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Dear Councillor

MEETING OF COUNCIL – 14 JULY 2015

You are requested to attend the meeting of the Council to be held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Bradford, on Tuesday, 14 July 2015 at 1600.

The agenda for the meeting is set out overleaf.

Yours sincerely



Assistant City Solicitor

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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 19 May 2015 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) Re-open public toilets in Silsden | <u>Craven</u> |
| (ii) Remove permission for grouse shooting on Ilkley Moor | <u>Ilkley</u> |

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)

Recommended -

- (1) **That the appointment of the following non-voting co-opted representatives to the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the 2015/16 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, Kerr Kennedy

- (2) That the appointment of the following non-voting co-opted representatives to the Environment and Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the 2015/16 Municipal Year be confirmed:

Julia Pearson – Bradford Environment Forum
Nicola Hoggart – Environment Agency

- (3) That the appointment of the following non-voting co-opted representatives to the Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the 2015/16 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)

10A **ANNUAL OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY REPORT FOR 2014-15**

Previous reference: Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Minute 100 (2014-2015)

At the meeting of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 30 April 2015 the report of the Assistant City Solicitor (Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Document "AY") presented the Annual Overview and Scrutiny Report for 2014-15.

The updated Annual Overview and Scrutiny 2014-15 report was referred to Council for consideration (**Document "C"**).

Recommended-

That the Annual Overview and Scrutiny Report for 2014-15 be adopted.

(Mustansir Butt – 01274 432574)

10B REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION

At the meeting of the Governance and Audit Committee on 26 June 2015 the report of the Assistant City Solicitor (Governance and Audit Committee Document “G”) detailed proposed amendments to the Constitution and referred the proposed amendments to Council for approval contained in **Document “D”**.

Recommended -

That the proposed amendments to the Constitution set out in Appendices 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of this report be adopted.

(Dermot Pearson – 01274 432496)

10C AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION - DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES FOR THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE, MONITORING OFFICER AND CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

At the meeting of the Governance and Audit Committee on 26 June 2015 the report of the Deputy Monitoring Officer (Governance and Audit Committee Document “G1”) provided details of proposed amendments to the Constitution for recommendation to Council following the introduction of the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2015. The referral from the Governance and Audit Committee is set out in **Document “E”**. It is,

Recommended -

- (1) That a Chief Officer Disciplinary Committee be established with the composition, quorum, and functions as set out in Appendix A to this Report.**
- (2) Amendments to Article 12A (Staffing Committee) of the Constitution as set out in Appendix B to this Report.**
- (3) Amendments to the Officer Employment Procedure Rules as set out in Appendix C to this Report.**
- (4) Amendments to Article 4 of the Council’s Constitution as set out in Appendix D to this Report.**
- (5) That Mr Mohammed Shakeel be invited to serve as an independent person on the Chief Officer Disciplinary Committee, and if he accepts to be appointed to serve on that Committee.**
- (6) That the Deputy Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Chair of Governance and Audit Committee be authorised to identify suitable independent persons appointed by other authorities for appointment to the Chief Officer Disciplinary Committee and bring a further report to Council for the purpose of making the appointments.**

(Mandy Hill – 01274 432214)

10D 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.

(Adrian Tumber – 01274 432435)

11. **NOTICES OF MOTION** (Standing Order 17)

To consider the attached motions of which notice has been given.

12. **FOOD SAFETY PLAN**

The Council is required by the Food Standards Agency to have a documented and approved Food Safety Service Plan in place. The report of the Strategic Director Environment and Sport (**Document “F”**) is brought to Full Council to seek approval for that plan.

Recommended -

That the Food Safety Service Plan be approved.

(Angela Brindle – 01274 433985)

COUNCIL

14 JULY 2015

MEMBER QUESTION TIME

Questions submitted in accordance with Standing Order 12

QUESTIONS TO MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE

1. **Councillor Thornton**

What are the implications for Bradford District of the Chancellor's "Emergency Budget"?

2. **Councillor Martin Smith**

Could the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Planning and Transportation inform colleagues of the number of planning enforcement notices which are currently outstanding, along with details of their longevity?

3. **Councillor Rachel Sunderland**

To the Portfolio Holder for Education, Skills & Culture - Hanson has been on the list of schools causing concerns for the last five years. During this time what specific actions have the Local Authority taken to raise standards in the school?

