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Dear Councillor

**MEETING OF COUNCIL – TUESDAY, 8 DECEMBER 2015**

You are requested to attend the meeting of the Council to be held in the Council Chamber - City Hall, Bradford, City Hall, Bradford, on Tuesday, 8 December 2015 at 4.00 pm

The agenda for the meeting is set out overleaf.

Yours sincerely

D Pearson  
Interim City Solicitor

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## AGENDA

### A. PROCEDURAL ITEMS

#### 1. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

(Members Code of Conduct - Part 4A of the Constitution)

To receive disclosures of interests from members and co-opted members on matters to be considered at the meeting. The disclosure must include the nature of the interest.

An interest must also be disclosed in the meeting when it becomes apparent to the member during the meeting.

*Notes:*

*(1) Members may remain in the meeting and take part fully in discussion and voting unless the interest is a disclosable pecuniary interest or an interest which the Member feels would call into question their compliance with the wider principles set out in the Code of Conduct. Disclosable pecuniary interests relate to the Member concerned or their spouse/partner.*

*(2) Members in arrears of Council Tax by more than two months must not vote in decisions on, or which might affect, budget calculations, and must disclose at the meeting that this restriction applies to them. A failure to comply with these requirements is a criminal offence under section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.*

*(3) Members are also welcome to disclose interests which are not disclosable pecuniary interests but which they consider should be made in the interest of clarity.*

*(4) Officers must disclose interests in accordance with Council Standing Order 44.*

#### 2. MINUTES

**Recommended –**

**That the minutes of the meeting held on 20 October 2015 be signed as a correct record (previously circulated).**

(Adrian Tumber – 01274 432435)



3. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

4. **WRITTEN ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LORD MAYOR  
(Standing Order 4)**

*(To be circulated before the meeting).*

5. **INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS**

(Access to Information Procedure Rules – Part 3B of the Constitution)

Reports and background papers for agenda items may be inspected by contacting the person shown after each agenda item. Certain reports and background papers may be restricted.

Any request to remove the restriction on a report or background paper should be made to the relevant Strategic Director or Assistant Director whose name is shown on the front page of the report.

If that request is refused, there is a right of appeal to this meeting.

Please contact the officer shown below in advance of the meeting if you wish to appeal.

(Adrian Tumber - 01274 432435)

**B. BUSINESS ITEMS**

6. **PETITIONS (Standing Order 11)**

To consider up to five requests for the Council to receive petitions in accordance with Standing Orders.

**Ward**

(i) Leeds Road/Barkerend Road, Bradford – Speed Cameras **Bradford Moor**

(ii) Thornton View Road, Clayton – Adoption and resurfacing **Clayton and  
FairweatherGreen**

(iii) Queensbury Smelly Wagons – Transportation of animal by-products  
**ueensbury**

As the petitions concerning speed cameras on Leeds Road/Barkerend Road and Queensbury Smelly Wagons contain more than 1500 signatures there will be debates on both petitions. If any further requests are received, in writing, by mid-day three working days before the meeting (Thursday), details will be circulated. If any further requests are received, in writing, by mid-day three working days before the meeting (Thursday), details will be circulated.

(Palbinder Sandhu – 01274 432269)



**7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (Standing Order 13)**

There are no public questions.

(Palbinder Sandhu – 01274 432269)

**8. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND JOINT COMMITTEES  
(Standing Order 4)**

**Recommended -**

- (1) That the appointment of Tina Wildy as a non-voting co-opted Health representative on the Children’s Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the remainder of the 2015/16 Municipal Year be confirmed.**
- (2) That the appointment of G Sam Samociuk, former Mental Health Nursing Lecturer, as a non-voting co-opted representative on the Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the remainder of the 2015/16 Municipal Year be confirmed.**

To consider any further motions (i) to appoint members to a Committee or a Joint Committee; or (ii) to appoint Chairs or Deputy Chairs of Committees (excluding Area Committees).

**9. REPORT BY THE LEADER OF COUNCIL**

Providing that Council agrees to re-order the business and approves the recommendation of the Governance and Audit Committee (agenda item 11F refers) a written report by the Leader giving an update on key issues (or a Member of Council nominated by the Leader) circulated before the start of the meeting will be considered. There shall be a period of up to 15 minutes during which any Member of Council may ask the Leader of the Council (or the Member of the Council nominated by the Leader) a question on any matter arising out of the written report.

**10. MEMBER QUESTION TIME (Standing Order 12)**

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To deal with supplementary questions arising from the attached questions of which written notice has been given.

