

Decisions of the Council on Tuesday, 21 March 2017

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Decisions

6. PETITIONS (Standing Order 11)

Rockwell Lane, Thorpe Edge - Gritting

Resolved –

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

Priestman Street, Manningham – Derelict Premises

Resolved –

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

Lumb Lane, Bradford – Parking Issues

Resolved –

That the petition be referred to the Bradford West Area Committee and the Regeneration and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

ACTION: City Solicitor (referral to Committee)

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

Resolved –

- (1) That Irene Docherty, Teachers Special School Representative, be appointed as a Non Voting Co-opted Member of the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the remainder of the Municipal Year.**
- (2) That Councillor Pennington replace Councillor Ellis as the alternate on the Staffing Committee.**
- (3) That Councillor Poulsen replace Councillor Carmody on the Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Councillor Ellis replace Councillor Poulsen as an alternate.**



- (4) That Councillor Riaz replace Councillor Carmody as an alternate for the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

ACTION: *City Solicitor*

11. **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE - THE APPROVAL AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BRADFORD DISTRICT COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) CHARGING SCHEDULE**

Resolved –

That the implementation of the Bradford District Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule (as set out in Appendix 2 of Executive Document "BN") with a commencement date of 1 July 2017 be approved.

ACTION: *Strategic Director Place*

12. **CHILDREN LEAVING CARE**

Resolved-

This Council notes that the Children in Care Council (CICC) is run as an inclusive Children Looked After and Care Leavers Council and provides excellent support to both children and young people who are in care and those who have left our care. The youngest member in the current CICC is 14 and the oldest is 22.

This Council also notes that nationally children who leave care can have a hugely increased risk of criminal behaviour, teenage pregnancies, homelessness and substance misuse. However in Bradford:

- 90% of 16 to 21 year olds are in either employment or training
- 27 Care Leavers are attending university
- Most recent Ofsted described the experience and progress of care leavers as good.

This Council believes that children leaving care require the right type of targeted, intensive support and as a result is conducting a review of the support given to our care leavers.

The Council notes the role and responsibilities of Corporate parents and the recent report Improving the Support for Young People in Care considered by the Corporate Parenting Panel on 8th March.

The Council resolves to:

- Adopt the recommendations in Improving the Support for Young People in Care
- Ask the Corporate Parenting Panel and the Children's Overview and Scrutiny committee to examine both the outcomes of the review of support for Care Leavers and the implementation of the Improving Support to Young People recommendations.

ACTION: *Strategic Director Children's Services/City Solicitor (referral to committees)*

12. **OUR COMMITMENT TO A SUCCESSFUL TRADE WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE**

Resolved-

This Council notes:

- Trade waste collection is a non-statutory service. It provides a good service to businesses who trade in the Bradford District.
- From a total of around 17,000 businesses in the district, the Council has approximately 4,000 customers, a market share of around 25%. Private providers dominate this market and the Council has no powers to compel them to comply with a council service's policy.
- The Council is committed to continuing an effective and efficient trade waste service which generates a surplus. This benefits our business customers plus it also generates income to pay for other Council services delivered to Bradford District residents.
- The Council is committed to ensuring all our business customers have access to appropriate waste containers and advice or support to ensure that they are good neighbours.
- The Council experiences very few adverse issues with the service. However the Council is committed to using our legitimate enforcement measures and enabling environmental officers to deal with any nuisance or hazards wherever they arise.
- Should any elected member or member of the public experience difficulty with a trade waste bin, they should contact their Neighbourhood Office which will support with enforcement.

ACTION: *Strategic Director Place*

12. **TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE STATE PENSION OF WOMEN BORN IN THE 1950s**

Resolved-

The Pensions Acts of 1995 and 2011 imposed significant changes on hundreds of thousands of women with little or no personal notification. This resulted in some women only having two years notice of a six year increase to their state pension age.

The Government should change the transitional arrangements so that they take account of:

- The unfair burden placed on women born after 6th April 1951
- The lack of time to make alternative plans

This Council resolves to:

- Ask the Government to reconsider transitional arrangements for women born on or after 6th April 1951
- Ask each of the District's five MPs to make their views known on this matter to the relevant minister

ACTION: *Chief Executive*

12. **COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER**

Resolved-

Council notes:

1. Community Asset Transfer presents the opportunity to empower local communities and build neighbourhood resilience
2. Commitment in the 2017/18 budget to support Parish and Town Councils or community organisations looking at community asset transfers or the undertaking of withdrawn Council services
3. Limited capacity and knowledge of community asset transfer within some local Councils and community groups

The Council has the following tools in place:

1. Available asset lists for interested parties who may wish to take responsibility for them either through a CAT or other process
2. Every building has details of outstanding repairs and other prospective costs that would require identification within a community asset transfer
3. As part of the CAT transfer process we identify limiting covenants or charitable trusts on land or buildings in the Council's control
4. Appropriate support through the £100,000 budget proposal for Parish or Town Councils or community organisations considering community asset transfer
5. Provides updates on CATs and other service transfers through:
 - the Property Programme report at Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee;
 - to ward members on a quarterly basis, with notifications for new and progressing CATs;
 - through an online register of applications, publicly available.

Council asks the Strategic Directors, Corporate and Place to:

1. Develop a CAT toolkit for parties interested in the community asset transfer process
2. Organise workshops to help inform and guide parties interested in the community asset transfer process

ACTION: *Strategic Director Corporate Services/Strategic Director Place*

12. **BOOSTING SKILLS AND RECRUITMENT IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE**

FOR THE BRADFORD DISTRICT

Resolved-

This Council notes:

- **There is a risk of a national skills gap and recruitment crisis in health and social care**
- **The risk is heightened by the Government's decision to cut bursaries for student nurses, which has led to a 23% drop in enrolments. The uncertainty around the employment of EU nationals post-Brexit adds to the risk.**

This Council recognises this is a national issue but we want to do what we can here in Bradford. We are committed to working with partners in the district to address skills and recruitment challenges in health and social care. We resolve to:

- **instruct the Strategic Director of Children's Services to launch a health and social care Industrial Centre of Excellence (ICE)**
- **support the University of Bradford's bid to open a medical school**
- **help to develop improved career pathways for health and social care professionals.**

ACTION: Strategic Director Children's Services /Strategic Director Health and Wellbeing

12. BRADFORD COUNCIL IS TAKING A LEAD ON INCLUSIVE GROWTH

Resolved-

This Council notes:

- **Bradford Council is playing a lead role in inclusive growth for our region, as demonstrated when we hosted the Inclusive Growth Commission's regional launch event on 6 March 2017**
- **It is crucial that everyone in the district gets the opportunity to contribute to and share in any economic growth**
- **We are committed to making inclusive growth principles integral to our own practices and in our influence with partners and third party organisations**

We resolve to:

- **Consider inclusive growth as part of the Council's Procurement Review**
- **Continue supporting employment and skills programmes such as SkillsHouse and encourage partners to get involved**
- **Work with private and third sector partners on a Business Covenant to promote strong corporate social responsibility throughout the**

Bradford District.

ACTION: Chief Executive/Strategic Director Corporate Services/Strategic Director Place

13. PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2017/18

Resolved –

That the Pay Policy Statement for the financial year 2017/18, as set out at Appendix 1 to Document “Z”, be approved.

ACTION: Strategic Director Corporate Services

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