council budget cuts as a result of Coalition Government cuts to grants is somehow politically designed to target specific wards and does he agree that people in glass houses should not throw stones?

16. **Councillor Heseltine**

Can the relevant Portfolio Holder confirm the cost for refurbishing the near derelict building at the Council depot at Keighley to provide offices?

17. **Councillor Warburton**

During the statement to the House of Commons on the Local Government Financial Settlement on December 18 both the Minister for Local Government and MP for Keighley and the MP for Shipley claimed that the Labour Council in Bradford is **closing** Children's Centres in Conservative wards. Can the Portfolio Holder clarify whether the Council is physically closing down any Children's Centres in the District or were these two MPs were simply engaging in a cynical misrepresentation of the facts for Party political gain?

18. **Councillor Shafiq**

Can the portfolio holder outline what steps are being taken to ensure that siblings are placed together wherever possible when placement plans are put in place?

19. **Councillor Davies**

The recent proposal to make Belle Vue Boys school co-educational will mean there are three girls only secondary schools in the district and no boys only schools. Particularly given the geographical proximity of two of these girls schools does the Portfolio Holder for Children's Services think that in solving one problem the proposal may create another, as some schools will inevitably be attended by far more boys than girls? What actions does the Council propose to take in partnership with schools, to address this issue?

20. **Councillor Engel**

Can the portfolio holder comment on the prospect of the minimum funding guarantee for schools being removed?

21. **Councillor Dodds**

Can the portfolio holder advise whether the new school food standards apply to every state school in Bradford?

22. **Councillor Middleton**

To the Portfolio Holder for Planning & Transportation - What action is being taken to address the problem of broken Street Lights in Bradford MDC that are presently taking more than four weeks to fix?

23. **Councillor Ellis**

Does the Portfolio Holder for Environment & Sport welcome the proposals to reduce fly tipping in the district, contained within the Draft Control of Waste (Dealing with Seized Property) Regulations of number of vehicle seizures / fly tipping?

24. **Councillor Engel**

Is the portfolio holder aware that some drain covers in use in this District have holes that are the perfect dimensions for crutches to become firmly wedged in, including one directly outside the home of one of my constituents who uses crutches on a daily basis due to a degenerative medical condition? Are there any plans to alter the design/s used in order to make them more disability-friendly, and if so, what are the anticipated timescales?

25. **Councillor Sykes**

The draft Core Strategy in respect of the proposed Local Development Plan has now been submitted for Inspection. Could the Leader of the Council confirm when the Council actually began the process, its total cost to date and details of who is footing the bill?

26. **Councillor Miller**

In light of the new grants offered by English Heritage and the Wolfson Foundation, for the repair or restoration of War Memorials, would the Leader of the Council be prepared to ensure that a survey, possibly in partnership with ex-servicemen's groups and Parish & Town Councils, can be carried out to establish the condition of War Memorials in the District in time to allow a bid to be made if required?

27. **Councillor Rachel Sunderland**

To the Portfolio Holder for Safer & Stronger Communities - How many parking tickets were issued to drivers during 2014 for dangerous and inappropriate parking outside each of the six Primary and two Secondary Schools in Bolton & Undercliffe ward?

28. **Councillor Davies**

In light of his responsibilities relating to regeneration and workforce skills development, arising from his position on the Combined Authority, coupled with his longstanding commitment to these issues during his service on the council, can the Leader advise of what actions the council will take to ensure that as many local employers as possible are aware of and encouraged to apply for the new Tech Partnership Training Fund, providing enhanced IT training for apprentices and young people?

29. **Councillor Dale Smith**

Given the reported outbreak of harmony among the Leaders of the Leeds City Region will the Leader confirm that discussions are taking place with regard to Bradford Council Tax Payers being able to access the **nearest** Household Waste Collection Site without let or hindrance and irrespective of boundary demarcation?

30. **Councillor Heseltine**

Can the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Planning & Transportation confirm the cost of bringing the Highways teams to Shipley Town Hall and the new Keighley Office?

31. **Councillor Davies**

Can the Portfolio Holder for Employment, Skills & Culture confirm how much revenue is collected annually from Baildon Ian Clough car park and the public car park in Esholt?

32. **Councillor Fear**

To the Leader of Council - How many employees does Bradford Council have under the age of 35 and how many of those employees under the age of 35 presently earn a salary in excess of £21,000?

33. **Councillor Davies**

Can the Portfolio Holder for Children's' Services advise colleagues why the District's schools have a problem recruiting and retaining high calibre teaching staff and what is being done to combat this problem?

34. Councillor Miller

Can the Portfolio Holder for Environment & Sport advise colleagues of the collection schedule for the contents of the dog foul bins around Keighley Canal / Barr House Lane, Riddlesden area?

35. Councillor Davies

Can the Portfolio Holders for Children's' and Adult Services inform colleagues why the Council has a problem recruiting and retaining social workers?

