

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY, 18 OCTOBER 2016 AT 1600 IN THE COUNCIL  
CHAMBER, CITY HALL, BRADFORD**

Commenced 1600

Concluded 2130

**PRESENT**

The Lord Mayor (Councillor Reid) and Councillors:

**LABOUR**

A Ahmed	Akhtar	Amran	Azam
Bacon	Berry	Dodds	Duffy
Dunbar	Engel	Farley	Ferriby
Green	Greenwood	Hinchcliffe	Abid Hussain
Arshad Hussain	S Hussain	T Hussain	Ikram
Iqbal	Jabar	Jamil	Johnson
H Khan	I Khan	Lal	Lee
Mohammed	Mullaney	Peart	Pullen
Ross-Shaw	Salam	Shabbir	Shafiq
Shaheen	Sharp	M Slater	V Slater
Swallow	Tait	Thirkill	Thornton
Wainwright	Warburton	Watson	

**CONSERVATIVE**

Ali	Barker	Brown	Carmody
Cooke	Davies	Ellis	Gibbons
Heseltine	Mallinson	Pennington	M Pollard
Poulsen	Riaz	Rickard	Shaw
BM Smith	D Smith	Townend	Whiteley

**LIBERAL DEMOCRAT**

Fear	Griffiths	N Pollard	Stelling
Stubbs	J Sunderland	R Sunderland	Ward

**GREEN**

H Hussain  
Love

**INDEPENDENTS**

Hawkesworth  
Naylor

**QUEENSBURY WARD  
INDEPENDENTS**

L Cromie  
P Cromie

**INDEPENDENT**

Morris

**INDEPENDENT**

K Hussain

The Lord Mayor was in the Chair for the items relating to Minutes 34 to 49 and the Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Griffiths, was in the Chair for Minutes 50 to 58.



## 34. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

The following disclosures in matters under consideration were received:

### Motion – Vaping and Smoking Cessation (Minute 49)

Councillor Griffiths declared a pecuniary interest as a partner in a GP's practice, left the meeting for that item and therefore did not participate in the debate or the decision. Councillor Pullen declared that he used vapers.

### Motion – Safer Driving (Minute 50)

Councillors Farley and Khadim Hussain declared an interest as magistrates.

### Motion – Keeping the Bradford District Together (Minute 51)

Councillors Davies, Shabbir and Thornton declared a pecuniary interest as being employed by a MP, left the meeting for that item and therefore did not participate in the debate or the decision.

### Motion - Truth and Justice for Orgreave (Minute 52)

Councillor Bacon declared an interest as a member of her family was a miner and another relative was a police officer on duty at Orgreave; Councillor Engel that her husband had been on the picket line at Orgreave; and Councillor Val Slater that her late brother had been a miner who was arrested and beaten up by police officers and she had been a member of the Women Against Pit closures group.

### Motion – Education Priorities in the Bradford District (Minute 54)

Councillor Davies declared an interest as having two sons attending a grammar school and another attending pre-school provision; and Councillor Rickard operated a business involved in the National Skills Programme.

### Flooding Scrutiny Review (Minute 55)

Councillor Cooke declared an interest as his residence was in the vicinity of an area that was flooded; Councillor Ellis as a member of the Yorkshire Regional Flood and Coastal Committee and the Airedale Drainage Commissioners Board; and Councillor Rickard as on the Airedale Drainage Commissioners Board.

### Food Safety in the Bradford District (Minute 56)

Councillor Pennington declared an interest as he had a venue which came under the jurisdiction of the policy.

