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CITY OF BRADFORD METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF COUNCIL – TUESDAY 11 OCTOBER 2022

ITEM 4 WRITTEN ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LORD MAYOR

THE DEATH OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II

It was with the most profound sorrow and grief that we learned of the death of Her Majesty The Queen, at her beloved Balmoral Castle, on 8 September 2022, at the age of 96.

Her late Majesty, in a broadcast made on her 21st birthday, notably declared that she would devotedly serve the people of the nation and Commonwealth her whole life, whether that be short or long. As we survey her seven decades of faultless, committed public service and leadership, it is abundantly clear that this was no hollow promise.

The passing of The Queen brought to an end a long and remarkable era, and though it had been one of ceaseless change and innovation, the monarch brought strength and solidity, grounded in duty and respect.

For as long as most of us have been alive, The Queen has been there as our Head of State. It is that very sense of constancy which has made her passing so deeply felt. She was our longest-reigning monarch and only this summer, we came together as a community to mark her Platinum Jubilee and to give thanks for her life of service.

I wrote to His Majesty The King, on behalf of the people of the Bradford district, to express our sorrow to him and members of the Royal family and to convey our sympathies and feeling of great loss.

I would like to thank all those staff who, during the period of mourning, worked so hard and with such dedication, to ensure that the passing of Her late Majesty was marked in our district in a wholly appropriate and sensitive way. The timescales were tight and the great attention to detail demanding, but I am very proud of the way in which we, and our partners, moved as one to ensure that this saddest of occasions was accorded the dignity and solemnity it deserved.

I know that, in looking to the future, we join together in the hope that His Majesty's reign will be a fruitful one marked by peace, accord and prosperity.

THE DEATH OF FORMER LORD MAYOR, ROBIN OWENS

In early September we were informed of the sad death of former Lord Mayor, Robin Owens, who died peacefully in his sleep on 31 August, following a stroke. His death occurred in Cyprus, where he was also buried.

Robin represented the people of the Bingley ward from 1999 to 2011. As a Councillor he had a special interest in planning and regulatory and appeals matters. He also was actively involved in the West Yorkshire Passenger Transport Authority (Highways and Planning Liaison) and Bingley Voluntary Action. Robin worked tirelessly to assist his constituents

with their problems and concerns and his contribution to the local community was a considerable one.

Robin served as Deputy Lord Mayor in 2005-2006, and became Lord Mayor in 2007-2008, a role in which he was ably assisted by his late wife Janet, as Lady Mayoress. Their Civic year was both busy and varied and they had the rare distinction, early in the year, of hosting a visit to Bradford by Her late Majesty The Queen, accompanied by His late Royal Highness, The Duke of Edinburgh.

As Civic Heads, their approachability and openness made for an enjoyable year and they made a good many friends and admirers throughout their term in office.

I wish to place on record our gratitude for Robin's work and commitment to this Council and the people of his ward.

FLOODS IN PAKISTAN

I know that many people right across our district will have been deeply affected by the devastating floods which have hit Pakistan.

This is Pakistan's worst climate-induced natural disaster in years and has been caused by record torrential rainfall and melting glaciers in the country's northern mountains.

The loss of life, homes, livelihoods and businesses, and damage to infrastructure, has been overwhelming and it is reported that 33 million people have been affected and it has caused in the region of 1,700 deaths.

We stand in solidarity with countless residents across our district who have ties through family and friends in the affected areas and our sympathy and concern goes out to them at this very worrying time.

KEIGHLEY COUGARS CHAMPIONSHIP PROMOTION

Many people in the district were delighted when, in August, the Keighley Cougars won promotion to the Championship as League One Champions.

This win is a significant achievement for the Club and the town and it inspires our young people to get involved in sport at all levels. I am sure Members will wish to join me in congratulating the players, coaches and staff on their win and to wish them every success in the future.

YORKSHIRE IN BLOOM AWARDS

As our long summer has drawn to a close, I do hope that many of us have managed to enjoy some of the splendid floral displays around our district. From parks to roadsides, towns and villages have been ablaze with colour and ingenuity.

Following the restrictions which affected us all so severely at the height of the pandemic, our parks came into their own more than ever before and provided us with a nurturing outdoor oasis of calm, verdant beauty and fresh air.

I am delighted that six parks across our district have retained their prestigious Green Flag designation, which denotes them as being among the very best in the country. Lister Park in Manningham, Roberts’ Park in Saltaire, Haworth’s Central Park, Harold Park in Low Moor, Undercliffe’s Peel Park and Cliffe Castle Park in Keighley have all upheld their special status.

This achievement is real testament to the work of our Parks and Green Spaces teams who maintain these sites and ensure they are spruce, restorative spaces which welcome everyone and provide a much-needed area for activity and exercise. Our ‘Friends of’ groups also make an important contribution and I thank all those involved for their unstinting efforts.

The ever-alert eyes of the Yorkshire in Bloom judging panel have certainly admired much hard work and the successes I set out below, as well as the general enhancement of the Bradford district, are due to the tireless efforts and the creative talents of many people.

From the members of our Parks and Green Spaces teams, to green-fingered groups, organisations and individuals, all perform remarkable work in making the environs in which we live, work and play more attractive, vibrant and welcoming. I would like to place on record our gratitude to them all for their effort and enthusiasm in the creation of such eye-catching displays and I especially congratulate those whose work has been recognised with these prestigious awards and who have been so warmly commended.

Entrant	Award	
Category 6 Parks, Gardens, Cemeteries & Public Buildings (aimed at “Friends of Groups”)		
Cliffe Castle Park, Keighley	Platinum Award	Category Winner
Friends of Roberts Park	Platinum Award	
Harold Park	Platinum Award	
Wilsden in Bloom closed churchyard	Gold Award	
Wilsden in Bloom Wilsden park	Platinum Award	
Category B4 Tourist Attractions		
Keighley & Worth Valley railways	Silver Gilt	
C1a Small Village		
Esholt in Bloom	Gold Award	Category Winner
C3a Small Town		
Shipley in Bloom	Silver	
C3c Small City		
Keighley in Bloom	Silver Gilt	

B3 Large Business		
Airedale Shopping Centre	Gold Award	Joint Category Winner
E2 Universities, Colleges		
University of Bradford Council	Silver Gilt	
C10 Charitable Establishments		
Northcliffe Environmental Enterprise Team (NEET)	Gold	

Entry	Spring Award	Summer Award
B2 Medium Business		
Abbeydale Residential Home ,Ilkley	Gold Award	Category Winner
Best Overall Public Park OR Cemetery Award		
Cliffe Castle Park Keighley		
Community Champion Award		
Michael Cunningham Keighley in Bloom		
Young Bloomer		
Low Moor Kids Allotment	Highly commended	

76th ANNUAL BRADFORD FESTIVAL OF REMEMBRANCE

I should like to remind all Members and Officers that the 76th annual Bradford Festival of Remembrance will take place at Bradford Cathedral, at 5pm on Sunday 6th November 2022.

It will feature the City of Bradford Brass Band, the Bradford Cathedral Choir directed by Alex Berry, and community singing. The service will also feature the traditional Parade of Standards and Acts of Remembrance.

Please do show your support for this worthwhile and important event, which remembers the courage and sacrifice of all the members of the country's armed forces who have lost their lives, been injured or continue to place themselves at risk in the line of duty.

Tickets are free but booking is essential, directly with the Cathedral please
<https://bradfordcathedral.churchsuite.com/events/xbmhpz0p>

REMEMBRANCETIDE

I should also like to remind all Members that we mark Remembrancetide in November.

The intention is that Remembrance Sunday will be observed on Sunday 13th November 2022 with a civic service, an Act of Remembrance and wreath-laying ceremony at Bradford Cenotaph at 11.00am. Of course, other local services take place at various locations throughout the district and a full list will appear on the Council's website.

A short ceremony at the Bradford Cenotaph, led by the Dean, The Very Reverend Andy Bowerman, from Bradford Cathedral, will mark Armistice Day at 11.00am on Friday 11th November 2022.

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Agenda item 9 – Leader’s Report (October 2022)

Northern Powerhouse Rail

I was pleased to hear Liz Truss, the new Prime Minister, announce last week in an ITV interview that she was clear with civil servants that Bradford should be a stop on the new Northern Powerhouse Rail route which she has committed her Government to deliver in full. As a result, I have written to the new Secretary of State for Transport and the new Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities asking for an early meeting to progress Bradford’s ambitions. The work on the new station has never ceased here in Bradford and we are progressing plans to move St James’ market to a new site in readiness for the station to be built. Similarly, West Yorkshire Combined Authority is pressing the Department of Transport to confirm the terms of reference for the £100 million Leeds City Region rail study (which includes Bradford) so that the money they promised as part of the Integrated Rail Plan can be progressed at pace. We have been waiting for nearly a year for this “starting pistol” from Government. From the feasibility work we have done we know that the station would be a benefit for the whole district and the North. It would create another 27,000 new jobs, add £30 billion over 10 years to our economy and add 10% to land values.

Buses in West Yorkshire

In my previous report to Full Council I advised that the Bus Recovery Grant from Government would cease at the end of this month. This grant has been paid from Government to bus operators over the pandemic to enable services to continue. This is because bus patronage is still below viable levels on many routes. At the eleventh hour Government thankfully extended the grant for three months and in fact it may be for six months, still to be confirmed. Whilst this is welcome it still leaves bus operators with a gap in their operating costs at the end of this extension. They had signalled that without Government funding they would cease to operate at least 11% of the bus network. The CA has been awarded some Bus Service Improvement grant but Government’s intention is this should be for new services, not to support unviable existing services. I will be writing to Government this week asking them to confirm 6 months of funding for West Yorkshire Bus Recovery Grant and to ask them to think about support for operators beyond that. Otherwise the plans we all want to see for greater bus patronage and a more extensive route network will not be realised.

