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CITY OF BRADFORD METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF COUNCIL – TUESDAY 12 MARCH 2024

ITEM 4 WRITTEN ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LORD MAYOR

DEATH OF THE RIGHT REVEREND DAVID SMITH, FORMER BISHOP OF BRADFORD

It is with great sadness that I report the death, on 29 January 2024, of the Right Reverend David Smith, former Bishop of Bradford.

Bishop David was very well respected and loved across the district for his inspired leadership and for his devoted ministry.

His was a life devoted to serving and helping other people. His pastoral care and concern touched many lives locally and, during his time as Bishop, he initiated and developed numerous strong and enduring bonds of friendship throughout our communities.

I am certain that he will be remembered with an abiding sense of fondness by many people and I wrote to Bishop David's widow and family, on behalf of the people of the district, to express our sorrow at his passing.

39TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BRADFORD CITY FIRE DISASTER

On Saturday 11 May 2024, we will once again gather to commemorate one of the most poignant dates in the district's calendar, marking the 39th anniversary of the dreadful fire at Bradford City Football Club's ground on 11 May 1985.

Fifty-six people died and countless others were injured. Many people were dreadfully affected, and continue to be so, by the terrible events of that day. It is always very moving to come together on the anniversary of the disaster to reflect upon, and to pay tribute to, all those who were lost and injured, those who acted selflessly in the service of others and the effect it had on all our community.

At 1100, the annual memorial service will take place at the Bradford City Fire Disaster sculpture, in Centenary Square and I do hope that many of you will be able to join me on that sad morning.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF BRADFORD METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

On 1 April 2024, Bradford Council and Bradford District turns 50 and I would like to place on record my thanks to everyone who has served as Councillors and as officers during that time for their service.

CIVIC SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

The Lady Mayoress and I will attend a Civic Service of Thanksgiving, marking our year in office, at Bradford Cathedral, Stott Hill, Bradford, BD1 4EH on Monday 22 April 2024 at 1730.

I do hope that many of you will be able to join us, and Members of Council and others will receive an email invitation from Farzana Mughal, Acting Civic Affairs Manager, which will include a link for you to use to reserve your place(s). You are welcome to bring along your family and friends, should you wish. Please note that reserved seating will not be offered, and that seating will be allocated on first-come, first-served basis.

Please arrive at the Cathedral by no later than 1715, ready for the start of the Service at 1730.

The Lady Mayoress and I look forward to seeing you on the day.

MARKING THE MONTH OF RAMADAN

I would like to advise Members that time will be provided today to break the fast and for prayers during the adjournment at approximately 1800.

GIFT TO THE CITY

I would like to inform Members and Senior Officers that, at approximately 1830 during this meeting's short adjournment, I will present my gift to the City, which will be given as a memento of our year in Civic office. I shall also announce the gift which I intend to buy with the money you so kindly collected in order to mark the year.

All are invited to join me in the Banqueting Hall for this short announcement during the break.

ELECTIONS

As this is the last ordinary meeting of the Council for this municipal year, I am sure that Members will wish to join me in extending every good wish for the future to colleagues who are standing down from the Council at the forthcoming elections.

Many years' service will have been given to the work of the Council by those Members who are not standing and their departure will bring with it the loss of a wealth of experience and knowledge which is certainly not easy to replace.

I would like the Council to place on record its sincere gratitude and appreciation for their contribution to the life of this District and the wellbeing of its citizens.

May I also wish 'Good Luck' at the Polls to those Councillors who are seeking re-election on 2 May.

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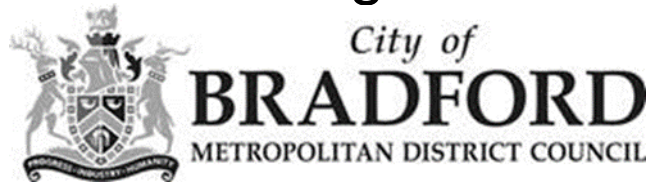
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Agenda Item 5 – Petitions (Standing Order 11)

Petition - objection to the sale of Skirrow Street Car Park,
Cottingley.

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Agenda Item 7 – Membership of Committees and Joint Committees (Standing Order 4)

The following membership change has been submitted:

- (1) That Councillor Thirkill (Labour) replace Councillor Lintern (Independent) as an alternate member on the Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the remainder of the 23/24 municipal year.
- (2) That Councillor Firth (Labour) replace Councillor Lintern (Independent) as an alternate member on the Area Planning Panel (Keighley and Shipley) for the remainder of the 23/24 municipal year.
- (3) That Councillor Robinson (Labour) replace Councillor Lintern (Independent) as a member of the Keighley Area Committee for the remainder of the 23/24 municipal year.
- (4) That Councillor Zaman (Labour) to replace Councillor Robinson (Labour) as an alternate member on the Keighley Area Committee for the remainder of the 23/24 municipal year.

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Leader's Report 12th March 2024

Exceptional Financial Support Secured for the Council

It's been widely reported that we have secured Exceptional Financial Support from Government for the amount that we requested. As debated at the Full Council budget meeting last week this is not a grant but something akin to a loan facility which will have to be paid back over a long period of time. The Chief Executive is working with the Section 151 officer to lead the senior officer team in further developing the Emergency Financial Plan. This will result in a much smaller council at the end of the five years of the plan's duration. Work has already started preparing for next year's budget. The whole organisation is focussed on this budget process and I have set it as the top priority for the Chief Executive.

Devo 4 letter from Michael Gove

The West Yorkshire Mayor and the Combined Authority are pleased to have received a letter from Secretary of State for DLUHC Michael Gove to start negotiations for Devolution Level 4. This will not include additional money but it will lead to less strings with existing funding and powers from Government.

Second anniversary of invasion of Ukraine

We commemorated the second anniversary of Putin's invasion of Ukraine in February. There were two services of remembrance, one in Bradford which I attended, as well as one in Keighley. This followed on from an event earlier in the month to thank those hosts from the district who continue to support our Ukrainian guests. The presentations were very moving and highlighted what a life changing experience it has been for hosts and guests alike. Our long-standing Ukrainian community in Bradford has provided incredible support and social infrastructure for those fleeing the war and by doing so command great respect and deserve our thanks for all they have done and continue to do.

Ilkley line train services/Baildon landslip

I am incredibly frustrated at the closure of the rail line through Baildon. Notwithstanding the obvious distress it continues to be for the local residents whose properties are directly affected, it's also inconveniencing thousands of local residents. I immediately asked for a meeting with Jake Kelly, Network Rail Managing Director of the Eastern Region to ask for an explanation and a plan for how the problem will be resolved. Whilst initial reports were that the line would be open again by the middle of March, I have now been advised that the line will now be shut longer than anticipated. I think it's so vital for the district's economy to get this line open as soon as possible so have made clear that I want to see swift progress towards a resolution.

Network Rail have put in place a number of temporary bus services in place to support passengers. We need to feedback to them how these are being received and used.

It's worth noting that it's climate change that has caused this issue. There has been so much rain that Network Rail are reporting an increasing number of landslips onto lines. There have been 10 of these alone in the last 12 months. It just shows how important it is to tackle the climate emergency, it's already affecting our day to day lives.

Interchange bus station

Councillors are now getting regular updates about the Interchange from West Yorkshire Combined Authority.

Structural surveys of the Interchange building are continuing to be carried out by WYCA appointed consultants. We understand WYCA are carrying out the surveys in two parts. The first of these, which has been completed, is to recommend a programme of further structural test surveys over the structure and any specialist surveys which will be required. The second phase of testing will comprise the more detailed assessment.

There will be a further updates from WYCA as the survey work progresses.

Measles

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has declared a national incident following measles outbreaks in London and West Midlands. We have also seen clusters of cases across West Yorkshire with 16 cases in Bradford during January and February alone, compared to 7 cases across the whole of last year. Fortunately, there are positive signs that the Bradford outbreak is slowing with the last cases in early February, however there is no room for complacency and Bradford continues to take actions to increase the vaccination rates and ensure community awareness of symptoms. All but one case in Bradford was in unvaccinated individuals. The current situation is directly linked to the low levels of MMR vaccination.

Measles is one of the most contagious transmissible diseases known. It can be severe or fatal in small children and people with health conditions.

Key actions for Bradford are to increase vaccination through schools, recall unvaccinated individuals for vaccination (all ages), and raise awareness about signs and symptoms among the public.

- Measles is a highly contagious and severe disease that is preventable through MMR vaccine
- Cases have been higher in Bradford because of low levels of MMR vaccination
- MMR vaccines are available for free in the NHS to any individual regardless of age or immigration status
- There are two types of MMR vaccine – MMR VaxPro and Priorix. Priorix does not contain pork gelatine and can be requested from your GP practice.

Ministerial Visit to Farcliffe Family Hub

Dame Andrea Leadsom, MP and Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, said Bradford District's Family Hubs and Start for Life programme has made 'heartening' progress, at her visit to Farcliffe Family Hub, Bradford, on 2 February.

The visit was arranged as an opportunity for Dame Leadsom, who oversees public health, Start for Life and primary care nationally, to speak with the Family Hubs and Start for Life workforce, and hear from families about their experiences of the facilities and services available.

Bradford District's Family Hubs provide free support, advice, and services for families with children up to age 19 (25 with SEND) and at every stage of family life.

£24 million boost to deliver extra rail services in Bradford

We were pleased to welcome Rail Minister Huw Merriman to Bradford to announce with us that passengers in Bradford are set to benefit from extra train services and improved connectivity thanks to £24 million investment in an additional Platform Zero at Forster Square station.

This will significantly increase services, particularly to London, reduce delays and futureproof the station for generations to come. As the Bradford District prepares to become the UK's City of Culture in 2025, the new platform will be delivered by May 2025. It will ease congestion and improve access into the city for millions of passengers, commuters and tourists.