Unless otherwise indicated the disclosures were made on the basis of transparency and those Members remained in the meeting during consideration and voting on the item

**ACTION:** *City Solicitor*

## 35. MINUTES

**Resolved -**



**That the minutes of the meeting held on 12 July 2016 be signed as a correct record.**

**36. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R Ahmed, Imran Hussain, Miller, Nazir, Sajawal and Warnes.

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

**DEATH OF FORMER LORD MAYOR, JOHN DEREK GODWARD**

It is with regret that the Lord Mayor reported to Council the death, on 15 August 2016, of former Councillor and former Lord Mayor, John Derek Godward who represented the people of the Great Horton Ward for three and a half decades. John and his wife Jean served as both Deputy Lord Mayor and Deputy Lady Mayoress (in 2006/2007) and later as Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress (in 2009/2010). The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress were in attendance at John's funeral service and a letter was sent to John's widow to offer sympathy on behalf of the district.

The Leader of Council paid tribute to John's service to the Council and community.

**TERRORIST ATROCITIES**

Since the last Council meeting it has been the Lord Mayor's sad duty to lead silent tributes to people around the world who had lost their lives as a result of terrorist atrocities. A minute's silence was observed on 15 July to remember those who were killed and injured the day before in a terrorist attack during the Bastille Day festivities on the Promenade des Anglais in Nice, France and on 8 August, the many dead and those affected by a terrorist atrocity at a hospital in Quetta, Pakistan were remembered, as were those people killed and missing following a freak storm disaster in Bradford's twin town of Skopje and the surrounding area, in Macedonia.

Members stood in silent tribute to those who had lost their lives.

**DEATH OF THE KING OF THAILAND MARKED**

In accordance with a request from the Prime Minister, the Union flag on City Hall and at area offices was lowered to mark the death of King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand, the world's longest reigning monarch, who died on 13 October 2016 after seven decades on the throne.



## **THE CONSUL-GENERAL OF PAKISTAN**

Bradford's new Consul-General of Pakistan, Mr Ahmed Amjad Ali, who was in attendance at this meeting, was welcomed and the Lord Mayor wished him well during his tenure in Bradford.

## **CURRY CAPITAL ACHIEVEMENT**

The Lord Mayor was delighted to report that Bradford had achieved a double hat-trick after securing the crown as Britain's Curry Capital for the sixth successive year. Congratulations and gratitude were conveyed to all those who had worked so hard in securing this achievement led by the District's Tourism Team, Visit Bradford.

## **#LOVEBRADFORD – NEW GUINNESS WORLD RECORD ESTABLISHED**

The Lord Mayor had taken part in the #LoveBradford world record event which saw City Park filled with a human chain of 2,331 people all linking arms and making the 'heart' hand gesture, to symbolise togetherness, positivity, diversity and friendliness, with the result that the previous world record was beaten. Thanks were given to all those who worked so hard on the day and in the run-up to the event to ensure it was such a notable success.

## **NATIONAL MUSEUM OF RUGBY LEAGUE**

Bradford had been chosen as the preferred partner by Rugby League Cares to host the National Museum of Rugby League due to open in August 2020 marking Rugby League's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The museum, based in City Hall, would house and display the sport's extensive collections and historical artefacts, as well as being an interactive visitor centre.

## **DISTRICT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES PRAISED AT NATIONAL AWARDS CEREMONY**

A radical redesign of urgent mental health care in Bradford through partnership working had won a prestigious award at the national Positive Practice Awards which celebrate positive practice in mental health, an event supported by NHS England. The Crisis Care Pathway Award was given to the redesigned Bradford, Airedale and Craven Crisis Care Concordat. The service included First Response designed to intervene early and signpost users to the right services. This development was wholly consonant with the aims of Young Minds, the Lord Mayor's charity for the year and contributed to a renewed emphasis on mental health issues in communities.

## **BINGLEY MUSIC LIVE WINS FESTIVAL ACCOLADE**

The annual Bingley Music Live event had won a regional award being named Outstanding Established Festival at the Yorkshire Gig Guide Grassroots Awards which recognised the best in regional music venues and events.



## **TWIN TOWN OF GALWAY – NAMED EUROPEAN CAPITAL OF CULTURE 2020**

On behalf of the people of the district, the Lord Mayor had written to the Mayor of this District's twin town of Galway City in Ireland to congratulate them on being named the European Capital of Culture for 2020.

