

Decisions of the Council on Tuesday, 22 March 2016

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Decisions

1. PETITIONS (Standing Order 11)

Resolved –

That the petition be referred to the RSPCA.

ACTION: Interim City Solicitor

2. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND JOINT COMMITTEES (Standing Order 4)

Resolved –

(1) That the appointment of Gull Hussain to the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee as a Parent Governor Representative be confirmed.

(2) That Councillor Ellis be appointed to the Regulatory and Appeals Committee in place of Councillor Brown and Councillor Brown be an alternate.

ACTION: Interim City Solicitor

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

Resolved-

(1) That the taxi and private hire enforcement powers set out in Appendix A to Regulatory and Appeals Committee Document "AV" be delegated by the City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council to the following local authorities, namely, Leeds City Council, Wakefield Metropolitan District Council, Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council, Kirklees Metropolitan Borough Council and City of York Council, in addition to these functions being retained by the City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council.

(2) That similar delegated enforcement powers be accepted from Leeds



City Council, Wakefield Metropolitan District Council, Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council, Kirklees Metropolitan Borough Council and the City of York Council.

- (3) That the Strategic Director, Environment and Sport be instructed to take the necessary action to implement recommendations (1) and (2) above.

ACTION: *Strategic Director Environment and Sport*

4. **RECOMMENDATION FROM THE GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE – TREASURY MANAGEMENT POLICY STATEMENT, MINIMUM REVENUE PROVISION STRATEGY AND ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2016/17**

Resolved-

That the Treasury Management Policy Statement, Minimum Revenue Provision Strategy and Annual Investment Strategy 2016/17 be adopted.

ACTION: *Director of Finance*

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

HOME EDUCATED CHILDREN

Resolved-

This Council notes the comments of the Ofsted Chief Inspector about the "serious and growing threat to the safety and well-being of hundreds of children in several English Regions"

This Council takes seriously its responsibility to protect children from harm regardless of education setting and notes that:

- (1) The Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee has already been advised on 8 March 2016 that a "deep dive" review of elective home education should be undertaken which will address issues including the Council's approach to identifying children not registered at school, minimising the risk of children missing education and achieving a better understanding of why some parents or carers choose home education.
- (2) The Council's current approach to elective home education goes beyond statutory requirements.
- (3) That the Council has no legal powers to obtain access to home educated children where there are no known welfare concerns.
- (4) Of 333 home educated children 94% have been seen by the Council. Access to the remaining 6% has been refused however the Council is actively pursuing ways to ensure that visits to these children can be made.

- (5) The Council is engaged in on-going discussions with Ofsted about its approach.

The Council resolves to:

- (1) Continue to make safeguarding of every child in the District a priority.
- (2) Ask that the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee to ensure that a comprehensive and robust review of the Council's approach to elective home education is carried out over the next six months in which the safeguarding of children is central.
- (3) Request the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Education expressing support for a review of national policy on elective home education which should include support for local authorities and partner agencies in cases where access to children is refused so that they can satisfy themselves that all children's education and welfare needs are being met.

ACTION: *Chief Executive/Strategic Director Children's Services/Overview and Scrutiny Lead (referral to Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee)*

ROYAL PHOTOGRAPHY SOCIETY COLLECTION

Resolved-

This Council recognises the importance to the District of the National Media Museum.

Council notes:

- (1) The potentially damaging decisions of the Science Museum Group to remove the Royal Photography Society collection from Bradford and withdraw from two film festivals while extending the Widescreen Weekend.
- (2) That Council representatives have met with the National Media Museum's board and the MPs for Bradford East, Bradford South and Bradford West have met with representatives of the National Media Museum to raise their concerns and discuss the issues.
- (3) That the leader of Council has met with Ian Blatchford, Director of the Science Museum Group seeking assurances about the future of the National Media Museum and has had confirmation of the Group's commitment to investing in the museum's future.
- (4) That the Portfolio Holder for Education, Skills and Culture has written

to the Minister of State at the Department for Culture, Media and Sport asking him to visit Bradford again to discuss the museum's future.

- (5) That the Museum's Government funding was cut by 30% between 2000 and 2005.
- (6) That the Council has supported the museum through the provision of a £1m grant.
- (7) That visitor numbers to the National Media Museum are increasing and it retains a significant photographic collection.
- (8) That despite the Council working hard and successfully to increase the level of national funding for arts and culture that comes to Bradford there continues to be a bias in the distribution of this and other Government support towards the South and in particular towards London.

