

Decisions of the Council on Tuesday, 17 October 2017

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Decisions

6. **PETITIONS (Standing Order 11)**

Regency Court and Walker Drive – Request to close walkway

The petitioners were not in attendance so in accordance with Standing Order 11.5 the petition could not be received and will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of Council on 12 December 2017.

Refuse collection arrangements

The petitioners were not in attendance so in accordance with Standing Order 11.5 the petition could not be received and will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of Council on 12 December 2017.

ACTION: City Solicitor

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

Resolved –

- (1) **That the appointment of the following non-voting co-opted members to the Children’s Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the 2017/18 Municipal Year be confirmed:**

**Teachers Secondary School Representative: Tom Bright
Teachers Special School Representative: Irene Docherty
Voluntary Sector Representative: Kerr Kennedy**

- (2) **That Councillor Berry be appointed to the Bradford South Area Committee in place of Councillor Sharp and Councillor Sharp be an alternate.**
- (3) **That Councillor Hassan Khan be appointed to the Regeneration and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee in place of Councillor Salam and Councillor Salam be an alternate.**
- (4) **That Councillor Love be appointed as the Chair of the Environment and Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Councillor Warnes be appointed as the Deputy Chair.**

- (5) That Councillor Imran Hussain be appointed as an alternate to the Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee in place of Councillor Tariq Hussain.

ACTION: *City Solicitor*

11. **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE - LOCAL PLAN - BRADFORD DISTRICT WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT - PLANNING INSPECTOR'S REPORT AND ADOPTION**

Resolved -

- (1) That the Bradford District Waste Management Development Plan as approved by Full Council on 20 October 2015 be formally adopted and submitted to the government for examination with the Main Modifications contained in Appendix 2 to Executive Document "Q", as proposed by the Inspector pursuant to Section 23 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.
- (2) That the Assistant Director (Planning Transportation and Highways) in consultation with the relevant Portfolio Holder be authorised to make other minor amendments of redrafting or of a similar nature as may be necessary prior to formal publication.

ACTION: *Strategic Director Place*

12. **MOTION - INVESTING IN BRADFORD'S COMMUNITIES**

Resolved –

Council notes:

- Capital investment across the district that has run to millions of pounds over many years including Shipley and Keighley Library, Shipley pool, Cliffe Castle, Keighley Market and Saltaire public realm works, with more investment in the pipeline including road improvements in Keighley (Hard Ings & North Street)
- Planned multi-million pound investment in two new swimming pools which will complement existing refurbished provision in Eccleshill, Ilkley, Shipley and Keighley
- Non-capital investment and support with partners across the whole district such as Tour de Yorkshire, Ilkley and Bradford Literature Festival, Shipley Street Arts Festival, Saltaire Festival, Bingley Music Live, International Women's Day, Pride Event
- Our Investment Strategy which outlines our approach to making investments to generate revenue that in turn supports the funding of

services for the whole district

- A budget of £200k per annum for two years has been identified to provide further support to community groups going through the Community Asset Transfer process, including legal and surveying staff
- The unprecedented scale of government cuts, with the central government grant for Bradford Council being cut completely by 2020. This austerity is being felt across the public sector including the police, fire service and the NHS

Council:

- (1) Recognises the unprecedented pressure on the revenue budget caused by government cuts and believes that the proper use of capital investment is to support all the District's communities.
- (2) Asks that the Finance Director continues with the implementation of appropriate support to community groups who have come forward to express an interest in taking on community facilities and services.
- (3) Asks the Finance Director to produce a report to the Executive investigating and identifying additional income and revenue generation opportunities for the Council that can be used to support communities and services across the district, such as the investment in the NCP car park that will see an income generation line, net of borrowing costs, of approximately £160,000 per annum for Bradford residents.

ACTION: *Strategic Director Corporate Services*

12. MOTION - ENDING THE DECLINE IN ARTS EDUCATION

Resolved-

This Council notes that the UK's Creative Industries are worth over £80 billion per year to the UK economy and account for nearly 2 million jobs.

The 'Bacc for the Future' campaign led and supported by over 200 arts and education organisations forewarned that the introduction of the English Baccalaureate would put arts subjects at risk.