## **70<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BRADFORD FESTIVAL OF REMEMBRANCE**

The 70<sup>th</sup> annual Bradford Festival of Remembrance would take place, for the first time, at Bradford Cathedral on Sunday 6 November 2016. The Lord Mayor asked that this very worthwhile and important event, which remembered the courage and sacrifice of all the members of the country's armed forces who had lost their lives, been injured or continue to place themselves at risk in the line of duty, be supported.

## **YORKSHIRE IN BLOOM SUCCESSES**

The floral displays enjoyed throughout the summer right across the District had been recognised by the judging panel at Yorkshire in Bloom. The Parks and Green Spaces maintenance teams and the many groups and individuals all contributed to making the Bradford district a more attractive and pleasant place in which to live, work and play.

### **38. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS**

There were no restricted documents.

### **39. PETITIONS**

Traffic calming measures on Frizinghall Road, Bradford

**Resolved –**

**That the petition be referred to the Bradford West Area Committee.**

***ACTION: City Solicitor (referral to Committee)***

Road Safety on Netherlands Avenue, Bradford

**Resolved –**

**That the petition be referred to the Bradford South Area Committee.**

***ACTION: City Solicitor (referral to Committee)***



Holme Wood Library closure

**Resolved –**

**That the petition be referred to the Executive.**

***ACTION: City Solicitor (referral to Committee)***

Proposed parking charges at St Ives

In accordance with the Council's petitions scheme a debate took place. It was then,

**Resolved –**

**That the petition be referred to the Executive.**

***ACTION: City Solicitor (referral to Committee)***

Safety measures on Rook Lane, Bradford

**Resolved –**

**That the petition be referred to the Bradford South Area Committee.**

***ACTION: City Solicitor (referral to Committee)***

#### **40. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

**Council Document "F"** details a question received from a member of the public and the response given.

#### **41. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND JOINT COMMITTEES**

**Resolved –**

- (1) That the appointment of the following non-voting co-opted members to the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the 2016/17 Municipal Year be confirmed:**

**Health Representative: Tina Wildy**

**Teachers Secondary School Representative: Tom Bright**

**Teachers Primary School Representative: Stephen Pickles**

**Voluntary Sector Representative: Kerr Kennedy**

- (2) That Councillor Sharp replace Councillor Tariq Hussain on the Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Councillor Tariq Hussain be an alternate in place of Councillor Shaheen.**



- (3) That Councillor Sharp replace Councillor Berry on the Bradford South Area Committee and Councillor Berry be an alternate.
- (4) That Councillor Watson replace Councillor Lee on the Regulatory and Appeals Committee and Councillor Mohammad Shabbir replace Councillor Watson as an alternate.
- (5) That Councillor Warnes replace Councillor Love as the Chair of the Environment and Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Councillor Love be the Deputy Chair.

**ACTION:** *City Solicitor*

#### 42. REPORT BY THE LEADER OF COUNCIL

**Council Document “H”** details the verbal questions from Members to the Leader of Council and the answers given on the matters contained in the Leader of Council’s written report.

#### 43. MEMBER QUESTION TIME

**Council Document “M”** details the questions from Members to the Leader of Council and Portfolio Holders and the answers given.

### RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEES

#### 44. RECOMMENDATION FROM THE EXECUTIVE - MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2017/18 TO 2019/20 AND BEYOND INCORPORATING THE EFFICIENCY PLAN

At the meeting of the Executive on 19 July 2016 consideration was given to the report of the Director of Finance (**Executive Document “H”**) focusing on the Medium Term Financial Strategy which set out the approaches and principles the Council will follow to ensure that the Council remained financially viable and delivered on its priorities in response to the forecasted public sector funding reductions as a result of the on-going austerity measures imposed by the Government’s spending plans.

