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CITY OF BRADFORD METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF COUNCIL – TUESDAY 13 JULY 2021

ITEM 4 WRITTEN ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LORD MAYOR

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY HONOURS

I am delighted to report that a number of worthy local people have been recognised in Her Majesty The Queen’s Birthday Honours List.

It is also gratifying that, again, this includes some people whose work in the response to the Covid-19 pandemic has been recognised in this special way.

I have written to these recipients in our district to congratulate them on their achievement and to thank them for their work.

NAME	HONOUR
Sir Roger Marsh OBE DL	Knighthood – Services to Business, the Economy and the community in Northern England
Sir Hamid Patel CBE	Knighthood – work in the field of education which has benefited many young people of the District
Mr Nigel Jonathan Wood OBE	OBE – Services to Rugby League Football (West Yorkshire)
Mrs Vivianne Frances Brealey MBE	MBE – Services to Public Health particularly during Covid-19 (West Yorkshire)
Mrs Susan Elizabeth Cummings MBE	MBE – Services to Improving Customer Service (West Yorkshire)
Miss Sofia Mahmood MBE	MBE – Services to Education (West Yorkshire)
Mrs Nagina Akhter BEM	BEM – Services to the community in Bradford, West Yorkshire during Covid-19
Mrs Michelle Chapman BEM	BEM – Services to the community in Bingley, West Yorkshire during Covid-19
Mr Mohammed Imran BEM	BEM – Services to the community in Bradford, West Yorkshire
Mr Humayun Islam BEM	BEM – Services in the community in Bradford, West Yorkshire
Mr Ernest Ronald Pickles BEM	BEM – Services to Young People and the community in West Yorkshire
Mrs Margaret Frances Smith JP BEM	BEM – Services to the community in Keighley, West Yorkshire

RETIREMENT OF THE VERY REVEREND JERRY LEPINE, DEAN OF BRADFORD

It is with a mixture of sadness and gratitude that we bid a fond farewell to the Dean of Bradford, The Very Reverend Jerry Lepine, as he retires this month after an eight year tenure at Bradford Cathedral.

Dean Jerry recalls arriving in Bradford on Bastille Day, 14th July 2013 from Nottingham and experiencing a great sense of welcome and respect for the Cathedral as a key institution in the City.

He has built on the Cathedral's fine reputation as a worship space and a meeting place for all the city's communities – always with the emphasis placed on a warm welcome. Engagement with the community has run through his term, as has an accent on interfaith matters and also great music being performed within the Cathedral.

The Dean has been very active over his time with us and has brought both fresh ideas and a cheery optimism to carrying out his often challenging work.

His collegiate manner has strengthened the relationship with Bishops, sister Cathedrals and the broader Civic and Diocesan families.

He looks back with fondness on many highlights, not least being involved in the formation of the new diocese - the only diocese in the Church of England with three Cathedrals, Bradford, Ripon and Wakefield and, naturally, the marking of the Cathedral's centenary year in 2019.

Dean Jerry treasures the open-hearted warmth and generosity of the people of the district and will carry those memories with him always. I attended the Dean's farewell service and also presented him with an inscribed Boar's Head statuette to remind him of his years with us.

The Dean leaves the Cathedral in good heart as it looks to appoint a new Dean and during the vacancy, the Reverend Canon Paul Maybury will be the Acting Dean.

I am sure Members will wish to join me in wishing Dean Jerry, and his wife Christine, much happiness in the future and to thank the Dean for his remarkable and compassionate pastoral work.

INTERMENT OF THE ASHES OF CAPTAIN SIR TOM MOORE

The ashes of Captain Sir Tom Moore, who captured the hearts of the nation through his fundraising efforts, have been interred at Morton cemetery.

Bradford Council and Keighley Town Council have worked together, closely liaising with Captain Sir Tom's family, to help honour the memory of this great man.

Representatives from local Keighley organisations, services and schools provided a guard of honour for the family, before a short service was held at the graveside and his ashes interred.

Captain Sir Tom Moore, who was born and raised in Keighley, captured the hearts of people across the UK and around the world with his indomitable spirit and optimism during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Deciding, on the eve of his 100th birthday, to raise money for NHS Charities Together, he walked laps of his garden using his walking frame. His goal was to raise £1,000, but his determination soon caught the attention of the world's media and, as the news travelled, donations flooded in and he raised over £32 million and attracted considerable global admiration and affection.

I am sure Members will agree with me when I say that we are all immensely proud of Captain Sir Tom who is a son of our district, born and bred in Keighley. His stoicism and determination to get the job done showed true Yorkshire grit and immense character.

I am delighted that we have worked with his family and Keighley Town Council to bring him back to his home of Keighley and, in doing so, recognising and honouring his memory and remarkable legacy.

‘THANK YOU’ DAY AND CATHEDRAL SERVICE

Sunday 4th July 2021 marked the first national ‘Thank You’ Day, when we took the opportunity to appreciate all the front line workers, those who have isolated and everyone who, in whatever walk of life, has helped us cope, given support and kept the wheels turning throughout the Covid-19 pandemic.

Individually, and as communities, we have been challenged as never before and it has been a hugely difficult period for everybody. Yet, it has also been rewarding and gratifying to see people coming together to help one another through the stressful times we have all had to endure.

A theme of white roses appeared across the district from Friday 2nd July in the form of street art and over 1000 real roses and textile roses popped-up and were handed out to those who have protected and served the district during the demanding past few months.

The white ‘Thank You’ roses made a great visual impact, with waves of white roses in different crafted forms, ranging from knitted waves in the city centre to painted pebbles in our green spaces and a walk of roses in the streets. They were crafted not only from within the district but also further afield, reflecting a spirit of coming together for the common good. The white roses help to initiate a moment of reflection and appreciation for all those who did their bit – be they front line workers, neighbours offering a friendly chat at the gate or a ‘phone call to someone isolated, lonely or vulnerable, or those tireless people who kept our essential deliveries getting through.

On the official thank you day on 4th July, a multigenerational choir sang a specially-written song on the steps of City Hall while standing amid a stream of textile roses.

Together with others, I passed out long-stemmed white roses with a note of thanks to our Registration Services team and also to the Covid testing site team in Centenary Square.

Other activities throughout the day included a giant rose flag hanging from the side of MMT and roses being handed out to members of the public, tourism workers and others affected by the pandemic.

National Health Service front line workers were shown our appreciation with some of our key buildings illuminated in NHS ‘blue’ light in the early part of the month, in recognition of their wonderful work.

On 7 July, Bradford Cathedral held a special ‘Thank You’ service, at which the magnificent efforts of many people throughout the pandemic and front line workers, including representatives from all Council departments, were recognised. Bishop Nick Baines delivered the address.

MARKING ARMED FORCES' WEEK AND THE SACRIFICE AND SERVICE OF THE BRADFORD PALS

While not taking their usual form owing to the ongoing pandemic, events were held in June to mark both Armed Forces' Week and to remember the sacrifice made by the Bradford Pals on 1 July 1916.

A flag-raising ceremony in Centenary Square heralded the start of the week, while online short films throughout the week reflected on a variety of subjects - the Armed Forces' Covenant, the role played by soldiers from Commonwealth countries in both World Wars, the work of the Bradford World War One Group and one film also shed light on the valuable work of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

On Saturday 26th June we held a combined service of remembrance at Bradford Cathedral. This service blended elements of our traditional annual Drumhead Service, together with the gathering held every year to recall, with gratitude, the service and sacrifice of the Bradford Pals. Wreaths were laid during the service.

Wreaths were also laid privately at the Bradford Pals' stone in the cenotaph memorial gardens on the 1st July, the anniversary of the Pals' tragic loss of life in battle on the Somme.

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Petition

To keep the land which was the former
Keighley College building as a green space

Please note that as this petition has 1800 valid signatures it has triggered a debate.

Statement:

We the undersigned petition the council to Keep the land which was the former Keighley College building as a green space

Justification:

The demolition of the former Keighley College building at the top of Cavendish Street has provided Keighley Town Centre with a fantastic additional green space.

It has improved the appearance of the town centre and compliments the appearance of the nearby Town Hall Square.

In future it could be used to hold family events and gatherings and become a place for the community and also provide outdoor education opportunities. It could also be used to plant trees in an effort to reduce harmful pollution created by traffic flowing through the town .

There are numerous possibilities and we as a community can influence this by having our say

The site is owned by Bradford Council and we are able to petition them to keep it as a Green Urban Space

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MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND JOINT COMMITTEES

Standards Committee

Recommended –

- (1) That Councillor Lal replaces Councillor Dodds as Chair of the Standards Committee and that Councillor Ibrar Hussain be added as a Member.**

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COUNCIL

13 JULY 2021

MEMBER QUESTION TIME

Questions submitted in accordance with Standing Order 12

1. Councillor Taj Salam

Will the Leader join with me in congratulating the England football team for doing so well in the Euros?

Response

As the Leader of Bradford Council I would like to join my colleague in sending my hearty congratulations and thanks to Gareth Southgate and the England men's football team for their inspirational progress at the European Championships. Their teamwork, energy and determination is something which should inspire all of us in the Bradford district.

2. Councillor Geoff Winnard

Could the Portfolio Holder inform members of how much revenue has the introduction of evening and weekend parking charges in Bingley raised since they were introduced and how this compares with the costs of enforcement activities? In enforcing the evening and Sunday parking charges, how many parking tickets have been issued in Bingley car parks since the charges were introduced?

Response

Attached is a spreadsheet which shows pay and display income for the car parks in Bingley. Please note the evening charges were introduced in February 2018, however we are unable to say whether the increased income from this date directly relates to parking in the evening and on Sundays as the data we collect just shows the income for each site per month. There are no additional enforcement costs as Council Wardens have always worked a shift pattern to cover evening and weekend enforcement as they are expected to enforce other contraventions besides those relating to pay and display charges, such as yellow line contraventions.



Bingley Car
Parks.xlsx

The table below shows the number of PCNs issued in the Bingley car parks on evenings and Sundays since Feb 2018 to date.

Car Park	Evenings	Sunday
Arts Centre	217	29
Queen Street	705	135
Wellington	822	87
Waterloo	299	37
Main Street	1497	149
Ferncliffe Road	258	52

3. Councillor Jeanette Sunderland

Policy EN1 of the adopted Core Strategy is the main route for the provision of new greenspace which requires that new housing developments provide for new or improved open space, sport and recreational facilities. Out of all of the developments that have been completed in the last five years how many facilities for play have been provided and by how much has the maintenance budget been increased to ensure the equipment is properly maintained?

Response

Policy EN1 of the Core Strategy (adopted 2017) has been the main route for securing open space provision linked to new development over the last four years.

The provision has been made up of a range of contributions from direct provision on site (by the developer) and off site provision (through improvements to existing public provision). The approach to on site provision in the last five years has been taken on by the developer whose responsibility it has been to make the provision and put in place mechanisms for its long term upkeep, normally through maintenance companies independent of the Council. In this respect the Council has not adopted any new play areas in the last five years from developers, nor has the maintenance budget increased.

4. Councillor Warnes

When will the cycle lanes running in both directions along the stretch of Bingley Road between Beckfoot School and the junction with the B6265 be properly segregated from passing traffic for the benefit of school children and other cyclists?

Response

Designs for the segregated cycle lane, which are compliant with the LTN1/20 design standard for segregated cycling facilities, have been prepared and will shortly be going through a period of consultation with local residents running through to late July. This consultation is a fundamental requirement of the government's Active and Sustainable Travel Grant which is being used to deliver the scheme, which requires all schemes to demonstrate that they have actively sought the views of local residents and that there is support for the measures being proposed.

The consultation period will last for 2 weeks and the results of this exercise will determine the next steps in the delivery programme as any objections may necessitate redesign of the scheme and re-consultation.

The Council remains committed to ensuring that this scheme is fully delivered within the current financial year.

5. Councillor Shakeela Lal

Can the Leader tell me what support we have provided to EU citizens to secure their settled status and what more we can do to help those – particularly vulnerable people – who miss the deadline?

Response

We initiated a local hub model of support to help vulnerable EU communities with their settlement applications with the first grant from the Home Office. In the last year we have made two further bids for the EUSS support we provide in the district which takes our funded provision for this work up to September 2021. Fourteen community organisations have assisted in the programme of works and we had six organisations and several council departments working all out to meet the demand for application support before the 30 June deadline and to continue to support for late applications afterwards.