4. **Councillor Ahmed**

Could the leader please state how much the Hays report cost the Bradford Council and does he believe that the original draft report has somewhat been toned down to prevent embarrassment to the leadership and senior management?

5. **Councillor Robinson**

What steps to Central Government by Bradford Council should be taken to ensure that all Madrassa are ofsted inspected to ensure radicalisation of young Muslims is not taking place?

6. **Councillor Morris**

Cut to transport funding - Parents and children do have a right in this country to a fair, equal and just access to education. Do you agree the intended cut in funding could affect that right if they can't get to a central pickup point or they are unable to access public transport for anyone of a myriad of reasons? Do the Executive not recognise the dangers that some of these children will be put in if the existing arrangements are changed (at present a taxi with a driver that has been vetted to ensure they are of good character, are competent and sympathetic to the needs of passengers are provided to ensure that these children and young persons reach their destination and are returned home safely is provided)? Can the portfolio holder guarantee these changes to a system will not lead to children with speech, mobility, and hearing in some cases mental illnesses being left to their own devices in some cases placed in environments not encountered before without a friendly and known carer with them. I challenge any member of the Council's Executive to guarantee no harm will befall any of these children because of this decision. I ask the Executive to think again before implementing this decision.

7. Councillor Warburton

What are the implications for the District and regional economies of the Government's announcement of indefinite delays to Trans-Pennine rail electrification and does this demonstrate that the "northern powerhouse" is little more than pre-election rhetoric?

8. Councillor Ferriby

What evidence do we have that the Council's efforts to regenerate the City Centre and wider District are succeeding?

9. Councillor Whiteley

At the Core Strategy Examination in Public, officers of the Council affirmed their intention to prevent the villages of Menston and Burley in Wharfedale becoming joined, due to the piecemeal infilling of local fields with housing. Can the Portfolio Holder for Transportation, Housing & Planning please confirm how this will be prevented, along with details of the timescale for the implementation of the relevant policy?

10. Councillor Jabar

With the shortage of school places in the district, what strategies have we in place to improve and give people places in schools of their choice?

11. Councillor Jabar

Could the portfolio holder update me on the troubled families programme and what pieces of work have been developed to work with these families? Which focus on lasting change?

12. Councillor Davies

Could the Portfolio Holder for Transportation, Housing & Planning, confirm whether any thought has been given to the impact that travellers setting up camp in Esholt Public Car Park, has on tourists visiting the area and can anything be done to prevent this happening yet again?

13. Councillor Wainwright

Is it possible to explain why the numbers of people on the Electoral Register in Tong Ward declined by 1,000 in 2014-15 compared to the previous year and what is being done to improve voter registration in all wards across the District?

14. Councillor Rachel Sunderland

To the Portfolio Holder for Education, Skills & Culture - In November 2014, following the well publicised dispute about school uniform at Hanson School, concerns were raised by parents about the safeguarding of children at the school. Hanson's most recent OFSTED report of February 2015 confirms that the schools arrangements for safeguarding students did not meet statutory requirements and was of serious concern. Can you advise what actions the Local Authority took between November 2014 and the time of the inspection to address this issue?

15. Councillor Whiteley

In the absence of the community infrastructure levy can the Portfolio Holder for Transportation, Housing & Planning confirm that monies from the new homes bonus will be distributed in the ward or for the benefit of the ward in which it is collected?

16. Councillor Ahmed

Will the portfolio holder please outline (if any) measures to ensure that there is an acceptable level of mixed ethnicity in our schools in Bradford therefore promoting cohesion, integration and tolerance from a young age and to prevent schools being either all 98% white or all 98% BME?

17. Councillor Davies

Would the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Planning and Transportation agree that income generated by the imposition of fines on utility companies etc, who overrun the timescales for road-works, should wherever possible be spent on transport projects in the area affected by the disruption?

18. Councillor Fear

To the Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety - What steps are the Council taking to help reduce the number of attacks on fire fighters across the district?

19. Councillor Cooke

The Council has received formal legal advice regarding the potential of conflicts of interest arising from the Council acting as a Trustee, which states: "if there is any member of the Regulatory and Appeals Committee who is also a member of the Executive, the Committee should consider whether such a person should properly take part in the decision." Does the Leader of Council consider that this advice is equally appropriate to members of other Committees with delegated decision-making powers including planning committees?