COUNCIL

Tuesday 12 March 2024

MEMBER QUESTION TIME – PART 1

Questions submitted in accordance with Standing Order 12

1. Councillor Caroline Firth

How can community groups across the district get involved and start preparing for the UK City of Culture year?

Response

Bradford Culture Company Ltd, the primary delivery agency for the UK City of Culture programme, is working very closely with many partners across the district to ensure that all communities can get involved. The Culture Company owns a specific workstream to engage with all residents and groups in every ward and area.

There has been a recent call from the company for The BD25 Community Connector posts, which are key to the success of the Bradford 2025 Engagement Programme. Starting in spring 2024, the programme will foster and celebrate the creativity to be found in communities across the whole district, bringing the expertise of creative professionals to enrich and develop that creativity. The BD25 Community Connectors will liaise with local groups and grassroots organisations to support people's access to the Engagement Programme and Bradford 2025 activity. The BD25 Community Connectors will be based at a host organisation in their area and will foster meaningful relationships with local community groups and organisations across the whole of their area. Information and further detail will be cascaded over the coming months, setting out how local communities can become more involved.

2. Councillor Andrew Loy

Would the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning and Transport, confirm the current annual cost of clearing up fly-tipping in the district, the average cost per fly tip clean-up and confirm that a full cost and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) had taken place before the proposal to close the tips was put forward, to inform projections regarding the number, cost and environmental damage of fly tips that the council should anticipate in the coming year, should the closures take place and can he provide members with sight of any such EIA?

Response

This answer is being provided by Cllr Ferriby as Portfolio Holder for Healthy People & Places, which covers the Environmental Enforcement service.

There has been no direct link noted with HWRC closures and fly-tipping. The act of fly-tipping is illegal and there are various options available to residents for

waste disposal and/or collection. We will continue to monitor fly-tipping hotspots and tonnage and work with Enforcement colleagues as necessary.

The overall disposal costs for the combined waste-streams for the last few years are shown below for comparison. These costs include costs of removing fly tipping but are not exclusively about fly-tipping. As well as fly-tipping there are also other elements of the waste stream included such as litter picks, community clean ups and waste from commercial work that the council has completed.

2018/19 – 4,004 tonnes and £500k disposal

2019/20 – 3,877 tonnes and £484k disposal

2020/21 – 4,675 tonnes and £617k disposal

2021/22 – 4,940 tonnes and £584k disposal

2022/23 – 4,775 tonnes and £596k disposal

2023/24 – 4,530 tonnes and £566k disposal (forecast)

The collection costs for the two dedicated fly-tipping vehicles and crews are circa £240k per year.

From December 2023 we have been separating out the data so that the sub-set within the above data for fly-tipping clearance is clearly differentiated in future.

When working up the proposal to close HWRCs the council calculated the internal haulage impact of HGV movements and the WRAP study provided the benchmark of HWRC provision. It also provided us with property numbers within a radius of each site and showed us that we had double the provision of comparator councils per 100,000 residents. We also liaised with the Clean Air Zone team on this who looked at the vehicle movements and determined that there was going to be minimal impact. Legal and Planning were consulted as part of this process.

Environmental Impact Assessment is a planning tool, designed to be used for new construction projects, not for closures of facilities. For example a new supermarket will conduct an EIA when in the process of planning.

3. Councillor Matt Edwards

Can the portfolio holder confirm if the Council still operate a process for clearing unadopted back alleys and snickets?

Response

The Council has no obligation or budget to clear private land unless recovering costs from the land-owner(s). In some areas, there are clear signs of residents, landlords and businesses fly-tipping in back-alleys, unadopted streets etc. as they know the waste will be removed for free. We are currently looking at options to ensure budget is used for Council responsibilities and enforcement powers and cost recovery is used for private land clearances where necessary. We will be

working with residents to provide education on correct methods of waste storage and disposal and will also be continuing “days of action” and “community clean-ups”, where budget allows. Where commercial waste is involved, we will be seeking cost recovery accordingly.

More details are at <https://www.bradford.gov.uk/transport-and-travel/report-issues/report-fly-tipping/>

4. Councillor Alun Griffiths

Does the Leader of Council have confidence in the chairs of the Bradford East Area Committee and the Bradford Planning Panel?

Response

Yes.

5. Councillor Luke Majkowski

Can the portfolio holder please advise me why Bradford Council’s Planning Enforcement Team are consistently dismissing cases as inconvenient to pursue even though there is a clear breach of planning regulation.

I have at least 5 recent examples of planning regulation breaches within the Queensbury Ward.

Response

A breach of planning control is defined in section 171A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as:

- the carrying out of development without the required planning permission; or
- failing to comply with any condition or limitation subject to which planning permission has been granted.

The Council’s Planning Enforcement Team is a small team who deal with over 1,000 enforcement cases each year. Officers must assess and prioritise each potential planning breach on the merits of the complaint/investigation. Where a technical breach may be relatively minor, it is not likely to be expedient to pursue relative to the harm it might cause. When the council carries out this test it does so taking into account planning law and national planning practice guidance. This is in common with the practice of most local authorities.

If you want to send me details of the recent examples I am happy to discuss them with officers to provide more information on why these specific cases were not taken forward.

6. Councillor Marcus Dearden

Will the leader join me in welcoming the decision to fully fund the highways scheme to install average speed check cameras and the reduction in the speed limit to 50mph along the Fred Hoyle way, otherwise known as the Bingley

bypass. Since being elected three years ago the speeding along with the noise pollution have been a constant annoyance for the residents of Bingley and an issue I have raised throughout that time.

Response

I know Cllr Dearden that you have been single-minded in pushing progress on this matter and we are all pleased with the decision to install Bradford's first Average Speed Camera scheme on Fred Hoyle Way. The project includes extending the enforcement on the A650 to Keighley (Marley Stadium), where the speed limit will remain at 70mph. Anti-social driving behaviour leading to speeding and noise pollution has been a problem at this location with representations being made by the police, the public and local councillors from Bingley and Keighley East. The installation will include partnership working with the police to ensure adjacent routes to the A650 are monitored and enforced.

7. Councillor Marcus Dearden

Given the decision by the promoter and Bradford & Bingley Rugby club not to hold the Bingley weekender event this year, an event which plays an important role for Bingley, will the Council commit to working with local councillors and the event organisers to look at options for how the event can be held again as part of our UK City of Culture year in 2025?

Response

This decision not to hold the event this year will be sad news for the festival goers and local businesses due to the loss of the economic benefits this private operator event brings to Bingley each year. There has been a considerable amount of change in the outdoor event industry over the past few years and the promoter would have considered all options carefully before making the final decision. The Council is not in a position to step in and run the event, however, the opportunities that City of Culture status 2025 will bring means that we are keen to maximise the number of key events taking place across the district throughout the year. We have already raised this with the City of Culture team and everyone is keen to engage with the promoter and local councillors with a view to securing a high quality event during 2025.

8. Councillor Chris Hayden

We have all seen in the news nationally that too many children are missing vital school days and we know the impact this has on their future outcomes. As a ward councillor I am also aware of many children in Eccleshill that miss large swathes of their education and this causes me great concern. I believe that we need to actively identify some of the root causes and problems within the existing structure to ensure that we don't allow this problem to become embedded. Would the Executive support a deep dive into young people out of education across Bradford to identify some solutions that we can work towards in collaboration with a variety of local organisations, schools and our own youth services?

Response

The Education Safeguarding team welcomes the information released by the DfE on 29th February 2024 that Government guidance [https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance)

attendance has been updated and will become statutory from 18th August 2024. The team will continue to work to fulfil the statutory responsibilities within the guidance which can be summed up as follows:

- To provide advice, support and networking for professionals and schools across the district
- To have an Attendance Support Team offering a termly meeting with ALL schools to discuss attendance
- To coordinate support for children, particularly those who are severely absent
- To continue to consider the full range of prosecution options on behalf of schools for poor attendance

The Education Safeguarding team has coordinated a range of initiatives over the last 18 months including a well-attended multiagency School Attendance conference at Valley Parade, an Attendance Charter launch alongside partners including academy trusts and the DfE, and a revised Staged Intervention Approach to Poor School Attendance. The team will continue to use the termly Targeting Support meetings with all schools to look very carefully at personalised interventions for children who are persistently and severely absent from school. Support is coordinated across a range of partners including the Bradford Children and Families Trust, police, health and the voluntary sector where necessary.

Where children are not on the roll of a school, the CME and EHE teams work tirelessly to understand firstly if the child is in receipt of a suitable education otherwise, and secondly, to secure education if this is not in place, through legal interventions if necessary and ultimately referrals to the Bradford Children and Families Trust where this lack of education is likely to cause significant harm.

9. Councillor Caroline Firth

When is the collapsed wall on Keighley footpath 11 – at the rear of the council's Stockbridge depot – going to be fixed so the path can reopen?

Response

Ground investigations to enable the reconstruction of the wall have been completed recently and we are awaiting the test results and the report.

With this information we can proceed with the design and the contract award as soon as possible subject to funding.

10. Councillor Russell Brown

Would the Portfolio Holder for Education, Employment and Skills please confirm how many government funded apprenticeships are provided by the Council and can he please provide details of what trades they are learning?

Response

Bradford Council is not eligible to receive government funding for apprenticeships so the Council has no apprenticeships that have been funded by the government. The council recognises the wider benefits of apprenticeships for the district building stronger, more resilient communities while supporting individual career development and economic vitality. Additionally, as a large employer, apprenticeships enable Bradford Council to develop a skilled workforce, foster innovation and deliver better services to our local communities. As such, Bradford Council is committed to ensuring that there are a wide range of apprenticeship opportunities right across the Council. Since April 2017, Bradford has funded 1,228 apprenticeships within the Council on 119 different types of apprenticeships and trades. Currently there are 198 employees undertaking apprenticeship training on 48 different types of apprenticeships including adult care, carpentry and joinery, accountancy, building services engineering, administration, civil engineering, construction, early years practitioner, production chef, and youth work (please find attached the full current apprenticeship numbers by type of apprenticeships).

