

Decisions of the Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 20 January 2015

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DECISIONS:

1. PETITION

Decommissioning of Health on the Streets Team

Resolved –

That the petition be referred to the Executive.

ACTION: Assistant City Solicitor (referral to Committees)

2. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES

Resolved –

(1) That the appointments of Sidiq Ali as a voting Parent Governor Co-opted Member and Kerr Kennedy as a Voluntary Sector non-voting co-opted Member on the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the remainder of the 2014/2015 municipal year be confirmed.

(2) That Councillor Whiteley be appointed as an alternate for the Regeneration and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee in place of Councillor Sykes.

ACTION: Assistant City Solicitor

3. YOUTH SERVICES

Resolved-

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.**

ACTION: Interim Chief Executive/Strategic Director Children's Services

4. COMMEMORATING SREBRENICA

Resolved-

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.**
- (3) 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.**

ACTION: Interim Chief Executive/Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture

5. PUBLIC HEALTH

Resolved-

This Council notes:

- (1) The very high priority it attaches to working in partnership with others to improve people's health and to reduce the significant health inequalities in the District.**
- (2) That in addition to Public Health many of its services can have a significant impact on health for example, environmental services, sport and leisure services, regeneration, education and care services.**
- (3) That imposing additional bureaucratic overheads on every Council decision will do little or nothing to achieve better health outcomes for the people of Bradford District.**

The Council resolves to continue to make improving health and reducing health inequalities top priorities.

ACTION: Director of Public Health/all Strategic Directors

6. ESPRIT DE CORPS

Resolved-

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

Peshawar and Baga, Nigeria.

The Council reaffirms its commitment to the freedom of self expression as contained within Article 10 of the Human Rights Act 1998 and notes that the Act recognises freedom of expression as a qualified right which has limits and carries with it duties and responsibilities.

The Council requests that the Interim Chief Executive write to Anne Hidalgo, the Mayor of Paris and to the civic representatives of Peshawar and Baga expressing Bradford District citizens' concerns for and solidarity with the people of Paris and wider France, of Peshawar and Pakistan and of Baga and Nigeria.

ACTION: Interim Chief Executive

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