In all, we have invested £468,000 in providing local services for the EU Settlement Scheme for signposting people to services, for registered advisors and for communications.

The six community hubs offering OISC registered support are Karmand Centre, Gillington Advice and Community Centre, West Bowling Centre, UK Butterflies Ltd, The Good Shepherd Centre and Citizens Advice Bureau. These cover the main areas where the EU communities have settled – Little Horton, City, Manningham, Toller, Bowling and Barkerend, Bradford Moor, Great Horton and Keighley Central wards.

There were 34,730 settlement applications made from Bradford up until March 2021 (the 2018 ONS figures suggested a figure of 26,000 EU citizens in Bradford). The easier cases requiring level 1 support will now be exhausted and we are dealing with some very complex cases that require weeks if not months of additional support. We know that since March 2021 our VCS organisations have supported many more applications.

As part of a final push before the EUSS deadline, communications efforts were ramped up during June. The key messages have been designed to remind residents about the need to 'apply now' to the scheme while also signposting to local advice and support. The following communications activities took place:

- We have allowed the organisations delivering support to adjust their spending profiles to allow increased hours of advisor support or increase or recruit additional advisors for June;
- Juraj Tancos from St. Edmunds Nursery and Childrens and Centre has been funded to help signpost and advise people to one of the community centres providing application help;
- Communications have been made in workplaces and schools to raise awareness of the EUSS deadline;
- Short video clips have been produced and placed on the Council website and shared by partners including the NHS by people in EU languages reminding their communities of the deadline and importance of getting their application started before the 30th June. These clips are available on YouTube and have had several thousand hits;

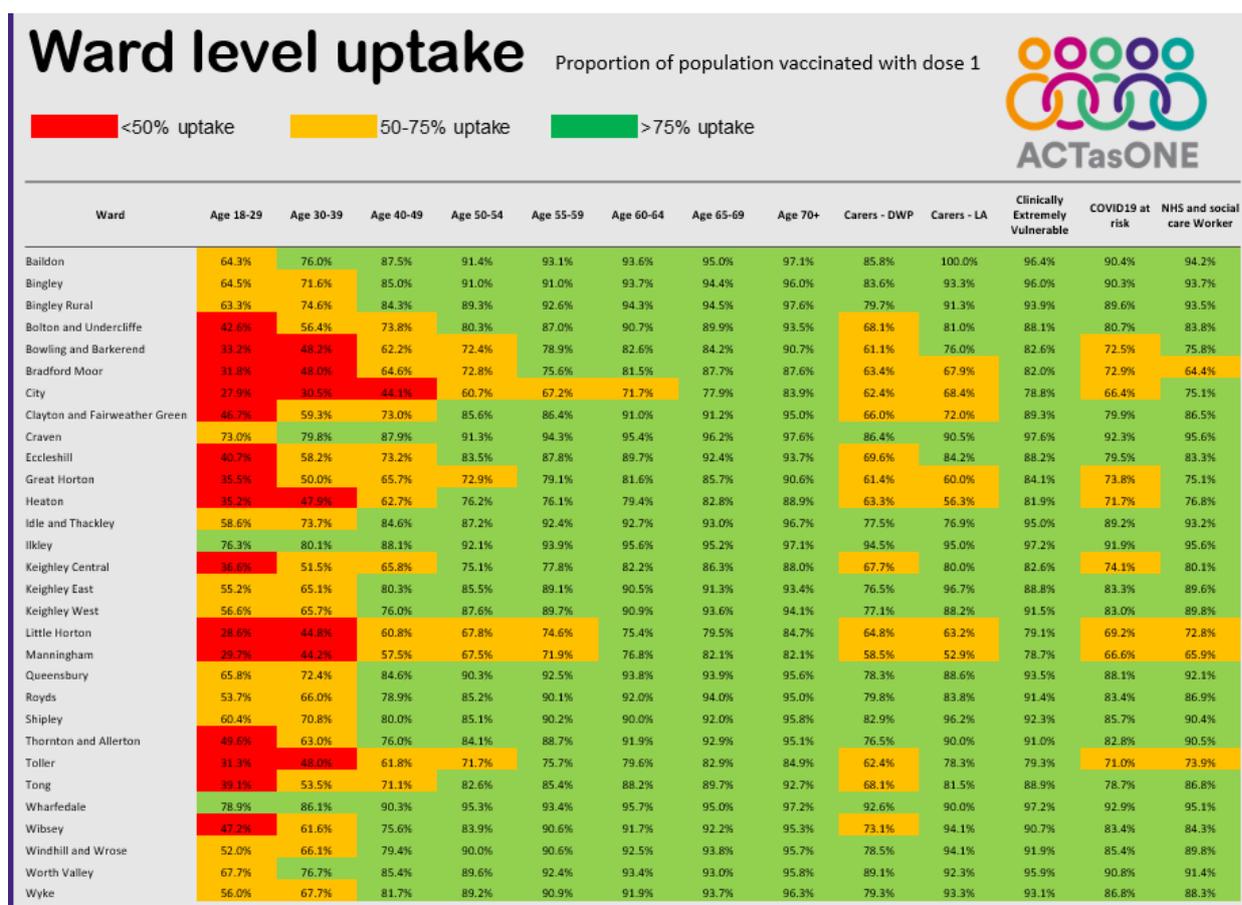
- iWalkers and iVans (mobile outdoor advertising displays) were booked to target locations in the district based on known clusters of EU residents. These displayed reminder messages for EU residents to 'apply now' in six different languages. They also displayed the list of support hubs and their contact numbers. The messages have been seen by around 68,000 people (see attached pictures);
- Flyers on the EUSS and local support have been produced in a range of different languages. These have been disseminated to the support hubs and other community settings across the district.;
- On-going social media has been going out across all channels each week for the last few months. In the last fortnight we have also been running paid-for social media messages targeted across the district;
- The content of the EUSS section of our website was revamped, and a banner has been displaying on the homepage of Bradford.gov.uk. throughout June;
- A press release was prepared and issued to local media. This was also shared on our Stay Connected e-bulletin;
- An article was published on Bradnet (this will be re-published again this week).

The organisations delivering support in Bradford have acknowledged a great partnership and backing from the Council and gone to great lengths to accommodate the increased numbers of people coming in for support. They are all working to full capacity.

6. Councillor Aneela Ahmed

Can I have the current rates of vaccination take-up across age groups and by ward?

Response



7. Councillor Mike Pollard

Could the Portfolio Holder explain the rationale for concentrating all the additional Clean Teams in the central Bradford constituencies? What is it about rubbish in the Shipley and Keighley constituencies that can be 'Glutton' vacuumed with less intense workforce deployment. Is it perhaps that local volunteering in Shipley/Keighley means that not only 'People Can' but people actually 'do'?

Response

The population density and far greater levels of littering and fly tipping have always meant the greatest pressure for street cleansing lies within Bradford East, West and South constituencies. This has been reflected historically in the high differences in the percentage of streets failing on litter scores in these areas compared to very low levels of failing streets in Shipley and Keighley. In Shipley and Keighley, additional operatives and specialist vacuum machines will be deployed to ensure more attention to detail, which they are excellent at providing, in the town centres. These have been deployed successfully in Bradford City Centre for some time now.

On the subject of People Can, it's a fantastic initiative taking root in all corners of the district. Volunteers and community groups are taking pride in their own neighbourhoods, sometimes with support from council officers and councillors, and we should celebrate that. I give my thanks to all those who get involved and encourage more people to have a go, as it's a really fulfilling thing to do and it's highly valued by

fellow residents and by the Council. For an uplifting snapshot of the scale and spread of People Can activity right across the district, we can look at the figures provided by Area Offices from the 2019 Great Bradford Spring Clean (2020 was sadly cancelled due to Covid): some 448 volunteers in Bradford East, 386 in Bradford West, 620 in Bradford South, 200 in Shipley and 182 in Keighley made up a great total of 1,836 volunteers who took part in 137 clean-ups, making a real difference to their communities.

8. Councillor Mohammed Shafiq

Can the portfolio holder give me an update on the measures we are taking to improve air quality across the district?

Response

The Council is under directive of Government to improve the quality of our air. We are implementing the Bradford Clean Air Plan (CAP), with Government funding of £43.5m, that will see concentrations of nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) reduce in all Wards across the District and by up to 35% at key hotspots, achieving compliance with legal limits. The CAP seeks to provide significant improvements in the health of our residents and achieve an estimated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions of 150,000 tonnes over the life of the Plan. The CAP is a seven-year funded emission reduction programme at no cost to the Council.

A Clean Air Zone (CAZ) will be introduced in January 2022 that will require non-compliant buses, coaches, taxis, lorries and vans to pay a daily charge to enter the CAZ.

The Council is currently rolling out the £31.5m Clean Air Funding Programme to enable vehicle operators that are affected by the CAZ to upgrade their vehicles to CAZ Standard. The Council is also providing a £10m exemption programme to help local businesses that need assistance in adjusting to the CAZ.

The Council is in the process of awarding funding, through the £1.632m Clean Air Bus Programme to successful bus operators, running scheduled and tendered services in the District, for the purchase of new buses and the retrofit of existing buses to CAZ Standard. This funding is in addition to the £3.96m awarded for 217 scheduled Bradford buses that have already upgraded to CAZ Standard through the Government's Clean Bus Technology Fund (CBTF).

The Council has launched the on-line application process for the £10m Clean Air Taxi Programme which will provide up to 3,000 grants of between £3,200 to £5,000 for taxi proprietors to upgrade their vehicles to CAZ Standard. Up to 25% of grants will be prioritised for ultra-low emission vehicles to help with leasing, energy and maintenance costs for 2 years. The Council permits CAZ compliant taxis to be licensed for up to 15 years of age and new licenses are now required to be CAZ compliant. All taxi proprietors that have upgraded their vehicles since February 2020 are also eligible for funding. Clean Air Taxi Programme brochure link - <https://www.bradford.gov.uk/media/6544/bradford-cat-programme.pdf>

The Council is currently liaising with the Road Haulage Association (RHA) and the Confederation of Passenger Transport (CPT) prior to the launch of the £6.4m Clean Air HGV and £1.66m Clean Air Coach (& non-scheduled bus, including school) Programmes later this month through Yortender. This will be followed with the launch of the on-line application process for the £10.4m Clean Air Van & Minibus Programme.

All current information on the Clean Air Plan can be found on Breathe Better Bradford - <https://www.bradford.gov.uk/breathe-better-bradford/breathe-better-bradford/>

Born in Bradford (BiB) is undertaking a £1.1m health impact assessment (HIA) of the CAZ involving the 30,000 strong BiB family. The Government sees this HIA as a project of national significance.

It should be noted that the legal limit for NO₂ is 40ugm³ (as an annual average) and levels at key locations in the District for the first half of 2021 are up to 40-50% above limit values, despite the national pandemic lockdown.

9. Councillor Mohammed Shafiq

How are we ensuring that we safeguard the most vulnerable adults in our district from Covid-19, in particular older people in care homes and those living at home along with extended family members?

Response

The commissioning team in Dept. of Health & Wellbeing has supported all our local independent care services, both residential and nursing homes and those providers and individuals who care for people in the community. Throughout the pandemic we have assisted with the supply of PPE, regular testing for residents and staff and more recently the vaccination of all social care workers.

We have worked closely with the Bradford Care Association, an established organisation whose membership comprises many of our local services, to provide training and guidance, including a twice weekly information bulletin, throughout the pandemic and as we move towards the 'recovery stage'.

Care sector specific government grants have been distributed in a timely way and the Council has also provided specific funding to support care homes with low occupancy levels during this period.

In relation to IPC measures in care homes the main measures are:

- Vaccination of residents with 2 doses of the Covid-19 vaccination-overwhelming majority of residents in care homes have taken up the vaccination;
- Vaccination of staff-very good uptake generally across Bradford although some areas of lower uptake have had to be addressed;
- Regular testing of staff- twice weekly Lateral Flow tests and weekly PCR tests undertaken in all care homes;
- Staff use of PPE including face masks, visors, gloves and aprons when in close contact with residents;
- Staff education on infection prevention and control including the importance of PPE, hand hygiene, social distancing etc;
- Testing of visitors prior to entry to the home including relatives and visiting professionals;
- Testing of hospital discharges prior to admission to care homes;
- Introduction of Hot Suites in each of the five Local Authority Homes
- Supported services users in maintaining contact with families and Carers i.e. tablets, smartphones.