City of Culture Appointments

We welcome Shanaaz Gulzar as Creative Director for City of Culture 2025 and Dan Bates as Executive Director. Shanaaz led the City of Culture winning bid and is a Producer at Manchester International Festival. Dan is currently Chief Executive of Sheffield Theatres. Both have extensive experience of delivering large cultural

programmes and we look forward to working with them to deliver a world-class City of Culture.

Council budgets and social care

Everyone has seen the huge inflation increases that are dominating the news headlines and causing tremendous worry to residents and businesses alike in the district. The same inflationary increases are having an impact on council budgets and, added to the rising demand for our services, are causing substantial budgetary pressures. The Secretary of State for Health has announced £500 million to support hospital discharge this winter. Generally, depending on the formula the Government uses, the Council gets 1% of national social care grants, which would mean £5 million for Bradford. However, this money is going to the NHS to support the whole system and not directly to councils.

Nationally, the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services, ADASS, have welcomed the much needed injection of funding but have repeated that an exclusive focus on hospital discharge does not address other urgent issues in care, specifically: the back log of people awaiting care assessments, the significant workforce shortages across all roles, long term under-pay and decreasing staff retention, the unfunded inflationary costs facing councils (nationally estimated to be £3.7bn in 2022/23) and the sharply rising costs of providing care – including utilities, fuel, food and care equipment. ADASS has reiterated that a long-term investment plan for social care is the only way to provide the right care at the right time for people in an integrated health and care system.

COVID Update

Cases of Covid-19 and admissions relating to Covid-19 within the District are following what is being seen nationally, with rates and admissions both going up. The District is currently seeing on average 50 confirmed cases per day (about where we were in August this year) and approximately 20 admissions per day. Currently hospitals are coping with the demand but will also face additional pressure during winter. Although rates having been rising, the 7-day infection rate has slowed, increasing by 3.2% in the last week compared to a 22% increase for England. The current 7-day infection rate for Bradford District is 65 per 100,000 population compared to the England average of 89 per 100,000 population and Bradford has the 241st highest rate compared to the other authorities in the country. The COVID booster programme and flu vaccination programme is currently being rolled out.

Flood Disaster in Pakistan

Whilst the news cameras may have moved on, the flood disaster in Pakistan is still being severely felt amongst its population. Around 33 million people, including approximately 16 million children, have been affected by this year's heavy monsoon

rains in Pakistan, which have brought devastating rains, floods and landslides. Some major rivers breached their banks and dams overflowed, destroying homes, farms and critical infrastructure including roads, bridges, schools, hospitals and public health facilities. Given that many Bradfordians and Keighlians have Pakistani heritage, this disaster has been felt even more keenly in our district. Our thoughts and prayers are with the people of Pakistan at this terrible time. If you've not donated yet to the relief effort please do so. There is a national Disasters Emergency Committee appeal which all the major charities subscribe to (www.dec.org.uk) as well as many local charities in the Bradford district who are fundraising for this worthy cause. Please support them.

COUNCIL

Tuesday, 11 October 2022

MEMBER QUESTION TIME – PART 1

Questions submitted in accordance with Standing Order 12

1. Councillor Simon Cunningham

Will the Leader join me in congratulating the volunteers at Undercliffe Cemetery upon receiving the Queen's Award for voluntary service earlier this summer? Day in, day out, this dedicated team give up their free time to care for this very special place, ensuring it is preserved and enhanced for future generations.

Response

I am delighted that the outstanding efforts of this group of volunteers has been recognised through this prestigious award. Having visited the cemetery on a number of occasions, I have been impressed by the dedication and commitment of all the volunteers and the range of activities delivered. Undercliffe is one of our oldest cemeteries and the conducted tours carried out by volunteers to storyboard many historic events are particularly impressive. The considerable and constant effort needed to both manage and maintain this site allows us all to enjoy the history and heritage of the cemetery and we are indeed fortunate to have a number of other such groups across the district involved with different community assets. We will of course continue to work with and support the Trust in its continuing efforts following this national recognition of their success to date.

2. Councillor Debbie Davies

Although the original Manchester Road park and ride proposal made little sense to me and many others in its entirety, a crucial part of any “park and ride” scheme is the parking bit, so to now proceed with half a scheme (just the “ride” bit), especially when it is budgeted at £15.3m compared to the £20m budgeted for the whole scheme which included a 750 space car park and public transport terminal building, seems even less likely be successful, so could the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning and Transport confirm how many additional bus journeys the latest proposals are expected to generate?

Response

Due to the ongoing inflationary pressures in the construction sector and despite a detailed value engineering exercise being undertaken the plans for the South Bradford P&R scheme could not be delivered within the £20m funding envelope allocated under the Transforming Cities Fund and therefore an appraisal of delivery options, via phasing, was necessary.

The car park and terminal building have not been removed from the overall scheme proposals and are still being developed through to a full detailed design through the TCF programme. The construction of the project though will be delivered in two phases by different funding streams.

Phase 1 is the Targeted Bus Priority Measures on Manchester Road and local active travel amenity improvements which will be delivered using the Transforming Cities Fund and Phase 2 is the car park and bus terminal building, will be developed using a combination of potential funding pots.

With regards to the expected number of additional bus journeys the scheme is expected to generate, based on demand and transport modelling this could be in the region of 1,500 trips across an average weekday by 2038 but as this work is still on-going this is a very preliminary estimate.

3. Councillor Jeanette Sunderland

What steps does the Council take to ensure the safety of people, in particular children and their families, who are housed with registered providers that fail to meet regulatory standards?

Response

In terms of Post 16 semi-independent placements, the Placement Co-ordination Team have a QA process with visits and annual checks. The service has a member of the team who has undertaken the training "Housing Health and Safety Rating System (HHSRS)" recommended by Housing Standards who inspect all new properties and visits incumbent properties annually. Whilst Housing Standards is not consulted on the condition of a property as a matter of procedure when Children's Services place a family with children or a child (16+) in a property, Children's Services have an agreement with Housing Standards that any concerns Placement Team Officers have can be raised with Housing Standards and they (Housing Standards) will attend and undertake an inspection on behalf of Children's Services and take appropriate action if needed. This relates to all properties within the private sector or registered social landlords. Registered Providers can be reported to the social housing regulator, Homes England, who can investigate and take action if there are serious concerns with their practices. Individuals can complain to the Housing Ombudsman if their complaints relating to a Registered Provider are not satisfactorily answered.

Last year a sample check was completed by Housing Standards in which 14 properties (semi-independent accommodation and support) for care leavers (over 16s) were inspected. Overall, the properties inspected were in a very good condition and free from category 1 hazards. Minor works were required which have mostly been completed. The post 16 providers were very co-operative and completed the works swiftly. One property was licensed following inspection due to the shared facilities, the owner/agent was unaware the property required licensing. No formal action was taken in respect of this case as the property was

occupied by four tenants at the time of the inspection (HMO licensing is required when five or more tenants are in occupation).

4. Councillor Matt Edwards

Now that the Clean Air Zone has 'gone live', will the Leader of Council share the current proposals for managing the revenue that will be generated and what mechanisms will be in place for councillors from all parties to contribute to how this revenue is spent?

Response

Outline plans for how any excess CAZ revenue is spent is contained in Annex 3 of the Bradford CAZ Charging Scheme Order (CSO). CAZ revenue is ring fenced and can only be used in line with Schedule 12 of the Transport Act 2000.

All programmes and schemes that may be funded will be subject to assessment by the Clean Air Programme Board that reports to the Health and Wellbeing Committee and the Council Executive Committee.

5. Councillor Marcus Dearden

Councillors and officers have driven the ambition and planning behind Bingley's bid for the levelling up fund and it's now down to the government to help make it happen. Can the portfolio holder set out the significant benefits to be gained through Bingley's bid into the levelling up fund and advise what are the next steps in terms of government assessing the bids?

Response

The Bingley scheme will provide a remodelled leisure offer at the existing Council owned Pool building. This will include: pool, gym, studio facilities, improve disabled access and changing facilities, community café, social space, Bingley Youth Café, cycle storage provision and EV charging points.

Associated with this is a package of public realm works between the Market Square and the pool to link the adjacent Jubilee Gardens and High Street. The public realm works will improve connectivity, accessibility and events space in the town centre. The Market Square, which will be partially covered to increase usability of the space and will be illuminated by photovoltaic panels on the canopy structure. The interventions are designed to increase footfall, dwell time and visitor numbers to the town, attract potential investment and create pride in place.

It is anticipated that the project will deliver 11 new jobs, 1,630 visitors to Bingley, £374,200 per annum added value visitor spend in Bingley, 2,180 leisure centre users from 2028 thereafter.

The proposal has gone through the first stage of Appraisal and we have responded to initial questions from the appraisal team. We expect to hear the outcome of the appraisals in November prior to the Autumn Statement.

6. Councillor Sabiya Khan

Does the Leader share my significant concern that the Government's recent budget announcements have made the national cost of living crisis even worse and left even more people worrying about paying their bills?

Response

Very much so. The impact of the cost of living crisis is a real concern across the country and not least for the residents of our district. The Council has a programme of targeted support for those in most need over the winter while acknowledging any package of support will not cover all the increased costs people face.

This includes the launch with partners of a Cost of Living support booklet and associated website <https://costoflivingbradford.co.uk> on 10 October signposting the help and support that is available to help people manage additional costs of food and fuel and access a wide range of support on energy efficiency, liaising with utility companies and welfare benefit support such as the Warm Homes Discount to name but a few. The Council is distributing targeted support via the DWP Household Support Fund over the winter through our voluntary and community sector partners including the provision of Warm Spaces across the District and a lump sum payment in December to support low income households including those with children to help with food and fuel costs. The Council commissions welfare and debt advice across the district to ensure residents receive all the support they are entitled to. Further information about financial support is also available on the Council's website.