*Notes:*

- (i) Answers to written questions shall be circulated at the commencement of the meeting.*
- (ii) The Lord Mayor will have regard to the list of questions and the political composition of the Council in calling on Members to put their supplementary question to the Leader of Council and Portfolio Holders.*



- (iii) *A period of up to 30 minutes shall be available for supplementary questions to Members of the Executive.*

#### QUESTIONS TO MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE

1. **Councillor Swallow**

Is the Government's much anticipated Fairer Funding Formula for Schools going to be fair for Bradford children?

2. **Councillor Mike Pollard**

It is appreciated that the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy forecasts must be prudently cautious, but could the Portfolio holder for Housing, Planning and Transport explain why, in the context of a 'Core Strategy' looking at providing 42,000 new homes in the District by 2030, the projected residential Council Tax base for 2021/2, i.e. nearly half way through the 'Core Strategy' timeframe, only assumes that 3,750 of those 42,000 will be completed?

3. **Councillor Jeanette Sunderland**

To ask the Portfolio Holder for Education, Skills and Culture how many unauthorised absences from school have been recorded, per year group, monthly since January 2014 to November 2015?

4. **Councillor Love**

Can the Leader of Council confirm if he was one of the 50 Labour Council Leaders to sign a commitment to run their authority on carbon-neutral energy by 2050? If so, does he think this is ambitious enough and does he have a plan to achieve it?

5. **Councillor Naylor**

Could the Leader provide details of the stock levels of salt held by Bradford over the last five years by depot or reserve including this year's current stock levels and the details of any proposed reduction in gritting routes?

6. **Councillor Robinson**

Can the Leader provide an update on the progress being made on the Council receiving repayment of the loan made to the Bradford Bulls which had a personal guarantee from Omar Khan?

7. **Councillor Morris**

With the knowledge that 130 people have been slaughtered by Muslim extremists in Paris, one of which was known to have entered the EU posing as a refugee in October, will the Council change its open door policy to refugees until a way can be found to protect the residents of the district?

8. **Councillor Jabar**

Can the Leader update us on the implications for Bradford District of



the Chancellor's Comprehensive Spending Review? Would he share the view that the recent spending review and Autumn statement is a direct attack on Local Authorities like Bradford and some of our most disadvantaged, marginalised and vulnerable individuals and families?

**9. Councillor Greenwood**

Can the Leader tell us what effect the Government's £2.6m cut to Public Health budgets will have on local services?

**10. Councillor Cooke**

Does the Leader of the Council think that it would be beneficial for the Trustees of Robert Park, to meet with the Friends of Robert Park?

**11. Councillor Wainwright**

Can the Leader of Council tell us whether or not he has been approached by the Prime Minister to raise his concerns about Local Government funding cuts or does he believe that it is the case that Mr Cameron only cares about the impact of his own cuts when it happens in his own backyard in Oxfordshire?

**12. Councillor Dunbar**

Would the Leader of Council explain how the Priority Streets Scheme will aim to attract businesses to the top end of the City Centre following the successful launch of the Broadway Shopping Centre?

**13. Councillor Davies**

Could the Portfolio Holder for Education, Skills and Culture inform Members of how many members of the public (i.e. not Council employees, councillors, teachers or anybody else attending in a professional capacity) attended the Public Forum for Education event on 6th October?

**14. Councillor Greenwood**

Are the measures outlined in the Government's Comprehensive Spending Review sufficient to tackle the financial and demand pressures facing the District's social care services?

**15. Councillor Stelling**

To ask the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Planning and Transport - Winter is now here. Can the Portfolio Holder please confirm how many snow wardens in the District have received the resources and support mentioned in your last response? How many of these are from within Bolton & Undercliffe?

**16. Councillor Dunbar**

Would the Portfolio Holder please give an update on the progress of the Get Bradford Working scheme and its different components?

**17. Councillor Barker**

Could the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Planning and Transport inform



colleagues of how much money has been raised through Section 106 agreements within Wharfedale Ward over the past 10 years and from which projects and in what amounts?

**18. Councillor Dunbar**

Would the Portfolio Holder for Education, Skills and Culture please report on the fantastic outcomes achieved by the young people involved in the recent Takeover Day from the Children in Care Council and thank the staff involved for all their hard work and dedication?

**19. Councillor Rickard**

Can the Leader of the Council confirm the Council's approach to ensuring that the District can take full advantage of the Chancellors Northern Powerhouse Investment Fund announced in the Autumn Statement?