The Council resolves to:

- (1) Continue working with local MPs, the Science Museum Group and the National Media Museum to secure its on-going presence in Bradford, grow visitor numbers particularly among the young and maximise its impact on education.
- (2) Support the National Media Museum in its ambition to develop a dialogue with the many other museums across the country with an interest in photography about how the public can better access the collections.
- (3) Request the Chief Executive to write to the Minister for Culture Media and Sport raising our concern about the London-centric bias in arts and cultural funding in England in the context of this decision.

ACTION: *Chief Executive*

TOURISM

Resolved-

Council recognises the importance of tourism to the District's economy and the proposed review of support for the visitor economy in the recent budget.

We note:

- (1) That the Government's on-going cuts to the Council's budgets mean that by 2018 it will have to have found nearly £270m in savings and extra income since 2011 which inevitably affects all parts of the District and creates difficulties in securing a financially viable future for many non-statutory services such as tourism.**
- (2) Council budgets for city centre events have been cut by nearly 60% although some city centre events are paid for by commercial lets or arts council grants.**
- (3) That the Council's Tourism Budgets fund marketing activity that promotes the whole of the District.**
- (4) Recent council support has also been provided to Saltaire Festival and the Council continues to support Ilkley Literature Festival as well as providing extensive leisure and cultural services outside the City Centre.**

The Council believes that the review of Visitor Information Centres should form part of a wider body of work looking at the whole visitor economy. The Council therefore resolves to undertake a Destination Management Plan review to complement the review of Visitor Information Centres and to publish the outcomes of the two reviews simultaneously.

ACTION: Strategic Director Environment and Sport

HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING

Resolved-

The Council notes:

- The implications for Hackney Carriage & Private Hire enforcement, of the Deregulation Act 2015, as detailed in the report of the Strategic Director, Environment & Sport, presented to the meeting of the Regulatory & Appeals Committee, held on the 10 March 2016.**

The mutual benefits of the reciprocal agreement with the other West Yorkshire Authorities and York, to establish some common licensing standards / conditions and cross delegate enforcement functions.

The Council resolves:

- To request the Chief Executive to consult with the Transport Minister and appropriate Senior Civil Servants from the Department of Transport, along with colleagues from the Local Government Association, the West Yorkshire Combined Authority and other appropriate partners, in order to find agreement regarding the best means to progress the formulation and implementation of uniform, cross boundary minimum safety standards, to minimise risks such as Child Sexual Exploitation, Human Trafficking, illegal operators and all**

other risks associated with the possibility of operators selecting the authorities with the least challenging standards by which to be licensed.

ACTION: *Chief Executive/Strategic Director Environment and Sport*

MENTAL HEALTH IN THE WORKPLACE

Resolved-

This Council welcomes the growing recognition of the needs of people requiring the support of mental health services and of the fact that support for mental health has a positive impact on education, health, crime and employment.

We recognise the transformational progress made since Bradford signed up to the mental health challenge and the major role that Council services have played in achieving that change which includes:

- The elimination of Delayed Discharge
- Achieving a 12 month period with no Out of Area Placements
- An effective 24 hour Crisis support

The Council recognises the potential costs to employers and the wider economy of poor mental health and the important role that employers can play in identifying and addressing mental health issues at an early stage. We believe that addressing mental health in the workplace should be a key priority for employers including all statutory agencies and voluntary sector partners in the District led by the Health and Well Being Board.

The Council resolves to work with partners to develop a new deal for mental health which will include:

- A stronger focus on support for employers and employees to enable prevention and early intervention and support in workplaces across the District.
- The sharing of good practice between organisations, recognising that too many people end up leaving employment for the lack of timely and effective support.

ACTION: *Director of Public Health/all Strategic Directors to note*

6. PROPOSAL TO IMPLEMENT THE VIDEO BROADCASTING ON THE INTERNET (WEBCASTING) OF KEY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Resolved -

That a webcasting solution be implemented and a review of the process be undertaken following 12 months of operation.

ACTION: Assistant Director Information Services

7. PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2016/17

Resolved -

That the Pay Policy Statement for the financial year 2016/17, as set out in Appendix 1 to Document “V”, be approved.

ACTION: Director of Human Resources

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