7. Councillor Geoff Winnard

Would the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning and Transport please clarify, Bradford Council's plans for future redevelopment of the old Bingley Town Hall, as this building will soon be unoccupied and there are local concerns that the building if not properly maintained will be left to become derelict?

Response

We are currently awaiting a decision from Government on our recent LUF submission for a comprehensive redevelopment including the former swimming pool and public realm. Bingley Town Hall is planned for a future phase and was not therefore part of the initial bid.

In the meantime, the Council teams from Health & Wellbeing department who are currently based in Bingley Town Hall will be relocating to Shipley Town Hall over the coming weeks, a move which was due to take place in 2020 but was delayed by the Covid pandemic. Bingley Town Hall will remain open and occupied with a touchdown space being created allowing officers from across the council access to work and meet in Bingley, I understand that the town council have also expressed interest in using the Chamber again for their meetings, which we would support, until a re-development/disposal of the building has been agreed.

The existing Facilities Management presence will continue and the building will continue to be maintained.

8. Councillor Taj Salam

Will the portfolio holder give an update on the improvements the council is making to parks and green spaces in the district?

Response

Officers are continually working towards the Council's portfolio of Parks and Greenspaces for the benefit of the districts residents. Current funding streams include the Playable Spaces strategy improving the play stock and the Sports Pitch Improvement Project which is providing three new district sports hubs along with neighbourhood hubs and individual pitch sites.

The Council has recently been awarded funding through the Governments Parks Levelling Up fund which is being invested into Grosvenor Park in Manningham.

The Parks and Greenspaces service continually look at new funding streams to invest in the Parks and Greenspaces and are working with external partners, such as JUMP and the National Trust on maximising investment and looking at new ways of maintaining sites.

9. Councillor Nazam Azam

Can the portfolio holder confirm when works are scheduled to begin and complete on pedestrianising and improving parts of the city centre as part of the Transforming Cities projects?

Response

Our Transforming Cities is a major part of the exciting pipeline of developments that are either on-site now or due to take place shortly. It will see significant areas of the city centre pedestrianised with an expanded Norfolk Gardens. As a result the city centre will feel safer, greener and easier to get around.

The programme for the delivery of the city centre cycling and walking improvements is still dependent on the project making smooth progress through the West Yorkshire Combined Authority's (WYCA's) Assurance processes. Currently the Outline Business Case for this scheme is being reviewed by WYCA and a decision on its approval – and subsequent pathway through the remainder of assurance process – will be considered by the CA in December.

However, bearing the caveat about the assurance process in mind, our current delivery programme anticipates that works within the city centre will begin in April/May 2023 and be completed by November 2024.

10. Councillor Debbie Davies

Will the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning and Transport please assure members that as well as monitoring pollution levels on roads which will be used by non-compliant vans and lorries avoiding the Clean Air Zone, the council will be

accurately monitoring accidents on these routes, as these roads are often far less suitable for heavy traffic?

Response

The Council's transport modelling, that has been approved by the Government, shows that the implementation of the CAZ is not expected to cause significant displacement of traffic. The Council is currently undertaking traffic monitoring at all key routes outside the CAZ, both pre and post implementation and the data will be published shortly. Initial observations indicate that there hasn't been any significant displacement of traffic.

In addition to road traffic monitoring, the extensive air quality monitoring data will be used by Bradford Institute of Health and Born in Bradford to evaluate the reductions in deaths and emergency hospital admissions that are attributable to air pollution.

11. Councillor Jeanette Sunderland

How many storm water attenuation tanks are there in the District and what arrangements does the Council make to ensure they are being correctly operated and maintained?

Response

The Council does not hold a record of the total number of surface water attenuation tanks in the district. Installed surface water attenuation tanks and features can be the responsibility of a number of different stakeholders and organisations. On larger developments in the district the majority of the drainage infrastructure is adopted by the statutory sewerage undertaker, Yorkshire Water. In these instances, Yorkshire Water will inspect, operate and maintain the surface water attenuation tanks serving those developments. Some developments are privately owned by individuals or by management companies. Again, it is those individuals and organisations that hold the responsibility to maintain the assets.

The Council only operate and maintain surface water attention tanks that serve Council assets, for example those serving the adopted highway. Dependant on the scale, form and nature of the individual surface water attenuation asset will determine the frequency of inspections and related maintenance works.

12. Councillor Celia Hickson

Given the recent announcement about the Council's plans to demolish and redevelop the Kirkgate site, what measures are being put in place to ensure that the redevelopment is carbon neutral and provides the best quality housing, leisure and business space for Bradford residents and businesses?

Response

The Kirkgate Centre will continue to trade for a further two to three years during which time proposals for its demolition and redevelopment will be finalised and we shall ensure that any redevelopment proposals align with the Council's

ambition to become Carbon Neutral by 2038, and the Council will have the ability to control the quality and uses for the site by way of a development agreement. It is by purchasing the site that we gain control over future uses and development, ensuring it aligns with our vision for the district and city centre.

13. Councillor Mohsin Hussain

It's great news we are able to provide more grants for new and small businesses in Keighley. Can the portfolio holder give more information on which businesses might qualify and how they can apply?

Response

We have been delighted to secure funding to support business growth in Keighley. There are currently two grant schemes on offer to eligible businesses in the Keighley area:

- Keighley CLLD Small Scale Business Grant scheme is part co-financed by ERDF and City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council (CBMDC). The aim of the business grants is to accelerate business growth and stimulate new job creation, within the Keighley CLLD Area. The grant aims to support new business start-ups, self-employed & existing micro / SME businesses that are unsupported by existing local programmes either by sector, age, size or business type. Details of the eligibility criteria including the eligible area and application process can be found on the IIB website;

<https://www.investinbradford.com/business-support/keighley-clld-small-scale-business-grant-scheme/>

- Keighley Towns Fund - Business Growth Programme - This grant is designed to help new business start-ups, small, medium and large businesses based in or looking to locate into the Keighley & Shipley Towns Fund designated area. Grants are available to businesses to undertake investment projects subject to them fulfilling eligibility criteria. The project will need to be designed to create new businesses, improve productivity, expand or diversify existing businesses leading to sustainable growth and job creation. Businesses can use the grant to invest in business premises, machinery, equipment or property fit out and bringing disused buildings back into use. Details of the eligibility criteria and application process can be found on the IIB website: <https://www.investinbradford.com/business-support/keighley-and-shipley-towns-fund/>

14. Councillor Tariq Hussain

Can the portfolio holder give a summary of our plans to keep our services running through the winter months and advise how much of the district's road network will be gritted?

Response

In order to ensure consistency and resilience, our winter service predominantly utilises in-house Council employed drivers to service the gritting fleet. The topography of our district does mean that the winter maintenance operation can

be challenging, hence teams operate from four depots that are located around the district, specifically Wakefield Road Bradford, Queensbury, Keighley and Ilkley. Weather forecasting for the district is monitored from two dedicated weather stations located at Queensbury and Silsden which feed weather data to our winter forecast provider. They present forecasts to us regularly in both graphic and tabular formats including predicted road surface temperatures, air temperature, wind, precipitation and anticipated surface state including levels of salt present on the surface. Our salt stocks are at full capacity at 23,800t and we are confident that this level of stock should ensure suitable coverage for the duration of the winter period. On a precautionary gritting run there are 24 routes driven covering 712 miles of the highway network representing a treatment proportion of 62%. Historically this has been amongst the highest in the region.

15. Councillor Debbie Davies

Would the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning and Transport confirm what thought was given to the livelihoods of the owners and employees of the 46 existing shops located in the Kirkgate Centre, when the decision was taken to buy it for £15.5m in order to demolish it?

Response

A great deal of thought and consideration was given in coming to this decision, which was taken to support the reshaping and renewal of the city centre already underway. We appreciate such a significant change can be difficult for some employees or owners and we will work with existing tenants to help find them new units either in the city centre or elsewhere in the district to help support their ambitions.

The Council was unable to approach the tenants before it owned the centre in case the purchase didn't proceed. The Council exchanged and completed the acquisition simultaneously of the Kirkgate centre and could not approach the tenants until it owned the asset. The Council emailed all of the tenants via the managing agents the day after we completed the purchase.

The acquisition of the Kirkgate Centre is regarded as a unique opportunity to take control and manage down the amount of retail space in Bradford city centre as soon as reasonably possible, to align with the Council's longer term strategic aspirations for the comprehensive regeneration of the City Village and wider City Centre. The Council's ambition is to radically change this struggling part of the city centre by putting people at the heart of its transformation and creating a new, vibrant, healthy, safe and attractive "City Village" with public realm, where people will choose to live, work and play and businesses will want to trade, invest and grow. The whole purpose of this is to make the future of the city centre sustainable, we want them to continue to trade and we shall be working with them over the next couple of years to support their relocation following Primark's move to Broadway.

16. Councillor Mohammed Shafiq

Can the portfolio holder advise what work we are doing with schools to support better school attendance?

Response

New non-statutory guidance from the Department for Education came into force in September 2022, which enhances and clarifies the expectation that schools, local authorities and other agencies prioritise children with persistent and severe absence and work together to improve attendance, with schools continuing to hold responsibility for improving school attendance, and with the LA (Education and Social Care) responsible for providing information, advice and guidance, together with statutory support for children with low/non-attendance and complex issues. We are currently working towards fully implementing the new guidance. However, consideration will need to be given regarding the ability to meet these new duties which will require increased staffing levels, without any additional central government funding, contravening the Government's own commitment that with any new responsibilities for councils, they will provide additional funding.

We have a number of additional activities either in place or in the pipeline to support schools and our multi-agency colleagues in the ongoing work to improve school attendance, maximising the current level of resource:

1) Termly Attendance Support Meetings between LA and all Schools

We are piloting this with 8 schools in Bradford, making use of our Persistent Absence team as an interim measure to conduct these together with colleagues from Early Help. The Persistent Absence Team will continue to target and work with persistent absentees as part of this pilot.