11. Councillor Safina Kauser

Will the leader of the council and the portfolio holder for Culture join me in congratulating the BD2025 City of Culture team for their inclusion of young people. I welcome the opportunities created for our young people like the apprenticeships and also the youth panel. It gives us some confidence that our young people will be able to make a positive contribution and be involved in the decision making process. Can I be assured that once BD2025 has passed we will continue to invest in our young people and create opportunities to involve them in the decision making process of all our services?

Response

I totally agree with Councillor Kauser and congratulate the BD25 team and our own officers in relation to the fantastic work that they have undertaken to provide opportunities for our young people. As the youngest District in the country, it is fundamental to us to ensure that we continue to maximise the opportunities for our young people as part of the legacy of UK City of Culture status. The growth in the cultural sector that 2025 will bring, together with our exciting programme of regeneration, will be harnessed in order to ensure that there even further opportunities for training and employment for all young residents of Bradford District. Similarly, the views of our young people are critical to the shaping and provision of the council's services that they will access as young people and indeed through their lives. We are committed to ensuring effective engagement with our young people so that they can fully contribute to the decision making process moving forward.

12. Councillor Chris Hayden

Would the Leader join me in celebrating the opening of the brand new state of the art Community Diagnostic Centre in Eccleshill? I am thrilled that this facility has

opened in my Ward and will benefit my residents. I welcome this approach and would love to see it rolled out across the District.

Response

The opening of Eccleshill Community Diagnostic Centre is a testament to our commitment to improving health and care services for the people of Bradford District and wider. It will provide fair and equitable care delivery across the region, acting as a convenient one-stop-shop that allows patients to receive all diagnostic tests in one visit and help cut hospital waiting lists.

We are delighted to have this new state-of-the-art Community Diagnostic Centre open in Eccleshill. The centre is the first of its kind in West Yorkshire that will provide approximately 80,000 additional diagnostic appointments into the district each year, diagnosing conditions such as cancer and heart diseases more quickly. Open 7 days a week and equipped with the latest technology such as MRI, X-Ray and CT scans the new centre provides easier and quicker access to tests as well as reducing outpatient referrals and attendances at hospital. It is so important that additional capacity is made available to support faster diagnoses of cancers, improve outcomes and help save lives.

Across Bradford District and Craven, the difference in life expectancy between the most and least deprived areas is up to 10 years, with many premature deaths of heart disease and cancer in some deprived areas noticeably higher. In December 2023, over 13,000 people living in Bradford District and Craven were waiting for diagnostic tests with 27 percent waiting six weeks or more. Our NHS colleagues recognises the value of community based diagnostics and continue to work with the national teams to explore the opportunity for additional investment of this kind into district.

This new diagnostic centre will help reduce waiting times, high demand for diagnostic testing and improve access to treatment. The diagnostic centre is located next to Ashcroft Surgery, Kamsons Pharmacy, Eccleshill Community Hospital and shares a building with Westcliffe Health Innovations who deliver diagnostic services in areas such as gastroenterology and gynaecology and extends the offer of high quality care in the community and away from busy hospitals.

13. Councillor Caroline Whitaker

Can the portfolio holder confirm that the land off Elliott Street in Silsden (ARN – 00275) included in the asset disposal plan will be only the part agreed by the Executive in October 2022 and that the Council is still intending to pursue an Asset Transfer with The Hive for most of the site?

Response

The Executive decision made in October 2022 related to the land off Elliott Street, which is subject to an Asset of Community Value listing, committed to transferring the majority of the land to The Hive with a strip along Taylor Avenue developed for housing.

The intention very much remains as per the Executive decision in October 2022.

14. Councillor Mohsin Hussain

Will the portfolio holder provide an update on the Keighley Towns Fund schemes?

Response

The Keighley Towns Fund schemes are progressing well and will make a very positive difference to the Keighley area. Listed below are some highlights:

Development Investment Fund

- Providence Park

Construction work continues on site, though the developer is reporting a slight delay of four weeks to programme, due to inclement weather in late 2023. Progress has since been made and the developer expects to claw some time back. Work on Unit C Manufacturing Hub started in January, with the work on the foundations and steel frame complete. Completion of Unit C is due in October 2024 though the remainder of the units are on course for completion in June 2024.

- Beechcliffe

The contract with the principal contractor has been signed and sealed. The site investigation works will take three weeks, commencing 12th February. These works are undertaken as part of the feasibility stage with the report due in summer 2024. This work will enable an indicative scheme layout to be drawn up and costs provided for the scheme. A planning application would follow this stage. The Sustrans route through the site will be retained, though the exact path the route takes may require amending. The site will also be subject to biodiversity rules through the Planning Process.

- Town Centre & Infrastructure Improvements

Low Street - Phase 2 is complete. The public realm on Low Street is now much improved, creating a much nicer look and feel to the high street in this area of Keighley town centre.

Connectivity Study/Public Realm Improvements

Procurement of a specialist to deliver the 'Keighley Transport/Connectivity Study' is complete. Initial meetings have been held with the specialist. The final report is expected mid-2024.

The Transport/Connectivity Study will determine priorities and options for the Public Realm Improvements. The public realm works are likely to focus on Cavendish Street and the links to and from the railway station, bus station, new Health and Wellbeing Centre on North Street (Project J), and retail/commercial core of the town centre. However, an options appraisal to explore potential Public Realm Improvements will run in parallel with the study.

Active Travel/Infrastructure Improvements

Improvements to footpaths and cycle lanes have been made at Ingrow Lane, Bradford Road, Thwaites Brow Road, Long Lee and Swine Lane.

Activity Update & Timescales

The majority of the Infrastructure Improvements project are being procured and delivered by the Highways Maintenance (North) Team.

Ingrow Lane, Bracken Bank (footway improvements on a route to school) is complete.

Bradford Road, Keighley (improvements to footway links to railway station) has been awarded to a contractor who has yet to confirm their acceptance. Structures Team are investigating some issues with the bridge. The Street Lighting Team are investigating issues with lighting column mounts.

Thwaites Brow Road (repairs and replacement of stone sett surface) started on site in w/c 22 January 2024 and is due to complete in March 2024. A specialist contractor has been procured for the stone setts (310m² of replacement setts needed). The scope of works needed has grown following site investigations showing deterioration of the setts.

Swine Lane (carriageway widening/improvement) will be designed in conjunction with Traffic and Road Safety Team. There will be some new carriageway construction and possible utility diversions. Delivery is projected to take place in early 2024.

Long Lee and the rights of way from Hillside is being developed with the Countryside and Right of Way Team. This project is also being informed by feedback from local Ward Councillors and their constituents, to ensure best use of resources.

Real Time Bus Info

Delivery of seven sites of real time bus information is complete in Keighley. The installations were funded via Towns Fund and delivered via West Yorkshire Combined Authority, who manage the bus stops infrastructure.

Capital Assistance to Business Growth

A total of 60 Expressions of Interest have been received, of which 15 were rejected, with 20 applications received. Based on the number of applications and anticipated grant amounts of pending applications, the forecast spend as of January 2023 is at £643,470.59, with a private sector match of £3,481,412.68 and 66 jobs to be created.

Community Grant Scheme

This is a programme of 11 projects designed to fund essential repairs, refurbishment and upgrades to ensure their continuity. Projects that are at the final planning stages include Keighley Cougars (£2.25m), Haworth Village Hall

(£1.1m), Woodville Activity Centre (£155,000) and The Good Shepherd Centre (£130,000). Projects that are underway include the Keighley & Worth Valley Railway (£415,000), Sangat Centre (£230,000) and River Worth Friends (£50,000). Projects completed include Keighley Healthy Living (£85,000), Haworth Toilets (£130,000), Old School Room (£120,000) and Central Hall (£152,100).

Keighley Art & Film Festival

Outputs delivered through events are planned across entire Towns Fund programme. The Mega Drawing Box event was very successful and well received by the community as was the I am Brill event.

Keighley Community Health & Wellbeing Centre

Work has now progressed across all key workstreams to move the project forward following formal approval during Summer 2023. Further work on the programme and design has been undertaken. Confirmation of stakeholder involvement prior to detailed design has been sought, and formal Governance arrangements including the Project Board have been re-established. The Commercial workstream has also been re-established and is considering formal advice on commercial options to enable the most viable option offering best value for money to be determined. A detailed Programme highlighting milestones, and critical path activity has been finalised, alongside an updated Risk Register, all of which are presented at monthly Project Board meetings to give assurance and oversight.

15. Councillor Ian Parsons

Would the Executive support the Great British Spring Clean, taking place between 15th – 31st March 2024, an event that Friends of Ravenscliffe Woods will be partaking in? This will be an opportunity to litter pick and to deal with the scourge of fly-tipping and to send a message to our citizens about the importance of keeping our environment litter-free.

Response

We will look to support where resources and budget allow us to do so and where the land is Council-owned. We are currently collating information of similar requests and looking to work with land-owners where possible. Our thanks to yourself and the Friends of Ravenscliffe Woods for organising.

16. Councillor Debbie Davies

Can the Deputy Leader of the Council please explain why a Foundation Charitable Incorporated Organisation wasn't set up to manage Ingleborough Hall and Buckden House as per the instructions of the Executive at a meeting in September 2013?

Response

The Executive did agree to an exploration of developing a trust for Ingleborough Hall and Buckden House as a single trust arrangement – regrettably whilst this was extensively explored, and much work was done in speaking to people and organisations about this, there was little eventual interest in the outdoor centres standing alone in a Trust or in 2 separate trusts (i.e. one for Ingleborough and one for Buckden).

17. Councillor Aneela Ahmed

Now we've entered a new phase of the Transforming Cities works will the portfolio holder give an update on what work will be completed when over the coming weeks and months?