**20. Councillor Leeming**

To ask the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Planning and Transport as of the 1st October 2015 smoke alarms and Carbon Monoxide alarms must, by law, be fitted in all private rented properties. Can you advise how you will ensure that this new regulation is going to be adhered to without a comprehensive register of private landlords?

**21. Councillor Cooke**

Given the size and cost of agendas for the last two full council meetings, can the Leader of the Council confirm what steps are planned to develop paperless systems for meetings of Council and council committees so as to reduce costs and improve the efficiency of councillors?

**22. Councillor Gibbons**

Can the Leader of the Council confirm that the Council will do something, hopefully that local people can take part in, to mark the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday?

**23. Councillor Rickard**

Can the Leader of the Council advise colleagues of the current position of the Leeds City Region Enterprise Partnership (LEP) with regard to the attainment of its Strategic Economic Priorities?

**24. Councillor Reid**

To ask the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Planning and Transport as Bradford Highways staff are now providing services to neighbouring authorities, can the Portfolio Holder indicate the extent to which staff from neighbouring authorities are currently working in Bradford?

**25. Councillor Love**

Can the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Planning and Transport tell us what the current lead time is for fixing street lights once they have been reported?



**26. Councillor Davies**

As last Autumn it was stated that the Council aimed to close the gap between Bradford and the national average of children getting five A\*-C GCSE grades, this year from six per cent to three per cent, could the Portfolio Holder for Education, Skills and Culture advise Members of whether this was achieved?

**27. Councillor Ellis**

Can the Portfolio Holder for Environment, Sport and Sustainability confirm what actions the Council plans to take to ensure that it adheres to the latest recommendations of the National Fly Tipping Advisory Group?

**28. Councillor Davies**

Does the Portfolio Holder for Environment, Sport and Sustainability think that more people would use public libraries if popular titles were more readily available? I appreciate that there are limited resources but libraries primarily exist to provide books and I recently went into request a copy of 'The Girl on the Train' and was told there were 66 reservations before mine?

**29. Councillor Fear**

To ask the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Planning and Transport for an update on progress that has been made on fixing Thackley Corner and whether an assessment has been made as to the impact of the delay in getting it fixed has had on highway safety?

**30. Councillor Cooke**

Can the Leader of the Council confirm that the Council has a policy which specifies the number of days within which invoices should be paid and if so can he confirm the percentage of invoices to the Planning Department that are not paid within this time and why?

**31. Councillor Sykes**

Could the Portfolio holder for Education, Skills and Culture inform Members of the route that bus tours for trainee teachers take around the District as a way to encourage them to teach in Bradford?

**32. Councillor Jeanette Sunderland**

To ask the Portfolio Holder for Education, Skills and Culture how many parents or guardians have been fined for failing to ensure their child attended school from January 2014 to November 2015?

**33. Councillor Davies**

Does the Portfolio holder for Housing, Planning and Transport, think that it may be time to remove or relax some Tree Preservation Orders on sycamore trees, so owners can have permission to cut them back thereby saving the Council money on clearing up fallen leaves?





**34. Councillor Davies**

Can the Leader of the Council advise colleagues whether Council owned shops and offices which have been vacant for some time, is the rent reduced in order to attract a new tenant?

**35. Councillor Love**

Can the Portfolio Holder for Health and Social Care give an update on the current situation regarding the redevelopment of the former Neville Grange residential home in Saltaire?

**36. Councillor Townend**

Could the Portfolio Holder for Environment, Sport and Sustainability confirm the footfall for each library?

**37. Councillor Jeanette Sunderland**

To ask the Portfolio Holder for Education, Skills and Culture what was the total of the amount parents or guardians were fined for failing to ensure their child/children attended school from January 2014 to November 2015?

**38. Councillor Miller**

Can the Portfolio Holder for Education, Skills & Culture confirm whether any consultation took place regarding the closure of Visitor Information Centres and if so, how many residents were consulted (particularly in Main Street, Haworth), how many Elected Members were consulted and why were Elected Members not provided with feedback, when it had been specifically requested?

**39. Councillor Morris**

The Council has a duty to put the ratepayers of the District first, so why won't the Council put the reserves it intends spending on housing and supporting refugees into keeping services paid for by ratepayers, surely that should be the priority of the Council in times of austerity?