2) Multi-Agency Attendance Conference

Our aim is for every school in Bradford to attend the conference, together with colleagues from all agencies that come into contact with children to raise awareness of the importance of school attendance, the impact poor attendance can have, and ways that we can work together to have a positive impact.

3) Publicity Campaign - #EveryDayAtSchool

A collaboration with our Corporate Comms and Early Help Colleagues to positively promote attendance in a way that motivates our children and their families. This will be ongoing throughout the next 12 months.

4) Attendance Network Meetings and Training Events

We are holding termly networking events with schools in order to ensure schools remain updated with the ongoing changes around attendance, to share good practice and to deliver sessions that help schools tackle issues that impact on School Attendance. Our next Network Meeting in December will focus on Mental Health. This term we have also delivered induction training for school based attendance officers and attendance leads, as well as master classes supporting schools with the new Staged Approach to Poor Attendance.

5) Clearer Systems/Procedures

We have introduced the Staged Intervention Approach, which guides schools in the use of support and enforcement measures to improve attendance. This approach emphasises the need to ensure families received support first rather than schools requesting penalty notice fines and parental prosecutions as a first port of call. The approach also encourages schools to consider and make use of Early Help Assessments as the best way of ensuring children receive a package of support specifically tailored to them.

6) Attendance Newsletter

We also send out a half-termly newsletter to every school in Bradford keeping them updated on changes, making them aware of training/networking opportunities, and sharing attendance data to enable schools to benchmark their performance.

7) Attendance Improvement Team – Traded Service to Schools

Around 10% of schools currently purchase a service from us, which enables officers to undertake more in-depth work with schools around attendance, supporting schools with individual casework as well as guidance on strategic issues.

17. Councillor Paul Godwin

As the government pushes for more fracking to be undertaken across the country, will the Leader advise if our district could be affected?

Response

The government has recently lifted the ban on Fracking however they have said that only where there is local community support would it go ahead. More detail is yet to be released from the government on exactly what consents would be required. There has not been an application for fracking in the district and given the topography and geology of the area we do not expect one any time soon. However locally any activity within the district would also be subject to the Local Plan and be required to submit a minerals planning application (<https://www.bradford.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-applications/minerals-planning-application/>).

18. Councillor Debbie Davies

Would the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning and Transport confirm how the demolition of the NCP site and also the Kirkgate Centre, which combined will result in a loss of over 1000 car parking spaces in the city centre, will attract inward investment opportunities and also visitor footfall for shopping and leisure purposes, particularly after the opening of the new Bradford Live venue with a capacity of over 4000 people?

Response

The NCP car park demolition will be offset by the reactivation of Jacobs Well car park in November (which covers the approximate current NCP usage), and by the eventual provision of the Park and Ride site at Odsal.

It should be noted that in the case of both the NCP on Hall Ings and the Kirkgate centre the car parking areas are considerably underused and there is significant other parking capacity within the city centre.

The redevelopment of the NCP site will create an attractive new frontage for the Interchange station, which will improve the visitor experience in the city centre. The demolition of the Kirkgate Centre alongside the wider vision for that area and the Top of Town will create a hugely attractive proposition for investment given the scale of council-owned land that is available to redevelop.

19. Councillor Mohsin Hussain

How optimistic are we that government will approve our Levelling Up fund bid for Keighley?

Response

We believe that all four proposals submitted for the Bradford District are strong and meet the Levelling Up Fund guidelines. We know there continues to be huge demand for employment land in Keighley and indeed along the Aire Valley, and the Keighley & Worth Valley Railway is a real jewel in the crown for the area and the whole district. Being able to support these two key elements makes an attractive proposition to government alongside the skills ask. All projects have gone through the first stage of the appraisal process and we are responding to questions. We anticipate a decision in November at the time of the Autumn Statement.

20. Councillor Andy Walsh

The Levelling Up bid to regenerate Odsal is really exciting. Can the portfolio holder advise how advanced talks are with the Bradford Bulls and the Rugby Football League to make it a reality and what are the key benefits of the scheme.

Response

Bradford Bulls and the RFL have been integral partners in the development of the proposal. We will continue to work with both parties and other key stakeholders in the development of the business case.

This bid unlocks an ambitious masterplan for Bradford South, using sport and culture as a catalyst to transform the area into an icon of sporting and cultural excellence. The development covers 288,000 m² (28.8 hectares) of Council owned land, including the former Richard Dunn Leisure Centre site and Odsal Stadium. The development includes a 25,000-seat covered sports and entertainment arena, high performance training grounds for Bradford's Football and Rugby League clubs, a Rugby Football League (RFL) National Skills and Education Centre, a hotel and conference centre, solar farm, community grass pitches, car park and pedestrian bridge. The scheme will also link to the

proposed Park and Ride scheme. As the largest permanently roofed stadium in England the new venue in Odsal would also become home to other nationally significant sporting such as boxing and enable the city to become a home for major music, entertainment and cultural performances, capitalising on the legacy which will be left by Bradford's successful bid to become UK City of Culture in 2025. Creating a 25,000 seater stadium will also help fulfil the Levelling Up White Paper commitment to 'ensure that access to sporting and cultural excellence is spread more equitably across the UK'.

21. Councillor Bob Felstead

Due to the removal of a radio beacon at RAF Gamston, Leeds Bradford Airport announced Airspace Change Proposals (ACP), seeking to look at the airspace up to 7,000 feet, including arrival and departure routes. Given that over 75% of the airport's air traffic over flies the Bradford District and Council have made a commitment to address climate change and to protect the health and wellbeing of district residents from poor air quality, would the Portfolio Holder confirm why the Council, in its role as a statutory consultee, has failed to engage in the ACP for the benefit of district residents?

Response

While it is acknowledged that there are elevated emissions of NOx and ultra-fine particulates arising from aeroplanes taking off and landing, the impact of these emissions are restricted to the vicinity of the airport boundary. Bradford Council modelling of air quality that has been reviewed by the Technical Independent Review Panel, the expert body that advises the Government, shows that the emissions from air craft using Leeds Bradford Airport has no significant impact in the Bradford District.

In respect of the engagement with the consultation, we engaged in the strategic level conversation and so we did respond to phase 2A, but not phase 1B – this is because our response was relatively high level, mostly to comment on whether we thought they had applied their design principles correctly in relation to their proposed corridors. This is the start of a long process running through to 2026 and the next key stage will be the consultation at a more technical level of detail.

22. Councillor Paul Godwin

I know the Leader has previously written to government to make the case for much-needed rebuilds of our district's hospitals, including Airedale which is in desperate need of urgent repairs to its roof as a bare minimum. When can we expect action from government.

Response

Response from Airedale NHS Foundation Trust: Airedale General Hospital is constructed almost entirely of reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete (RAAC), supported by an ordinary weight concrete frame. Airedale NHS Foundation Trust

works closely with independent structural engineers to ensure it is doing everything reasonably practicable to manage the current hospital estate.

A series of risk management approaches are used, including a comprehensive inspection and monitoring programme which has identified defects and deterioration in around 1/3 of the building requiring an extensive programme of installation of structural steel supports. Airedale is the only hospital to have identified defects in both the RAAC and the structural frame of the building. Despite all of the RAAC management measures in place, independent structural engineers have advised that a new hospital will be needed no later than 2030 due to the condition and anticipated deterioration of the current building.

The Trust continues to work with NHS England to raise awareness of the need for a new hospital for Airedale and will be holding its 7th Quality and Risk Summit this month (October 2022), with system partners from across the region. In addition, the Trust has been engaging directly with the Government's New Hospital Programme to scope its scheme for a new hospital, which has been submitted as part of an Expression of Interest. The New Hospital Programme is currently the only route to funding identified to support a new hospital scheme but as yet, no date has been given for the announcement of the final eight schemes that will form part of the programme.

In the meantime, the Trust is doing everything it can reasonably do to seek support for the scheme through operational channels and with the support of its system partners. This includes engaging in emergency preparedness and service delivery planning to ensure readiness to maintain services in the event that Airedale General Hospital can no longer continue to operate from its current site due to a RAAC-related incident.

We are still awaiting a decision from Government on the redevelopment of the District's major hospitals and the Leader will write again pressing the government for a decision.

23. Councillor Sarfraz Nazir

Will the Leader join me in congratulating Bangladeshi Youth Organisation on celebrating its 40th anniversary as a trailblazer in supporting members of the Manningham community and the wider Bradford district?

Response

Absolutely, Bangladeshi Youth Organisation (BYO) has been a cornerstone for their community and have achieved a great deal over the past 40 years. I was at the event on Wednesday 31st August and know that they are inspiring a new generation to carry on their good work.

It was started by a group of young people who felt there was little for them and wanted to organise themselves to meet the growing needs of newly arrived families and children to Bradford. This included meeting the gaps in service provision for their communities across all sectors.

They have a great deal to be proud of and some of their pioneering achievements have been;

- formation of first BAME Housing Association from BYO.
- supporting 215 unemployed, disengaged, not in education or learning young people into positive destination through our 'FreshStart' project.
- bringing diverse communities together, through Youth in Common projects, building tolerance, respect and understanding, recognised with invitation to Buckingham Palace.
- Young person from BYO invited to 10 Downing Street to meet Prime minister.
- regularly working with Bradford West Area Co-ordinators Office to develop new initiatives for young people across Bradford West.

They are a great charity and continue to deliver lots of activities and services for children, young people, women, girls and local residents. They are helping to address educational underachievement, health inequalities, training, unemployment, community cohesion, isolation and loneliness and much more. They have had a huge positive impact over the past 40 years and have been a role model for many groups across the district.

One of our key roles as a Council has been to support, develop and work with such groups, this is another success story for Bradford.

