

Minutes of a meeting of the Executive held on Tuesday, 5 December 2017 at City Hall, Bradford

Commenced 10.40 am
Concluded 12.15 pm

Members of the Executive – Councillors

LABOUR
Hinchcliffe
V Slater
I Khan
Ross-Shaw
Ferriby
Jabar

Councillor Hinchcliffe in the Chair

60. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

In the interest of transparency Councillors Hinchcliffe and Imran Khan disclosed an interest in the item relating to the Proposed Expansion of Low Ash Primary and the Closure of Sixth Form at Carlton Bolling College and the increase in the school's Publish Admission Number from 240 to 300 (Minute 66), as the respective schools were situated in their Wards.

ACTION: *City Solicitor*

61. MINUTES

Resolved –

That the minutes of the meeting held on 7 November 2017 be signed as a correct record.

62. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

There were no appeals submitted by the public to review decisions to restrict documents.

63. RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE

MINUTES OF THE SHIPLEY AREA COMMITTEE HELD ON 11 OCTOBER 2017

Resolved –

- (1) That the minutes of the meetings held on 13 September and 11 October 2017 be signed as a correct record.
- (2) **That the Executive be requested to amend the arrangement for the Community Right to Bid process, as approved on 6 November 2012, in order to allow the Chairs of Area Committees to accept nominations to list properties as Assets of Community Value in instances where the officer's recommendation is to accept them and the Ward Councillors affected and the Chair of the Area Committee concur, rather than a report being submitted to the Committee.**

NOTE: Resolution (2) above relates to Shipley Area Committee Minute 32 (2017/2018) and Executive Minute 59 (2012/2013).

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Regeneration & Economy
ACTION: Strategic Director, Corporate Services/ City Solicitor
(Committee referral)**

Note: The City Solicitor stated that the Council's Constitution did not allow for an exception to be made, and therefore the request from the Shipley Area Committee could not be acceded to, and that the Chair of the Shipley Area Committee be advised accordingly.

ACTION: City Solicitor

64. PROPOSED FINANCIAL PLAN UPDATED 2018/19 TO 2020/21

The Strategic Director Corporate Services submitted a report (**Document "AJ"**) which set out:

- update on budget decisions and Council Tax including new proposals for consultation with the public, interested parties, staff and Trade Unions for 2018/19 and 2019/20
- revised indicative budget plans to 2020/21, to allow the further development of spending proposals to keep the Council effective and financially sustainable

The Strategic Director stated that the proposed consultation process would inform the budget meetings in February and that the report gave a current assessment of the financial envelope and implementation of the Council Plan to date, together with a financial assessment for 2018/19 up to 2020/21.

The Strategic Director explained that since 2010, the Council had approved £255.8m of budget savings, however adults and children's social care continued to experience pressures and no new announcements had been made in the Chancellor's Autumn Budget in relation to alleviating these pressures.

The future level of the Revenue Support Grant remained uncertain, however the assumption was that this would become zero by 2020/21.

The Strategic Director also highlighted that for the first time Council Tax will now account for in excess of 50% of the Council's net budget due to the reductions in central government grants.

In relation to the public consultation on the budget proposals, it was stated that the formal consultation process will continue until the 28 January 2018, and that the Executive will receive a feedback on the consultation at its 6 February 2018 meeting.

In tabling the Labour Group's update to the four-year plan, the Leader stated that since 2010, the Council has had to find cuts and savings of £256m and that by 2020 the government grant would be zero. She alluded to impacts the cuts had had to vital services the Council provides, whereas demand in the sphere of adult and children social care was rising, and despite intense lobbying no extra funding had been announced by the Chancellor in the recent Autumn Budget, nor on the issue of Local Government pay.

She added that Bradford would bear an additional burden in the context of its low Council Tax base, compounding the inequality in services depending on where you lived in the country.

The Leader stated that despite the bleak financial situation facing the Council, growth and investment were key to unlocking Bradford's potential, and to this end it was important to harness the strengths we had as a district; one of the youngest populations in the UK, strong global links with 85% of our businesses trading internationally and therefore the right growth and investment plan was key in unlocking this potential.

The Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder stated that she had grave concerns around the funding of adult and children social care and that no additional funding had been earmarked.