**11. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEES  
(Standing Order 15)**

**11.1 RECOMMENDATION FROM THE EXECUTIVE - BRADFORD  
DISTRICT COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) - DRAFT  
CHARGING SCHEDULE**

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Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is intended as a means of contributing to the funding of infrastructure required to deliver the policies and proposals in the Local Plan including the Core Strategy and other Development Plan Documents. It replaces part of the system of Planning Obligations (S106 Agreements), the scope of which has been restricted since 6 April 2015 with regard to pooling of developer contributions. The Council has commenced work towards CIL for the Bradford District. The CIL Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule was approved by Executive on 21 July and subsequently published for comment for six weeks from 31 July to 11 September 2015.



At the meeting of the Executive on 3 November 2015 the report of the Strategic Director Regeneration (**Executive Document “AF”**) sought approval of the Bradford District CIL Draft Charging Schedule for submission to Secretary of State following a period for formal public representation. The Executive,

**Resolved –**

- (1) That it be recommended to Council that the version in Community Infrastructure Levy Draft Charging Schedule in Appendix 1 to Document “AF” is approved in line with Option 2 as set out in Document “AF”.
- (2) That it be recommended to Council that the Draft Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule be approved for the purposes of submission to the Secretary of State for independent examination.
- (3) That prior to submission, the Draft Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule is issued for formal representations for a period of 6 weeks.
- (4) That the Assistant Director (Planning Transportation and Highways) in consultation with the relevant portfolio holder be authorised to make minor amendments of redrafting or of a similar nature as may be necessary prior to formal publication for representations of the Draft Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule.
- (5) That delegated authority be given to the Assistant Director Planning Transportation and Highways in consultation with the relevant portfolio holder to make minor amendments of redrafting or of a similar nature before submitting the Draft Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule to the Secretary of State once the 6 week period for representations has been completed.

(Andrew Marshall – 01274 434050)

11.2	REFERRAL FROM THE LICENSING COMMITTEE - PROPOSED STATEMENT OF LICENSING PRINCIPLES 2016-19 UNDER THE GAMBLING ACT 2005	205 - 268
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On 23 November 2015 the Licensing Committee considered the report of the Assistant Director Environment and Regulatory Services (**Licensing Committee Document “E”**) setting out the outcome of a public consultation exercise with respect to the Statement of Licensing Principles for the District, as required by the Gambling Act 2005 and proposing a final draft for recommendation for adoption by Council.



**Recommended -**

- (1) That Appendix 1 to Document “E” be adopted and published as the District’s Statement of Licensing Principles pursuant to the Gambling Act 2005.**
- (2) That the Assistant Director Environmental & Regulatory Services be given delegated authority to approve any necessary amendments of a minor or drafting nature prior to formal publication.**

(Tracy McLuckie – 01274 432209)

- 11.3 REFERRAL FROM THE GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE - ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT REPORT 2014/15** 269 - 278

***This Council is required by regulations issued under the Local Government Act 2003 to produce an annual treasury management review of activities and the actual prudential and treasury indicators for 2014/15. On 30 October 2015 the Governance and Audit Committee considered the report of the Director of Finance (Governance and Audit Committee Document “V”) which provides details of the outturn position for treasury activities for the year ending 31 March 2015 and highlights compliance with the Council’s policies previously approved by Members.***

**Recommended -**

**That the Annual Treasury Management Report 2014/15 be adopted.**

(David Willis – 01274 432361)

- 11.4 REFERRAL FROM THE GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE - TREASURY MANAGEMENT MID YEAR REVIEW UP TO 31 AUGUST 2015** 279 - 288

The CIPFA (Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy) Code of Practice for Treasury Management recommends that Members be updated on treasury management activities regularly.

On 30 October 2015 the Governance and Audit Committee considered the report of the Director of Finance (**Governance and Audit Committee Document “W”**) on the Treasury Management Mid Year Review to ensure that this Council is implementing best practice in accordance with the Code.



**Recommended -**

**That the changes to the Treasury Policy set out in section 2.8.6 of Document “W” be adopted.**

(David Willis – 01274 432361)

- 11.5 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION - CHAIRS OF AREA COMMITTEES 289 - 292

Council at its meeting held on 14 July 2015 resolved that:

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

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

On 30 October 2015 the Governance and Audit Committee considered the report of the Interim City Solicitor (**Governance and Audit Committee Document “Z”**) which sets out proposed amendments to the Council’s Constitution to deal with the issue raised.