24. Councillor Bob Felstead

As much of Bradford's inner-city brownfield fails financial viability assessments for housing development, could the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning and Transport please provide members with assurance that the proposed 1,000-home city village, incorporating the site of the Kirkgate Shopping Centre does not fail the same assessments and will contribute greatly to the inner city regeneration which is the key to the growing of our economy, which all members wish to see?

Response

The viability of many sites within the district is challenging and is the focus of work across a number of services to support delivery in the long term, especially of sites which can contribute to the housing supply and re-use brownfield land as a priority. The emerging local plan will be subject to any site allocations to viability assessment to ensure any sites can withstand examination by a Government appointed inspector who will consider whether any proposed allocations are deliverable within the plan period. However, whilst the causes of the lack of viability of some brownfield residential development schemes in inner-urban areas of Bradford and other northern cities are generally market driven and beyond the scope of the Council to effect in the short term, the Council has worked closely with the Combined Authority and Homes England in forming and progressing the Bradford City Village scheme, including the Kirkgate and Oastler Centre sites in such a way that both partner organisations are now actively

involved and committed to working with the Authority to explore how the scheme may be brought forward through a combination of public and private sector resources on an appropriately funded and financially viable basis.

25. Councillor Jeanette Sunderland

What are the ambulance response times for the District for each category of call, are these response times being impacted by ambulance wait times and how many calls to the service fail to connect?

Response

Please note that, given ambulances are an NHS responsibility, the information below was provided by Yorkshire Ambulance Trust.

There are four categories of response times for ambulance call-out depending on the call handler's assessment of the 999 call – category one calls are most urgent and category four calls least urgent. At short notice, only data at a West Yorkshire level was available and is as follows: category one calls target response time is 7 minutes, performance at Aug 2022 is 9 minutes; category two calls target response time is 18 minutes, performance at Aug 2022 is 32 minutes; category three calls target response time is 60 minutes, performance at Aug 2022 is 85 minutes; category four calls do not have a target response time and performance at Aug 2022 is 100 minutes. All call response times are down from a peak in August 2021 but are higher than pre-pandemic levels.

Ambulance handover times at Airedale Hospital: Handover times saw a reduction at the start of the covid pandemic (when the number attendances reduced significantly). The average handover time remained generally steady between June 2020 and September 2021. Times rose during the remainder of 2021 and have remained relatively steady during 2022. The overall number of attendances with a handover time has remained much lower the pre-pandemic levels. The percentage of handovers within 15 minutes was between 70% & 80% from June 2020 to October 2021. Since then the levels have fallen to just over 60% within 15 mins.

Ambulance handover times at Bradford Royal Infirmary: Handover times remained at a steady level throughout 2020, even though the number of attendances reduced following the start of the Covid pandemic. Handover times increased during 2021, peaking in October, but overall have reduced steadily since. The overall number of attendances with a handover time has remained much lower the pre-pandemic levels. The percentage of handovers within 15 minutes fell steadily throughout 2020 and up to October 2021. Since then the levels have been at over 50% throughout 2022 with the exception of one month (July).

No data was immediately available on missed or unconnected calls but the question has been asked of Yorkshire Ambulance Service.

It is also worth noting that in Bradford District and Craven we have good performance on delayed discharges from hospital, lessening the impact on A&E and ambulance handovers compared to our neighbours.

26. Councillor Kevin Warnes

Will the Leader of Council please update us on the impact of the huge increase in energy costs and inflationary pressures on the Council's finances, and what the Executive is doing to address these challenges, bearing in mind that the Executive recently considered a report on our Medium Term Financial Strategy on 6 September which showed that we were already facing a £77m shortfall in our budget at that point for the 2023-2024 financial year?

Response

Energy price increases are having a very significant impact on Council Finances in 2022-23 and beyond. The overall impact on the Council's estate and street lighting in was forecast to be c£9m in 2022-23, with further knock on impacts on our supply chains resulting in additional inflationary pressures.

The Council purchases energy prices through a Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation framework, and analysis earlier in the year forecast that costs would rise by c118% 2022-23, and this is reflected in the MTFS gap.

Since that time gas prices have been very volatile, but they have now been capped by some government intervention.

We are currently working on the impact of that intervention, but the early indications are that the forecast overspend in 2022-23 will reduce, and the budget pressure for 2023-24 will not be as high as previously forecast. We will provide an update in the Qtr 2 Finance Position Statement that is reported to the Executive on 1st November 2022.

The Council is also very committed to reducing energy consumption. The Street lighting project which replaces inefficient lights with LEDs is progressing to plan across the district.

We also have an ongoing carbon reduction programme to insulate Council properties, and improve the energy efficiency of the estate. This has recently been supplemented by an additional £2m investment into the Property Programme to increase this activity that was approved as part of the 2022-23 capital budget.

A number of new builds/ major refurbishments are also being constructed to higher energy efficiency specifications.

27. Councillor Sabiya Khan

Can the Leader give detail of where the warm spaces will be to support people through the winter cost of living crisis in the district?

Response

As part of the Household Support Fund government grant for October 2022 – March 2023, an allocation had been made to allow voluntary and community sector organisations to apply for a small grant (£500 or £1,000) to deliver a warm space. We have created a cost of living booklet and website for Bradford that will include an online warm spaces directory when these applications have been agreed. There will be a map that shows all organisations participating in the warm spaces initiative. This will include opening dates and times and an outline of what is on offer there. e.g. a warm drink, activities etc. The site will be launched in the week commencing 10th October and communications will be issued encouraging organisations to register their warm space. This will include a marketing pack with a warm spaces brand. The council's libraries, theatres, museums and other public buildings will be participating.

28. Councillor Andy Walsh

I'm delighted that Wyke Sports Village is now open as it will benefit people in my ward and beyond for many years to come. Can the portfolio holder give a breakdown of some of the clubs and types of sports and activities that will be able to take advantage of the great new facilities?

Response

The new facility at Wyke is home to 4 clubs from district, East Bradford and Shibden Cycling Clubs as well as Wyke Wanderers and Bradford Park Avenue Junior Football Clubs. Wyke Amateur Rugby League club are hoping to make use of the facility whilst keeping their home ground at the adjacent Wyke Recreation Ground. The cycling clubs offer Cycle skills training, training in Cyclo Cross, Road Racing as well as Mountain Biking. The football clubs offer football training and competitive football to all age groups and demographic. The facility is also attracting usage from other groups such as the Yorkshire Nordic Skiing club as well as individuals using the site for training purposes.

As the facility develops there are plans for more activities including archery and assisted cycling. There has also been interest in using the building for life drawing classes as well as indoor bowls and third age activities.

29. Councillor Mike Pollard

Could the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning and Transport please explain the process for the naming of streets in new housing developments, clarifying who is entitled to put forward alternative suggestions and whether any individual or group of members and /or officers approve those suggestions prior to the consultation with Ward Councillors?

Response

Anyone can suggest a street name, but we like these to be agreed with the developer as they're paying for this service and suggest people liaising with the developer.

The street names have to be unique enough not to cause confusion with existing addresses within the area. By area we mean towns, rather than localities.

We like to keep street names relevant to the area the development is in and I believe most Councillors appreciate/prefer this.

The process for naming a street after someone involves a lot of consultation and checking including of course with ward councillors.

30. Councillor Hassan Khan

I know the council has done extensive work, including through scrutiny and with partner organisations in recent years to crack down on antisocial behaviour with fireworks. Can the portfolio holder advise how the district is preparing for this year's Bonfire Night period?

Response

The bonfire period is enjoyed by the majority of residents in the district. However, it can be marred by levels of anti-social behaviour, and disorder from a minority. The noise from fireworks adds to the anxiety of many and the widespread misuse of fireworks remains a significant challenge.

Partnership work to mitigate the worst effects of ASB has developed over recent years and a wide range of agencies now work together to mobilise a significant programme in the run-up to Bonfire Night.

This involves both setting-up a large range of preventative and deterrent measures in the run-up to Bonfire Night and in mobilising a significant operation over several days around bonfire night.

This work is led in partnership by West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service (WYFRS), the Police and Bradford Council and seeks to mitigate levels of anti-social behaviour and criminal actions. Incommunities are also a key partner working especially closely with Council Area teams.

Disorder has reduced over recent years but still remains significant in some areas of the district. Bonfire night is the busiest time of the year for 'blue light' services demanding significant resourcing from these services in particular. Attacks on fire crews, vehicle fires and secondary (deliberate) fires are generally on a downward trajectory. Police calls for service and anti-social behaviour calls were both down last year.

A Strategic Operations Room (SOR) is led by West Yorkshire Police over the course of the bonfire night weekend. The SOR runs for the three nights up to and including 4-6th November and helps co-ordinate actions across services of the Council, Police and Fire Service.

Safer Schools Police Officers and WYFRS staff delivered a bespoke education package on bonfire night. Last year it was estimated this programme reached over 20,000 young people.

The Youth Service provides street based detached work, diversionary activities and the bonfire operations over the 3 days 4-6th November. The use of Youth Workers has deterred many young people from taking actions that could have resulted in distress to others. It challenges young people's behaviours, sometimes preventing arrests and allows more effective deployment of blue light services to incidents where there is a serious risk to life.

Council, Police and Fire Service Communications Teams work together to ensure communities are aware of the partnership effort and the role of residents in helping to report anti-social behaviour.

A wide range of 'community volunteers' support partnership efforts and it is no exaggeration to say that without this support, services would find it a great deal more difficult to cope. In some areas, adults work together to organise events and provide a presence to deter disorder.

Councillor Jabar, Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety, last year, wrote a letter asking parents to be responsible for their children and warning about the consequences for fly-tipping. This was hand-delivered to over 10,000 households in our neighbourhoods which have had the worst problems.

31. Councillor Fozia Shaheen

How has the council and district been marking World Mental Health Day this year?

Response

The council is marking World Mental Health Day with a number of initiatives this year. Information stalls and a communication toolkit has been issued to council staff teams who wish to lay on events and a wider collaboration with the health and care system including social media campaign and press releases to raise awareness and reduce stigma.