10. Councillor Debbie Davies

Every spring the sun shines and it rains and snickets become overgrown and people are not able to walk their usual routes as many are impassable. I understand that rural paths are generally maintained effectively but paths classed as “urban” are not. Given the desire to tackle obesity and activity could I suggest keeping these paths open and well maintained should be prioritised before any gimmicky initiatives to tackle these issues?

Response

With the resources available there is a small amount of parks budget (£20,000) to service snickets. In addition, they have been cleaned as parts of days-of-action or by Community Payback who cleared over approximately 500 paths and snickets per year (Probation Service in partnership with cleansing services.) Due to Covid, the Community Payback work stopped and the change in operational constraints on street cleansing have meant that all cleansing activity has been focussed on the most essential work only. Currently the cleansing service is looking to start work with the probation service once again once restrictions are lifted and expects that internal cleansing teams will be able to help with no restrictions once more. Also, the weed spraying contractor sprayed over 100 snickets with parks staff spraying a similar amount (110).

11. Councillor Rizwana Jamil

Does the portfolio holder share my concern that the government’s recent change to pupil premium funding is a stealth cut that will impact on some of the most disadvantaged pupils in the district?

Response

Bradford District’s Pupil Premium Grant (PPG) has increased in 2021/22 (on 2020/21) by 1.4% in total (£35.15m vs. £34.67m), with the proportion allocated on pupils eligible for free school meals (FSM) increased by 1.7% (£31.68m vs. £31.16m). Bradford continues to receive a significant sum of PPG funding in 2021/22 and this allocation has increased in cash terms on 2020/21.

However, there are two matters of concern.

Firstly, PPG funding rates for 2021/22 have been fixed at 2020/21 values and have not been uplifted for inflation. This is in contrast to the overall schools’ funding settlement, which has provided for an average 3% increase. This cash flat position will reduce the spending power of the PPG in 2021/22 as salaries and prices increase.

Secondly, the DfE unexpectedly changed the data source for the calculation of the PPG for schools and academies, for 2021/22, to use the October 2020 Census rather than the January 2021 Census. This means that schools and academies will now not receive PPG in 2021/22 for pupils that became newly eligible for free school meals (FSM) later in the autumn term who have not been recorded as eligible for FSM at any time in the last six years.

According to nationally published statistics, the number of pupils recorded as eligible for FSM in Bradford increased by 3% (from 20.7% to 23.7%) between January 2020 and October 2020. From early releases of the January 2021 Schools Census, FSM numbers continued to increase in Bradford between October 2020 and January 2021, with mainstream primary and secondary schools and academies recording a further

1,482 pupils eligible for FSM in the January 2021 Census. Because PPG is calculated using the Ever 6 FSM method, it is not accurate to automatically conclude that all 1,482 pupils have lost PPG funding because of the DfE's formula change. However, that PPG FSM-based allocations are only increasing by 1.7% in 2021/22, whereas FSM numbers have increased by 3% between January and October 2020, is indicative of a lag in the PPG funding system, meaning that schools' PPG allocations in 2021/22 have not increased to fully reflect the volume of need of pupils currently present in schools. The DfE's change to use the October 2020 Census has increased the duration of this lag, as schools will now not receive funding until 2022/23 in respect of pupils that became newly eligible for PPG between October 2020 and January 2021. Prior to the DfE's change PPG funding would have been allocated in 2021/22.

12. Councillor Jeanette Sunderland

Would the Portfolio Holder consider the introduction of a Cultural Pupil Premium in order to support Children and Young People living in poverty to enjoy the many cultural activities available to them?

Response

I agree that the value of culture in education is inestimable and if the Government would bring in such an initiative schools would be able to provide more support for children in this area. In the absence of such significant funding, the Council encourages schools and academies to use their existing Pupil Premium Grant allocations in line with the DfE's guidance. Schools and academies in the Bradford District will receive £35.15m from the Pupil Premium Grant (PPG) in 2021/22, of which £31.68m is received for children with eligibility for free school meals. Schools are already using the PPG to support increasing the access of children from more deprived backgrounds to wider cultural and learning activities. The DfE's guidance states that the PPG is most effective (in terms of impact of attainment and outcomes) when schools used a tiered approach, which may include 'non-academic use' of the Grant, such as for music lessons for disadvantaged pupils and to help with the cost of educational trips or visits. The DfE identifies that schools using the PPG in this way helps to, "increase pupils' confidence and resilience" and "encourages pupils to be more aspirational".

13. Councillor Martin Love

Can the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning & Transport please give us an update on the schemes put forward by the Council for the Towns Fund Accelerator funding for Shipley? Which schemes have been completed and have any not been implemented? Has any of the available funding not been spent?

Response

The towns fund accelerated funds offered a fantastic opportunity to deliver significant improvements to our parks and green spaces across Shipley as well as to heritage assets.

A large number of the projects centred on improving access to and the quality of our parks and open spaces. This includes:

- outdoor gyms in Northcliffe Park, Windy Hill Park, Windhill, and Hirst Wood Park;

- an exercise walking pathway, new football goals, trim trail and tree planting in Hirst Wood Park;
- new football goals, a teen shelter and outdoor gym equipment at Crowgill Park;
- a new walking route and tree planting in Windy Hill park;
- A walking path/cycle route to link Shipley and Baildon to Saltaire, providing a new route away from roads and to reach Saltaire World Heritage Site.

Over the last 18 months, we have all come to appreciate how important having access to fresh air, high quality parks, open spaces and play areas are for people's physical and mental wellbeing. By delivering these projects, we hope to deliver longer term benefits to the health and wellbeing of our communities. We were also keen to spread the outcome of this investment as evenly as we could across the town, allowing a maximum number of residents to experience and enjoy the improvements.

Given the nature of the projects, a large number involved work outdoors. Due to adverse / inclement weather at the start of the year including snow and unusually high rainfall and some supply chain issues affecting availability of materials post-Brexit, there were some delays in the delivery programme. As a result, some of the spend has fallen into the current financial year.

Other key projects that have been delivered include:

- Replacement of CCTV cameras in Shipley;
- Upgrades to bus shelters to support real-time travel information for the public;
- Capital works to Victoria Hall, a key heritage asset in Saltaire, to support and diversify the offer post-Covid.

This investment was welcomed and acts as a pre-cursor to the recent investment offer of £25m for Shipley which represents a major boost to the economic growth and prosperity of the town.

14. Councillor Zafar Ali

Given that the resolution of Regulatory & Appeals Committee (27.52021) to engage with Hackney/Private Hire Drivers to resolve the issue of Euro 6 car charges, can the Leader of the Council please advise when the officers are going to engage with them and what method is to be used.i.e. meeting or otherwise?

Response

The implication for allowing all private hire vehicles to have the option of using Euro 6 diesel cars is that the Council would then be required by Government to implement a CAZ D, affecting passenger cars, in order to achieve compliance with legal limits for air quality. The Council has secured the highest level of grant anywhere in the UK to help PHV drivers adjust to the CAZ and over a third of PHV are already petrol electric hybrid compliant.

As a result of the meeting Council Officers wrote to certain trade representatives that attended the Regulatory and Appeal meeting to explain why the Council has set the CAZ Standards for taxis, offering to answer any further questions they might have. It is intended that Taxi Operator meetings will resume as we emerge from the pandemic allowing further discussions in due course.

The Council has also made a case to the Government to reduce the £12.50 daily charge for non-compliant taxis entering the CAZ with a proposal to charge £7, which includes the vehicle levy charged by the Government. It is Government's decision whether they allow this or not and we await their decision.

15. Councillor David Heseltine

Further to the briefing has any work been done on putting forward a scheme for Shipley Constituency, in particular the suggestion that I made regarding health, wellbeing and prosperity, this is an ideal opportunity to level up Bingley as we are labelled as a principal town. Significantly updating and expanding the pool into a larger health and wellbeing centre along with health and wellbeing improvements and enhancements to Myrtle Park. This could be further expanded to include the canal side, Prince of Wales Park and other smaller recreation areas, rural roads with high pedestrian and cycle use. A prosperity focus on the town centre to improve the visitor experience and encourage better use of our town square and surrounding area, a permanent cover would allow better all-weather use for markets and encourage additional activities such as live performances, health activities and general social meetings.

Response

Officers are reviewing potential projects for future Levelling Up fund bids for the Shipley, Keighley, Bradford East and Bradford South constituencies. Suggestions have been made by councillors and are being looked at. However the government has not yet communicated the Levelling Up Fund assessment criteria for the next round. Officers are therefore using the assessment criteria from round one to evaluate proposals. Further engagement with Councillors and Council partners to capture and evaluate bid proposals will take place over the coming months.

16. Councillor Sabiya Khan

What support can we provide to help business growth and drive up occupancy rates in our city and town centres?

Response

Officers are delivering on a range of interventions to support business recovery in our city and town centres. Working with partners including the Business Improvement Districts to focus support on hardest hit sectors such as retail and hospitality.

The Council is funding a Micro Business Support Service targeting independent high street businesses, providing free tailored one to one support and advice as well as information and referrals. Also provided are a number of workshops, including subjects such as small business finances, business resilience, customer service, branding and collaboration.

The Council's Invest in Bradford team are delivering a wide programme of support for business growth in the district. The Team's Growth Managers work with businesses to develop their growth potential, through accessing grants, finance and specialist support. The team are also providing assistance to support businesses with digital transformation and clean growth. In addition, a database of available commercial property also enables the team to help businesses relocate within or into the district. Invest in Bradford will shortly be restarting their popular monthly events providing a range of advice on key topics for businesses with growth ambition.

Economic Development are also about to commence engagement on a district wide Enterprise Support Programme, encouraging and nurturing new business start-ups, complementing support that is currently being commissioned by WYCA. This will deliver increased demand for incubator space, co-working and trading spaces. It is expected this would raise occupancy levels in existing provision and help to stimulate the call for additional workspaces, offering options for repurposing of vacant properties.

City Centre Growth Scheme and District Growth Schemes are being reviewed to ensure that the right support is being offered to investing businesses.

In terms of occupancy rates, the full extent of the impact of the pandemic on our high streets has not yet been fully realised. Some closures will be driven by the national operating environment and it is expected that many accounting driven closures are still to come.

In the city centre, the coronavirus pandemic has accelerated a downward trend that began before the outbreak. The area has a huge oversupply of retail space, a quarter of which is vacant and mostly physically unsuited to current needs.

With the exception of the short term interventions detailed below, plans to address vacant space need to be holistic and deliver long term and sustainable solutions.

The master delivery plan for City Village scheme, covering the “top of town” area where the highest percentage of redundant retail space is located sets out how the area can be reinvigorated through a radical transformation to create a village area with 1,000 new homes. This would include new build development as well as repurposing of former retail units.

Shipley and Keighley will both soon see large scale investments of £25million and £33.6million respectively, through the Towns Fund, with packages of project proposals to boost economic growth.

The Council has embarked on a joint initiative to support small business on high street and attract footfall back to the town centres, funded through Reopening High Streets Safely Fund.

Additionally, the Council’s Culture and Economic Development teams are working closely in a cultural led recovery, merging arts and culture with business to create strong and vibrant high streets.

Gainshare funding secured from WYCA is enabling the teams to deliver on a programme with a mix of business support and cultural and economic activity to attract footfall and stimulate the recovery and cultivate a café culture atmosphere with the re-opening of high streets.

Activities include creative meanwhile uses, animating and trialling pop-up activity in vacant units predominantly in the urban centres, a summer and winter events programme, development of the evening economy offer and Creative Street Arts Team – activation and animation of high streets and temporary public realm adaptations (pavement extensions).

The Additional Restrictions Grant has been making available Outdoor Trading Grants – small grants for businesses to be able to purchase outdoor furniture in conjunction with Outdoor Seating Licenses. This is helping hospitality businesses to extend their trading space to utilise outdoor space and allow for social distancing.

In addition to the above, an activity plan for a comprehensive programme of activity across the district has been submitted to the Government's Welcome Back Fund for activity including window dressing and animation of vacant units, High Street Ambassadors, marketing campaigns, high street animation and decoration, outdoor markets and events, raised planters, jet washing and gum removal.

17. Councillor Kyle Green

How many PSPO orders are in place across the district and how many staff are trained and able to enforce them?