**Recommended -**

*That the proposed amendments to the constitution set out in paragraph 3 of Document “Z” be adopted subject to the notification in writing to the City Solicitor being amended so that it states 7 working days rather than 5.*

(Dermot Pearson – 01274 432496)

- 11.6 RECOMMENDATION FROM THE GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE - PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION - REPORT OF THE LEADER OF COUNCIL 293 - 298

At the meeting of the Council on 20 October 2015 Council referred the Motion on Council Standing Orders – Report of the Leader of Council to the Governance and Audit Committee for report. On 27 November 2015 the Governance and Audit Committee considered the report of the Interim City Solicitor (**Governance and Audit Committee Document “AC”**) setting out proposed amendments to the Council’s Constitution to enable the Leader (or a Member of Council nominated by the Leader) to deliver a report to meetings of Council.



## **Recommended -**

**That the amendments to the Constitution as detailed in Document “AC” with the addition that the Leader’s written report be circulated to Members prior to the Council Meeting be recommended to Council.**

(Dermot Pearson – 01274 432496)

## **12. NOTICES OF MOTION (Standing Order 17)**

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

### **1. BRADFORD MARATHON**

To be moved by Councillor Griffiths  
Seconded by Councillor Reid

This Council notes the increasing popularity of running for health and recreation, and the success of the Bradford City Runs and the Epilepsy Action 10k.

This Council notes the iconic status of the Marathon as an event, and the benefits it has brought to cities that hold a Marathon.

Council therefore request the Strategic Director Environment and Sport to prepare a report into the costs, benefits and feasibility of holding a Marathon in the District.

### **2. PRIVATE RENTED HOUSING**

To be moved by Councillor Fear  
Seconded by Councillor Leeming

This Council believes that the people of the Bradford district should have access to affordable and safe homes which are up to a suitable standard.

This Council notes that a significant number of residents of the district live in homes which are privately rented and that this number has increased in recent years.

This Council also notes that there are a number of changes which are due to come into effect which will have a significant impact upon those that receive benefits.

This Council also notes that the overwhelming majority of private landlords provide homes of a good standard and that they play a vital role in providing homes for residents of the district.



This Council further notes that there have been over 3700 complaints about the actions of private landlords and of the standards in private rented properties over the last year.

This Council believes that it is necessary to be able to identify and contact private landlords with ease, for the purposes of being able to inform private landlords of changes to legislation and to provide a point of contact should complaints be made. This will help to drive standards up in the private rented sector as well as provide the opportunity for information to be shared to assist private landlords.

This Council resolves to instruct the Chief Executive and relevant officers to create a mandatory register of private landlords, including their contact information.

### **3. EDUCATION**

To be moved by Councillor Jeanette Sunderland  
Seconded by Councillor Fear

This Council believes we should explore all options in the pursuit of raising the achievement and attainment of children in the District.

This Council therefore instructs the Chief Executive to investigate:

1. The impact of short-term school closures on the achievement and attainment of children and young people.
2. The impact of moving to a different length of term school year on a child's ability to learn and the impact this would have on the achievement and attainment of children and young people.
3. The results of this investigation should be reported to the Council in a timely manner recommending if and how improvements to the levels of achievement and attainment could be made through these changes.

### **4. ENFORCEMENT CAMERAS**

To be moved by Councillor Cooke  
Seconded by Councillor Ellis

Changes are made to Bradford policies and plans to ensure that priority is always given to saving lives and reducing accidents.

Council notes:

- (1) The extensive programme of installing enforcement cameras so as to manage public transport priorities



- (2) Recent figures showing how up to 50% of injury accidents at traffic light junctions result from drivers crossing at red

Council believes that investment in enforcement using technology such as cameras should be to improve road safety rather than for the convenience of buses.

Council asks that

- (1) Representations are made to the West Yorkshire Combined Authority regarding the improvement of road safety enforcement at traffic light junctions and calling for the end to further investment in bus lane enforcement until this urgent road safety issue is addressed.
- (2) Changes are made to Bradford policies and plans to ensure that priority is always given to saving lives and reducing accidents.

## 5. CONSULTATIONS

To be moved by Councillor Miller  
Seconded by Councillor Ellis

Council notes its obligations to consult with the public on a wide range of decisions, policies and strategies.

Council resolves to review current approaches to consultation so as to:

- (1) Make the language used in documentation more accessible using the Plain English Society guidance as the basis for this review
- (2) Improve local connections through earlier and better engagement with ward councillors
- (3) Make better use of all media including social media, hyperlocal news sources and traditional off-line communications methods

## 6. LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN

To be moved by Councillor Berry  
Seconded by Councillor Green

This Council believes that as Corporate Parents we have a moral obligation to ensure that all children in our care have the best services, support and outcomes that we as a Local Authority, working together with partners and communities, can give.