The Environment, Sport and Culture Portfolio holder stated that within her service area there had been a concerted effort to try and generate income from the facilities we had; the move to fortnightly bin collections had reduced costs and increased recycling rates in the district; the success of Community Asset Transfers was alluded to as well as the campaign on littering.

In the area of Neighbourhoods and Community Safety, the Portfolio holder highlighted the importance of keeping youth provision going, despite the cuts in the youth service budget.

The Regeneration, Planning and Transport Portfolio Holder stated that growth would provide the vital strands of what we were trying to do going forward, of which the increase rates of house building and the number of major developments in the city centre were key components, as well as increasing the ability of the Council to generate income with the recent acquisition of the NCP car park.

The Education, Employment and Skills Portfolio Holder stressed that Education was a cornerstone in Bradford's future prosperity and to this end Bradford was making good progress in improving its education attainment levels. The success of the Get Bradford Working initiative was alluded to in improving social mobility and employment rates in the district.

The Leader stated that despite the cuts in local government funding, Bradford's ambition would not be dimmed, adding that if we can harness our education and growth potential, inclusive growth could be achieved.

Resolved –

That having considered the Council's public sector equality duty as set out in Document "AJ", Executive:

- (1) Approve for consultation as required with the public, interested parties, staff and Trade Unions the proposed detailed budget changes for 2018/19 and 2019/20 set out at Appendix E(i) and any revisions to previous decisions as set out in Appendix G(i) to Document "AJ";**
- (2) Approve for consultation as required with the public, interested parties, staff and Trade Unions the proposed detailed budget changes for 2019/20 as set out in Appendix F to Document "AJ";**
- (3) Approve for consultation as required with the public, interested parties, staff and Trade Unions the proposed non- recurrent spending included in the financial estimates asset as set out in Appendix D to Document "AJ";**
- (4) Note the proposed use of reserves;**
- (5) Approve the consultation mechanisms and processes set out in Appendix H to Document "AJ";**
- (6) Approve the proposed indicative spending totals for each outcome set out in tables 1(a) and 1(b) to Document "AJ" for 2020/21 to inform future planning and engagement with stakeholders, the budget for 2020/21 to be subject to detailed formal consultation in future budget rounds;**

- (7) Approve that the £10m p.a. included in the existing Capital Investment Plan for strategic acquisitions can be deployed flexibly between the years of the Capital Investment Plan, so that acquisitions exceeding that figure could be considered;
- (8) Authorise the Strategic Director Corporate Services, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to proceed with a pooled 100% business rate pilot if the application is approved by DCLG; and
- (9) Authorise Strategic Directors to engage with stakeholders to develop draft plans and options for the reforms and changes required to deliver a balanced budget in 2020/21.

ACTION: Strategic Director Corporate Services

(Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

65. CITY OF BRADFORD METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COUNCIL SOCIAL VALUE AND INCLUSIVE GROWTH RATIONALE AND POLICY DOCUMENT

The Strategic Director Corporate Services submitted a report (**Document “A1”**) which set out a rationale and policy for Commissioners, Procurers and Suppliers for the Social Value the City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council was seeking to achieve for the residents and businesses of the Bradford District and the wider Leeds City Region economy. The Policy is designed to provide a reasonable, scalable and proportionate approach to realise Inclusive Growth benefits from the contracts the Council procures, awards and manages.

The Senior Commissioning and Category Manager explained that the proposal was about creating job opportunities, improving social mobility as well as encouraging local spend on local suppliers.

In welcoming the report, the Leader stated that this was a valuable document which would encourage and enable local businesses to tender more frequently and thereby make the Bradford pound go further.

Resolved –

- (1) That the contents of this report be noted.
- (2) The Council’s Social Value and Inclusive Growth Rationale and Policy Document (as set out at Appendix 1 to Document “A1”) be accepted and implemented by the Council after the 1st of April 2018.
- (3) That there is an annual review and evaluation of the Social Value benefits secured through the application of the Policy.

