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Dear Councillor

MEETING OF COUNCIL – THURSDAY, 23 FEBRUARY 2017

You are requested to attend the meeting of the Council to be held in the Council Chamber - City Hall, Bradford, City Hall, Bradford, on Thursday, 23 February 2017 at 4.00 pm

The agenda for the meeting is set out overleaf.

Yours sincerely

Parveen Akhtar
City Solicitor

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AGENDA

A. PROCEDURAL ITEMS

1. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

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

To receive disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests from 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) *In relation to Agenda Item 7A concerning the approval of the Council's Budget and setting the level of Council Tax and Business Rates for 2017/18 Members will be asked to approve the following recommendations contained in the report of the City Solicitor/Monitoring Officer (**Document "U"**) on the granting of dispensations to all Members who have certain Disclosable Pecuniary Interests as defined in the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 and as listed in the Appendix A to the report:*

That Council:

1. *Grants a dispensation to the Members of the Authority who have requested one, to enable them to participate in full in the decision to approve the budgets for 2017/18 and 2018/19 and to set the Council Tax and Business Rates for 2017/18 and 2018/19 .*
2. *Approves the dispensation for a period of 2 years until 23 February 2018.*



3. *Notes the Monitoring Officer's advice that personal interests that may give rise to a perception of a conflict of interest shall not prevent Members from speaking and voting at the Budget meetings.*
- (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 (as listed in Appendix B to the report). Any other interests may be disclosed prior to, or at, the meeting.*
- (4) *Officers must disclose interests in accordance with Council Standing Order 44.*

2. MINUTES

Recommended –

That the minutes of the meeting held on 17 January 2017 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. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND JOINT COMMITTEES (Standing Order 4)

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).

7. RECOMMENDATION FROM THE EXECUTIVE - BUDGET 2017/18 AND 2018/19

The Executive at its meeting on 21 February 2017 will make recommendations to Council on the Budget for 2017/18 and 2018/19.

The following reports are submitted:

7.1 The Council's Revenue Estimates for 2017/18 and 2018/19 17 - 38

The report of the Strategic Director Corporate Services provides details of the Council's Revenue Estimates for 2017/18 and 2018/19 (**Document "W"**). This report may require updating following the meeting of the Executive on 21 February 2017.

(Tom Caselton – 01274 434472)

7.2 Allocation of the Schools' Budget 2017/18 Financial Year 39 - 58

The report of the Strategic Director Corporate Services presents and seeks approval of the recommendations of the Schools Forum in allocating the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) for 2017/18 (**Executive Document "BH"**).

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

7.3 The Council's Capital Investment Plan for 2017/18-2020/21 59 - 70

The report of the Strategic Director Corporate Services proposes the programme of capital expenditure for 2017/18 onwards (**Executive Document "BI"**). This report may require updating following the meeting of the Executive on 21 February 2017.

(Tom Caselton – 01274 434472)



- 7.4 Section 151 Officer's Assessment** 71 - 84
- This report of the Strategic Director Corporate Services sets out the S151 Officer's assessment of the risks related to the proposed budget for the financial year 2017/18 and the adequacy of the available mitigations in the context of the forecast reserves (**Document "X"**). The assessment may require updating following the Executive's recommendations to Council on the budget following the meeting of the Executive on 21 February 2017.
- (Stuart McKinnon-Evans – 01274 432800)
- 7.5 Consultation Feedback and Equality Assessments for the 2017/18 and 2018/19 Council Budget Proposals** 85 - 148
- The report of the Assistant Director, Office of the Chief Executive, appendices and addenda provide feedback from the public engagement and consultation programme and sets out a summary of the equality assessments carried out on the Executive's Budget proposals for 2017/18 and 2018/19 (**Executive Document "BA"**). There is particular reference to the Council's responsibilities under Equality legislation to enable the Council to have due regard to the Public Sector Equality Duty when considering the Executive's recommendations to Council on a budget for 2017/18 and 2018/19.
- (Dave Preston – 01274 431241)
- 7.6 Interim Trade Union Feedback on the Executive's Budget Proposals for the 2017/18 and 2018/19 Council Budget** 149 - 224
- The report of the Director of Human Resources, appendices and addenda provide interim feedback from the Council's Trade Unions on the Executive's budget proposals for the 2017/18 and 2018/19 Council budget (**Executive Document "BB"**).
- (Michelle Moverley – 01274 437883)
- 8. RECOMMENDATION FROM THE GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE- APPOINTMENT PROCESS FOR THE COUNCIL'S EXTERNAL AUDITORS FOR 2018/19** 225 - 230
- On the 24 January 2017 the Governance and Audit Committee considered the report of the Strategic Director Corporate Services (Governance and Audit Committee Document "Z") giving the options available for the appointment of the Council's external auditor from the 1 April 2018. It was explained that there are three options that the Council could adopt and the report presented the Governance and Audit Committee with the advantages and disadvantages of each option and asked the Committee to make a recommendation to Council on the preferred option. In **Document "V"** it is,
- Recommended -**



- (1) The Council accepts Public Sector Audit Appointments' (PSAA) invitation to 'opt in' to the sector led option for the appointment of external auditors for five financial years commencing 1 April 2018.**
- (2) That the PSAA be requested to see if they could arrange a regional appointment if possible through their procurement.**

(Mark St Romaine – 01274 432888)

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