36. Councillor Leeming

To the Portfolio Holder for Environment, Sport & Sustainability - Now that Asset Management have confirmed that the former allotments green field site on Oxford Road cannot be built on, what plans are there to bring part of the site back into use as Allotments?

37. Councillor Sykes

Whilst unapproved housing development/structural alterations take place at the risk of planning refusal, the increase in such activities makes it clear that this in itself is not sufficient deterrent. Could the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Planning & Transportation advise what further action could be taken to prevent this clear abuse of the planning process?

38. Councillor Heseltine

Can the Portfolio Holder for Environment & Sport confirm the refurbishment costs for Shipley Town Hall in the last 5 years and what are the scheduled costs for ongoing refurbishment works, including the provision of a new Access Point?

39. Councillor Davies

Can the Portfolio Holder for Environment & Sport or Housing Planning & Transportation inform colleagues whether there is a Council policy on the removal of Japanese knotweed and is any assistance to residents given?

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NOTICES OF MOTION

1. YOUTH SERVICES

To be moved by Councillor Berry
Seconded by Councillor Dunbar

This Council notes that:

- 1) The Coalition Government's unprecedented and disproportionate spending cuts are putting Council budgets under intolerable pressure and services at risk.
- 2) Those financial pressures have led to difficult decisions about the future of services including reductions to the Council's youth service and provision for young people commissioned from other organisations.
- 3) Some Local Authorities have completely abolished their directly provided and/or commissioned youth services in the face of Coalition spending cuts.
- 4) Bradford Council has listened to local people, recognised the importance of young people being able to access appropriate services and is maintaining a relatively high level of financial support for those services given the severe resource constraints that it faces.
- 5) The Council has undertaken a comprehensive consultation and engagement exercise with young people about the future of youth provision within the District.
- 6) That the MP for Bradford South has tabled Early Day Motion no 488 calling for youth services to be placed on a stronger statutory footing.

The Council resolves to:

- 1) Write to the Leaders of the main national political parties requesting them to make a commitment in their 2015 General Election Manifestos to strengthening the statutory basis of the provision and commissioning of youth services making clear the expectations of local authorities and to ensuring that sufficient funding is made available to Councils for them to be able to meet those obligations.
- 2) Write to the MPs for Bradford East, Bradford West, Shipley and Keighley asking them to sign the Early Day Motion no 488.
- 3) Continue to work with local young people, communities and organisations to provide the best possible youth offer across the District within the context of vastly reduced resources.

2. COMMEMORATING SREBRENICA

To be moved by Councillor Ross-Shaw

Seconded by Councillor Farley

This Council:

- 1 Notes that 2015 is the twentieth anniversary of the Srebrenica genocide in Bosnia and Herzegovina, which saw over 8,000 Muslim men and boys killed by Serbian nationalist forces.
- 2 Applauds the work of those involved in the pursuit of justice for the victims and their surviving relatives, including the International Commission of Missing People (ICMP) and the Mothers of Srebrenica, whose courage and humility in the face of unthinkable horror is an inspiration to us all.
- 3 Commends the work of the charity, Remembering Srebrenica, in raising awareness of this tragic and preventable genocide and working in communities across Britain to help them learn the lessons of Srebrenica.

The Council resolves to:

- 1 Offer its full support to the Remembering Srebrenica delegates from Bradford, who visited Bosnia last year and have been working tirelessly in our community to raise awareness of the genocide and learn the lessons of Srebrenica.
- 2 Support the planned Srebrenica memorial event planned for 4 July in City Park, which will launch the UK-wide Remembering Srebrenica Memorial Week, 5-11 July 2015.

Recognise and support the work of the Bradford Remembering Srebrenica delegation in planning a memorial to the victims of the genocide in the Peace Gardens outside Bradford City Hall to be installed during Remembering Srebrenica Memorial Week.

3. PUBLIC HEALTH

To be moved by Councillor Jeanette Sunderland

Seconded by Councillor Griffiths

This Council believes that Local Authorities can significantly influence the quality of Public Health.

This Council notes the newly acquired responsibilities of this authority in partnership with others (Clinical Commissioning Groups, Health & Wellbeing Boards etc) to improve the health of local people. This would include co-ordinating existing roles that impact on health, for example the quality of the Living Environment, Housing, Economic Development and Regeneration, Education and Care Services.

The Council believes it should therefore examine the Public Health Implications of all decisions that it makes.

This Council therefore instructs the Chief Executive to ensure that the framework for Council Reports to Committees and Panels is amended to include in Other Implications a paragraph on the Public Health Implications of items for discussion and decision by members.

4. **ESPRIT DE CORPS**

To be moved by Councillor Miller
Seconded by Councillor Cooke

This Council notes the deplorable recent terror attacks in and around Paris.

The Council reaffirms its commitment to the freedom of self expression, as contained within Article 10 of the Human Rights Act 1998.

The Council requests that the Interim Chief Executive write to Anne Hidalgo, the Mayor of Paris, expressing Bradford District Citizens' condolences for and esprit de corps with, the people of Paris and wider France.