**Resolved –**

**That the updated and revised Medium Term Financial Strategy at Appendix 1 of Executive Document “H” be approved.**

**ACTION:** *Director of Finance*



**45. RECOMMENDATION FROM THE EXECUTIVE - COUNCIL PLAN 2016/20**

At the meeting of the Executive on 20 September 2016 the Chief Executive presented the new Council Plan 2016/2020, providing background on its development and the next steps in ensuring its delivery. The new Council Plan 2016/20 was attached to **Document “G”**.

**Resolved –**

**That the Council Plan 2016/2020 be adopted.**

**ACTION: Chief Executive**

**46. RECOMMENDATION FROM THE EXECUTIVE - LOCAL PLAN CORE STRATEGY - INSPECTOR'S REPORT AND ADOPTION**

The Leader of Council made a statement reporting that it had not been possible for the Executive to make a recommendation to Council on the Local Plan Core Strategy as the Secretary of State had received a request to intervene and had served on the Council a holding direction which prevented the Council from taking any step in connection with the adoption of the Plan while he considers the issues raised.

**47. RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CORPORATE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - ANNUAL REPORT FOR OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY 2015/16**

At the meeting of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 7 September 2016 the report of the Chair of the Committee (**Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee Document “N”**) presented the draft Annual Overview and Scrutiny report 2015/16 for consideration and adoption by Council.

**Resolved –**

**That the Annual Overview and Scrutiny Report for 2015/16 be adopted.**

**ACTION: Overview and Scrutiny Lead**

**48. UNACCOMPANIED ASYLUM SEEKING CHILDREN**

A motion was moved by Councillor Jeanette Sunderland.

An amendment, as set out in the resolution below, was moved by Councillor Val Slater was carried.

An amendment moved by Councillor Cooke was defeated.





**Resolved –**

**This Council welcomes the action being taken by the Government to identify and reunite unaccompanied refugee children with their families in the UK.**

**This Council and the District welcomes the anticipated arrival of ten unaccompanied asylum children without a family awaiting dispersal to Bradford from the Reception Centre in Kent before Christmas.**

**This Council recognises that these children will have undergone traumatic experiences and therefore the needs and safety of the children are paramount.**

**This Council therefore requests that the Chief Executive liaises with the Home Office to ensure that:**

- 1) A team of social workers from across the country is sent out to France to get the children and young people out of the Calais camp and into a safe place to begin to assess them before their transfer to the UK**
- 2) Placements are done in a structured, planned and phased way so that we can meet their accommodation, health, language, education and support needs in a meaningful and fair way including entry into the looked after system where appropriate**
- 3) Once these looked after young people reach the age of 18 the Government should award them the same rights and funding as any other care leaver**
- 4) We receive appropriate long term funding from the Government so that we can adequately meet the needs both of those who have the right to come to the UK to join family members already in the UK and those who are unaccompanied minors under the Dubs amendment**
- 5) Work is done with other local authorities regionally and nationally to ensure there is a fair and consistent approach towards the placements of these children.**

***ACTION: Chief Executive/Strategic Director, Children's Services***

#### **49. VAPING AND SMOKING CESSATION**

A motion moved by Councillor Cooke was defeated.

An amendment moved by Councillor Fear was defeated.

**NO DECISION.**



## 50. SAFER DRIVING

A motion, as set out in the resolution below, was moved by Councillor Dale Smith and was carried.

An amendment also moved by Councillor Dale Smith was defeated.

**Resolved –**

**Council notes the Telegraph and Argus campaign for safer, more responsible driving across the district.**

**Council resolves:**

**To endorse the T&A in its campaign**

**To support West Yorkshire Police in their vigorous implementation of the law.**

***ACTION: Strategic Director, Regeneration***

## 51. KEEPING THE BRADFORD DISTRICT TOGETHER

A motion, as set out in the resolution below, was moved by Councillor Hinchcliffe and was carried.