Response

Currently we have 6 PSPOs in Bradford District – as follows:

- Alcohol PSPO in Keighley Town Centre, Bingley Town Centre, Shipley Town Centre and Bradford City Centre. This PSPO prohibits anyone from drinking alcohol in open air in the locations.

We have 15 staff authorised to enforce this PSPO including Neighbourhood Wardens and PSPO Officers.

- Ilkley, Riverside Garden PSPO. This is to tackle some of the ASB taking place in at Riverside Garden in Ilkley.

We have 15 staff authorised to enforce this PSPO including Neighbourhood Wardens and PSPO Officers

- Anti-Social use of Vehicle PSPO, The PSPO to tackle anti-social use of vehicles in the District, this is the first nationally to cover a whole district area.

We have 120 Police Officers able to enforce - this includes NPT officers and Operation Steerside Team and 5 council staff authorised to enforce this PSPO.

- Composite Public Space Protection order (Dog Control).

There are 6 dog controls PSPOs as detailed below. These are now combined into one consolidated order. Known as the above.

- District Wide No1 / 2020 The Fouling of Land by Dogs Bradford Order 2011.
- City Park Dogs On Leads - No2 / 2020 The Dogs on leads (City of Bradford M.D.C.) Order 2011.
- City Park Dog Exclusion Area No3 / 2020 The Dogs exclusion (City of Bradford M.D.C.) Order 2011.
- Dogs Exclusion Areas – General No4 / 2020 Dogs Exclusion (City of Bradford M.D.C.) Order 2013.
- Dogs On Leads General No5 / 2020 relating to the extension of the Dogs on leads (City of Bradford M.D.C.) Order 2013.
- Dogs On Leads By Direction No6 / 2020 relating to the extension of the Dogs on Leads by Direction (City of Bradford M.D.C.) Order 2013.

We have 50 staff including Neighbourhood Wardens and Environment Officers authorised to enforce this PSPO.

- Moorland wildfire PSPO which bans barbecues, campfire, fireworks etc on our moorland areas to reduce the risk of wildfire

We have 15 Environmental Enforcement staff authorised to enforce this PSPO.

- Gating Orders at 5 locations across the district.

These orders sought to have locked gates in alleyways in 5 locations in the district. As a result of the implementation of the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014 'Gating Orders' automatically converted into Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) on 20 October 2017.

The idea is that these arrangements are self-policing and owned by local residents so there are no current enforcement arrangements but advice and guidance available from Highways staff.

18. Councillor Rebecca Whitaker

Can the Returning Officer explain to the residents of Silsden, Steeton and Eastburn and also those of Haworth, Cross Roads and Stanbury why they did not receive their postal votes until the very last minute despite numerous calls from councillors and residents raising concerns that no postal votes had arrived in these areas?

Response

As elections are a Returning Officer function and not a Council matter, the response to Members' Question 18 is from the Returning Officer.

The postal vote packs for the Craven ward connected to the neighbourhood plan referendum were scheduled to be dispatched for delivery between 20th – 24th April, but unfortunately, due to a print provider delay were not dispatched until 29th April 2021. There is huge demand on electoral print providers nationally within a tight statutory timeframe and which regrettably on this occasion resulted in the late dispatch of those packs.

The Returning Officer and her team fulfilled their responsibilities and took prompt action to address issues with postal vote pack delivery in the Craven ward. The return rate suggests the issue did not unduly affect voter's ability to vote by post.

The Returning Officer will reply to questions regarding her statutory role if Members contact her directly.

19. Councillor Jeanette Sunderland

What is the Portfolio Holder considering in order to help children and young people who have not been able to attend swimming lessons catch up on the missing skills?

Response

Bradford Aquatics is working closely with schools across the district to ensure that the KS2 pupils receive their programmed swimming allocation for the remainder of the current academic year and where needed the next academic year. Bradford Aquatics have overcome challenges to give the best service they can under the current circumstances whilst following Government and Swim England guidance.

For the next academic year Bradford Aquatics is working closely with the management teams at the Centres to ensure that all schools are given the opportunity to catch-up on missed lessons. This is a very similar picture across West Yorkshire.

20. Councillor Matt Edwards

Can the council confirm the future of the temporary cycle lane along Wakefield Road.

Response

The Wakefield Road pop up cycle lane was installed as part of the Government's Active Travel Fund Measures for Tranche 1. We are currently evaluating the merits of each individual project and a decision will be made in due course.

21. Councillor Richard Dunbar

Council officers and partners did an amazing job during the height of the Covid pandemic to ensure people sleeping rough had suitable accommodation. Can the portfolio holder update us on how these people are being currently supported in light of the delta variant and what that support will look like as we go forward.

Response

The Bradford Everyone In scheme has been running since the start of pandemic and recognising the public health need we adopted a zero tolerance approach to rough sleeping. Since 23/03/20 and up to 30/06/21, 435 individuals have been supported off the street, 70 individuals remain in emergency accommodation with 284 supported with securing suitable move on options. As Covid funds start to run out an exit process will begin in line with Government release of Covid restrictions from the 19 July. We will still be accommodating and supporting current rough sleeper clients for up to 3 months from 19 July whilst we try and move them on out of emergency accommodation in a planned way, including obtaining Settled Status for EU Nationals.

The Bradford Homeless Outreach Partnership (HOP) team have been critical in ensuring all rough sleepers were accommodated and supported and they will be continuing to work in conjunction with Bevan Healthcare to provide outreach support to rough sleepers post Everyone In and those placed in emergency/temporary accommodation. Not only are they providing general healthcare and vaccinations but providing up to date Covid advice and guidance to clients and those supporting/accommodating them.

The Access to Housing team have been working to expand capacity within the sector, new rough sleepers can be referred to the No Second Night Out Service where capacity is being improved significantly (total 32 units, an increase from 15). We have also expanded capacity in Housing First for the most entrenched rough sleepers from 16 units to 30 units. As a result of Next Steps funding from Government we have further increased local capacity for rough sleepers with 28 additional units being created. We have also recently submitted another capital bid in partnership with Horton Housing to increase capacity for 7 more dispersed units.

22. Councillor Debbie Davies

Why are there plans to spend over £30m on relocating St James Market including spending £1/4m on a feasibility study when there is no guarantee this site will be used as the new NPR station?

Response

As discussed at July's Executive Committee meeting, it is necessary to understand that relocating and expanding St James' Market is an important scheme in its own right. The market is fully occupied and cannot meet the demand for more space from existing traders or potential new ones.

Facilitating NPR provides another vital reason why this is the right way forward but it also stands on its own merit as a key proposal to help deliver growth across the district and create new jobs.

An initial assumption estimates the capital cost of relocating the wholesale market at circa £30m, however a preferred site is still to be identified. This cost was based on costs of a similar sized wholesale market in Birmingham that was constructed in 2018.

As the wholesale market site has been identified as the site of the new city centre NPR station then the Council needs to work towards providing vacant possession of the market site by 2025. Therefore, to accelerate delivery of NPR it will be necessary to undertake alternative site appraisals to agree the selected site as well as a number of feasibility studies. These studies would include detailed site investigation, development of the specification for the new market, preliminary designs, cost estimates and delivery programme.

23. Councillor Bob Felstead

As part of the process for granting many large planning permissions, over the past decade numerous developers have made agreements with Bradford Council to make Section 106 and CIL payments. These agreements are legally binding. However, the amount of money being received by the council every year consistently falls well short of that originally agreed. Approximately half of the payments due from developers have ever been recorded received. Accordingly, can officers please explain why there is such a significant shortfall in payment.

Response

Section 106 Agreements are legally binding agreements between the developer and Bradford Council. They can secure both financial and non-financial contributions.

Financial contributions can be reduced if a viability statement has proven that full contributions cannot be afforded. Policy ID2 of the Core Strategy states that obligations are to be of a scale that do not threaten viability of the development.

If a developer wishes to have viability taken into consideration, Policy ID2 allows for this by stating that any viability statements are to be assessed by an independent body and the cost of such assessment borne by the developer. If the independent assessment concludes that full contributions cannot be afforded and would have a negative impact on the viability of a development, then contributions will be reduced to an affordable level and secured through a Section 106 Agreement. If, however, the independent assessment concludes full contributions can be afforded the Planning Authority will pursue full contributions and if the developer refuses to enter a Section 106 Agreement to secure full contributions, their planning application can be refused.

With regards to reducing contributions on developments that have commenced, there are occasions where a developer will approach the council to discuss reducing contributions. These situations tend to occur following an unexpected abnormal cost with the site. In these situations, the process above is also followed.

Section 106 payments, whether reduced or not, will only become due for payment when the development commences. If the planning permission the Agreement is attached to expires without commencement, then the contributions will not be pursued. This often leads to a higher number of Agreements being agreed and sealed than what actually provide payments. Likewise, given the scale of some developments and the

trigger points used for payments, it can be several years before some development complete their payments.

Regarding CIL, the CIL tariff is non-negotiable and was adopted by Bradford Council in March 2017 and implemented on 1st July 2017. It applies to all new residential developments, large supermarkets and retail warehousing in Bradford City Centre granted consent 1st July 2017 and onwards. The rates set are the rates charged with the appropriate level of indexation applied. If a CIL liable development commences the liability attached to that development is the one pursued for payment. We do have an adopted instalment policy in place which is used however due to Covid the government did release additional guidance regarding the payment of CIL and in summary, it states CIL authorities are to be more flexible when pursuing payments. This means we have to consider accepting payments over more instalments but not that we reduce the sum owed.

24. Councillor Jeanette Sunderland

How does the Council define agriculture for the purposes of agricultural tenancies?

Response

The council defines agriculture for the purposes of its agricultural tenancies in accordance with legislation governing those tenancies. Tenancies granted before 31st August 1995 tend to be tenancies granted under the Agriculture Holdings Act 1986 whilst tenancies granted after 31st August 1995 are Farm Business Tenancies under the Agricultural Tenancies Act 1995.

The Agricultural Holdings Act 1986 and the Agricultural Tenancies Act 1995 define 'agriculture' as including horticulture, fruit growing, seed growing, dairy farming and livestock breeding and keeping, the use of land as grazing land, meadow land, osier land, market gardens and nursery grounds, and the use of land for woodlands where that use is ancillary to the farming of land for agricultural purposes. The Act defines 'agricultural land' as being land which is used for agriculture which is so used for the purposes of a trade or business. It should be noted that the Agricultural Tenancies Act 1995's definition of livestock only includes horses kept for farm work or for the sale of their meat or hides. Horses are not considered to be livestock if kept for other purposes such as rearing foals, riding, jumping or recreation; these are all non-agricultural activities.

25. Councillor Aneela Ahmed

It's good to see the demolition work clearing the way for Darley Street Market which is going to be a great addition to a key part of the city centre – can the portfolio holder give an update on progress?

Response

Kier were awarded the construction contract for the new Darley St market in April 2021, and have commenced demolition of all buildings on the site, including removal of the pedestrian bridge across Piccadilly, which has now gone. Demolition works will continue on site for the remainder of 2021, with construction of the new market and public realm commencing in early 2022, the construction programme is for approximately 18 months, with a proposed opening of the new Darley St market late summer 2023. The Council's vision for its city markets is to revitalise and modernise its market offer whilst at the same time assisting with the regeneration of Darley Street and creating a more consolidated retail offer in the city centre. The new market will

seek to attract a wider customer base and to widen its appeal to a new demographic of shopper as well as supporting the city's night time economy through ensuring the 1st floor hot food & drink area continues to trade into the early evening. The project will create 400 new jobs including 157 in construction, 16 work experience placements and 136 weeks of apprenticeships. Investment in the new market is expected to deliver an economic benefit of £32 million over a 10 year period.

Almost 200 high quality efficient solar roof panels will provide enough power to run the lifts, escalators and some of the energy efficient lights during daylight hours. Ten roof lights with automatically operated ventilation louvres will provide natural lighting during the day whilst helping to manage the accumulation of heat during operating hours. A heat recovery ventilation plant will supplement a natural ventilation system to pre-warm or cool the newly introduced fresh air and water for the rest rooms which is to be heated by highly efficient air sourced heat pumps. A smart rainwater harvesting system will minimize the waste water discharge by using weather data to determine optimum harvested water storage levels.

26. Councillor Joanne Dodds

Will the portfolio holder update us on the latest work taking place on site at Bradford Live and likely timescales towards completion?

