

Decisions of the Council on Tuesday, 13 December 2016

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Decisions

6. PETITIONS (Standing Order 11)

Kershaw Street, New Lane and Raglan Terrace, Laisterdyke – Request for closure of side road by means of bollards

Resolved –

That the petition be referred to the Bradford East Area Committee.

Rowan Avenue, Thornbury – Request for parking permits and traffic issues

Resolved –

That the petition be referred to the Bradford East Area Committee.

Increased car parking charges in the Ian Clough Hall and The Grove car parks

Resolved –

That the petition be referred to the Executive.

Closure of Queensbury Swimming Pool

Resolved –

That the petition be referred to the Executive.

Council support for physical access for people with disabilities

Resolved –

That the petition be referred to the Executive.

ACTION: City Solicitor

8. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND JOINT COMMITTEES (Standing Order



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Resolved –

- (1) That Councillor Sajawal be appointed to the Bradford East Area Committee in place of Councillor H Khan and Councillor H Khan be an alternate.
- (2) That Councillor Thornton be appointed to the Bradford South Area Committee in place of Councillor Carmody.
- (3) That Councillor Morris be appointed to the Keighley Area Committee in place Councillor Khadim Hussain.
- (4) That Councillor Warnes be appointed to the Shipley Area Committee in place of Councillor Ross-Shaw and Councillor Ross-Shaw be an alternate.
- (5) That Councillor Lee be appointed as an alternate for the Regulatory and Appeals Committee in place of Councillor Shabbir.

ACTION: *City Solicitor*

11A. RECOMMENDATION FROM THE GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE - ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT REPORT 2015/16

Resolved –

That the Annual Treasury Management Report 2015/16 (Governance and Audit Committee Document “Q”) be adopted.

ACTION: *Director of Finance*

11B RECOMMENDATION FROM THE GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE - TREASURY MANAGEMENT MID YEAR REVIEW

Resolved –

That the changes to the Treasury policy set out in section 2.6.3 of Governance and Audit Committee Document “R” be adopted.

ACTION: *Director of Finance*

12.1 HIGH CALORIE DRINKS

Resolved –

Council notes that according to Public Health England:

Sugary drinks represent less than 5% of calorie intake for 11-18 year olds who are the largest consumers of such drinks.

Bradford has Yorkshire & The Humber's lowest rate of obesity at age 5 and this is declining.

Rates of obesity in Year 6 for the District are above the Yorkshire average. Levels of underweight in Bradford are the highest in the region and among the highest in the UK.

Council requests that the Healthy Weight Board, as part of developing a comprehensive strategy in response to obesity, considers the impact of high calorie drinks on weight levels in Bradford's young people taking account of the evidence on obesity and the causes of obesity.

ACTION: Director of Public Health

12.2 ONE CITY, ONE DISTRICT

Council notes that:

- (1) Bradford Council's services are vital for our community, especially for our most vulnerable citizens; yet these services are now at risk as a result of years of unprecedented cuts in financial support for local councils imposed by the Coalition and Conservative governments;**
- (2) Since 2010, central government support for Council services in Bradford has been cut by Conservative ministers (backed by Conservative MPs) by approximately £180 million;**
- (3) The Conservative government plans further cuts in support for Bradford Council services totalling over £80 million by 2020, by which time the Revenue Support Grant for our District will be reduced to zero;**
- (4) Changes in government policy introduced by the Conservatives since 2010 have increased the annual cost of Council services in Bradford – notably Social Care - by tens of millions of pounds;**
- (5) Conservative government cuts in support for Bradford Council are (a) mirrored by the determination of Conservative ministers to cut welfare support for the poorest in our society and to limit health and social care spending in real terms despite the growing crisis in these sectors, and (b) have been accompanied by tax cuts that have primarily benefitted the better off and contributed to the growing inequality in British society;**
- (6) The Leader of Bradford Council estimates that, by 2020, our Council will have "half the spending power we had in 2010", and has warned that "we are fast approaching a tipping point beyond which we will see valued services stop and those that remain scaled back" in circumstances where the future of the Council "will be financially unsustainable without radical changes and reductions in spending on local services";**
- (7) A report published by the Centre for Local Economic Strategies in**

2014 concluded that Bradford Council's limited "ability to bring in extra income due to a low tax base...makes it hard for City of Bradford MDC to mitigate what are already particularly disproportionate impacts"; that our area "suffers from deep deprivation and major inequalities"; that the Council is "in a very tough position" and the "major cuts to core budgets will result in greater health, economic and social inequalities within the district".

- (8) A report published by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation in 2015 assessed the impact of the ongoing Conservative cuts to local government budgets and acknowledged that Councils are having to centralise services "into multi-purpose hubs" in order to "both preserve services and increase efficiency";
- (9) The 2010 Conservative Party general election manifesto stated that "nothing underlines the powerlessness that many communities feel more than the loss of essential services", and the 2015 Conservative Party general election manifesto promised to "work with councillors to deliver high quality, value for money services";
- (10) The Conservative-led Shipley Area Committee made the decision to close Shipley's toilets despite opposition from the local ward councillors (who suggested an alternative strategy that would have allowed the toilets to remain open).