We have also chosen World Mental Health Day to launch the district's cost of living campaign with a comprehensive residents' cost of living booklet, associated website and app with listings of local groups who can assist residents, briefings for staff in the wider public sector to get information to the public and a social media campaign.

The District has worked in partnership. CBMDC, BDCT and BDC Health and Social Care Partnership and VCS providers worked together to deliver a suicide awareness event on the 10th at Kala Sangam, with key speakers including lived experience insight from MIND, WY Police and other key partners such as the WY Health and Care Partnership.

Lead providers have produced bespoke content about the day
www.mindinbradford.org.uk/world-mental-health-day-2022/

The council is promoting the day via Living Well communication channels and utilising the national every mind matters campaign which has useful self-help pages and support.

A press release is promoting local support and sent to local press. The information stalls will be held at the following five locations:

- Monday 10 October, from 10.30am to 2.30pm, The Broadway, Bradford (near the old Debenhams), BD1 1JR;
- Monday 10 October, from 10.30am to 2.30pm, Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (main hospital concourse), BD9 6RJ;
- Wednesday 12 October, from 10.30am to 2.30pm, Keighley Market Hall (front entrance), Keighley, BD21 3PT;
- Thursday 13 October, from 10.30am to 2.30pm, Airedale NHS Foundation Trust (top landing in Zone C), Keighley, BD20 6TD;
- Friday 14 October, from 10.30am to 12.30pm, Airedale Shopping Centre (near Costa), Keighley, BD21 3QQ.

These will all have additional focus on the cost of living and local support.

32. Councillor Sally Birch

Would the Leader of the Council please confirm for members, which front line / customer facing teams of council officers are required to undertake safeguarding and CSE training and clarify the criteria used to decide which staff require this training?

Response

All staff who work with children and vulnerable adults are expected to undertake training on safeguarding and CSE awareness through the Evolve Training System. This is monitored through supervision, one to one sessions and appraisal. Staff who do not work directly with children and vulnerable adults are able to do the training if they feel it would be beneficial. Online training on safeguarding is also provided for Elected Members.

33. Councillor Marcus Dearden

In the context of rising inflation and resource constraints, I understand all capital schemes are being re-evaluated including the Bradford-Shipley Road Improvement Scheme. Can you reassure us that if the re-evaluation results in changes, they will be subject to further engagement and consultation?

Response

The impact of rising inflation and supply chain issues on delivery of capital programmes is affecting many of the Council's capital programmes funded by the West Yorkshire Combined Authority including the West Yorkshire+ Transport Fund and Transforming Cities Fund. These major programmes have a finite level of funding which is administered by the Combined Authority for the delivery of a range of schemes promoted by all West Yorkshire districts which are in varying stages of delivery.

In response to increasing costs WYCA are carrying out an inflation review of all projects within these programmes. This assessment does not look at specific

scheme proposals but asks districts to make an informed choice about their delivery priorities and timeline.

Whatever the pipeline of prioritisation, the scheme will have to go to a Full Business Case which in itself will require a further round of stakeholder engagement to take place towards the end of next year / early 2024.

34. Councillor Debbie Davies

As part of the Transforming Cities Fund the council is spending £38m on pedestrianizing one area in the city centre, whilst de-pedestrianising Well Street for use by buses, in order to “kick-start the regeneration of Little Germany and help fill the units at the back of Broadway”, would the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning and Transport Portfolio clarify what evidence gives him confidence that this will happen?

Response

To be clear, buses need to be re-routed to accommodate the major pedestrianisation programme to be undertaken as part of the wider Transforming Cities programme. By re-routing them along Well Street it allows us to deliver ancillary benefits of driving footfall into the area that should help the rear units on the Broadway as well as Little Germany.

Currently there is little natural footfall in that area, whereas on Market Street it faces a different problem whereby the road creates an element of ‘severance’ between the Broadway and the Hustlergate/Wool Exchange/Bank Street area and on to Kirkgate and the Top of Town. Extending the ‘core’ boundary of the city centre will help reduce the severance within it and make it easier to get around on foot.

Discussions held with the Chamber of Commerce, Bradford BID and the owners and manager of the Broadway Centre during the development of the Transforming Cities Fund plans have given confidence that an increase in footfall (brought about by the movement of public transport stops) will make the currently unlet shop frontages along Well Street more attractive to business owners who may wish to provide services to the residential and business properties in the area, stimulating growth in wider area over the longer term.

COUNCIL – TUESDAY, 11 OCTOBER 2022

Agenda Item 12 – Notices of Motion (Standing Order 17)

Amendments submitted by political groups

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Amendment A

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

12.1 – Climate impacts of the Combined Authority’s investment plans

To be moved by: Councillor Susan Hinchcliffe

To be seconded by: Councillor Alex Ross-Shaw

Council notes that:

- a) all five West Yorkshire district councils - led by Bradford - declared a ‘climate emergency’ in early 2019;
- b) the West Yorkshire Combined Authority matched those declarations in June 2019;
- c) the Combined Authority issued its ‘Carbon Emissions Reduction Pathways’ study in July 2020;
- d) the Mayor of West Yorkshire, Tracy Brabin, was elected in May 2021 with a pledge to “tackle the climate emergency and protect our environment”.
- e) the West Yorkshire Combined Authority Carbon Impact Assessment Summary Findings Report (Mott Macdonald and Ricardo, January 2022) found that the Combined Authority needs to take further significant steps to align its investment pipeline with its ambitious climate goals;
- f) Combined Authority and council schemes are constantly under review to be able to deliver, within a more constrained financial climate, our clearly stated clean growth ambitions by 2038.

In response to the above,

- the Combined Authority has commissioned a number of projects, including the Carbon Impact Assessment project, the first of its kind nationally, which seeks to develop a robust new approach to support decision making that takes into consideration carbon impacts of proposals within the Combined Authority’s investment programme;
- The Carbon Impact Assessment project aims to develop methodologies for assessing the carbon impact of schemes as they progressed through the assurance process. It also carried out a number of assessments of existing projects (ones already being developed) from information submitted (mainly in the form of business cases).
- These assessments were carried out as part of the work to develop the Carbon Impact Assessment toolkit.
- the Carbon Impact Assessment has now been incorporated into the assurance process and all the documentation and guidance has been made available to promoters to use. The process represents a significant step forward in making sure that carbon impact can be considered by decision makers when deciding on the progress of a proposal;
- In October 2021, the Combined Authority also published its West Yorkshire Climate and Environment Plan, which formally sets out the steps that will be taken to radically overhaul the regional economy, creating new green jobs, transforming transport and ensuring warm, energy efficient homes for everyone;

Council therefore requests that:

- Bradford and West Yorkshire deliver at pace our carbon reduction ambitions.
- Bradford and West Yorkshire continue to report regularly on these important issues at:

- Climate, Energy and Environment Committee at WYCA,
- Investment Committee at WYCA
- Transport Committee at WYCA
- Council Executive as well as Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny
- Engage with the assurance framework produced from the Carbon Impact Assessment when assessing the capital investment programme and ensure that projects are taken forward that will help Bradford and West Yorkshire achieve its net zero ambitions.

Amendment B

12.3 – Supporting the Bradford District through the winter months

To be moved by: Councillor Matt Edwards

To be seconded by: Councillor Kevin Warnes

That the motion be amended to read as follows.

Council notes:

The decisions taken by the government in its recent mini-Budget have been a surprise to local residents and businesses. We are all therefore naturally pre-occupied with the wellbeing of our district's residents in the upcoming difficult months ahead.

We need the Chancellor to keep the residents of Bradford district in mind when he makes his statement on 23rd November setting out public service spending commitments, given the ongoing need for greater support due to the impact of rising prices on household, business and council budgets.

The latest Centre for Cities report in August has demonstrated that many of the hardest-hit places, due to the cost of living crisis, are in the North. The poorest households tend to spend a higher percentage of their income on essentials like energy and food, which makes them more vulnerable to soaring prices. We ask the new Prime Minister to level up the North and support the most vulnerable families now.

We thank the West Yorkshire Mayor for playing her part and bringing in Mayor's Fares - £2 for a single journey and £4.50 for a capped daily fare. However, in recent years bus services have been drastically cut with further cuts to services within Bradford District announced only last month.

We thank officers for getting the recent one-off energy council tax payments out to households promptly and before government deadlines.

Council resolves to:

- Implement a cost of living action plan to ensure the rapid deployment of resources and support for residents across the district by the council and partners through the winter months. The action plan will include advice and support with energy bills, practical help with home insulation and options for investing in renewable energy, welfare, debt, health, warm spaces, access to affordable food and more.
- Distribute a cost of living survival guide for residents containing help, information and signposting of support available in the district, backed up by a communications plan to ensure the help and support is publicised widely and accessible to all.
- As councillors through our surgeries and other events, provide help and information on cost of living for all residents who need it, particularly the most vulnerable, and link up with community groups, VCS and partners in our wards.
- Ensure our ward-based neighbourhood teams are ready for winter, working with Community Partnership Networks to identify vulnerable people and connect them with support services.

- Drive forward vital net zero carbon regeneration schemes and investment, and support the delivery of a successful City of Culture 2025 to create net zero carbon jobs and opportunities for residents in line with our stated commitment to respond to the climate emergency.
- Ask the government to deliver of a “new deal on buses” which will ensure services are not only restored, but expanded to deliver a high frequency, affordable and sustainable bus network.
- Ask the government for a commitment that it will not order councils to make further cuts when residents most need our services in the months and years ahead. And lobby for further government support for residents, such as funding for Local Welfare Provision.
- Ask the government to restore the uplift in Universal Credit that was cut by the Conservatives a year ago (a Briefing Note published by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation in 2021 showed that this decision reduced the income of 5.5 million poorer families by £1000 a year and plunged an additional 500,000 people into poverty - including 200,000 children).