Response

Bradford Council has, over the last seven years, worked closely with its appointed developer, Bradford Live, to ensure that the redevelopment of the former Odeon Cinema is delivered, creating a new 4,000 capacity live entertainment, conference and exhibition facility. Following the appointment of NEC as the operator, Bradford Live have in March 2021 appointed a local construction company, RN Wooler, based in Keighley as their main contractor to undertake the works. Refurbishment works have already commenced on site and the construction contract will see the conversion of the vacant and derelict building into a new cultural venue which will be open and trading by the end of 2022. The economic benefits of this project will be both direct and indirect, including: the redevelopment of a brownfield site in Bradford city centre, over 80 new jobs will be created once the facility opens, the creation a new cultural attraction complementing both local and regional markets and anticipated increased footfall in the city centre, attracting around 300,000 visitors each year approx. 70% of the project spend will go towards local companies.

27. Councillor Kyle Green

What training took place since the start of the pandemic to help up skill social workers employed by the council prior to changing to the new IT system?

Response

At the start of the pandemic training was being offered through a number of channels:

- Virtual training on webex, which has included our mandatory training. There were some challenges with implementing the workforce due to access to cameras on laptops; some of this was addressed through the workforce accessing training on the phones;
- E-learning – a variety of e-learning has been made available from workforce and learning as well as corporate services, external agencies and the safeguarding partnerships;

- Podcasts – links have been shared with regards to training that meets the needs of our workforce;
- Webinars – information has been shared about webinars that have been hosted by external agencies to support learning;
- Monthly practice and learning bulletins – this has provided updates regarding practice information that is related to learning from audits and complaints. It has also included research information directing the workforce to information that they can review;
- Practice guidance – information on changes to practice, highlighting changes and the “how do” to support practice improvement.

28. Councillor Rebecca Poulsen

In light of the recent, extensive operational problems with important Council IT systems, could the Leader of Council inform members of any measures which are in place to respond to any catastrophic IT failure that may occur due to malicious hacking, hardware failures or major peacetime disasters etc and whether such an eventuality is on the Council’s list of serious risks?

Response

The IT Infrastructure and services have experienced challenges in the past mainly due to the historical lack of funding. Further stress was put on the environment due to pandemic requirements.

Over the past 12 months’ investment has been made to update the IT Environment, further work is planned to ensure the Council has an infrastructure that has low failure rate, high availability and greater productivity, this will require continued rolling investment.

The Council has been and is continuing to invest in its core infrastructure and resilience (n+1), a good example being the installation of two new 5Gig Internet Pipes last weekend, followed by a pair of new firewalls on the 18th July. The Council is also moving away from the legacy Workspace environment and providing staff with fit for purpose end user computer devices.

As a Council we are also moving to more “Cloud Services”, this means services run with very high levels of security and availability. Recent example of this include the move of Exchange and Teams to Microsoft (all managed from the Microsoft data centres). We have also recently built our Microsoft Azzure platform (this is where we can put our servers and systems in the Microsoft Cloud and move away from our data centres), we will soon be testing our first set of servers in this platform.

Since the major security issues in January 2020, a number of major changes have been made this include but not limited too.

- A new IT Security Team being put in place.
- New patching process in place.
- New process for dealing with major security patch requirements (example being had this process been in place in January 2020 that event would not have happened).
- New Security Strategy in place.
- Working with NCC (National Computing Centre) and other specialist partners.
- 24/7 outsourced monitoring contract.

- Selected as part of an NCC and LGA (Local Government Associated) pilot to test our systems.
- New Backup environments.

Business Continuity Plans are in place to help mitigate impacts of any IT failings. We are further reviewing the IT infrastructure to improve security, resilience and ensure it remains fit for purpose.

29. Councillor Geoff Reid

How do the numbers signed up for the garden waste collection compare with those for the previous two years?

Response

I can advise that the subscriptions for garden waste have been:

- 2021/22 – 39,580 as at 1 July 2021;
- 2020/21 – 40,741;
- 2019/20 – 35,780.

We have further promotions of the service scheduled to go out via email, Stay Connected, Twitter, Facebook.

30. Councillor Kevin Warnes

Will the Leader of Council please confirm that the Council will consider compulsory purchase of the derelict garden centre site by Hirst Lock in order to regenerate it for the benefit of the community?

Response

Can I start by saying I share your frustration at the condition this site has been left in and the length of time it has taken the land owner to provide proposals that would bring the site back into worthwhile use. It took the threat of enforcement from our officers to get them to draw up a scheme and it was disappointing they did not take on board the feedback of our officers through the planning process to deliver an acceptable scheme for a complicated green belt site.

The Council is not, at this time, considering compulsory purchase as discussions are ongoing with the landowner about future uses. The Enforcement Notice served recently should be complied within agreed timescales and this will be checked by Planning Enforcement Officers.

31. Councillor Caroline Firth

Can the portfolio holder join me in welcoming the £33.6m Towns Fund investment into Keighley?

Response

I do and I would like to take this opportunity to again thank the Towns Fund Board and Chair for all their hard work in developing and delivering the Town Investment Plan, as well as the hard work of all our officers who contributed and facilitated the process.

The £33.6m investment offer as part of the Towns Fund programme is fantastic news for Keighley and will bring great opportunities to the town and its future generations. It will act as a catalyst for change, helping to boost the local economy and delivering

access to jobs, skills, training and education to help its residents and businesses thrive, and prepare the next generation for future employment.

The case for investment was made through detailed Town Investment Plans overseen by the Town Deal Board; a collaboration of private and public sector and community representation; ensuring community and business voices were involved in shaping the proposals. I am really pleased to see how the Keighley Board has brought together key stakeholders who are so passionate and committed to delivering a step change for their town; promoting the distinctive offer of the town and at the same time, identifying opportunities to kickstart the local economy following the pandemic.

Investments over £25m are limited to the most ambitious Town Investment Plans that promise to deliver transformational impacts for not only towns but also wider region or the country. Keighley has regionally significant manufacturing and engineering sectors and supporting and expanding these sectors is imperative for the future of the town and the wider region. The investment also seek to cement Keighley as an arts, culture and tourism destination and to ensure a thriving town centre where people want to live, work, play and shop and where young and old, can enjoy a strong sense of community, healthy lives and a prosperous future.

The next stage is to develop a detailed business case for each project and have up to 12 months to this though of course we expect to move much faster where possible so we can draw down the funding as quickly as possible. In doing so, we will invite local communities and businesses to help to shape the business cases.

32. Councillor Caroline Firth

Does the Portfolio Holder welcome the funding for the revamp of the cobbled “Twines” of Thwaites Brow Road in the Keighley East ward? I’m sure the portfolio holder is aware of the Friends of the Twines group’s passion for restoring this road, and the amount of work behind the scenes of councillors and officers to support this bid entry.

Response

Yes, absolutely. The restoration of the cobbled road surface on the Twines formed part of the Active Travel section of the Town Investment Plan, which was accepted by government with an offer of £33.6m.

As with all elements of the Plan, a business case for the Active Travel programme will now need to be developed and approved before any funding can be drawn down. I have instructed our officers to progress these as quickly as possible so we can start delivering the excellent projects contained in the Town Investment Plan, including this one.

33. Councillor Debbie Davies

How many planning enforcement notices are currently outstanding, what is the breakdown by ward, is there a deadline for resolving these and if so what is that deadline and how many cases meet it plus what is the average time to resolve a case?

Response

The outstanding planning enforcement notices are listed below. We have no deadlines for resolving cases as each case is very different and unique. If Councillor Davies has a specific case she is interested in she is asked to contact the Planning Enforcement Manager direct for information.

WARDNAME	Number of Cases Outstanding
Baildon (ward 01)	1
Bingley (ward 02)	9
Bingley Rural (ward 03)	10
Bolton And Undercliffe (ward 04)	15
Bowling And Barkerend (ward 05)	13
Bradford Moor (ward 06)	38
Bradford Moor (ward 6)	2
City (ward 07)	65
Clayton And Fairweather Green (ward 08)	15
Craven (ward 09)	8
Eccleshill (ward 10)	14
Great Horton (ward 10)	1
Great Horton (ward 11)	30
Heaton (ward 12)	20
Idle And Thackley (ward 13)	4
Ilkley (ward 14)	2
Keighley Central (ward 15)	16
Keighley East (ward 16)	14
Keighley West (ward 17)	6
Little Horton (ward 18)	23
Manningham (ward 19)	60
Queensbury (ward 20)	13
Royds (ward 21)	5
Shipley (ward 22)	12
Thornton And Allerton (ward 23)	20
Toller (ward 24)	33
Tong (ward 25)	10
Wibsey (ward 27)	25
Windhill And Wrose (ward 28)	4
Worth Valley (ward 29)	9
Wyke (ward 30)	8

34. Councillor Geoff Winnard

Please could the Portfolio Holder advise whether Bradford Council has bid for a proportion of the £30m fund recently announced by the Government to increase the number of Changing Places facilities across England? If so, will the Council consider proving some funding to support Bingley Town Council's plans to provide a Changing Places toilet in Bingley?

Response

When the funding was announced I instructed officers to consider what opportunities there may be for us to deliver additional Changing places facilities using this fund, either directly or with partners.

However, following MHCLG's announcement in March 2021, MHCLG have yet to invite registrations of interest from Local Authorities, the Council does already provide Changing Places facilities at some of their buildings across the district. In respect of Bingley, as and when registrations of interest are requested by MHCLG, the Council will liaise with Bingley Town Council to explore securing funding for Changing Places facility in Bingley.

35. Councillor Geoff Reid

Following the announcement of six months' additional delay in the completion of Greengates Junction works, has the Council been informed of any expectation of delays in the major construction schemes off Harrogate Road, between Moorside Road and Fagley Lane, Eccleshill?

Response

The delays to the Greengates junction scheme are due to the planned diversion works by Yorkshire Water being more extensive than originally anticipated and therefore taking more time to complete. The site team together with the Council's Network Management team are working closely with Yorkshire Water to minimise as far as possible this additional delay.

Due to the critical nature of the Greengates junction to traffic movements around this area the Network Resilience team have been working with their counterparts in Leeds City Council to co-ordinate all road and streetworks in the vicinity, through agreeing dates when other schemes can commence and/or their working methods and restrictions. Until such time as the Greengates junction works are completed there will be a knock on delay to other major works in the area which will not, generally, be allowed to commence their works.

Currently, the Network Resilience team have no applications for further major works between Moorside Road and Fagley Lane which would be impacted by the on-going works at Greengates junction. However, were an application to come forward prior to the Greengates junction scheme completion the impact of this scheme would be co-ordinated by the team accordingly.

36. Councillor Kevin Warnes

How many net zero carbon homes is the Council planning to build in Bradford District between now and 2030?

Response

In terms of directly delivery, the Council currently does not have a future construction programme but the properties previously delivered through the Council's new build programme have been designed and constructed using 'Fabric First' principles; concentrating on improving the airtightness of the building fabric and the thermal performance of the structure results in reduced heat loss, carbon emissions and ultimately, savings on energy consumption thereby helping to minimise running costs to tenants. Electric vehicle charging points have been included within all our recent developments. Further, many of the properties benefit from a Mechanical Ventilation Heat Recovery (MVHR) system - providing a constant supply of fresh filtered air for a healthier indoor air quality environment but also contributes to a reduced carbon footprint.

In line with the current adopted Core Strategy (2017) Policy HO9 Housing Quality the Council will encourage and support new residential developments to achieve high sustainable design and construction standards. The minimum acceptable sustainable housing standards are set out in the Building Regulations. A range of energy efficiency measures are also identified in the Homes and Neighbourhoods Design Guide for developers to consider including making homes energy efficient through high performance building fabric and building forms, renewable energy, off-site manufacture and solar gain.

In January this year the government set out its timetable for the Future Homes Standard which will make it mandatory (through building regulations) for all new homes in the country to be zero carbon ready from 2025 onwards. No new homes will be built with a gas boiler and homes will be future proofed with low carbon heating and high levels of energy efficiency. The full technical specification will be published for consultation by Government in 2023. In the interim the government will be introducing an uplift to the Building Regulations at the end of 2021 which is expected to produce 31% less CO₂ emissions compared to current standards.