20. Councillor Mallinson

In view of the nearly 3,000 new homes, predicted to be built across the Craven Ward, can the Leader of the Council confirm that a bypass is still planned for Silsden?

21. Councillor Mike Pollard

I understand that notice has been / is about to be served on Network Rail, under a provision of the Highways Act 1980, to repair the collapsed wall on Otley Road, Shipley. If the clear statutory liability falls upon Network Rail regardless of any subsidiary leasehold contracts, could the Portfolio Holder for Transportation, Housing & Planning explain why adoption of this course of action has been so long delayed?

22. Councillor Jeanette Sunderland

To the Portfolio Holder for Environment, Sport & Sustainability - The Portfolio Holder will know about the 41 tonnes of what was commercial waste removed from Apperley Bridge Playing Fields following the removal of illegally encamped travellers in June of this year. Can the portfolio holder advise as to how much more waste has been removed as a result of the activities of this group of travellers, how much has it cost the Council to remove this commercial waste and what legal action has been taken against those that left the waste?

23. Councillor Cooke

What actions are being taken to reduce the negative impact of anti-social street drinking on town centre businesses especially those at Oastler Centre, John Street and North Parade?

24. Councillor Miller

How much has been received via Section 106 monies towards education over the last 5 years?

25. Councillor Davies

Does the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Sport agree that making dog foul bags available free of charge in libraries and other appropriate public buildings, as in some other councils' districts, would be a low cost contribution to efforts to tackle the problem of dog fouling?

26. Councillor Fear

To the Portfolio Holder for Environment, Sport & Sustainability - How many littering fines were issued by Council Wardens in 2014?

27. Councillor Dale Smith

Can the Leader identify those Councillors who have been appointed in a mini-Executive role to assist the Portfolio Holders and explain their responsibilities?

28. Councillor Whiteley

Can the Portfolio Holder for Transportation, Housing & Planning please provide details of the basis on which government funding for potholes is distributed across the district, along with a breakdown of monies distributed to each area?

29. Councillor Fear

To the Portfolio Holder for Environment, Sport & Sustainability - How many enquiries did the Council's pest control team receive in 2014 and how many times did the pest control team attend a job for which the pest control fees for domestic clients were charged?

30. Councillor Pennington

Can the Leader of the Council inform colleagues of the number of jobs created by the City Centre Growth Zone, during the twelve months since the June 2014 forecast of 381?

31. Councillor Davies

Given that only 52% of Council employees are members of Trades Unions, does the Leader of the Council think it appropriate and proportionate, that they retain the level of power that they currently wield, when it comes to decision making by the Council? Further, what actions are taken to ensure those employees who aren't members of unions are adequately consulted?

32. Councillor Ahmed

Will the leader please tell us how many child sexual exploitation cases are currently under investigation across the district and what steps are being put in place to prevent future incidents?

33. Councillor Davies

How much will be saved by closing the one day a week facility to register births, marriages and deaths at Ilkley and Shipley and did any residents suggest this as part of the "New Deal" consultation?

34. Councillor Davies

Could the Portfolio Holder for Transportation, Housing & Planning, quantify for colleagues what actual difference is the new policy on travellers making?

35. Councillor Jeanette Sunderland

To the Portfolio Holder for Education, Skills and Culture - What is the current level of vacancies for fully qualified maths teachers in Bradford Secondary Schools? Please supply the information both in number and % of total number of maths teacher jobs.

36. Councillor Davies

Would the Portfolio Holder for Children's' Services inform members of any lessons learned, from the significant amount of negative publicity earlier in the year, bringing into question the effectiveness of Bradford's Children's Trust Board?

37. Councillor Jeanette Sunderland

To the Portfolio Holder for Education, Skills and Culture - In how many secondary schools in the district is maths being taught by teachers who are not qualified to teach Maths?

38. Councillor Davies

Would the Portfolio Holder for Children's' Services inform members of how the effectiveness of employing a Recruitment and Retention Strategy Manager for Teaching, will be measured?

39. Councillor Morris

When and why did the Council dispose of the Clerk of Works position in Keighley?