Response

As part of the on-going commitment to keep regular updates in the public arena the Council, together with its contractor Balfour Beatty, produce a weekly construction newsletter of all the forthcoming activity for the Transforming Cities Fund programme. This is available on the publicly accessible website www.future-bradford.co.uk and all Councillors and members of the public can register for its newsletter so that they can stay fully informed about what activities are planned for the week ahead.

Currently work on the 'outer ring' of junction improvements, which are part of the city centre cycling and walking scheme are drawing to a close and work is transferring to the central core elements. The past couple of weeks has also seen the commencement of demolition of the NCP car park which has necessitated the partial closure of Hall Ings to protect users whilst demolition takes place. Eastbound traffic is still able to use Hall Ings temporarily ahead of its full closure later this year.

Works on Sunbridge Road are continuing on both sides of the road to the footpaths and cycle lanes whilst work on Westgate and Godwin Street continues to create the new central reservation.

Work is nearing completion on Croft Street and on the northern side of Senior Way to create new lanes for traffic. Work is also nearing completion on the northern side of Lower Kirkgate, opposite M&S with work to the southern side of the road, adjacent to Broadway Centre to construct a new cycleway and footway.

Obviously, this is only a very high-level summary of the works which are currently on-going and more detailed information is available on the Future-Bradford website. While these works are taking place, disruption is inevitable, but we can assure councillors that this is monitored daily, and every effort is being made to minimise disruption wherever possible.

18. Councillor Riaz Ahmed

In the Budget, the proposal to bring in a charge for residents and visitor parking permits was highlighted as having a disproportionate impact on low income, disabled or older residents. The mitigation outlined was that further consultation

would be needed. Can the portfolio holder set out how and when this further consultation will take place, and can they also assure residents that all who reside in a residents parking permit area will be included.

Response

The legal order will be advertised as part of the standard process for dealing with Traffic Regulation Orders, at which point residents have the opportunity to submit comments as part of the objection process which will be tabled for response. The date for the advertisement has not yet been confirmed.

19. Councillor Caroline Firth

Can the portfolio holder give an update about work taking place to shore up the river bank in Marley, where the old Victorian tip is falling into the river?

Response

A scheme to reinstate the riverbank at Marley has been designed and will be implemented this spring when river levels allow works to be undertaken from the river bed. Enabling works started this month and include the removal of the trees within the working area along the bank. A reinstatement plan, including tree planting to replace those lost, will be implemented as part of the scheme.

20. Councillor Ian Parsons

Would the executive join me in thanking the great work that is carried out by Youth Services in Eccleshill Ward and especially that of Nicky Lannen at Ravenscliffe Youth and Community Centre? Presentations to the Bradford East Area Panel have shown the vital work that the Youth Service does in developing our young people to be active and informed citizens. Youth Services in Bradford are carrying out vital work providing opportunities to thousands of our young people.

Response

The Youth Teams deserve all the praise and recognition. Thank you for the opportunity to highlight their fantastic work. Please pass on our thanks to Nicky Lannen and the Youth Service team in the ward. The Youth Service are an intrinsic part to our Neighbourhoods and Localities offer, often the only teams working frontline with young people in schools and community settings, they offer a trusted relationship with some of our most disenfranchised young people, helping to turn lives around. The prevention and early intervention occurring day in and day out in our youth and community settings ensures that very specialist high cost services are able to target finite resources to those that need it the most.

21. Councillor Ian Parsons

The Gateway Community Centre, the Rockwell Community Centre and Eccleshill Mechanics Institute are vital parts of the provision offered by the voluntary community sector in Eccleshill Ward. Would the executive join me in thanking

them for their previous achievements and offer them our full support and encouragement for the future. Do you believe that supporting the VCS remains a priority even during difficult financial times?

Response

We've seen first hand the great work that Gateway, Rockwell and Eccleshill Mechanics do in the ward and are happy to join our thanks to yours for the work they do. Vibrant and resilient community buildings where a multitude of community activity takes place is the life blood of any strong and cohesive community, provision like this and others across the District provide valuable spaces for social interaction, cultural exchange and shared values. They encourage and foster inclusivity, education and the development of prevention and early intervention activities that help and support reducing the burden on Health and Social care across the system. Supporting the VCS will remain a priority acknowledging the unprecedented financial pressures we are under.

22. Councillor Bob Felstead

Further to stating at the Full Council Meeting of 12 December 2023, that the Council had informed WYCA about the proposal to sell Wortley Curve as soon it became aware, would the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning and Transport be so kind as to clarify exactly when this was?

Response

I believe the Wortley Curve was actually discussed at the January meeting of Council. The Leader of Council raised the matter directly with WYCA officers in December 2023, and I can confirm that Bradford Council transport officers had also raised the matter of the proposal by Railway Paths Ltd to sell the Wortley Curve, with WYCA officers, on the 3 January 2024. The member will no doubt be aware that the Curve was then bought by Network Rail at a cost of £47,000, as they confirmed in early February. This could allow its reinstatement as part of the Leeds to Bradford rail upgrade should it be required, though it should be stressed there are no firm plans for this and it very much remains a long-term potential project.

23. Councillor Matt Edwards

There is a camera currently located on a high-profile building in Holmewood has been successful helping the Police tackle anti-social behaviour and environmental enforcement teams catch fly tippers. Given the potential to raise revenues through fines and reduce the costs associated with clearing fly-tipping, would the portfolio holder be willing to commit to similar cameras being installed on nearby buildings?

Response

The Environmental Enforcement Team will continue to attempt to deploy CCTV at locations across the district where fly tipping is a problem. However, this is dependent on several factors such as frequency of fly tipping (hotspots), ability to

identify offenders, suitable infrastructure and connectivity to support installation of cameras. Any revenue generated through issuing fines will be reinvested into the prevention, detection and enforcement of environmental crime.

24. Councillor Safina Kauser

Can the portfolio holder advise how many people are currently awaiting either an adult or child OT adaptations assessment and what the current waiting times are? How do they compare to previous years? I am concerned about the impact this is having on individuals awaiting assessment especially children with severe disabilities?

Response

1. Adult social care operate a prioritisation policy whereby people who need immediate support from OTs for their safety are seen within 24 hours, people who are deemed urgent because they are leaving hospital or are at significant risk of harm are assessed within one week, and everyone else is part of our 'waiting well' scheme where we provide information and advice on alternatives and keep in touch with them until an OT can assess. Some people in priority three are currently waiting up to one year.
2. We have changed our operating model and have moved more OT resource into our Independence Advice Hub. This means we resolve people's small-equipment needs up-front. To demonstrate this we conducted 156 direct provision assessments in 2021 and 3,352 in 2023. This means the priority 3 waiting list is not being added to.
3. We have partnered with an OT agency to reduce the overall number of people on our waiting well list during the next six months.

Adults

2023 – 1,097 people waiting, oldest case on list 26/01/2022.

2024 – 570 people waiting, oldest case on list 02/03/2023.

Childrens

2023 – 152 children waiting, oldest case 26/01/2022

2024 – 47 children waiting, oldest case 16/11/2023

25. Councillor Aneela Ahmed

It was great to see a piece of Bradford's heritage being restored as the gates to Darley Street Market. Can the portfolio holder give an update on progress at the site?

Response

There are two sets of gates to be restored and relocated at Darley Street Market. One set is to be located within the public realm to the southern boundary they include an overthrow. The framework to hold the gates has been installed on site

and the gates and overthrow are currently being restored by a specialist company in Bristol which will include re-painting. The gates will be returned to site and fitted to the frame as part of the follow-on fit out works during the summer. A second set of gates are due to be fitted to the top floor within the food court area a location has been identified and structural fixings are currently being finalised for final detail. These gates are also due to be fixed in place as part of the follow-on fit out stage during the summer.

The construction works at the Darley Street Market are now coming to a close and the contractor is due to hand the building to the Council at the end of April. Once the building has been handed over to the Council the fit out of the Market stalls and the Food Court will commence together with the installation of the big screen and heritage features. The Market will be ready to open in Autumn 2024.

26. Councillor Tariq Hussain

How can people volunteer to take part in the UK City of Culture year?

Response

Bradford Culture Company Ltd is leading on the development of the volunteering programme and are actively seeking volunteers at present. People wishing to volunteer should contact the company via the following email address; volunteering@bradford2025.co.uk

27. Councillor Tariq Hussain

Will the Leader give an update on the latest position regarding the Interchange bus station.

Response

Structural surveys of the Interchange building are continuing to be carried out by WYCA appointed consultants. We understand WYCA are carrying out the surveys in two parts. The first of these, which has been completed, is to recommend a programme of further structural test surveys over the structure and any specialist surveys which will be required. The second phase of testing will comprise the more detailed assessment.

28. Councillor Debbie Davies

Can the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning and Transport clarify why Richard Whiteley Drive and Firth Wood Avenue in Baildon haven't been made adopted highways when the development was completed about 6 years ago, especially as the site is owned by Bradford Council?

Response

Council officers are aware of the mentioned roads not having adopted highway status. Investigations are ongoing to determine whether these roads can be adopted with any associated works or not. It is not uncommon for development sites to be in this position for their initial period of construction and

occupation. The development still needs sign off by Yorkshire Water. Council officers will chase up Yorkshire Water to see how quickly they can expedite their processes.

29. Councillor Mohammed Shafiq

How many children were given a secondary school place which was one of their preferences this year?

Response

The annual applications to secondary schools has now been completed and parents were informed of school places for their children on the 1 March 2024. The cohort for 2023 is similar to last year and Bradford's parents have continued to receive less offers from schools outside of the Local Authority due to the increase of the cohort size in all neighbouring authorities. There has also been a positive change with parents preferencing more places in Bradford schools which has also added additional pressure on offering places in line with parental preferences. Despite the increased level of demand for places in Bradford's schools, the percentage of parents receiving their 1st preference is similar to last year, a decrease of only 0.55%. Last year was the highest number of 1st preference allocations in 8 years. Preference allocations are detailed in the table below:

Preference Allocations	2024 allocations %	2023 allocations %
1 st	79.30	79.85
2 nd	8.54	8.14
3 rd	3.32	3.28
4 th	1.71	2.11
5 th	1.41	1.34
Against preference	5.72	5.28
Total	8,140 pupils	8,183 pupils

30. Councillor Mohammed Shafiq

The public health minister Andrea Leadsom had positive things to say about the work being done at our Family Hubs after she visited Bradford recently. Will the Leader outline how the council and our partners are working to support families with children of a very young age to help get them the best start in life?