ACTION: Strategic Director Corporate Services

(Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Committee)

66. PROPOSED EXPANSION OF PRIMARY SCHOOL AND CLOSURE OF SIXTH FORM PROVISION INCLUDING CHANGE OF AGE RANGE OF SECONDARY SCHOOL

The Strategic Director Children's Services submitted a report (**Document "AK"**) which asked the Executive to:

- Agree to increase the Published Admission Number (PAN) and approve the publication of Statutory Proposals for the expansion of Low Ash Primary School.
- Approve the publication of Statutory Proposals for the alteration of the upper age range of Carlton Bolling College from 11-18 to 11-16 so as to remove the sixth form provision and approve the increase in the school's Published Admission Number (PAN) from 240 to 300.

The Head of Pupil Planning stated that in relation to the proposals for Low Ash Primary, concerns around parking and highways issues had been raised through the consultation process and they will be dealt with at the design/planning stage.

In relation to the proposals for Carlton Bolling, the proposed closure of the sixth form would allow for an increase in the 11-16 year old provision, in what is now an outstanding school.

The Education, Employment and Skills Portfolio Holder stated that there was good alternative sixth form provision in the area, and that parents were overwhelmingly supportive of the proposal.

Resolved –

- (1) **That the increase in the PAN at Low Ash Primary School from 60 to 90 as from September 2019, and the publication of Statutory Proposals to enlarge the school premises by increasing the capacity of the school from 420 to 630 from September 2019 be approved.**
- (2) **That the publication of Statutory Proposals for the alteration of the upper age range of Carlton Bolling College changing the age range from 11-18 to 11-16 so as to remove the sixth-form provision, and to increase in the PAN from 240 to 300 for statutory age pupils from September 2018 be approved**

ACTION: Strategic Director Children's Services

(Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

67. WINTER SERVICE PLAN 2017-18

The Council has a duty to develop and implement a winter service operational plan to ensure so far as reasonably practicable, that traffic keeps moving even in unforeseen weather conditions and that safe passage is not endangered by the presence of snow and ice.

The Strategic Director Place submitted a report (**Document "AL"**) which detailed the arrangements in place to discharge this duty, outlined the changes to the plan

which have been made as a result of the review of the Winter 2016-17 operation and detailed potential future changes that may be necessary to comply with the implementation of the new Code of Practice for Well Managed Highway Infrastructure in October 2018.

The Highways Services Manager stated that the plan introduced a risk based approach to the winter plan based on the new code of practice.

The Regeneration, Planning and Transport Portfolio Holder welcomed the Plan and thanked officers for the efficient manner in which the service had undertaken its operation during the winter months.

Resolved –

- (1) That the Winter Services Plan 2017-18 be approved and adopted and that a copy of the approved plan be placed on the Council’s website in accordance with the requirements of the revised Code of Practice.**
- (2) That the Winter Service Plan 2018-19, which is fully compliant with the recommendations in the revised Code of Practice be presented to Executive prior to the commencement of the winter service 2018-19.**

ACTION: Strategic Director Place

(Environment & Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

68. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Resolved –

That the public be excluded from the meeting during the discussion of the Appendix relating to the Bradford Odeon on the grounds that it is likely, in view of the nature of the proceedings, that if they were present, exempt information within paragraphs 3 and 5 (financial or business affairs and legal privilege) of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) would be disclosed and it is considered that, in all the circumstances, the public interest in allowing the public to remain is outweighed by the public interest in excluding public access to the relevant part of the proceedings for the following reasons:

It is in the public interest in maintaining these exemptions because it is in the overriding interest of proper administration that Members are made fully aware of the financial and legal implications of any decision.

69. BRADFORD ODEON

The Strategic Director Corporate Services submitted a report (**Document “AM” with NOT FOR PUBLICATION APPENDIX 1**) which set out the options available to the Council in securing funding for the proposed refurbishment of the Bradford

Odeon.

Resolved –

Executive resolved as follows:

- (1) To endorse the risk assessment in the Not for Publication Appendix to Document 'AM'.
- (2) To endorse further detailed consideration, with partners, of the optimal legal and financial structure to develop the Bradford Odeon with their preferred delivery option being Option 2 as set out in the Not For Publication appendix to Document 'AM'.
- (3) To support the principle that the Council provides loan or other forms of capital to enable the development to proceed.
- (4) To support bids to other bodies who are willing to co-fund development.
- (5) To receive a further report at the earliest opportunity or at its scheduled meeting on 9 January 2018 on the preferred option and any other relevant matters.

ACTION: Strategic Director Corporate Services

(Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

Chair

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