In the immediate term the government will still allow local authorities to set energy efficiency standards in their local plan policies which are higher than current minimum requirements but with an expectation that this should not exceed Level 4 of the (former) Code for Sustainable Homes – equivalent to a 19% improvement on current Building Regulations. Given the direction of the Future Homes Standard the government considers it less likely that local authorities will need to set local standards to achieve the net zero goal.

The Council consulted earlier this year on a new energy policy (EN10) as part of the Local Plan consultation. This policy while tracked against Government intentions for improvements to energy standards and carbon reduction as set out above also includes policy direction that all residential developments of 50 or more dwellings should strongly aim to achieve zero net carbon emissions, and includes a range of other matters including support for site wide heating and cooling systems as well as picks up changes to existing buildings (extensions and alterations) and non-domestic. The policy is currently being reviewed in light of representations received.

The new Planning reforms will also clarify the longer term role of local authorities in setting energy efficiency standards.

37. Councillor Hassan Khan

Can I have an overview of the proposed Northern Powerhouse Rail station at the current St James' Market site and the jobs and regeneration it will deliver for the district?

Response

The preferred option for the Northern Powerhouse Rail Station at St James Market is to be a through and integrated station which serves NPR, Calder valley Line and potentially Mass Transit services. Further work will be taking place over the next few months with partners on how the station will be located on the site, the infrastructure required, the development it will unlock in the surrounding Southern Gateway area and how it will integrate with the wider city centre. The work done so far shows that a new city centre PR station will result in over 14,000 additional jobs and a 14.6bn uplift in GVA for the Bradford economy. Further work on the specific benefits of the St James Market is currently underway to reinforce the business case for the station to Government.

38. Councillor Fozia Shaheen

What practical support is available for people with mental health and learning disabilities. I'm particularly interested to know what support there is outside office hours for people and also what support there is in communities for carers who are looking after someone with MH and/or LD.

Response

We provide a range of services for people who experience mental health distress or have a mental health condition. Practical support includes:

- Advice and signposting;
- Peer support;
- Outreach work;
- Welfare and housing support;
- Group work, therapeutic, CBT, practical skills;
- 121 support - therapeutic, counselling, CBT, psychotherapy, care;
- Crisis support;
- Grief and loss support;
- Digital devices.

All our services offer some element of out of hour support.

In particular, the following services are key for out of hour support:

- Guideline (advice and signposting): 12 midday to 12 midnight - free phone 08001 884 884;
- Sanctuary (crisis support) - 6pm to 2am (accessible via First Response);
- MyWellbeing College (CBT/IAPT services) provides evening and weekend clinics;
- Wellbeing support (sessions run by our services in the evenings and weekends by a range of organisations who are described on www.healthyminds.services and this includes Cellar Trust, Mind in Bradford, Millside Centre, Roshni Ghar, Sharing Voices, Girlington Centre, Rape Crisis, Youth in Mind), and many more.

We also provide support via www.kooth.com and www.qwell.io and this provides information, group and peer support and counselling which includes out of hour support through to 10pm.

Where we know people do not have access to digital devices, we have worked in partnership with BTM and provided over 250 Innova tablets to people who did not have access. We pre-loaded access to Healthy Minds, Guideline and MyWellbeing College on the devices.

We have increased our support for Carers, people from B.A.M.E communities through additional resources from Public Health.

Council

13 July 2020

AMENDMENTS TO MOTIONS

(1) CORPORATE RESPONSE TO THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC

A

To be moved by Cllr Susan Hinchcliffe
Seconded by Cllr Sarah Ferriby

That with the addition of the following words the motion be amended to read as follows:

Council notes the recent pandemic and the effects it has had on the lives, health and wellbeing of the citizens of the Bradford district and looks forward to the strongest possible recovery.

Council repeats its thanks for the work of all its officers and staff, partner organisations and volunteers in dealing with the unprecedented situation.

Council believes that we should review the district's response to the pandemic to learn what went well, and what less so, in order to be prepared for any similar threats in the future, and to identify residual problems and long term effects needing to be addressed as we move out of the current crisis.

Council instructs the Health and Wellbeing Board to commission such a review, focusing on areas where the council and partners had some freedom to make choices, but including the results of external factors such as legislation.

We will then send the findings from our district to the national inquiry into the country's Covid response as and when the Government starts the exercise.

(2) CREATING AN ACCESSIBLE FOOTPATH NETWORK

B

To be moved by: Councillor Kyle Green
Seconded by: Councillor Mike Pollard

With the addition and removal of the necessary words, the Motion be amended to read as follows:

This Council notes:

the huge benefit to the health of residents from being able to access open spaces and fresh air

the District should be a place where people choose to walk and that walking should be easy, enjoyable and accessible to everyone

there are physical and social barriers that currently prevent many people from enjoying the benefits of walking

Ward members have strong connections and understandings of local footpath and pathway issues.

The Council instructs the Chief Executive to:

Instigate an intelligence led feasibility review, with input from Area Committees, the Ramblers' Association and the Disabled Ramblers' Association, aimed at improving the accessibility of identified sections of the footpath network to increase the appeal and enhance the experience of using it, for people with limited mobility including wheelchair users, by looking at alleviating the physical and social barriers that currently prevent or deter many people from enjoying the benefits of walking

Ensure that publicity is provided to educate footpath users of the deterrent effects of anti-social behaviors such as littering, anti-social parking, dog fouling, the anti-social use of motorcycles and quads, leaving gates open and not keeping dogs on leads etc and serious in rural areas, with more serious breaches dealt with robustly

Ensure that the work done to improve accessibility is done appropriately to the environment, avoiding excessive "urbanisation" of the countryside.

Create an 'Access for All 'budget to ensure that everyone can access public footpaths and bridleways and report progress to the Executive and Area Committees.

(3) CREATING AN ACCESSIBLE FOOTPATH NETWORK

C

To be moved by Councillor Alex Ross-Shaw
Seconded by Councillor Paul Godwin

That with the addition of the following words the motion be amended to read as follows:

This Council notes the huge benefit to the health of residents from being able to access open spaces and fresh air.

This Council notes the £250,000 investment in maintaining our open and green spaces through the pandemic in the last budget and the ongoing work improving the accessibility of such spaces across the district.

This Council believes the District should be a place where people can choose to walk and that walking should be easy, enjoyable and accessible to everyone.

This Council recommits to removing the barriers that currently prevent many people from enjoying the benefits of walking and to improving the accessibility of the footpath network for people with limited mobility and for wheelchair users.

The Council instructs the Strategic Director of Place to:

Work towards ensuring that footpaths, access land and managed green spaces in its ownership are as accessible as possible, and report progress annually to the Local Access Forum and Regeneration & Environment Scrutiny Committee.

Ensure that the work done to improve accessibility is done appropriately to the environment, avoiding excessive “urbanisation” of the countryside.

Via the Local Access Forum, work with other organisations such as the Disabled Ramblers Association and the Ramblers Association to support their work in support of the British Standard 5709:2006 on Gaps, Gates and Stiles which requires the least restrictive option for all potential users, including people with disabilities or limited mobility, where a path crosses a boundary and specifies high-quality standards where barriers are justified.

(4) CLEAN AIR ZONE

D

To be moved by Councillor Martin Love
To be seconded by Councillor Kevin Warnes

That with the addition and deletion of the appropriate words, the motion be amended to read as follows:

Council notes that:

- a) Atmospheric nitrogen dioxide levels in many parts of our district exceed the legal maximum limit.
- b) Poor air quality is a major cause of early death and illness. It has been linked to lung and heart disease in children and adults and to low birth weight. During periods of poor air quality health gets worse, leading to more hospital admissions and deaths. Children and the elderly are particularly affected by poor air quality.
- c) Health research in Bradford has indicated that the largest health benefits of improved air quality will be felt by the most deprived communities in the district. The Clean Air Plan will bring levels of nitrogen dioxide across the district within legal limits five years more quickly than without intervention.
- d) The Clean Air Plan provides funding for a range of grants and exemption schemes that offer financial support to affected local businesses, encouraging them to become compliant.

Council therefore resolves:

1. To fully support the Clean Air Plan as adopted.
2. To monitor the effect that the Clean Air Zone and other elements of the Clean Air Plan have on the air quality of the district.
3. To proactively take further measures, as required, to improve the air quality of the district and therefore the health of our residents.
4. To ensure that all future Council decisions take into account their impact on air quality by adding a new section entitled 'Impact on Air Quality' to 'Section 9, Other Implications', of the template used in preparing officer reports to Executive and other committees.
5. To show leadership to the district by continuing to convert its existing fleet, including the Lord Mayor's car, to electric vehicles wherever possible.
6. To learn lessons and seek advice from other Councils who have successfully improved their air quality.

(5) CLEAN AIR ZONE

E

To be Moved by Councillor Alun Griffiths

Seconded by Councillor Jeanette Sunderland

That with the addition and deletion of the appropriate words, the motion be amended to read as follows:

Delete the following words under "Council resolves"

(1) To revise the Clean Air Zone to a 'non-charging Clean Air Zone' and instead continue to work with businesses who wish to upgrade their vehicles and take advantage of the incentives offered

Add the new words

(1) To suspend the introduction of the Clean Air Zone until an assessment of the current situation and need for further improvements to air quality has been completed

(6) CLEAN AIR ZONE

F

To be moved by Councillor Susan Hinchcliffe

To be seconded by Councillor Sarah Ferriby

That with the addition of the following words the motion be amended to read as follows:

Council notes that:

1. The Government published its national Clean Air Strategy in 2019. This commits the UK to setting some air pollution goals more ambitious than the EU and reducing particulate matter emissions by 46% by 2030.
2. The piece of legislation entitled [Environment Act 1995 \(City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council\) Air Quality Direction 2020 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#) legally directs Bradford Council to provide a charging Clean Air Zone to improve air quality.
3. We all want cleaner air across the district.
4. The Clean Air Zone Framework issued by the Department for Transport clearly states “Clean Air Zone proposals are not required to include a charging zone”, unless otherwise directed by Government, as Bradford has been.
5. The Clean Air Zone Framework is voluntary code for those local authorities who are not operating under a Government directive. Given our poor air quality and its impact on our children’s health, DEFRA has issued a Government directive compelling Bradford to introduce a charging Clean Air Zone.
6. Research has shown that air pollution can affect children before they’re even born. Currently more than one in five children in Bradford has a wheezing disorder.
7. The Government directive from the Minister states that having considered all the data of the district the following action now needs to be taken. The following is the exact wording on the legal order:

“Class C Charging Clean Air Zone
To be implemented as soon as possible and at least in time to bring forward compliance to 2022”

Government has directed that Bradford will have a Class C CAZ which means that residents’ privately owned vehicles will not be subject to any charge.
8. Bradford has secured the biggest funding deal of any local authority in the country from Government and we are therefore providing the most generous support packages for businesses upgrading to cleaner, CAZ-compliant vehicles. The Government’s CAZ Framework is clear that daily charges should be set at a level to encourage vehicle owners to upgrade their vehicles to CAZ standard.
9. The Council has consulted widely with residents, businesses and other organisations on the CAZ through a variety of channels, including a series of in person events, online events, question and answer sessions, written submissions, a dedicated webpage and a wider publicity campaign.
10. During Covid working patterns have changed nationally with much more home working and this is a pattern that is likely to continue in the future, however in November 2020 Bradford traffic levels went back to 100% of what they were pre-COVID.

Council resolves:

1. To comply with the law as laid out in the legal order directed by Government which is entitled, "[Environment Act 1995 \(City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council\) Air Quality Direction 2020 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#) signed by Environment Minister Rebecca Pow and continue to work with businesses who wish to upgrade their vehicles and take advantage of the incentives offered.
2. To publish the current air quality monitoring data and how it compares with the figures taken in 2018 and publish the target figures.
3. To continue to listen to the concerns of businesses, hauliers, taxi drivers and residents.
4. To continue to work with Leeds, Bath, Portsmouth, Nottingham, Sheffield, Southampton, Birmingham and others to learn lessons and seek, as well as provide, advice.
5. To back the Labour Group's request of Government to permit Bradford to reduce the charge for non-compliant taxis to £7 instead of the planned £12.50 (the government's own charge per vehicle is included in this).
6. To invite the author of the legal order, Environment Minister Rebecca Pow, to visit Bradford district once the restrictions ease so that she can talk to councillors of all parties about the directive for the Clean Air Zone.