**Resolved –**

**This Council notes that:**

- **The proposed changes to parliamentary constituencies will reduce the number of MPs from 650 to 600.**
- **The number of MPs representing wholly Bradford District constituencies would be reduced from five to four with the loss of Bradford South.**

**This Council rejects the proposals because:**

- **They would weaken the Bradford District's representation in parliament.**
- **Bradford is a young and growing city. Its political and social needs are not reducing.**
- **They carve up the Bradford District leaving it with splintered political representation not reflecting local communities. We want to keep the Bradford District together as a stronger and louder voice for its citizens regionally and nationally.**
- **They are based on outdated and incomplete voter data, leaving**



- hundreds of thousands of people disenfranchised.
- Unregistered but eligible voters, entitled to their MP's support, are not accounted for.
- The proposals completely ignore the importance of place and identity.
- Constituency MPs hold the government of the day to account. Reducing the number of MPs in proportion to the size of decision-making government weakens parliament's ability to fulfil its role on behalf of the people.

This Council requests that:

- The Chief Executive writes to the Boundary Commission to express this Council's concerns and formal objection to the proposals.

***ACTION; Chief Executive***

## **52. TRUTH AND JUSTICE FOR ORGREAVE**

A motion, as set out in the resolution below, was moved by Councillor Dunbar and was carried.

**Resolved -**

This Council notes that:

- The Battle of Orgreave was a violent confrontation between police and striking miners on 18 June 1984, at the start of the Thatcher government's clashes with miners who were taking industrial action in defence of their jobs and industry.
- Ex-miners, their families and campaigners have waited almost two-and-a-half years for the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) to complete its "scoping exercise" into whether the actions of the police that day should be subjected to an investigation. The IPCC report conceded that "the unwillingness to disclose evidence of wrongdoing by officers does raise doubts about the ethical standards of officers in the highest ranks of the South Yorkshire Police at the time".
- The Home Office subsequently released the following statement: "The Home Secretary will consider any request she receives to set up a public inquiry into Orgreave."
- The Home Office received a legal submission from the Orgreave Truth and Justice Campaign on 15 December 2015 but is yet to respond or agree to another meeting.
- The issue of Orgreave is of local and national importance to the public, as the style of policing undertaken was in our names. A full investigation into the military style policing used on that day is now long overdue and only a full public inquiry can fully investigate it.



This Council resolves to:

- Write to the Home Secretary, Amber Rudd, to request a full public inquiry into the deployment and actions of police on 18 June 1984 and ask her to take part in meaningful discussions with the Orgreave Trust and Justice Campaign, the National Union of Miners and concerned MPs.

***ACTION: Chief Executive***

**53. CONGRATULATIONS TO BRADFORD DISTRICT'S OLYMPIANS AND PARALYMPIANS**

A motion, as set out in the resolution below, was moved by Councillor Abid Hussain was carried.

**Resolved –**

**This Council notes that:**

- Several competitors in this year's Olympics and Paralympics live, train or were educated in the Bradford District, including: Alistair and Jonny Brownlee (triathlon); Rebekah Tiler (weightlifting); Muhammad Ali (boxing); Gordon Benson (triathlon); Nicola Adams (boxing); and Coral Batey (wheelchair rugby).
- Elite athletes are positive role models for our young people.
- Sport plays a crucial role for the Bradford District by: improving health and quality of life; raising aspirations; increasing life chances; supporting academic achievement; enhancing community cohesion.

**This Council requests:**

- The Chief Executive or Strategic Director for Environment and Sport writes to the Bradford District Olympians and Paralympians to congratulate them on their outstanding achievements and thank them for their significant contribution.

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

**54. EDUCATION PRIORITIES IN THE BRADFORD DISTRICT**

A motion, as set out in the resolution below, moved by Councillor Imran Khan was carried.

Amendments moved by Councillor Ward and Councillor Cooke were defeated.