Amendment C

12.3 – Supporting the Bradford district through the winter months

To be moved by: Councillor Mike Pollard

To be seconded by: Councillor Rebecca Poulsen

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

Council notes:

The decisions taken by Government in its recent mini-Budget should have been a significant reassurance for local residents and businesses, as we are all naturally pre-occupied with the wellbeing of our district's residents in the upcoming difficult months ahead.

We are confident that the Chancellor will, as usual, keep the residents of Bradford district in mind when the Local Government Settlement is published. Needs based assessments have correctly and consistently given Bradford District somewhat more than population based pro-rata settlements recently.

We thank the Government for funding the WYCA Bus Service Improvement Plan to the tune of £69.9 million, of which some £37 million enables the West Yorkshire Mayor to bring in Mayor's Fares - £2 for a single journey and £4.50 for a capped daily fare.

We thank officers for efficiently distributing the Household Support Grant funding received from Central Government. Bradford District was allocated some £11.3 million from this grant. In addition to that funding, we also acknowledge the various other strands of Central Government funding directly supporting all households in the District and, in particular, the most vulnerable; i.e. those with low incomes, pensioners and those with disabilities. The energy price cap at the start of the financial year in April stood at £1277. With Government's recent announcement of a 2 year price cap freeze set at £2500, all the measures announced in support of the most vulnerable have almost extinguished that very significant part of the inflationary pressures directly related to the cost of energy.

Council resolves to:

- Implement a cost of living action plan to ensure the rapid deployment of resources and support for residents across the district by the council and partners through the winter months. The action plan will include advice and support with energy bills, welfare, debt, health, warm spaces, access to affordable food and more.
- Distribute a cost of living survival guide for residents containing help, information and signposting of support available in the district, backed up by a communications plan to ensure the help and support is publicised widely and accessible to all.
- As councillors through our surgeries and other events, provide help and information on cost of living for all residents who need it, particularly the most vulnerable, and link up with community groups, VCS and partners in our wards.
- Ensure our ward-based neighbourhood teams are ready for winter, working with Community Partnership Networks to identify vulnerable people and connect them with support services.

- Relentlessly pursue inward business investment to the District and support the delivery of a successful City of Culture 2025 to create jobs and opportunities for residents.

Amendment D

12.3 – Supporting the Bradford District through the winter months

To be moved by: Councillor Jeanette Sunderland

To be seconded by: Councillor Brendan Stubbs

Add the following words at the end of “council resolves to”

- Publish an additional page in the Cost of Living Guide to signpost people to the Community Advice Network.
- Create a funding stream to support a Discretionary local Welfare Provision for grants and/or interest free loans to help in an emergency or crisis situation.

12.5 – Ilkley Riverside

To be moved by: Councillor Anna Watson

To be seconded by: Councillor Matt Edwards

That the motion be amended to read as follows.

Council notes the following.

- Ilkley's riverside is an attractive location and a desirable destination for visitors from across the district and further afield. Consequently, Ilkley's riverside is an important asset for the entire district.
- The River Wharfe at Ilkley is the first in England to be designated as a bathing site after a brilliant campaign by the people of Ilkley.
- Despite this, the river failed to reach quality standards after samples of water from there were tested by the Environment Agency and the test results revealed that a variety of bacteria sources impacting water quality had been found in the river, including human and animal DNA.
- Seven water companies, including Yorkshire Water, discharged untreated sewage into rivers and the sea more than 3,000 times between 2017 and 2021.
- There are a combination of factors, including littering, anti-social behaviour and the quality of river water that impact the ability of both Ilkley residents and visitors to enjoy the Ilkley Riverside.
- There is a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) and a Hot Weather Plan in place - both are sensible measures which should address these problems.
- The UK Parliament's Environmental Audit Select Committee has reported that cleaning up our rivers is important for public health and vital to protect wildlife, bearing in mind that the world is experiencing an extinction crisis and freshwater eco-systems are on the frontline.
- The UK government intends to remove important laws that protect nature, help to provide clean water, and reduce pollution via the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill.

Council therefore resolves to:

- commend the efforts of volunteers in helping to address the problems at Ilkley's riverside;
- recognise that, as one of the district's most important assets, Ilkley's riverside requires sufficient attention and resources to ensure it retains its reputation as an attractive visitor destination;
- continue to work with the police to take a more proactive approach to enforcing the PSPO and Hot Weather Plan;

- commit sufficient resources to provide additional PSPO wardens and litter picking whilst also considering the needs of the district as a whole and the limited resources of Bradford Council and the West Yorkshire Police following a decade of austerity-led policies by successive Conservative governments;
- call on the UK Government to abandon their plans to revoke hundreds of laws that are essential for protecting human health and our environment and which regulate water quality, pollution and the use of pesticides.

Amendment F

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

12.5 – Ilkley riverside

To be moved by: Councillor Abdul Jabar

To be seconded by: Councillor Alex Ross-Shaw

The Council notes:

- Ilkley's riverside is an attractive location and a desirable destination both for local residents and visitors from across the district and further afield. Consequently, Ilkley's riverside is an important asset for the entire district.
- The actions of some people at the riverside can cause acute problems, including littering and anti-social behaviour.
- There is a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) and a Hot Weather Plan in place, which are sensible measures which should help to address these problems.
- The challenges faced in Ilkley is a classic example of how councils should have more funding to support our local communities. A decade of government cuts has left the council with over £300m less to spend every year to fund services across the district at a time when demands have increased and antisocial behaviour needs to be tackled everywhere it appears.
- Notwithstanding the challenging financial situation, the council has invested in a range of measures designed to prevent and tackle the issues at Ilkley riverside, including:
 - deploying council wardens to the park area as a priority;
 - deploying PSPO officers on joint patrols alongside police and PCSOs;
 - provided additional bins including large waste bins and
 - deployed staff to cover weekend periods and carry out additional clearing during the week for Ilkley park, particularly during hot weather;
 - deployed additional traffic officers and parking enforcement patrols in Ilkley; installed additional security railings to the bridge;
 - installed new safety signage around the park;
 - provided additional youth work activities as part of the summer activities plan;
 - completed the new play area and resolved snagging issues;
 - held weekly partnership meetings through spring and summer overseen by Keighley Area Co-ordinator's office;
 - and worked alongside the Friends of Ilkley Park volunteer group to arrange more litter picking.

Council resolves to:

- Commend the efforts of volunteers, council staff and partners in helping to address the problems at Ilkley's riverside. Recognise that, as one of the district's most important assets, Ilkley's riverside requires sufficient attention and resources to ensure it retains its reputation as an attractive visitor destination.
- Ask Keighley area office to maintain and build on the comprehensive approach with partners in tackling the issues at Ilkley park and riverside especially in planning for the warmer months.
- Ask the Safer and Stronger Communities team to continually review best practice at Ilkley riverside and all visitor destinations across the district experiencing challenges with littering and antisocial behaviour.
- Lobby Government for more funding for local public services.

12.6 – Local Authority Mental Health Challenge

To be moved by: Councillor Kevin Warnes

To be seconded by: Cllr Caroline Whitaker

That the motion be amended to read as follows.

Council notes the following.

- One in four people in the U.K. experience a mental health problem in any given year, with depression an increasingly common condition worldwide and mental health the leading cause for work absence in the UK accounting for over 50% of all work health-related absences. Evidence also shows that people with severe mental illness die up to 20 years younger than their peers in the UK.
- Bradford District has 72.8 per 100,000 more hospital admissions as a result of self-harm than the average for England. Furthermore, Bradford District has a higher prevalence of children with conduct disorders compared to England. This is also true for children that have an emotional disorder.
- As a local authority we have a crucial role to play in improving the mental health of everyone in our local community, and to help tackle some of the widest and most entrenched inequalities in health.
- Overall 12% of children aged 5 to 17 within Bradford District are estimated to have a mental health disorder; this is higher than the average for England overall which is 9.2%.
- Mental health should be a priority across all the local authority areas of responsibility. Every councillor in the chamber can play a positive role in championing mental health on an individual and strategic basis. It's vitally important that we all play our part.

Council further notes the extensive academic research cited by organisations such as the Mental Health Foundation which clearly demonstrates that (a) poverty, inequality and inadequate public services are key structural causes of poor mental health and (b) these can only be properly addressed by the UK government at a national level in the following ways.

- Children and adults living in UK households in the lowest 20% income bracket are two to three times more likely to develop mental health problems than those in the highest.
- The Child and Adolescent Mental Health Survey found in 2004 that severe mental health problems were three times higher among children in the bottom quintile of family income than among those in the top quintile.
- The Millennium Cohort Study in 2012 showed that children in the lowest income quintile were 4.5 times more likely to experience severe mental health problems than those in the highest.

- Unemployed or economically inactive people experience higher rates of common mental health problems than those employed, and work that is low-paid, insecure or poses health risks can be damaging to mental health.
- Those on housing benefit are more than twice as likely to have a common mental health problem than those not receiving it (35% vs 15%).
- 80% of homeless people in England have mental health issues, with 45% diagnosed with a mental health condition.
- Refugees and asylum seekers are more likely to experience mental health problems than the general population, including higher rates of depression, anxiety and PTSD.
- People from BAME communities are more likely to experience the problems that worsen mental health - poverty and homelessness, lower educational attainment, unemployment, contact with the criminal justice system; and more limited access to services.

Council resolves to sign the Local Authority Mental Health Challenge, and commit to appointing an elected member as “Mental Health Champion” to:

- advocate for mental health issues in council meetings and policy development and reach out to the local community to raise awareness of mental health issues and challenge stigma;
- listen to people with personal experience of mental health and get their perspective on local needs and priorities;
- scrutinise areas that have an impact on people’s mental health such as Housing needs, bereavement, family break up, etc.;
- foster local partnerships between agencies to support people with mental health problems more effectively; • identify at least one priority each year for focused work;
- respond to occasional requests from the challenge coordinator for updates on activities undertaken in the role of member champion.