COUNCIL

14 JULY 2015

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGE

To be moved by Councillor Berry
Seconded by Councillor Ikram

This Council notes that at any one time one in five people have a mental health condition, appreciates the devastating effect that mental illness can have on peoples' lives and recognises its significant social and economic costs.

The Council also notes the key role we play in working with others to improve mental health in our communities.

The Council therefore resolves to sign up to the MIND Mental Health Challenge and in doing so to undertake the following actions in order to promote mental health across all areas of its activity:

- 1 Appoint an elected member as 'mental health champion' across the council
- 2 Identify a lead officer for mental health to link in with colleagues across the council
- 3 Follow the implementation framework for the mental health strategy where it is relevant to the council's work and local needs
- 4 Work to reduce inequalities in mental health in our community
- 5 Work with the NHS to integrate health and social care support
- 6 Promote wellbeing and initiate and support action on public mental health for example through our joint health and wellbeing strategy
- 7 Tackle discrimination on the grounds of mental health in our community
- 8 Encourage positive mental health in our schools, colleges and workplaces
- 9 Proactively engage and listen to people of all ages and backgrounds about what they need for better mental health
- 10 Sign up to the Time to Change pledge.

2. **TRANSATLANTIC TRADE AND INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP**

To be moved by Councillor Engel
Seconded by Councillor Dunbar

This Council notes that:

1 The EU and USA launched negotiations in July 2013 on a Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP)

2 Negotiations are underway to determine which goods and services TTIP will apply to and if new rules can be agreed to protect investors, harmonise standards, reduce tariffs and open new markets throughout the EU and USA.

3 There has been no impact assessment about the potential impact on local authorities.

4 There has been no scrutiny of the negotiating texts by local government and no consultation with local government representatives.

5 MPs are also unable to scrutinise the negotiating documents.

This Council believes that:

1 TTIP could have a detrimental impact on local services, employment, suppliers and decision making.

2 A thorough Impact Assessment of TTIP on local authorities must be undertaken before the negotiations can be concluded.

3 The proposed Investor State Dispute Settlement mechanism has been used by corporations to overturn democratic decisions by all levels of governments at significant public cost. Local decision making must be protected from ISDS

4 The EU's food, environmental and labour standards are better than those in the US and TTIP negotiations must raise and not lower these standards across the EU and the USA.

5 Sourcing supplies and employment locally is important to strengthening local economies and meeting local needs. TTIP must not impact on local authorities' ability to act in the best interests of its communities.

This Council Resolves to:

1 Write to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, local MPs and all Yorkshire & Humber MEPs raising our serious concerns about the impact of TTIP on local authorities and the secrecy of the negotiating process.

2 Write to the Local Government Association to raise our serious concerns about the impact of TTIP on local authorities and ask them to raise these with Government on our behalf.

3 Call for an impact assessment on the impact of TTIP on local authorities.

4 Publicise the Council's concerns about TTIP, join with other local authorities which are opposed to TTIP across Europe and work with local campaigners to raise awareness about the problems of TTIP.

3. OPPOSING THE CUTS

To be moved by Councillor Karmani
Seconded by Councillor Ahmed

This Council Acknowledges

Proposed public sector cuts over the next 5 years will have a devastating effect on Bradford and will lead to greater inequality, increased child poverty, higher youth unemployment and will have a disproportionate negative impact on the disabled, poor hard working families it will also damage the Bradford economy and limit job opportunities and economic development.

The Office of Budget Responsibility predicts 800,000 fewer public sector jobs across the UK by 2018. Bradford will lose more frontline services and there will be redundancies of public sector workers and this is all part of a process of privatising public services and putting public money in the hands of shareholders away from stakeholders. Services funded by local councils face deep budget cuts of around 12 per cent next year, according to LGA.

More than £1bn will be cut from social care services for older and disabled people in England over the next year; that the cuts to social care would increase pressure on the NHS which is in early terminal decline.

The growth in 'zero hour' contracts in conjunction with the loss of public sector jobs will cause greater inequality, exploitation and unfairness in employment terms and conditions for the poor in particular young people. The 'low pay' economy that it being created by this will inhibit economic development further in our District.

The inequality gap between the well off and the poor will be increased over the next 5 years and the proposed further £12bn of cuts to the annual social security budget by 2017–18 will harm hard working families and increase child poverty. The growth in Food Banks is real and not a solution but rather demonstrate the deep flaws in Government policy.