(7) END FIRE AND REHIRE

G

To be proposed by: Councillor Rebecca Poulsen

To be Seconded by: Councillor Mike Pollard

That with the addition and removal of the necessary words, the Motion be amended to read as follows:

This council notes:

- The Rt Hon Kwasi Kwarteng MP (Con), The Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy said in Parliament in January 2021 that the practice of Fire and Rehire was unacceptable and advised MPs that the (Con) Government had asked ACAS in Oct 2020 to carry out an investigation and present its findings to Government
- ACAS has recently provided its findings, which are being considered by Government at present
- The expected arrival of the 'Employment Bill' in 2022 is likely to address issues around fire and rehire
- It is thus somewhat disingenuous to suggest that the Prime Minister and Government have continually refused to take action on the matter

- The Conservative Government brought in the national living wage in 2016, has doubled personal tax allowances, introduced a minimum of 5 weeks annual leave and a year of maternity leave,
- The Conservative Government is merging separated labour market enforcement bodies to make it simpler and easier to crack down on poor practices

Council resolves:

- To recognise that the Prime Minister and Conservative Government are at present proactively responding to the problem, allowing Councils and Councillors to focus their efforts on the local issues which residents hope to see tackled and which the council has the powers to influence
- To support the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy and Government for asking ACAS to carry out a review into the practice of Fire and Rehire, whilst planning to introduce an Employment Bill
- To await the outcome of the ACAS findings and the content of the Employment Bill

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COUNCIL

16 MARCH 2021

MEMBER QUESTION TIME – Part 2

Questions submitted in accordance with Standing Order 12

39. **Councillor Geoff Winnard**

Is the Portfolio Holder now in a position to publish the accounts for the Bingley Music Live festival held in 2018? If not when will this information be made available? It was reported in the media that the event made a loss of around £300K but to date no detailed information has been provided as to reason for such a large loss to the public purse.

Response

The published accounts are available in the Council's Statement of Accounts for 2018/19. It is true to say that the event did not meet the target budget at the time and this was reviewed and a number of issues were identified that contributed to the overall financial position, which included reduced ticket sales, leading to reduced concession sales; the performers, infrastructure and management costs were higher than expected due to high demand for bands and their availability on the weekend. As you will be aware and due to the potential risk of future financial pressure on the Council the event was cancelled for the following year. A private operator has now organised the Bingley Weekender in Bingley and we believe there is a plan to organise the event in future years once the COVID restrictions are removed, which will continue to provide a large music festival in the district.

40. **Councillor Zafar Ali**

Could the leader of the Council please provide the residents of Central Ward Keighley with the assurance that Council will develop and implement an effective policy regarding removal of Fly-tipping, dumped outside resident' homes and also maintaining Street Planters that are in derelict state and present a grave health hazard to residents.

Response

I believe the fly tipping that Councillor Ali is referring to is residents placing bagged waste for collection and fly tipping of domestic waste outside residents' houses and adjacent areas. This happens predominantly in areas where there is a transient community and a large turnover in people vacating their properties. Currently, this is a problem that wardens and the waste advisory team try and solve by raising awareness of the Council's policies on recycling waste and to inform residents that side waste is not permitted. Following this type of work, areas comply for a short

while but in some cases the situation quickly returns due largely to residents leaving an area. Officers then have to repeat the awareness process again.

Over the next month officers from both Neighbourhood services and Waste services will be undertaking some intense work in these areas to gather more intelligence to gain a better understanding of behaviour with regards to waste in these areas and also where, when and who is contributing to the problem. In addition to ascertain whether there are better ways of working for our waste and street cleansing operations. Staff will be particularly looking at side waste and black bin liners just left on the kerbside or grass verges. In particular, the amount of black liners that are deposited before the day of collection, on the day of collection and how long it takes before many bags appear again. It is felt that greater intelligence will be key to sorting these issues out to formulate targeted awareness campaigns, enforcement where necessary and possibly changing how our two services work in the future.

The planters have already been reported to us and we are planning to renovate them in the near future.

41. Councillor Fozia Shaheen

Domestic violence is on the rise - we have a number of ethnic minority communities people who are struggling to access services that meet culture and language requirements. What are we doing to ensure this is provided?

Response

During Safeguarding week, the district's new Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence strategy was launched. The strategy can be found on the Safer Bradford Website (<https://saferbradford.co.uk/community-safety/domestic-and-sexual-abuse>). Some of the key commitments within that strategy highlight where we are in the district and in what areas we will focus our work to improve the lives of those who are or have experienced domestic abuse. We feel we have safe, innovative and relevant services in the district to support any victim who needs help. We recognise however that we need to be better in using our data to check who is not asking for help and being proactive about creating pathways into support. We have a commitment to transforming services to be inclusive to all. One group that we will focus on and mentioned in the strategy being refugees and asylum seekers. The strategy also provides a focus on using the lived experience of those experiencing domestic abuse to shape services and procedures in addition to creating a community response to recognising and responding to domestic abuse and sexual violence. All of this will help us to address the needs of those who currently face barriers to approaching services to ask for help.

We are extremely lucky in our district to have a dedicated and responsive charitable sector that provides support to victims, their children and to perpetrators. Services are both commissioned and non-commissioned and actively seek out funding to meet gaps and needs. There are some specialist services that focus on specific types of victims and one of those focuses on BAME women and girls, another provides support for men of all ethnicities. Staff teams are diverse and can often offer communication in different languages and to meet the need in a way that is

culturally sensitive. There is still work to do as often securing staff from Eastern Europe is more difficult and there is more to do to create pathways for older people within the population. Our perpetrator program recently secured some Home Office funding to develop a culturally sensitive program delivered by peers to people from South Asia. We are working with Health partners to reach older populations and to create opportunities for them to ask for help.

We have recently carried out a needs assessment in the district to support us to comply with The Domestic Abuse Act. In that process meeting the needs of those with no recourse to public funds came through as being an issue in our district. We are aiming to use some of our new resource in the district to meet the needs of those victims. We have also just completed a consultation on the statutory guidance that highlights the need to clarify how the Domestic Abuse Act applies to those with no recourse to public funds.

Finally, as we work as a partnership on our locality approach to domestic abuse to create our new community focus we are creating our pilot approaches in a way to ensure that we test what works for different communities so that we can differentiate our approaches to ensure that no victim is left behind.

42. Councillor Caroline Firth

Councillors wrote to the portfolio holder recently to request the council seeks independent counsel advice about the proposed incinerator in Marley, Keighley East. We think there are discrepancies about the number of HGVs going in and out of the site. Thank you for agreeing to seek external advice. How long does this advice request usually take to come back?

Response

The specialist planning counsel advice has now been received. It supports the stance taken on this matter by the Local Planning Authority (LPA), in that the LPA cannot rely upon references in the Environmental Statement to control HGV numbers, furthermore if the LPA had considered that it must control HGVs, then such matters should be by separate condition.

HGVs were not restricted by the LPA, as it was considered that there were no significant highway safety or any adverse AQ implications, that would warrant limitations on HGVs. The site is situated on a dual carriageway, with a fair capacity, and with the highway improvements and required AQ mitigation (e.g. electric minibus, electric charging points, low emission strategy) the LPA considered this sufficient.

43. Councillor Debbie Davies

Can cycle lanes be marked as multi use so as to include horse riders and mobility scooters in a similar way that bus lanes are also used for taxis?

Response

That is not permitted under the Traffic Signs and General Directions Manual, but there are other measures officers can take such as warning signs for horse riders or

pedestrians. For example, officers are currently engaging with the British Horse Riders' Society over locations of concerns in Bradford with a view to installing information placards about horse riders in the vicinity. There are no permitted signs for mobility scooters as they are not a registered highway vehicle.

44. Councillor Debbie Davies

On Council Tax bills there is a breakdown for Council Tax, Fire Authority etc. and for those of us with parish or town councils it just says 'Local Precept'. Could this be made clearer in future years e.g. saying Baildon Town Council or whatever as I've had a few people questioning what this is so no doubt other people are also unaware of its meaning?

Response

We have used the generic term 'local precept' on all Council Tax bills for many years, partly to limit the development work required as precept titles change or new ones are created.

It is possible to identify and display each separate precepting area e.g. 'Baildon precept', although at present there is a character limit on the bill which would prevent us from displaying the full name of all preceptors - for instance, we could not display 'Keighley, Bogthorn, Exley and Oakworth precept'.

We will explore the possibility of extending this and of using a preceptor's name, and the likely cost. In the meantime, we will look to adding an explanation of 'local precept' to the 'Council Tax bill explained' leaflet that is issued with all bills.

45. Councillor Debbie Davies

Could the Portfolio Holder advise why the council is calling for new traveller sites in the Local Plan when the existing ones have spaces and does the traveller site at Esholt pay for itself, or if not, what does it cost the Council annually?

Response

The Council has a statutory duty set by Government to assess, identify and plan to meet the district's housing needs, including those of Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople. When plan making, local planning authorities are required by government to identify and update annually a five year supply of specific deliverable sites and to also identify a supply of specific, developable sites or broad locations for the following plan years.

The Regulation 18 Draft Local Plan (2021) sets out the council's approach to 'Accommodation for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople' in Policy HO8: Sites for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople.

An updated Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showperson Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) (2021) was undertaken as part of the evidence base informing the draft Local Plan. This provides latest available evidence to identify the accommodation needs of Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople across the District. The GTAA analysis considers potential additional supply of pitches

through turnover on public pitches, potential expansion/intensification of existing sites and potential new sites.

The need identified in the latest GTAA is expected to be met through the identification of formal site allocations in sustainable and accessible locations to ensure that a sufficient supply of pitches is delivered to meet identified needs.

The costs and income against the sites at Mary St and Esholt are not separated due the way in which the budget is recorded however there is no annual cost to the Council as spend is offset by the income.

46. Councillor Debbie Davies

What was the outcome of the resolution from Full Council in July 2018 to investigate the merits or otherwise of setting up a local lottery?

Response

A response was provided in February 2021 to the Councillor.

The Council resolved in July 2018 “to instruct the Chief Executive to investigate the merits and otherwise of setting up an online lottery, as pioneered by Aylesbury Vale District Council, to raise funds for non-essential but much valued community services”.

In late 2020 a desktop review was completed, including reaching out to West Yorkshire finance colleagues and SIGOMA.

This identified a number of authorities have implemented a Community Lottery (not local to Bradford). The sums raised are generally small. The view is a Community Lottery works best in smaller defined ‘communities’, where the benefit is held in that community; but this results in smaller proceeds. The lottery is delivered best by specialist partners, but the setup is administrative and needs dedicated input and resource from the Council.

The desktop assessment concluded the proceeds after payment of prizes and administrative costs would be negligible.

47. Councillor Debbie Davies

What progress has been made on the future of 40 Browgate, Baildon which has now been empty for a number of years?

Response

Further to previous updates provided to Members on the background to this property by Estate Management, 40 Browgate, Baildon is a bungalow held by the Council as Corporate Trustees of The Baildon War Memorial Charity. The property can only be let to people who meet the Charity’s conditions being elderly and infirm people of lower financial means with good character who live in and around Baildon.

The Property became vacant when the last resident passed away and has remained vacant because the property requires a programme of substantial works and repairs

to make it fit for habitation. The Baildon War Memorial Charity does not have sufficient funds to undertake the works required.

Estates are still working on resolving the legal issues with transferring the bungalow at 40 Browgate to a third party charity, but this has been delayed as the Haig Housing Charity who had been identified as a suitable charity to transfer the property to has stalled due to the uncertainty caused by the pandemic and how it has affected the Charity, as well as a recently appointed new Chief Executive at Haig Housing. Estates officers are now in contact with Haig Housing and hope to re-commence discussions on a transfer of the property. As soon as acceptable terms are agreed, officers will submit a report to the Regulatory and Appeals Committee seeking approval for the transfer.

48. Councillor Debbie Davies

How much initial funding is being put into Citizen Coin and once set up is it designed to be self-funding?

Response

The Citizen Coin is funded through the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) and is one of 70 plus test and learn projects within the Bradford for Everyone programme to increase participation and volunteering.

The Citizen Coin is in its fourth iteration; an initial investment of £30,000 was provided in year one to develop the app and to cover the cost of the license (£10,000), penetration test as required by the Council (£3,500) and staff development support (£17,500). An additional £53,000 was provided in year 2 of which includes two salaried workers at £25,000, marketing costs, licence and yearly penetration test and roll out. The app currently has over 400 volunteers registered, over 75 retailers and 40 rewarding partners.