Response

The Family Hubs and Start for Life programme works collaboratively across our Trust, Health and VCS partners to ensure families are supported from the earliest point in their child's journey. With services offered from pregnancy, with a particular focus on the first 1001 days from conception until the child is 2 years old. Our services deliver across Pillar 1 (Pre-conception & maternity) and Pillar 2 (Universal prevention and early intervention) as identified by the Children, young people and families health and care partnership board.

The Start for Life programme delivers across four key funded strands; parenting, perinatal mental health and parent infant relationships, infant feeding and early language and the home learning environment. Providing vital support for families, engaging them in their communities and supporting Family Hubs to become an embedded resource for families.

31. Councillor Matt Edwards

Given the issues at the former Holme View Care Home in Holmewood following the sale by Bradford Council, will any conditions be added to the sales proposed under any Asset Disposal Programme to ensure any sites sold do not cause similar issues for residents, enforcement teams and the emergency services in the future?

Response

The Council needs to balance the requirement to generate capital receipts and the need to ensure that any sales are progressed with the overarching interests of residents. After the issues at the Holme View Care Home we reviewed our disposal processes to try to ensure that wherever possible there were robust measures/conditions contained within the disposal to push for a quicker development of the site. There is a limit to how much we can do but our new Disposals Strategy will also consider carefully how we can best utilise what powers we do have when disposing of assets to minimise the risk of a site falling into disrepair after disposal.

32. Councillor Brendan Stubbs

It has been more than 6 months since members were told that the instillation of new traffic lights on the Junction of Moorside Road and Harrogate Road were being held up due to discussions between the Council and the Developer of the new housing off Moorside Road. Can the portfolio holder explain if this has now been resolved and what is the timetable for the lights to be installed.

Response

These outstanding matters have now been resolved and the Council and the developer are pushing ahead to get the legal agreement completed as quickly as possible to allow work to start on site. No firm date has yet been set but local Councillors will be informed when that date is known.

33. Councillor Chris Herd

Can the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning and Transport please provide details of the annual number and cost of fly tips for the last 3 years, from Hill House Edge Lane and along the Bradford District section of Nab Water Lane, Oxenhope?

Response

This answer is being provided by Cllr Ferriby as Portfolio Holder for Healthy People & Places, which covers the Environmental Enforcement service.

The data is not captured at this level. For efficiency, the collection vehicles collect waste from multiple wards/areas before tipping off a combined load. Please also refer to the answer to Q2 for more information on this subject.

Apprenticeship Qualification Title	Level	Number
Adult care worker	2	2
Advanced carpentry and joinery	3	1
Assistant accountant	3	2
Building control surveyor (integrated degree)	6	3
Building services engineering craftsperson	3	2
Business administrator	3	11
Carpentry and joinery	2	3
Chartered manager (degree)	6	1
Children, young people and families manager	5	1
Children, young people and families practitioner	4	1
Civil engineering senior technician	4	1
Civil engineering site management (degree)	6	1
Civil engineering technician	3	2
Coaching Professional	5	2
Construction design and build technician	4	1
Construction site management (degree)	6	1
Construction support technician	3	1
Customer service practitioner	2	3
Early Years Educator	3	10
Early Years Practitioner	2	8
Facilities management supervisor	3	2
Facilities Manager	4	1
Gas engineering operative	3	1
Heavy vehicle service and maintenance technician	3	1
Highways maintenance skilled operative	2	3
Horticulture or landscape construction operative	2	1
Hospitality Management	4	2
Information communications technician	3	1
Installation electrician / maintenance electrician	3	7
Internal Audit Professional	7	1
Lead Adult Care Worker	3	5
Leader in Adult Care	5	9
Occupational Therapist (integrated degree)	6	3
Operations / Departmental manager	5	19
Production Chef	2	29
Project manager (integrated degree)	6	2
Public health practitioner (integrated degree)	6	1
Public service operational delivery officer	3	1
Risk and safety management professional (degree)	7	1
Senior leader	7	4
Signage technician	3	2
Social Worker (degree)	6	9
Sports turf operative	2	1
Teacher	6	3
Teaching Assistant	3	8
Team leader / supervisor	3	6
Urban driver	2	14
Youth Worker	6	4
Grand Total		198

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COUNCIL – 12 MARCH AMENDMENTS

11.1 Safer Parking Across The Bradford District

Amendment A

To be moved by Cllr Rebecca Poulsen

To be seconded by Cllr Mike Pollard

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

Illegal parking is a growing concern for residents across the Bradford District, given the impact on safety for pedestrians and other road users and reducing traffic flow.

This is especially a concern around schools, residential areas and busy high streets.

Council notes:

- Bradford Council has 36 full time equivalent Civil Enforcement Officers
- A maximum of 29 Civil Enforcement Officers work at any given time
- A maximum of 12 Civil Enforcement Officers work on evenings and weekends
- Other than Civil Enforcement Officers, Bradford Council uses bus lane cameras and CCTV car to issue penalty charge notices.
- Bradford Council issued 78,897 Penalty Charge Notices in 2022
- Bradford Council issued 103,650 Penalty Charge Notices in 2023
- In 2018, Bradford Council removed Civil Enforcement powers from what we now know as Neighbourhood Wardens

Council resolves

- To use relevant technology to target hot spot areas such as schools with enforcement.
- To use yellow box highways enforcement
- To introduce a dedicated Civil Enforcement Officer team per ward
- To give Neighbourhood Wardens more enforcement powers
- To introduce waivers to surrounding schools, in a bid to remove the 5 minute rule for double and single yellow lines before a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) can be issued
- To look at legal options to protect grass verges where there are parking issues
- To review the process of unregistered cars where a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) cannot be enforced.

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

11.1 Safer parking across the Bradford District

Amendment B

To be moved by: Councillor Alex Ross-Shaw

To be seconded by: Councillor Abdul Jabar

Illegal parking is a growing concern for residents across the Bradford District, given the impact on safety for pedestrians and other road users and reducing traffic flow. This is especially a concern around schools, residential areas and busy high streets.

Council notes:

- Bradford Council has 36 full time Equivalent Civil Enforcement Officers.
- A maximum of 29 Civil Enforcement Officers work at any given time targeting hot spots in every ward in the district.
- A maximum of 12 Civil Enforcement Officers work on evenings & weekends. Other than Civil Enforcement officers, Bradford Council uses bus lane cameras & CCTV car to issue penalty charge notices.
- Bradford Council issued 78,897 Penalty Charge Notices for parking in 2022.
- Bradford Council issued 103,650 Penalty Charge Notices for parking in 2023.
- Council has implemented a number of School Streets across the district - including in Royds, West Bowling, Girdlington and Shipley - which close streets around schools to non-local traffic. A further two are planned in Canterbury and Lower Grange but it can be difficult for schools to allocate resources to manage the schemes locally. School streets complement our Schools 20mph programme that has been rolled out to over 50 schools across the district.
- Our Clean Air Zone funding programme, Clean Air Schools, provides funding opportunities for schools to reduce traffic emissions and includes additional Environmental Enforcement officers with anti-Idling enforcement powers.
- Council introduced new highway enforcement powers, including on yellow box junctions, as soon as it was legally able following changes to legislation coming into force in July 2023. The first sites where this was introduced were:
 - Godwin Street and Westgate, yellow box junction
 - Godwin Street and Sunbridge Road, yellow box junction
 - Great Horton Road, one-way system outside the Alhambra Theatre
 - Shipley Airedale Road and Leeds Road, no right turn restrictions in both directions

Council resolves:

- On a separate but related matter, to continue trialling yellow box highways enforcement, monitoring the progress of trial sites underway with the view to rolling it out further as resources allow.
- To consider Red Routes on major transport schemes in development throughout the district.
- Continue our roll-out of School Streets and encourage schools to work with us in implementing more across the district as funding allows.
- Ask officers to provide a comprehensive briefing note to all Councillors outlining the existing powers available to deal with illegal parking, where the responsibility lies locally and the process members can follow to address illegal parking in their own wards.
- Encourage members to work with their local Area Office and Ward Officers to identify any local issues in their ward, so the Area Office can instigate Days of Action including working with partners in West Yorkshire Police to tackle the problem.