This Council therefore:

- (1) Commends our officers for their efforts to maintain and defend the public services they provide and thanks them for their hard work and dedication;
- (2) Resolves to do our best to maintain essential local public services in the face of unprecedented cuts in central government funding enacted by a Conservative Party elected into office in May 2015 with support from just 24.3% of all registered voters.

ACTION: Chief Executive/all Strategic Directors

12.3 DEMENTIA FRIENDLY BRADFORD

Resolved –

Council notes and welcomes the work undertaken alongside health partners to raise awareness of dementia in the community as part of Bradford's Five Year Dementia Strategy

Council asks:

- 1. That progress on the dementia strategy is reported on a programmed basis to Health & Social Care Scrutiny Committee**
- 2. That efforts are made to involve other partners including housing**

organisations, business leadership and the police in developing a Dementia Friendly Bradford

That work on training staff and volunteers to be dementia friendly is supported and that this is extended to include councillors.

ACTION: Director of Public Health/City Solicitor (Scrutiny Lead)/Director of Human Resources (Workforce Development/Member Development Manager)

12.4 LOOKING AFTER BRADFORD'S HEALTH: THE PUBLIC'S PRIORITIES

Resolved –

This Council notes that:

- **The Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) for West Yorkshire and Harrogate assumes £1 billion of cuts in health spending over the next four years.**
- **West Yorkshire leaders and health and wellbeing boards have not been properly involved or consulted on the West Yorkshire STP.**
- **NHS England has kept the 44 regional STPs confidential. The West Yorkshire STP was published for the first time on 10 November.**
- **The Bradford STP has had greater local input but is still only a list of initiatives which may lead to a significant cut in health spending in Bradford.**

This Council resolves that:

- **Health, care and wellbeing services should be planned and delivered close to local communities, unless planning and delivery on a regional or sub-regional geography is necessary to achieve sustainability or to deliver better clinical outcomes.**
- **Engagement and consultation with the public on the recently published West Yorkshire and Harrogate Sustainability and Transformation Plan (including Bradford District and Craven) should start as soon as possible to allow the public to review the proposals and have their say on future health and social care services in the District, and on services available outside the District.**
- **The Health and Wellbeing Board and governance bodies of the Council and partners should be consulted on any new proposals as they are developed in the District or at West Yorkshire level.**

This Council requests that:

- The Leader writes to NHS England asking them to let the public have their say on West Yorkshire plans.
- The Leader writes to the Lead on the Bradford & Craven STP to ask that a programme of public consultation is developed to ensure an open dialogue with Bradford District residents.

ACTION: Leader of Council/Director of Public Health

12.5 MITIGATING THE IMPACT OF WELFARE AND BENEFIT CUTS ON THE POOREST PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICT

Resolved -

This Council notes that:

- The Welfare Cap has already affected 220 families in the District. A further 1,000 families will be hit from w/c 16 January 2017.
- Each of these families has at least three children.
- This comes on top of the four-year freeze on working tax credits for working families. In the meantime inflation is expected to rise.
- From April 2017 the two-child limit on entitlement will be introduced which will impact on even more families in the District.
- We are concerned that the cumulative effect of these changes will impact on children to a greater extent than ever before.

This Council requests that:

The Chief Executive brings a paper to the Executive about how we can mitigate the impact of these welfare changes on the poorest families and how we can support parents to access employment.

ACTION: Chief Executive

13. BRADFORD EDUCATION COVENANT

Resolved –

- (1) That the report be received as a summary of the actions taken to involve stakeholders in further developing the Education Covenant.
- (2) That a ‘Covenant Champion’ be appointed to drive forward this innovative and exciting project to become a flagship development for the District.
- (3) That the Council invites all stakeholders in Education in Bradford to

actively pledge their commitment to the Covenant at the Education Covenant Conference.

ACTION: Strategic Director, Children's Services

14. WEST YORKSHIRE PENSION FUND DISINVESTMENT FROM THE FOSSIL FUEL INDUSTRY

Resolved –

That the resolution of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee be noted.

NO ACTION

15. ELECTED MEMBER REVIEW

Resolved –

That Sir Rodney Brooke's recommendations be adopted.

ACTION: City Solicitor/Director of Finance (IT Services), Director of Human Resources (Workforce Development/Member Development Manager)

16. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL - SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY ALLOWANCES FOR EXECUTIVE ASSISTANTS AND ANNUAL UPDATING OF ALLOWANCES

Resolved –

That the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel in relation to the Executive Assistants be adopted and the Members Allowances Scheme be amended to give effect to those recommendations.

Note: Council did not approve the recommendation of the Independent Remuneration Panel on the uprating of allowances in line with the local government pay settlements in 2016 and 2017 and the uprating of travel and subsistence allowances in accordance with the rates claimable by officers

ACTION: City Solicitor

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