

Agenda for a meeting of the Executive to be held on Tuesday, 11 October 2016 at 10.30 am in Committee Room 1 - City Hall, Bradford

Members of the Executive – Councillors

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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. 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.

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(Jill Bell / Yusuf Patel - 01274 434580 434579)

3. **APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND JOINT COMMITTEES**

(Part 2 of the Constitution – Paragraph 7.11 of Article 7)

To consider any recommendations to appoint Members to Committees of the Executive or Joint Committees.

(Jill Bell / Yusuf Patel - 01274 434580 434579)

4. **RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE**

To note any recommendations to the Executive that may be the subject of report to a future meeting. (Schedule to be tabled at the meeting).

(Jill Bell / Yusuf Patel - 01274 434580 434579)

B. STRATEGIC ITEMS

<p style="text-align: center;">LEADER OF COUNCIL & CORPORATE</p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>(Councillor Hinchcliffe)</i></p>
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5. **A COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME FOR 2017/18**

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Legislation requires each Billing Authority to consider, annually, whether it wishes to revise its Council Tax Reduction scheme.

The report of the Finance Director (**Document “Y”**) explores options to revise or retain the current scheme; which may, to a greater or lesser extent, impact on the funding gap forecast in the Medium Term Financial Strategy.

Executive is asked to consider the report and to make a Decision to maintain the current scheme, or alternatively, to make provision for a change to the scheme for 2017/18.



Recommended –

That Executive

- (1) instructs the Director of Finance to continue operating the Council Tax Reduction scheme, without change, for 2017/18 (Option 1 as set out in Document “Y”)**
- (2) requests that the Director of Finance bring a report detailing the options for a new model of Council Tax Support, including an analysis of the impact on the Medium Term Financial Strategy, within the next twelve months**

(Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Committee)

(Martin Stubbs - 01274 432056)

C. PORTFOLIO ITEMS

REGENERATION, PLANNING & TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO

(Councillor Ross-Shaw)

6. LOCAL PLAN CORE STRATEGY - INSPECTORS REPORT AND ADOPTION

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The Council is in the process of preparing a new Local Plan which will replace the current statutory development plan for Bradford District (the Replacement Unitary Development Plan) which was adopted in 2005.

The first of the Local Plan documents is the Core Strategy which sets out the strategic approach to managing development and change to 2030. It was submitted for Examination in December 2014 with Hearings held in March 2015. Proposed modifications were published in November 2015 and resumed hearings held in May 2016.

The Council has now received the Inspector’s final Report and recommendations. The Inspector has considered all the matters before him including the plan, the evidence underpinning it, and the objections and representations made and the published modifications. In his report he concludes that the Plan can be considered to be legally compliant and sound, providing a limited set of Main Modifications are made to the plan, as submitted.



The purpose of the report of the Strategic Director Regeneration (**Document “Z”**) is for the Executive to note the contents of the Inspector’s report and to seek authority to proceed to Full Council to request the legal adoption of the modified Core Strategy in line with the Inspector’s recommendation.

Recommended –

- (1) The Executive is recommended to note the contents of Document “Z” and contents of the Inspector’s Report and recommend that Full Council formally adopt the Core Strategy as approved by Full Council on December 2013 and submitted to the government for examination with the Main Modifications contained in Appendix 1, as proposed by the Inspector pursuant to Section 23 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.**
- (2) That the Assistant Director (Planning Transportation and Highways) in consultation with the relevant Portfolio Holder be authorised to make other minor amendments of redrafting or of a similar nature as may be necessary prior to formal publication.**

(Regeneration, Planning
Transport Overview & Scrutiny) (Andrew Marshall - 01274 434050)

**EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT & SKILLS
PORTFOLIO**

(Councillor I Khan)

7. INSPECTION OF BRADFORD LOCAL AUTHORITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUPPORTING SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT 175 -
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The original review of the effectiveness of current arrangements to support school improvement in Bradford was completed in September 2014 by Professor David Woods. An interim report on progress made towards meeting the recommendations from the initial report was provided to the Committee in September 2015.

The report of the Deputy Director of Children’s Services (**Document “AA”**) is the final part of the reporting cycle: reviewing the progress made towards meeting the outstanding recommendations from the initial report. The report also sets out the next steps in Bradford’s school improvement journey, recognising where achievements have been made and where further work is required.



Recommended -

- (1) **That it be noted that, with the completion of the recommendations by Professor Woods this is the final report on his paper.**
- (2) **That further developments regarding school improvement will be reported through the Education Improvement Strategic Board and the Education Standards report.**

(Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee)
(Judith Kirk – 01274 431078)

8. EXCEPTION TO THE FORWARD PLAN

The following report has not been included on the published forward plan as an issue for consideration. However due to the increasing number of Academy conversions and to enable a policy to be drawn up without delay this report has been drafted as a matter of urgency. As it is impractical to defer the decision until it has been included in the published Forward Plan the report is submitted in accordance with paragraph 10 of the Executive Procedure Rules set out in the Council's Constitution.

9. REQUEST TO THE EXECUTIVE TO CONSIDER THE INTRODUCTION OF A POLICY FOR CHARGING SCHOOLS FOR THE WORK ASSOCIATED WITH ACADEMY CONVERSIONS

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The number of maintained schools in the district converting to academies is rising and capacity for Council services such as Human Resources, Estates and Legal are extremely stretched. As a result, it is proposed that the Authority implements a charging policy. The Director of Children's Services will present **Document "AB"** requesting that approval be given to introduce a charging policy for Academy conversions.

Recommended -

- (1) **That option b contained in Document "AB" is approved, to allow the introduction of a charging policy for Academy Conversions.**



- (2) That the Strategic Director, Children's Services is instructed to develop and implement a charging policy in consultation with the City Solicitor, the Director of Finance and the Portfolio Holder for Education, Employment and Skills.**

(Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee)

(Terry Davis - 01274 437170)

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