11.2 - Problematic Pavement Parking

Amendment C

To be moved by: Councillor Alex Ross-Shaw

To be seconded by: Councillor Abdul Jabar

This Council notes:

- The Highway Code advises vehicles “should not” park on the pavement. However, outside of London and Scotland, it is still legal
- Pavement parking can pose a hazard to pedestrians, especially parents with pushchairs, people with sight loss, wheelchair users and other disabled people. These people are especially at risk as they can be forced into the road and faced with oncoming traffic that they cannot see
- Pavements are not designed to take the weight of vehicles and so surfaces can become damaged or subside, presenting a further hazard for pedestrians, particularly those with disabilities
- Local estate roads were not designed, and continue not to be designed, to allow sufficient width for vehicles to park on each side of the road whilst allowing other traffic to pass.
- Planning policy for new housing developments tries to limit car ownership by reducing the number of off-street parking places well below the current level of car ownership meaning even new estates cannot accommodate modern car numbers.
- Action to tackle pavement parking is currently problematic because:
 - The current legislation on nuisance pavement parking is confusing
 - The legal remedies available to tackle nuisance pavement parking are unsatisfactory

This Council also notes:

- The Department for Transport's 'Pavement Parking: Options for Change' consultation closed in November 2020 - but to date the outcome of this has not been published, despite many councils asking for this
- Over 15,000 people took the time to respond to this consultation, demonstrating the level of public concern. They are still waiting for a response
- Bradford Council responded to the consultation requesting the discretionary ability to apply greater powers to deal with pavement parking
- From June 2016, all parking contraventions became the responsibility of the Local Council Authority's Civil Enforcement Officers (Traffic Wardens) - whilst Police have responsibility for and the ability to deal with nuisance / obstruction offences - where a vehicle is causing an obstruction
- Surveys and polls repeatedly show overwhelming support for legislation to address pavement parking across England and Wales. Sustrans' Walking and Cycling Index showed that 65% of residents supported the complete prohibition of pavement parking (while only 16% oppose it)
- In some areas there is simply nowhere available for many of the cars to go, and therefore discretion is required in how to tackle the problem
- Sustainable and strong public transport provides a long-term alternative to car ownership that can help minimise the impact in many areas

This Council resolves to:

- Take action on inconsiderate pavement parking wherever it is found in the district within existing legislation, powers and resource.
- Ask the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Transport requesting that the Government's response to the consultation now be published as promised
- Ask officers to provide a comprehensive briefing note to all Councillors outlining the existing powers available to deal with pavement parking, where the responsibility lies locally and the process members can follow to address pavement parking in their own wards
- Write to the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime to ask her to ensure that West Yorkshire Police are consistently using their powers to tackle nuisance / obstruction offences. Her response should be circulated to all councillors.

11.3 - Banking Hubs

Amendment D

To be moved by: Councillor Alex Ross-Shaw

To be seconded by: Councillor Abdul Jabar

Council believes:

That access to face to face banking services and cash facilities is important for many of our residents, especially those who are vulnerable or digitally excluded, and for charities, small businesses and voluntary organisations.

That continuing Post Office and bank branch closures are making an already difficult situation progressively worse.

Council notes:

The moves towards the provision of shared “Banking Hubs” to provide banking services for customers of all banks in locations where such services are absent or threatened.

That Banking Hubs have support across the political spectrum and from current and proposed regulatory changes and advice.

Shadow City Minister, Tulip Siddiq, announced Labour’s plan to quickly deliver 350 banking hubs to protect in-person banking services on Britain’s high streets meaning more people across the country will be able to access the services they need closer to home.

Council resolves:

To support the principle of Banking Hubs on our high streets and support residents who are lobbying for a banking hub in their community by making appropriate representations to LINK who are responsible for assessing the need.

Where relevant, to identify council assets that would be suitable as the locations of Banking Hubs, bearing in mind the Council’s legal obligation to obtain ‘best value’ from any disposals or leases.

11.3 Banking Hubs

Amendment E

To be moved by Cllr Alun Griffiths

To be seconded by Cllr Brendan Stubbs

By the removal and addition of words the motion be amended to read:

Council believes:

That access to face to face banking services and cash facilities is important for many of our residents, especially those who are vulnerable or digitally excluded, and for charities, small businesses and voluntary organisations.

That continuing Post Office and bank branch closures are making an already difficult situation progressively worse.

Council notes:

The moves towards the provision of shared “Banking Hubs” to provide banking services for customers of all banks in locations where such services are absent or threatened.

That Banking Hubs have support across the political spectrum and from current and proposed regulatory changes and advice.

Council resolves to request the leader and chief executive:

To support residents who are lobbying for a banking hub in their community by making appropriate representations to LINK who are responsible for assessing the need.

To identify council assets that would be suitable as the locations of Banking Hubs as part of its disposal strategy.

To explore whether “Council Contact” type services could be operated from banking hubs to increase their viability and utility to communities.

11.4 Cost of School Uniforms

Amendment F

To be moved by Cllr Debbie Davies

To be seconded by Cllr Rebecca Poulsen

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

Council notes:

- a) The Government has issued statutory guidance which seeks to make school uniform more affordable for families.
- b) Having a uniform ready the night before school is one of the "top tips" for improving school attendance.
- c) Research by the School wear Association shows the average cost of a school uniform, worn for around 175 days, has declined.
- d) Not wearing the correct uniform can lead to sanction.
- e) The most expensive items are the branded items of school clothing such as blazers, ties trousers, skirts and physical education kit plus school shoes.
- f) That there are community and charity projects within the Bradford District that provide school uniform support
- g) Many schools already provide parents with non-logo alternatives so that they do not have to buy uniform with a logo on it, such as a school jumper or school shirt.
- h) The West Yorkshire Combined Authority and the Council in partnership with the Bradford District Credit Union is running a Uniform Savers scheme that provides a top up with a £100 payment from the scheme to supplement the parent's savings to pay for their child's school uniform.

Council believes:

- a) The cost of buying a school uniform should never be a barrier to learning or attendance.
- b) Schools should make their uniforms more affordable by reducing the number of branded items and ensuring most items can be bought from high street retailers.

Council resolves:

- a) Ensure the information about how families can access school uniform support is made available on the council website, in communications with parents and other social media channels.
- b) Consider how help might be provided towards the cost of school shoes.

11.4 – Cost of school uniforms

Amendment G

To be moved by: Councillor Imran Khan

To be seconded by: Councillor Sue Duffy

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

Council notes:

- a) The cost of school uniforms can put an enormous strain on family budgets and can result in children not going to a school on grounds of the affordability of the uniform.
- b) Having a uniform ready the night before school is one of the "top tips" for improving school attendance.
- c) The Government has issued statutory guidance which seeks to make school uniform more affordable for families.
- d) Research by the School wear Association shows the average cost of a school uniform, worn for around 175 days, has declined.
- e) Not wearing the correct uniform can lead to sanction.
- f) The most expensive items are the branded items of school clothing such as blazers, ties, trousers, skirts and physical education kit.
- g) All schools receive Pupil Premium funding and many schools use this funding to support families with the cost of school uniforms.
- h) Many schools already provide parents with non-logo alternatives so that they do not have to buy uniform with a logo on it, such as a school jumper or school shirt.
- i) The majority of schools have played an important and valued role, alongside the council and other partners, in going above and beyond to support children and families through the pandemic and cost of living crisis.
- j) That there are community and charity projects within the Bradford District that provide school uniform support
- k) The Bradford District Credit Union is running a UniformSavers scheme, initially funded by the council and now by the West Yorkshire Combined Authority, in which parents pay £10 into a monthly savings account which is then topped up with a £100 payment from the scheme in August to supplement the parent's savings to pay for their child's school uniform.

Council believes:

- a) The cost of buying a school uniform should never be a barrier to learning or attendance.
- b) Schools should make their uniforms more affordable by reducing the number of branded items to no more than two and ensuring most items can be bought from high street retailers.

c) Adherence to the school uniform statutory guidance should form part of the OFSTED Inspection.

d) Parents, Carers and Pupils should have the 'right of appeal' to the Department for Education should school uniform policy fail to comply with the guidance.

Council resolves to:

Support the #CutTheCost campaign by the Children's Society and support the Portfolio Holder for Education, Employment and Skills to write to the Secretary of State for Education requesting that she amends the guidance as follows:

a) Reduce the number of branded school uniform items to no more than two

b) Include adherence to the statutory guidance on the cost of school uniform as part of the OFSTED framework

c) Fund schools sufficiently so that they can ensure that all parents of children on Free Schools Meals are able to access a fully subsidised uniform annually and that an enhanced Pupil Premium Grant may be used to off-set this cost.

d) Ensure that Parents, Carers and Pupils have the right of appeal to the Department for Education should a school's uniform policy fail to comply with the guidance.

11.5 - Anti-social use of vehicles

Amendment H

To be moved by: Councillor Matt Edwards

To be seconded by: Councillor Celia Hickson

Council notes that:

- Operation Steerside has been a resounding success, resulting in the seizure of over 2300 vehicles, the issuing of 11,500 fixed penalty notices and 520 arrests.
- Despite this, areas within Bradford District consistently rank high amongst the parts of the country with the most uninsured drivers.
- Despite previous motions to council regarding the anti-social use of motor vehicles, including off-road vehicles and the illegal use of electric scooters, and campaigning by some councillors, many elected members continue to receive large numbers of complaints from residents, regarding issues including illegally loud exhaust pipes, illegal street racing and absolute disregard for other road users, particularly pedestrians, cyclists and motorcyclists.
- The anti-social use of vehicles is not spread uniformly across the district, with the quality of the lives of residents of urban areas such as Keighley, the City Centre and Euroways Industrial Estate being more blighted than other areas.
- An increase in patrols took place to highlight five years of Operation Steerside.

Council also notes that:

- Whilst there is much that can be done here in Bradford, there is a need to review national legislation on road traffic offences.
- Nationally, more than 10,000 drivers continue to hold valid licences despite accruing 12 penalty points, with the routine claim of 'exceptional hardship' offering a loophole to dodge driving bans.
- Following campaigning by the organisation Cycling UK, the Westminster Government promised to carry out a full review of road traffic offences and penalties in 2014 - but ten years later this has still not happened.

Council resolves:

- To request that the Chief Executive task appropriate officers to continue the good work with partners such as West Yorkshire Police and undertake a consultation exercise with residents and ward councillors to identify key problem spots and further effective mitigation and alleviation measures. This report should also include cost efficient proposals for increasing the amount of enforcement.
- To request that the Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Committee review the findings.
- To request that the Chief Executive write to the Secretary of State for Transport to highlight the need for the long overdue review of national legislation on road traffic offences.