The Council notes that currently children in care who are with foster carers can 'Stay put' until 21 years of age but children in residential care only stay until 18 and that sometimes these children leave at 16



or 17. The Council believes that this represents discrimination against a group of vulnerable children and young people who sometimes have very complex needs.

The Council resolves to call on the Government to amend the Children and Families Act 2014 to enable children to stay under the care of the local authority until 21 years of age and to make sufficient resources available to fund this.

## **7. DEMONSTRATIONS**

To be moved by Councillor Engel  
Seconded by Councillor Green

This Council recognises the importance of the Human Rights Act and the rights of people to demonstrate peacefully for and against issues that may offend others.

The Council also believes that the people in the places where these demonstrations take place have the right to go about their legitimate business without fear and intimidation.

This Council notes

- 1) The potential for demonstrations such as the recent one held by the EDL in Bradford to damage community relations and disrupt the District's economy.
- 2) That the recent demonstration was the fourth held by this organisation in the last 5 years.
- 3) The costs incurred by public services as a result of those demonstrations.
- 4) That most of the participants in the demonstrations and counter demonstrations were from outside the district and that organisations such as the EDL target our district to try and stir up community tensions in areas where they do not have to live with the consequences.
- 5) Despite the claim that these are peaceful assemblies the evidence of our district and elsewhere in the country is that both in practice and intention this is not the case.

The Council resolves to instruct the Chief Executive to seek senior, external legal advice about the steps we may be able to take under the Human Rights Act and other legislation to protect communities and businesses from disruption when organisations seeking to demonstrate in our district have a history of non-peaceful activity and how we can





balance the rights of outside demonstrators with the rights of the communities we serve.

## 8. HOUSING AND PLANNING BILL

To be moved by Councillor Val Slater  
Seconded by Councillor Shafiq

This Council notes that:

(1) The Housing and Planning Bill is currently being debated in Parliament, and if passed would threaten the provision of affordable homes for rent and buy through:

- forcing 'high-value' council homes to be sold on the open market!
- extending the right-to-buy to housing association tenants! and
- undermining section 106 requirements on private developers to provide affordable homes

(2) There is no commitment in the Bill that affordable homes will be replaced like-for-like in the local area

(3) Whilst measures to help first-time buyers are welcome, the 'starter homes' proposals in the Bill will be unaffordable to families and young people on ordinary incomes in most parts of the country, will not preserve the taxpayer investment, and will be built at the expense of genuinely-affordable homes to rent and buy.

(4) The proposal in the bill to waive payment of Community Infrastructure Levy in respect of developments which are made up of starter homes does not provide for necessary infrastructure relating to these developments

(5) The Bill undermines localism by taking 32 new wide and open-ended powers for the Secretary of State over councils and local communities, including the ability to override local plans, to mandate rents for social tenants, and to impose a levy on stock-holding councils, violating the terms of the housing revenue account self-financing deals

(6) The Bill, whilst introducing some welcome measures to get to grips with rogue landlords, does not help with the high rents, poor conditions and insecurity affecting many of England's 11m private renters - including one in four families with children and does nothing to help arrest the recent rise in homelessness

The Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State outlining the impact of these proposals on Bradford and stating our concerns about the bill.



### 13. BRADFORD EDUCATION COVENANT

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At the meeting of Council on 20 October 2015 a motion was approved on the draft Bradford Education Covenant and Council resolved to:

- (1) Undertake a period of consultation with all interested parties on the draft Bradford Education Covenant.
- (2) Agree the Covenant at the December 2015 meeting of Full Council taking into account the results of the consultation.

The report of the Executive Member for Education, Culture and Skills (**Document "M"**) provides feedback on the outcomes of an extensive consultation process for the Bradford Education Covenant and proposes a way forward to consider amendments to the Covenant so that a final version can be published at the earliest opportunity.

#### **Recommended –**

- (1) **That the report be received as a summary of the feedback provided during the public consultation of the Bradford Education Covenant.**
- (2) **That the revised Bradford Education Covenant in Appendix A be accepted as version for dissemination**
- (3) **That as part of the publication process, dissemination is carefully considered and planned.**
- (4) **That it should be considered whether stakeholders in education in Bradford be asked to openly pledge their support for the Covenant.**

(Phil Weston - 01274 439634)

THIS AGENDA AND ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN PRODUCED, WHEREVER POSSIBLE, ON RECYCLED PAPER