**Resolved –**

**This Council notes that:**

- **The Conservative government is planning to remove the ban on new Grammar schools which was introduced by the Labour government in 1997.**

**This Council:**

- **Supports high-quality comprehensive state education for all regardless of background or ability.**
- **Notes that the two-tier system of selective education does not support raising standards for the majority.**
- **Notes that the government’s obsession with school structures is a distraction from the country’s real and urgent education challenges. The government has just announced a multimillion-pound cut in funding for early years education which will impact nurseries in Bradford District much more severely than wealthier areas.**

**We resolve to:**

- **Oppose the reintroduction of academic selection.**
- **Continue to focus on our Ofsted-endorsed action plan to improve education in the District.**
- **Work with the Regional Schools Commissioner to source and support good and outstanding education providers in our District.**
- **Fight for a better settlement for Bradford District schools.**

***ACTION: Strategic Director, Children’s Services***

## **55. FLOODING SCRUTINY REVIEW**

Previous references: Council Minutes 103 and 104 (2015/16)/Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee Minute 35 (2016/17)

In accordance with the resolutions of Council made at its meeting held on 19 January 2016 the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee had undertaken a scrutiny review of flooding. At its meeting on 29 September 2016 the Committee adopted the draft Flooding Scrutiny Review Report along with adding further recommendations to the report. The Flooding Scrutiny Review Report was submitted for Council to consider (**Document “I”**) and Council debated the Review Report.

An amendment moved by Councillor Martin Smith was defeated.

**Resolved –**

**That the report was considered.**

**NO ACTION**



**56. FOOD SAFETY IN THE BRADFORD DISTRICT**

The Council was required by the Food Standards Agency to have a documented and approved Food Safety Service Plan in place. The report of the Director of Public Health (**Document “J”**) sought approval of the Plan.

**Resolved –**

**That the Food Safety Service Plan be approved.**

***ACTION: Director of Public Health***

**57. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION - DESIGNATION OF THE POST OF STRATEGIC DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES AS THE COUNCIL'S SECTION 151 OFFICER/CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

At the meeting of the Executive on 20 September 2016, the Executive approved a new senior management structure for the Council.

The report of the City Solicitor (**Document “K”**) recommended amendments to the Council's Constitution to reflect the altered responsibilities and delegated powers. It was also recommended that the Council designate the post of Strategic Director Corporate Services as the Council's Section 151 Officer/Chief Financial Officer.

**Resolved –**

- (1) That the proposed amendments to the Constitution as set out in paragraph 3.1 of Document “K” be adopted.**
- (2) That the City Solicitor ensures that any agreed amendments are implemented when appointments are made to the new posts as detailed in paragraph 2.3 of Document “K”.**
- (3) That the City Solicitor be granted delegated authority to make consequential amendments to the Constitution as a result of any recommendations approved by full Council.**
- (4) That Council designate the post of Strategic Director Corporate Services as the Council's Section 151 Officer/Chief Financial Officer such designation to take effect when an appointment to the post of Strategic Director Corporate Services is made.**

***ACTION: City Solicitor***



**58. SALARY PACKAGES FOR THE TWO NEW STRATEGIC DIRECTOR POSTS  
IN THE NEW SENIOR MANAGEMENT RESTRUCTURE**

Following the meeting of the Executive held on 20 September 2016 which approved a new senior management restructure the report of the Chief Executive (**Document “L”**) asked Council to approve the salary packages for the new posts of Strategic Director Place and Strategic Director Corporate Services in accordance with Article 4 of the Council’s Constitution and Section 7 of the Council’s Pay Policy Statement 2016/17.

**Resolved –**

**That the salary packages for the posts of Strategic Director Place and Strategic Director Corporate Services as detailed in paragraph 2.10 of Document “L” be approved.**

***ACTION: Director of Human Resources***

Lord Mayor

**Note: These minutes are subject to approval as a correct record at the next meeting of the Council.**

THESE MINUTES HAVE BEEN PRODUCED, WHEREVER POSSIBLE, ON RECYCLED PAPER