11.7 Delivering for the people of the Bradford District

Amendment I

To be moved by: Councillor Bob Felstead

To be seconded by: Councillor Mike Pollard

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

Council notes:

- Bradford District could be a place of opportunity and potential at the heart of the North.
- It is vital that work with Government and other partners to create economic growth for our district needs to refocus to urgently alleviate the ongoing economic drag caused by the Council's previous failings regarding educational attainment, and to reduce the number of residents with poor language skills which have left a whole generation ill equipped to attract new jobs and opportunities to the district, with those out of work or having never worked, levels considerably higher than the national average.
- The next few years will be tough for employees, residents and local businesses and there are few signs that the regeneration of the district is gathering pace.
- The Government has committed to the provision of a new city centre train station to improve Bradford's connectivity.
- The Council's Grade A office space at One City Park has attracted a prestigious anchor tenant, but the move has resulted in their existing office accommodation in Godwin Street being vacated.
- Towns Fund schemes in Keighley and Shipley are underway and the City has become one of only three Strategic Place Partnerships in the UK to develop plans for high quality new housing with Homes England.
- Hosting the City of Culture 2025 – should attract an influx of visitors and possibly investment into the district.
- Bradford and Ilkley will host Yorkshire Day on 1st August 2025 – following in the footsteps of Keighley's successful hosting in 2022.
- Works are ongoing to create a cleaner, greener city centre.
- The Council is to showcase the opportunities the whole district offers to investors at UKREIFF 2024.
- The Council is developing a plan to achieve financial sustainability and in theory become an effective and efficient council for residents and lobbying Government for fairer funding for councils.

Council resolves to:

- Mandate the Chief Executive and the officer team to urgently develop strategies to alleviate the ongoing economic drag caused by the Council's previous failings regarding educational attainment and reducing the number of residents with poor language skills, in order to equip more members of the local workforce to attract and fill new jobs for the district.
- Mandate the Chief Executive and the officer team to develop a continuous and robust cycle of transformation and budget management.
- Support the Children's Trust to achieve the success that we all want to see for the children of the district.
- Continue to lobby government for a fair and sustainable funding deal that matches the level of need and opportunity we represent.
- Support the City of Culture Trust to deliver an outstanding year for the whole nation in 2025.
- Task the Strategic Director of Place to work with the business community on a growth plan to develop the next generation of quality jobs.
- Work at pace with the Department for Transport and West Yorkshire Combined Authority to deliver the new train station, mass transit and transport connectivity ambitions.

11.8 Bradford Council calls for end to violence, making way for Peace Amendment J

To be moved by: Councillor Ursula Sutcliffe
To be seconded by: Councillor Matt Edwards

Bradford Council notes:

1. The clear will of Bradford Council, expressed at the 12th December Full Council meeting, to support the Labour Group motion entitled “This Council calls for an immediate and lasting ceasefire in Gaza.” This detailed 27 resolutions including:

- Demanding an immediate and permanent ceasefire
 - Release of all hostages
 - Advocating for a two-state solution with a safe and secure Israel and a safe and secure Palestine
 - The immediate recognition of an independent and viable State of Palestine as part of a two-state solution.
 - Condemnation of the collective punishment of Palestinian civilians by the Israeli Government which has meant 1.9 million people have been displaced. Condemnation of the terrorist attacks by Hamas against civilians in Israel
 - Immediate, urgent, humanitarian aid to Gazans and funding to help them restore water, food, electricity and homes
 - That the UK Government takes steps to ensure that arms and military equipment either designed or built in whole or in part in the UK is not used in acts that amount to war crimes under international law.
 - Reaffirmation that those responsible for crimes and war crimes under international law must be held accountable through whatever means possible
 - Reaffirmation that the taking of civilian hostages is a war crime.
2. Since then the International Court of Justice delivered an interim ruling in January in response to the application of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide in the Gaza Strip.
3. World leaders have failed to end the horror and to bring about an immediate and lasting ceasefire.
4. Islamophobic and antisemitic language used over recent weeks by senior national politicians in the UK is damaging our country and its cohesion.
5. Peaceful protests demanding peace in Palestine have taken place across the UK, Yorkshire and here in Bradford. Peaceful protest is fundamental to our democracy. Amnesty International has described recently announced moves to place further limits on protests in specific locations are likely to have a further “chilling effect” on people’s right to protest in this country.

We resolve to:

Call on the international community to:

- Repeat our demand for an immediate ceasefire now – the death toll now stands at 30,000 people, 21,000 of them children and women.

- Release all the hostages immediately.
- Make sure that a ground offensive by the Israeli military on Rafah, now the largest refugee camp in the world, DOES NOT HAPPEN. Most of those in the camp are women and children and over one million people are starving. Any ground invasion will be utterly unsustainable for human life. If they do not die from violence, they will die from hunger and disease.
- Provide immediate, unhindered, humanitarian support that people can access safely – including medical supplies.
- Support the principles set out in the EDM motion in the House of Commons, entitled International Court of Justice ruling on Gaza and the UK's duties under the Genocide Convention, which “notes the ruling of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) on 26 January 2024, which found that it is plausible that Israel's ongoing attacks on the Palestinian people in Gaza are in breach of the Genocide Convention” and calls on the UK Government to support the provisional measures ordered by the court.
- Furthermore, in this EDM, act on the ICJ provisional measures, including ordering the Israeli Government and its military to prevent acts against Palestinians in Gaza prohibited by Article II of the Genocide Convention, such as killings of Palestinians in Gaza, as well as ordering the Israeli Government to prevent and punish incitement to genocide and to enable the provision of urgently needed basic services and humanitarian assistance to the people of Gaza; and supporting the ICJ call for the immediate and unconditional release of the hostages
- Insist Israel take stronger action and put a stop to settler violence in the West Bank. Too often, we see commitments made and undertakings given, but not followed through.

In Bradford district:

- We support the right to peaceful protest.
- We condemn the violence witnessed at a fast food shop in Bradford. Such an attack against a business is disgraceful. Such intimidation and bullying has no place here in Bradford district.
- We condemn those who use Islamophobic or Antisemitic language and tropes. Bradford does not tolerate such Culture Wars and we must condemn those who seek to divide us.
- We remember that words can wound. Councillors may not be international peace negotiators but we have a responsibility in our community of Bradford district to treat everyone with respect.
- Recommit ourselves as a City of Sanctuary to demonstrate whoever you are, wherever you are from, you will always find a welcome here in Bradford.
- Encourage our young people to consider studies in Peace at Bradford University so they can be the new peacebuilders in a fractured world where our generation has so badly failed.
- Remember that at this time of year in particular with Ramadan (c11th March) Easter Sunday (31st March) and Passover (beginning 22nd April) we should respect all our faith communities and support them in their prayers for an immediate end to conflict and lasting Peace.

11.8 - Bradford Council calls for end to violence, making way for Peace Amendment K

To be moved by: Councillor Rebecca Poulsen

To be seconded by: Councillor Mike Pollard

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

Council notes:

- The events in Israel, Gaza and the surrounding area, are tragic for everyone on all sides of the conflict and we condemn the loss of innocent lives.
- Issues in the Middle East have gone on for hundreds of years and the recent escalation was caused by Hamas terrorists who killed, raped and abducted innocent Israelis on 7th October 2023.
- Every life lost in the ongoing events in Myanmar 180,000+ deaths, Syria 1,250,000+ deaths, Somali civil war 1,000,000+ deaths, Sudan conflict 400,000+ deaths, Boko Haram 375,000+ deaths, Yemen Civil War 380,000+ deaths and the Ethiopian civil war 500,000+ deaths, are equally tragic, yet the Council has never chosen to discuss these wars, perhaps because Bradford Council is a local government organisation with no remit to get involved in international affairs.
- The Council spent approximately 3 hours at the 12th December 2023 Full Council meeting discussing the motion entitled “This Council calls for an immediate and lasting ceasefire in Gaza”, which benefited no one involved, achieving absolutely nothing other than disruption to Council business at a time when members should have been focussing on its purpose, the provision of local services to local people and mitigating the effects of the financial mess that the Council has got itself into.
- The Council Budget meeting on Thursday 7th March, just 5 days ago, spent a mere 90 minutes discussing the Council’s financial plight, despite the fact that the Council is likely to need in the region of £450m of capitalisation permissions over the next five years to remain afloat.
- World leaders have failed to end the conflict and to bring about an immediate and lasting ceasefire in Gaza since the Bradford Council Meeting of 12th December 2023, so it is beyond unrealistic to think that Bradford Council has or ever will be listened to by either the Israeli Government or the Hamas terrorists and it should not be holding repeated debates regarding this issue whilst flirting with bankruptcy.
- The UK has been a key partner in diplomacy across the Middle East and in also providing aid to Gaza through recent air drops and the maritime corridor that is being built with US and other partners to allow aid by sea.

- The Speaker of the House of Commons recently broke Parliamentary protocols claiming that he did so in part due to concerns for the safety of MPs if a motion regarding the Gaza conflict was discussed.
- The Prime Minister's recent speech regarding the targeting and undermining of democracy and accept that in light of; the council having already passed a motion on this subject in December, its inevitable lack of outcome and recent disruptive events at meetings of other councils, putting a repeat motion to council on the issue is divisive, inflammatory and deeply ill judged.
- Keir Starmer who endorsed the Prime Minister's comments and said, "the Prime Minister is right to advocate and to condemn unacceptable and intimidatory behaviour that we have seen recently".
- It is now even more clear than it was at the Council's December 2023 meeting, that the wording of Paragraph 17.4 of Part 3A of the Constitution of Bradford Council, which reads "Motions must be about matters for which the Council has a responsibility, or which affect the district" is no longer fit for purpose, as there are inevitably numerous incidents around the world which affect the emotions of residents including members, but which this council simply cannot influence or has the responsibility for.

Council resolves:

- the wording of Paragraph 17.4 of Part 3A of the Constitution of the Council, which reads "Motions must be about matters for which the Council has a responsibility, or which affect the district", be tightened to read, "Motions must be about matters for which the Council has a responsibility, or which affect the district and where the council can realistically influence the outcome", to ensure that motions brought to council, more accurately reflect the role and powers of elected members, thus reducing the potential for confusion amongst residents, preventing the unrealistic raising of hopes and subsequent inbound hostility to members, generated by matters clearly outside the Council's spheres of influence.
- to focus on the very serious challenges facing this council and not be distracted by international affairs, with Elected Members instead campaigning on overseas issues on an individual basis, or via joining an appropriate lobbying body.