Council will identify a current member of our staff to act as a lead officer for mental health in order to:

- advise the member Champion on current issues and priorities, supporting implementation of strategies initiated by the member champion;
- raise awareness within the council’s staff about mental health issues;
- seek external support for activities led by the council to promote mental health and wellbeing;
- provide information to the member Champion to support their work liaising with mental health challenge national partners to secure information and advice.

Council will work with local partners to consistently look for innovative ways to support positive mental health in our community, including in local schools, neighbourhoods and in all other areas of our community.

Council also resolves to ask the UK government to fundamentally review its funding and delivery of public services and its management of the economy in order to deal with poverty and inequality, poor health and social care provision, poor housing and education provision; and thereby address the structural causes of mental health. We need a national drive towards a fairer, more inclusive society. A non-exhaustive list of the reforms we would like to see includes the following measures.

- Bring mental health care fully in line with physical health care and ensure people experiencing mental health crises are supported close to their home and support networks.
- Close the NHS spending gap to ensure everyone can access a GP within two days, hospitals can run properly without staff shortages, and staff are fairly paid.
- Provide major investment in social care for the elderly and all those who need it.
- Increase funding for local authorities so we can provide good quality public services and invest in our communities - particularly in our health and social services.
- Review the effectiveness of how care is provided at the transition age of 18.
- Redress pension injustice, with a pensions system for everyone and action to enable older people to continue to be active members of society.
- Redress benefits injustice with a social security system that gives everyone confidence they will get support when they need it, including disabled people.
- Take steps towards the introduction of a universal basic income as a means to increase security and avoid the poverty trap.
- Phase in a 4 day working week (a maximum of 35 hours) and ban exploitative zero hours contracts.
- Reduce the gap between the highest and lowest paid and provide a Real Living Wage for everyone.
- End the gender pay gap, and require a minimum 40% of all members of public company and public sector boards to be women.
- Ensure a living rent for all through rent controls and more secure tenancies for private renters, an end to letting fees and the introduction of mandatory licensing for all landlords.
- Give tenants a voice by supporting the development of renters' unions.
- A major programme to build affordable, zero carbon homes, including 100,000 social rented homes each year.
- End mass council house sales and scrap Right to Buy at discounted prices.
- Abolish the cruel and unfair bedroom tax.

- Action on empty homes to bring them back into use.
- Protect young people's housing needs by reinstating housing benefit for under 21s and reverse housing benefits cuts.
- Stop declaring people as 'intentionally homeless' and give Local Authorities the same duties towards single people and childless couples as to families.
- Help first-time buyers by aiming for house price stability - axing buy-to-let tax breaks, and backing community-led approaches to building affordable homes.
- Significantly improve housing choice for disabled and older people by requiring all councils to appropriately plan for their housing needs and significantly increase the numbers of homes built to lifetime home and mobility standards.
- Properly fund our schools so real term spending per pupil increases and is protected.
- Bring Academies and Free Schools into the local authority system, abolish SATS and reduce class sizes.
- Scrap university tuition fees, fund full student grants and greater public investment in further and higher education.
- Restore Education Maintenance Allowance and enable apprenticeships to all qualified young people aged 16-25.
- Free universal early education and childcare for all children, with formal education starting at age 7.
- Ensure that every child with Special Educational Needs or Disability has access to a mainstream education, in accordance with the UN Convention for Persons with Disabilities.

Amendment H

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

12.6 – Local Authority Mental Health Challenge

To be moved by: Councillor Fozia Shaheen

To be seconded by: Councillor Sarah Ferriby

Council notes:

Yesterday, the 10th October, was World Mental Health day.

One in four people in the U.K. experience a mental health problem in any given year, with depression an increasingly common condition worldwide and mental health the leading cause for work absence in the UK accounting for over 50% of all work health-related absences. This effectively means that we all have experience of poor mental health at some point in our lives. Evidence also shows that people with severe mental illness die up to 20 years younger than their peers in the UK. And some studies suggest the rate of mental health problems in people with a learning disability is double that of the general population.

Bradford District has 72.8 per 100,000 more hospital admissions as a result of self-harm than the average for England. Furthermore, Bradford District has a higher prevalence of children with conduct disorders compared to England. This is also true for children that have an emotional disorder.

As a local authority we have a crucial role to play in improving the mental health of everyone in our local community, and to help tackle some of the widest and most entrenched inequalities in health.

Overall 12% of children aged 5 to 17 within Bradford District are estimated to have a mental health disorder; this is higher than the average for England overall which is 9.2%.

Mental health should be a priority across all the local authority areas of responsibility. All Councillors from all sides of this chamber, can play a positive role in championing mental health on an individual and strategic basis. It's vitally important that we play our part.

The council is already signed up to the Local Authority Mental Health Challenge with our nominated elected member Mental Health Champion being Cllr Fozia Shaheen.

As the district's health system, we are also working towards signing up to an update to the "prevention concordat for better mental health", a draft of which was agreed at the former Mental Health, Learning Disability and Neurodiversity board earlier this year. The five domains of the prevention concordat are: understanding local needs and assets; working together; taking action for prevention and promotion, including reducing health inequalities; defining success and measuring outcomes; and leadership and direction.

Council resolves to:

Bring the updated draft "prevention concordat for better mental health" to the Health and Wellbeing Board for its consideration and sign-up.

Working as part of the Local Authority Mental Health Challenge, support the elected member “Mental Health Champion”, Portfolio Holder for Health & Wellbeing and all other councillors to continue to:

- advocate for mental health issues in council meetings and policy development and reach out to the local community to raise awareness of mental health issues and challenge stigma;
- listen to people with personal experience of mental health and co-produce services with them to satisfy local needs and priorities;
- scrutinise areas that have an impact on people’s mental health such as Housing needs, bereavement, family break up, etc.;
- foster local partnerships between agencies to support people with mental health problems more effectively;
- identify at least one priority each year for focused work; and
- respond to occasional requests from the challenge coordinator for updates on activities undertaken in the role of member champion.

Task our officer who is the Public Health lead for mental health to continue to:

- advise the member Champion on current issues and priorities, supporting implementation of strategies initiated by the member champion.
- raise awareness within the council’s staff about mental health issues.
- seek external support for activities led by the council to promote mental health and wellbeing.
- provide information to the member champion to support their work
Liaising with mental health challenge national partners to secure information and advice.

Work with local partners to consistently look for innovative ways to support positive mental health in our community, including in local schools, neighbourhoods, places of work and in all other areas of our community.

Continue to lobby Government to ask that mental health be given the same parity of esteem and attention that other areas of the health sector receive.

Amendment I

12.7 – Extending free access to Council swimming facilities for all children

To be moved by: Councillor Debbie Davies

To be seconded by: Councillor Rebecca Poulsen

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

This Council notes:

- With the cost-of-living crisis, many families are having to cut back on discretionary spending to ensure they can meet their increasing bills and food costs. Many children risk missing out on swimming and other leisure activities.
- Low levels of physical activity can have a negative impact on people's health and wellbeing. Offering free use municipal swimming pools or gyms is one way that Bradford Council can support more people to be active.
- The proportion of reception aged children in the district classed as overweight is below the national average but by year 6 40.8% are classed as overweight (compared to the England average of 35.2%) so clearly we should be trying to do something proactive to improve these figures.
- If children take part in physical activity then they are more likely to do so in adulthood, potentially improving their health outcomes and reducing the strain on Council and health services.
- By providing free sporting activities for children it raises awareness of what activities are available and will potentially bring in more income through parents and carers taking part in activities or spending money in cafes, on parking etc. whilst their children attend, plus possibly encouraging them to visit at other times.

This Council resolves to:

- Seek to identify sufficient resources to extend the free access to swimming facilities to all children in the district under the age of 16.
- Better utilise quiet times at gyms and swimming pools by offering incentives for people to visit then, such as free or reduced price swimming.
- Improve coordination between Council departments for example offering free swimming sessions to children attending libraries which would help increase wellbeing both physically and mentally.
- Support other free physical activities across the district e.g. through keeping footpaths clear, playgrounds well maintained and supporting parkrun events.

Amendment J

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

12.7 – Extending access to Council swimming facilities for all children

To be moved by: Councillor Sarah Ferriby

To be seconded by: Councillor Susan Hinchcliffe

This Council notes:

With the cost-of-living crisis, many families are having to cut back on discretionary spending to ensure they can meet their increasing bills and food costs. Many children risk missing out on swimming and other leisure activities.

Low levels of physical activity can have a negative impact on people's health and wellbeing. Offering low-cost and easily accessible municipal swimming pools and other sport and leisure facilities is one way that Bradford Council can support more people to be active.

The Council provides a wide range of free and low-cost sport and leisure facilities for children and young people to improve their health and wellbeing, including but not limited to: our sports and leisure centres offering highly competitive prices; our significant investment in improving our parks, green spaces, play facilities and outdoor gym equipment across the district; running successful HAF events (holiday activities and food programme); and increasing doorstep play, pocket parks and cycling provision.

In addition to offering reduced prices for children, we also offer the popular Bradford Leisure Card which gives reduced prices for particular groups including young people aged 16-17.

The increase in pool space we need across the district to enable everyone, no matter what their age or income, to get access to swimming at low-cost. We note the council's success in securing Levelling Up funding for the Squire Lane new pool.

This Council resolves to:

Continue to ensure wide access to swimming, sport and leisure facilities for all children in the district under the age of 16, despite the impact of the cost of living crisis on household and council budgets, by:

- Maintaining our competitive junior pricing, with regular benchmarking against other authorities
- Continuing our proud investment in excellent new and existing facilities which are accessible in all parts of the district
- Publicising our sport and leisure facilities as widely as possible through innovative communications campaigns.
- Supporting the council's levelling up bid to Government for Bingley which includes a new pool facility.