Deprived areas such as Bradford will be worst hit by the cuts, David Innes, a Research Economist at IFS, commented:

“the size of the cuts has varied a lot across England. On the whole, it is more deprived areas, those with lower local revenue-raising capacity, and those that have seen the fastest population growth that have seen the largest cuts to spending per person. Further cuts are likely to come in the next parliament and they could well be focused on many of the same local authorities if the current mechanism for allocating funds is retained.”

The so called 'prioritisation' of those most in need and vulnerable is a smoke screen for removing benefits and support from the many and this will lead to increased hardship and vulnerabilities.

'Austerity' is a lie based on a false premise, the UK debt is lower than many major economies; if the Government can afford to give tax breaks to the mega-rich as well as tax evasion to the amount of £120 billion for private corporations.

The UK holds £850 billion in banking assets from the bailout, this is more than the national debt.

Addressing the 'tax gap' is a vital part of tackling the deficit. Figures produced by the Tax Justice Network show that £25 billion is lost annually in tax avoidance and a further £70 billion in tax evasion by large companies and wealthy individuals.

There is a critical need for increased investment into Bradford District to create the jobs needed to boost the local economy in particular in areas such as housing, renewable energy and public transport.

Bradford needs real investment and not the empty rhetoric in relation to 'Northern Powerhouse' cities which appears to favour Manchester and Leeds and is marginalising Bradford or see it as an afterthought.

This Council resolves to:

The imposition of cuts by central Government should not be accepted as a convenient excuse for failing to meet the needs of local communities and delivering on key performance measures.

The Council reject the false economic narrative that austerity is based on.

The Council Executive to produce a plan which demonstrates how it will minimise the effect of cuts in particular for vulnerable groups and children at risk of poverty and it is imperative to protect existing jobs.

That this plan proposes innovative ways to secure sustainable resources and investment.

The council will resist privatisation, outsourcing of services and any other back door measures to privatise services and shove them into the 'low pay' economy.

Ensure the economic strategy based on public investment, job creation and inward investment is actively pursued.

That we commend the moves to have a living wage for council staff but are concerned this is not matched across the district with many other workers and employers and hence measures are taken to ensure that all employers ensure workers are given a sustainable wage and 'minimum income standard'.

The need to ensure that we are at the core of economic development and investment opportunities and not on the periphery or an appendage to Leeds; the need for our Chief Executive and local MP's to ensure they fight for maximum recognition and investment for Bradford.

4. AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION – CHANGING AREA COMMITTEE CHAIR

To be moved by Councillor Ellis

Seconded by Councillor Cooke

Council notes that there is no mechanism for changing the Chair of an Area Committee in the event that political balance changes during the municipal year.

Council asks the Acting City Solicitor to prepare amendments to Standing Orders 35 and 37 in order to allow for such circumstances and that these are presented to full Council for consideration during this municipal year.

5. USE OF SECTION 106 MONIES

To be moved by Councillor Cooke

Seconded by Councillor Whiteley

Council notes that it has yet to get its Community Infrastructure Levy in place and that it continues to hold significant amounts of Section 106 monies intended for the provision of Education, Housing & Recreation facilities.

Council asks the Interim Chief Executive to put in place measures to ensure that:-

- S106 monies are spent in good time and to the benefit of the communities affected by the relevant developments.
- Ward Councillors are consulted regarding the use of S106 monies generated by developments in their wards and provided twice annually with updates detailing the progress in the utilisation of the funds and current balances.

6. **DEVOLUTION**

To be moved by Councillor Jeanette Sunderland
Seconded by Councillor Fear

This Council believes that devolution of power to the regions could be a positive opportunity for the district.

7. **MENTAL HEALTH**

To be moved by Councillor Nicola Pollard
Seconded by Councillor Griffiths

This Council believes that Local authorities have a key role in implementing the mental health strategy and improving mental health in their communities.

The Council notes the importance of good mental health and recognises that good mental health is just as important as good physical health.

This Council resolves to:

- (1) Take up the mental health challenge to encourage positive mental health across all of our business.
- (2) Appoint an elected member to become a mental health champion and also identify a lead officer for mental health to link with colleagues across the Council.
- (3) Sign up to the 'Time to Change' pledge.