11.8 Bradford Council calls for end to violence, making way for Peace Amendment L

To be moved by: Councillor Susan Hinchcliffe

To be seconded by: Councillor Imran Khan

Bradford Council notes:

- 1) The clear will of Bradford Council, expressed at the 12th December Full Council meeting, to support the Labour Group motion entitled "This Council calls for an immediate and lasting ceasefire in Gaza." This detailed 27 resolutions including:
 - Demanding an immediate and permanent ceasefire
 - Release of all hostages
 - Advocating for a two state solution with a safe and secure Israel and a safe and secure Palestine
 - The immediate recognition of an independent and viable State of Palestine as part of the two-state solution.
 - Condemnation of the collective punishment of Palestinian civilians by the Israeli Government which has meant 1.9 million people have been displaced.
 - Condemnation of the terrorist attacks by Hamas against civilians in Israel
 - Immediate, urgent, humanitarian aid to Gazans and funding to help them restore water, food, electricity and homes
 - That the UK Government takes steps to ensure that arms and military equipment either designed or built in whole or in part in the UK is not used in acts that amount to war crimes under international law.
 - Reaffirmation that those responsible for crimes and war crimes under international law must be held accountable through whatever means possible
 - Reaffirmation that the taking of civilian hostages is a war crime.
- 2) Since then the International Court of Justice delivered an interim ruling in January in response to the application of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide in the Gaza Strip.
- 3) Pramila Patten, the UN's Special Representative on Sexual Violence in Conflict, has recently produced a report which has stated her team had "found clear and convincing information that sexual violence, including rape, sexualised torture, cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment" had been committed against hostages.
- 4) World leaders have failed to end the horror and to bring about an immediate and lasting ceasefire.
- 5) Islamophobic and antisemitic language used over recent weeks by senior national politicians in the UK is damaging our country and its cohesion.

We resolve to:

Call on the international community to:

- Demand an immediate lasting ceasefire now – the death toll now stands at 31,000 people, 21,000 of them children and women.
- Condemn the killing of civilians.
- Press for the immediate release of all the hostages immediately and unconditionally.

- Condemn sexual violence as a weapon of intimidation, whoever commits it. This is a war crime.
- Make sure that a ground offensive by the Israeli military on Rafah, now the largest refugee camp in the world, DOES NOT HAPPEN. Most of those in the camp are women and children and over one million people are starving. Any ground invasion will be utterly unsustainable for human life. If they do not die from violence, they will die from hunger and disease.
- Reflect that Ramadan is a time when people are encouraged to feed those who have nothing. The international community has a moral obligation to get food to the people in Rafah before they starve.
- Demand that food, aid, water, shelter and safety be delivered into Rafah by whatever route possible – by sea, through Egypt – they need to be saved from starvation.
- Prevent famine. Thousands of pregnant women in Gaza are suffering from malnourishment and dehydration, and are therefore being denied basic medical rights.
- Condemn any attempts to attack Rafah and the 1.4 million people seeking refuge there.
- Condemn the shootings that have overwhelmed aid trucks. People are desperate for food, they shouldn't have to risk their lives to get it.
- Condemn the Israeli Defence Force for blocking the delivery of food aid by the World Food Programme its first attempt in two weeks to bring food aid to northern Gaza.
- Provide immediate, unhindered, humanitarian support that people can access safely.
- Reaffirm support for a viable and independent state of Palestine as part of the two state solution and condemn Netanyahu for standing in the way of the two state solution which is the only path to peace.
- Support the principles set out in the EDM motion in the House of Commons, entitled International Court of Justice ruling on Gaza and the UK's duties under the Genocide Convention, which "notes the ruling of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) on 26 January 2024, which found that it is plausible that Israel's ongoing attacks on the Palestinian people in Gaza are in breach of the Genocide Convention" and calls on the UK Government to support the provisional measures ordered by the court. Furthermore, in this EDM, act on the ICJ provisional measures, including ordering the Israeli Government and its military to prevent acts against Palestinians in Gaza prohibited by Article II of the Genocide Convention, such as killings of Palestinians in Gaza, as well as ordering the Israeli Government to prevent and punish incitement to genocide and to enable the provision of urgently needed basic services and humanitarian assistance to the people of Gaza; and supporting the ICJ call for the immediate and unconditional release of the hostages
- Insist Israel take stronger action and put a stop to settler violence in the West Bank. Too often, we see commitments made and undertakings given, but not followed through.
- Condemn the decision to permit another 3,500 housing units as part of an illegal settlement in the West Bank. Demand the Israeli government to revoke these.

In Bradford district:

- We condemn the violence witnessed at a fast food shop in Bradford. Such an attack against a business is disgraceful. Such intimidation and bullying has no place here in Bradford district.
- We condemn those who use islamophobic or antisemitic language and tropes. Bradford does not tolerate such Culture Wars and we must condemn those who seek to divide us.
- We remember that words can wound. Councillors may not be international peace negotiators but we have a responsibility in our community of Bradford district to treat everyone with respect.
- Recommit ourselves as a City of Sanctuary to demonstrate whoever you are, wherever you are from, you will always find a welcome here in Bradford.
- Encourage our young people to consider studies in Peace at Bradford University so they can be the new peacebuilders in a fractured world where our generation has so badly failed.
- Fly the Peace Flag at City Hall to demonstrate that everyone in Bradford wants the international community to tirelessly strive for Peace.
- Remember that at this time of year in particular with Ramadan (c11th March) Easter Sunday (31st March) and Passover (beginning 22nd April) we should respect all our faith communities and support them in their prayers for an immediate end to conflict and lasting piece.

11.8 Bradford Council calls for end to violence, making way for Peace Amendment M

To be moved by: Cllr Brendan Stubbs

To be seconded by: Cllr Riaz Ahmed

By the addition of words the motion be amended to read:

Bradford Council notes:

1) The clear will of Bradford Council, expressed at the 12th December Full Council meeting, to support the Labour Group motion entitled “This Council calls for an immediate and lasting ceasefire in Gaza.” This detailed 27 resolutions including:

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- Advocating for a two-state solution with a safe and secure Israel and a safe and secure Palestine
- The immediate recognition of an independent and viable State of Palestine as part of a two-state solution.
- Condemnation of the collective punishment of Palestinian civilians by the Israeli Government which has meant 1.9 million people have been displaced. Condemnation of the terrorist attacks by Hamas against civilians in Israel
- Immediate, urgent, humanitarian aid to Gazans and funding to help them restore water, food, electricity and homes
- That the UK Government takes steps to ensure that arms and military equipment either designed or built in whole or in part in the UK is not used in acts that amount to war crimes under international law.
- Reaffirmation that those responsible for crimes and war crimes under international law must be held accountable through whatever means possible
- Reaffirmation that the taking of civilian hostages is a war crime.

2) Since then, the International Court of Justice delivered an interim ruling in January in response to the application of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide in the Gaza Strip.

3) World leaders have failed to end the horror and to bring about an immediate and lasting ceasefire.

4) That the path to a viable two state solution can only be achieved if both states are viable. The Israeli Government must end the demolition and destruction of civilian infrastructure, civil institutions and support the restoration of health and education services for Gazan citizens.

5) Islamophobic and antisemitic language used over recent weeks by senior national politicians in the UK is damaging our country and its cohesion.

We resolve to:

Call on the international community to:

- Repeat our demand for an immediate ceasefire now – the death toll now stands at 30,000 people, 21,000 of them children and women.
- Release all the hostages and innocent detainees immediately.
- Make sure that a ground offensive by the Israeli military on Rafah, now the largest refugee camp in the world, DOES NOT HAPPEN. Most of those in the camp are women and children and over one million people are starving. Any ground invasion will be utterly unsustainable for human life. If they do not die from violence, they will die from hunger and disease.
- Provide immediate, unhindered, humanitarian support that people can access safely.
- Support the principles set out in the EDM motion in the House of Commons, entitled International Court of Justice ruling on Gaza and the UK's duties under the Genocide Convention, which "notes the ruling of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) on 26 January 2024, which found that it is plausible that Israel's ongoing attacks on the Palestinian people in Gaza are in breach of the Genocide Convention" and calls on the UK Government to support the provisional measures ordered by the court.
- Furthermore, in this EDM, act on the ICJ provisional measures, including ordering the Israeli Government and its military to prevent acts against Palestinians in Gaza prohibited by Article II of the Genocide Convention, such as killings of Palestinians in Gaza, as well as ordering the Israeli Government to prevent and punish incitement to genocide and to enable the provision of urgently needed basic services and humanitarian assistance to the people of Gaza; and supporting the ICJ call for the immediate and unconditional release of the hostages
- Insist Israel take stronger action and put a stop to settler violence in the West Bank. Too often, we see commitments made and undertakings given, but not followed through.

In Bradford district:

- We condemn the violence witnessed at a fast food shop in Bradford. Such an attack against a business is disgraceful. Such intimidation and bullying has no place here in Bradford district.
- We condemn those who use Islamophobic or Antisemitic language and tropes. Bradford does not tolerate such Culture Wars and we must condemn those who seek to divide us.
- We remember that words can wound. Councillors may not be international peace negotiators, but we have a responsibility in our community of Bradford district to treat everyone with respect.

- Recommit ourselves as a City of Sanctuary to demonstrate whoever you are, wherever you are from, you will always find a welcome here in Bradford.
- Encourage our young people to consider studies in Peace at Bradford University so they can be the new peacebuilders in a fractured world where our generation has so badly failed.
- Work with those of all faiths and none across the district to establish a day of the year where the district can come together to remember and reflect on the impact that conflict and oppression around the world has had on our residents and communities.
- Remember that at this time of year in particular with Ramadan (c11th March) Easter Sunday (31st March) and Passover (beginning 22nd April) we should respect all our faith communities and support them in their prayers for an immediate end to conflict and lasting Peace.