The app itself hasn't been designed to generate any income. The Stronger Communities Team will be recruiting a Volunteer Services Coordinator which will oversee the continuous development and promotion of the app. We are seeking additional funding from the Community Renewal Fund and contributions from other programmes and services. Other local authorities are also interested and as these are recruited the cost will reduce for Bradford. The app is currently funded up to July 2022.

49. Councillor Vanda Greenwood

Will the portfolio holder join me in welcoming the £25m secured for Shipley through the Towns Fund and outline the plans for how it will be invested?

Response

The £25m investment offer as part of the Towns Fund programme is brilliant news for Shipley. It represents a fantastic opportunity to help boost the local economy following the pandemic and at the same time, support the longer term economic growth and prosperity of the town through jobs, skills, training and educational opportunities for all.

The case for investment was made through a detailed Town Investment Plan overseen by the Town Deal Board; a collaboration of private and public sector and community representation; ensuring community and business voices were involved in shaping the proposals. It's great to see key stakeholders coming together on the Shipley Board to promote and champion the town and its assets and opportunities so passionately. The investment will seek to ensure Shipley is a well-connected and sustainable location; where people want to live, study, work, shop, play, visit and invest and with a thriving town centre that builds on its distinctiveness as a place and strong community spirit.

The projects are wide-ranging in their scope and include:

- Improvements to Shipley Market Square and to ensure the town centre is well connected and accessible to the surrounding areas; this will include improving walking/cycling links and public spaces such as streets, squares and parks.
- A fund to restore and repurpose buildings and redevelop sites for commercial and residential use.
- A Community, Art and Future Technology Centre – to support and develop skills for local employment and entrepreneurship including the development of digital skills.
- Shipley Library Enterprise Hub which will involve upgrading the exhibition space in Shipley Library to showcase local entrepreneurs, craftspeople, makers and small businesses including support, mentoring and training opportunities, networking events and workspace facilities.
- A Health and wellbeing hub - offering wide range of integrated support services to educate and support people with the tools to improve their health and wellbeing.
- Shipley Sustainable Community Hub - offering volunteering, social community events, wellbeing and personal development opportunities alongside more targeted access to specialist and creative facilities and equipment.
- Capital assistance to business growth - supporting small businesses to grow and adapt and diversify in a changing climate
- Wrose Quarry Wetlands - Regenerating the heritage site at Wrose Hill/Quarry, including adding accessible footpaths, improving biodiversity by creating new wetland features and tree planting, adding new recreational features.

The next stage is to develop a detailed business case for each project, with up to 12 months to do this. In doing so, we will invite local communities and businesses to help to shape the business cases.

Additional Information

The projects listed above are all of the projects submitted. We bid for £27.36m and were offered £25m so have £2.36m to find in terms of savings. The recommended approach to this will be to reduce a number of projects in terms of value.

50. Councillor Rebecca Poulsen

Can the Portfolio provide an update over the flood alleviation works at Mill Hey, Haworth?

Response

DEFRA's current capital flood programme runs between 2021-2027. Already included in the capital programme is a project for Haworth. This study will investigate the causes of, and potential solutions to, flooding in the town and how these solutions can be delivered.

Bridgehouse Beck that flows beneath Mill Hey is classified as Main River and is under the authority of the Environment Agency (EA). The EA are leading on the flood risk management scheme with the Council's Land Drainage team supporting the project team providing local knowledge and understanding. These large public funded capital schemes take a number of years to develop where a large amount of appraisal work is necessary to ensure the evidence base and review processes are as accurate as possible. One of the larger work items is the development, testing and review of a new hydraulic flood model for Bridgehouse Beck. This piece of work has recently been completed by the EA's framework consultant and has also been assured by the EA's data and evidence team. This is a key milestone in the progression of the scheme.

The next phase of the project is to scope and commission a business case for the project. This is due to be in place by the autumn whereby the consultant can progress the business case to determine a preferred option. The development of the business case and the preferred option will be carried out in consultation with local residents, businesses and wider stakeholders where necessary. We expect that the business case will be ready for submission to DEFRA by the end of the financial year.

Following the business case development, if a viable capital scheme can be identified, this is not likely to be delivered until midway through the current capital programme (2021-2027). I understand this timeframe will be of a concern but the Council will continue to progress the study with the EA as quickly as possible.

51. Councillor Rebecca Poulsen

When are the wall works due to be fully completed on Halifax Road between Cross Roads and Keighley?

Response

We anticipate that all the works between Cross Roads and Keighley on A629 Halifax Road will be fully completed by March 2022 by the very latest.

52. Councillor Rebecca Poulsen

Can the Portfolio Holder advise what are the rules for campervans parking overnight and which locations they are permitted to park up at?

Response

In regard to camper vans, as a road vehicle, as with all vehicles, as long as it not in breach of any parking restrictions then they are permitted to park on the highway.

Our Highways team have confirmed that they are not aware of any residents' schemes which restrict certain vehicle types from having a permit such as a weight or size. It is up to the resident to choose what type of vehicle they use and if a vehicle is taxed and tested it is permitted to park on a road.

If any vehicle is causing an obstruction where there are no traffic regulations in place, for example, yellow lines or limited waiting times, then this should be dealt with as a Police issue. Other valid reasons to take Police action would be if the vehicle is causing an obstruction to sightlines, if it is driven without MOT and/or insurance (emphasis on being driven). Untaxed should be reported directly to the DVLA.

53. Councillor Richard Dunbar

June 28th was the 52nd anniversary of the Stonewall riots – a moment that sparked the modern day Pride movement. Will the Leader list the work we do internally and externally as a Council to show solidarity and pride with and in the LGBTQ+ community in our district?

Response

The Stronger Communities Team, which delivers the Bradford for Everyone programme, ran campaigns over LGBTQ+ History Month. To support this campaign:

- We provided a supportive video statement to Cllr Richard Dunbar, which was used as part of the virtual flag raising ceremony;
- As part of the Anti-Rumour and Critical Thinking Campaign we launched a video on LGBTQ+ communities, this can be viewed here <https://youtu.be/jZOG7nWxz4U> It has had over 420 views and has reached over 920 people.
- A webinar was delivered on LGBTQ+ and diversity advantage where individuals from the LGBTQ+ communities talked about their experiences on 23rd February from 10-12pm. This was included as part of the 283 Pride events that took place.

In addition, we regularly:

- As part of 'People Library' seek stories from a wide range of communities; included is Danish born Ruth Nielsen, as she explains a sense of purpose she's found through her involvement with Keighley Pride; <https://bradfordforeveryone.co.uk/life-is-a-journey/>.

Delivering a range of workforce training on diversity, inclusion and equality. As of 23rd June we have had over 330 people booked across different sectors both from frontline staff and leaders across the system. The range of programmes and workshops can be viewed here from Unconscious Bias training to Inclusion and Diversity Leadership. <https://bradfordforeveryone.co.uk/workforce-training-programme-2021/>

54. Councillor Kyle Green

What steps are being taken to improve the three 'inadequate' children's homes?

Response

We have two children's homes that are graded as inadequate and where Ofsted registration is currently suspended.

In relation to Owlthorpe no children are currently living there. We have taken this opportunity to have the building completely refurbished.

A new manager with experience of managing a good home is now in place to lead on the improvement plan with support from our Deputy Service Manager. A comprehensive action plan is in place which has been shared with Ofsted and which was scrutinised by our Regulatory Inspector when she conducted her midway visit. This action plan relates to improvements in documentation, procedure and practice and also additional training for the staff team in respect of specific safeguarding issues. We would hope to be able to resume operations in the next few weeks after consultation with Ofsted and a review meeting is being held to formally consider signing the action plan off as complete.

In relation to Valley View the decision by Ofsted to suspend registration is much more recent and we are still dealing with the impact of this on the children and the staff team. Valley View was already subject to an action plan to raise standards and there have been significant challenges with recruiting staff to that particular home. Ultimately the action plan has failed to deliver the improvement that was needed and consideration is being given to the future use for the home.

55. Councillor Kyle Green

How does the council intend on preventing access to Ilkley Lido and Ilkley Riverside Parks for vehicles that enter the areas illegally?

Response

The Council is installing a range of measures including fencing, earth mounds, and a height barrier. The height barrier will prevent unauthorised over height vehicles from progressing beyond the site entrance on Denton Road.

56. Councillor Richard Dunbar

Could the Portfolio Holder explain what work we did to celebrate Gypsy, Roma and Traveller history month in the district.

Response

The Stronger Team/ Bradford for Everyone carried out the following activities to celebrate Gypsy, Roma and Traveller history month in the district.

- Engagement with the traveller community revealed that Gypsy, Roma and Traveller was too much of a broad heading to look at the needs of the diverse communities and celebrate their histories.
- Bradford for Everyone posts on Social media were created for this month
- Travellers video shown as part of the 'Diversity of White People' online event as part of our Critical Thinking project on 29 June.
- We have also completed a Roma Strategy, which involved contributions from over a hundred members from the community and 90 organisations; this strategy will help public sector agencies better engage with Roma communities and shape services to meet their needs.

In addition to the above, on 5 July Councillor Dunbar and the Stronger Communities Coordinator visited Traveller sites at Mary Street and Esholt to speak to Traveller communities about their conditions and issues with a view to following up with increased engagement with them. It is proposed that the new staffing appointments in Stronger Communities will pick up on the communities of interest support we offer across the district including Gypsy, Traveller and Roma communities.

57. Councillor Fozia Shaheen

As many people 30 plus have lost their jobs due to the pandemic. Apprenticeships have an age limit on them – what are we doing to ensure these people who may not have many skills and were on low paid jobs have opportunities.

Response

Apprenticeships no longer have an age limit to them and can be completed as long as the person applying does not already hold the qualification linked to the apprenticeship role. For example, an Apprenticeship Admin Role has the Business Admin Level 3 qualification linked to it; if the person does not have this qualification then they would be eligible to apply for the apprenticeship. These criteria are applicable to all apprenticeships from Level 2 up to Level 7.

58. Councillor Joan Clarke

Could the Portfolio Holder, clarify for me the means by which developers' compliance with conditions attached to planning approvals is monitored and secured, especially in cases where the Council's Building Control service is not used?

Response

The onus and responsibility for compliance is very much on the developer and the owner of the development to fulfil the requirements of all conditions attached to their planning consent. In those cases where the site is inspected by the Council's Building Control section we have the opportunity to know when a planning condition has not been implemented and then have the ability to challenge and/or enforce

compliance. As you mention, however, there is also the option for developers to use a private building control inspector under the legislation that was brought in by a Conservative government. Unfortunately many house builders in Bradford and other districts in Yorkshire choose to go to such Approved Inspectors for Building Regulations compliance so the link between the two parts of development is lost.

59. Councillor Rebecca Poulsen

Would the Leader of the Council confirm whether the Council intends to pursue Stonewall Workplace Equality Index accreditation?

Response

The Council is preparing a submission for the UK Stonewall Workplace Equality Index. This has support and encouragement from our LGBTQ+ Staff Network, Champions, Equality Partners and Senior Leaders. Work on the submission has already proven invaluable in checking organisational policies are communicated using appropriate language and in highlighting areas that require further work.

We are committed to ensuring inclusivity to all our staff through fair policies and practices that enables a diverse workforce to come together to deliver services to the diverse people and communities that we serve. The more representative we are of those people and communities, the more we understand them and the better able we are to deliver cost effective services.

60. Councillor Jeanette Sunderland

What steps is the Council taking to regulate the increasing number of dog walking businesses?

Response

We are aware of growing concern about what is seen as a proliferation of dog walking businesses and how public space is used. We are actively reviewing whether some form of licensing will help manage the situation so our public spaces remain accessible and enjoyable for all.

There is currently no legislation that requires dog walking businesses to hold any registration or accreditation, however the legislation that is applicable to all dog owners is equally applicable to persons operating dog walking businesses. The general legislation around ensuring high standards of animal welfare apply, as does more specific legislation that is enforced by the Council's Dog and Neighbourhood Wardens such as microchipping requirements, the prevention of dog fouling, ensuring that dogs do not stray and remain on leads as required by dog control public space protection orders.

If complaints are received then the Council will employ an educative approach applying the excellent guidance offered in the Professional Dog Walkers Guidelines which are, in turn, endorsed by the Dogs Trust, RSPCA and Pet Industry Federation.