This Council notes the recent disturbing report by the Education Policy Institute 'Entries to arts subjects at Key Stage 4' which, at a national level, identifies a link between the introduction of the English Baccalaureate and Progress 8 and the decline in the number of pupils taking arts subjects in 2016 to its lowest level for a decade.

This Council calls on the Government to evaluate the impact of the introduction of the English Baccalaureate and the use of Progress 8 as an accountability measure on the take up of arts subjects at Key Stage 4 and take actions to remedy any decline that might have occurred.

This Council also believes that Art & Culture play an important role in the development of a child and welcomes the continuing commitment to the Education Covenant, which includes championing the District's unique art and cultural offer. This Council asks the Director of Children's Services to further strengthen the cultural element of the Education Covenant in conjunction with local partners as well as Arts Council England.

ACTION: Strategic Director Children's Services

12. MOTION - CREATING ADDITIONAL SAFE SPACES FOR OUTDOOR PLAY

Resolved –

This Council notes:

- **the increasing level of childhood obesity globally as outlined in the World Health Organisation report "Ending Childhood Obesity"**
- **the reducing levels of physical activity in children and young people**
- **outdoor activity and play are contributors to the health and wellbeing of children and young people.**

This Council welcomes the ongoing work to tackle these issues by:

- **the introduction of the Healthy Bradford plan and the Healthy Bradford Charter**
- **taking a whole systems approach in conjunction with Public Health England and Leeds Beckett University**
- **actively working with existing strategies and a wide range of partners including Active Bradford, the Born in Bradford project and the Design in the Public Sector programme**
- **Learning from and sharing good practice with other councils, such as Birmingham and Wigan**

This Council resolves to:

- **Encourage the "Daily Mile" in Schools**
- **Task Public Health, the Neighbourhoods service, Highways and Communities to progress the Active streets model (which includes temporary street closures) in conjunction with the Play Champion**

- Review and Revise the “All to Play for” strategy

ACTION: *Strategic Director Children’s Services/Strategic Director Place/Strategic Director Health and Wellbeing*

12. **SUPPORT FOR BRADFORD'S ROHINGYA COMMUNITY**

Resolved-

This Council notes:

- The United Nations has described the exodus of Rohingya Muslims from Myanmar to Bangladesh as “the most urgent refugee emergency in the world” with “widespread human rights violations” in what appears to be “a textbook example of ethnic cleansing”.
- Bradford has a significant Rohingya Muslim population, the largest in Europe, who are understandably extremely concerned for the safety of their loved ones.

This Council calls on the international community to:

- Exert its influence to stop the persecution now
- Intervene so that humanitarian aid is allowed in to support the Rohingya immediately
- Ensure that Bangladesh has sufficient resources to sustain the Rohingya refugees fleeing persecution.

This Council resolves to support Rohingya Bradfordians by:

- Recognising the Bradford Rohingya Community UK Association as a representative body of the Bradford Rohingya Community and support this newly established body to organise themselves as a charity.
- Ensuring the Bradford Rohingya community has full access to ESOL classes now available through the Government’s ‘Controlling Migration Fund’ and other services so that they can take a full and active role in life in Bradford.
- Supporting the Bradford Rohingya Community to manage their charity relief effort to support the plight of others in their homeland.

ACTION: *Chief Executive/ all Strategic Directors*

12. **MOTION - SUPPORTING LOCAL GOVERNMENT WORKERS IN BRADFORD CALLING ON THE GOVERNMENT TO FUND FAIRER PAY**

Resolved-

This Council notes:

- For most workers in local government and schools, pay and other

terms and conditions are determined by the National Joint Council (NJC) for local government services

- On average across the country, NJC basic pay has fallen by 21% in real terms since 2010
- NJC workers had a three-year pay freeze from 2010-2012 and have received only 1% pay increase annually since then
- NJC pay is the lowest in the public sector

This Council therefore supports the NJC pay claim for 2018, submitted by UNISON, GMB and Unite on behalf of council and school workers and calls for the immediate end of public sector pay restraint. NJC pay cannot be allowed to fall further behind other parts of the public sector. This Council also welcomes the joint review of the NJC pay spine to remedy the turbulence caused by bottom-loaded pay settlements.

Council further notes the drastic ongoing cuts to our funding by the Government which has impacted staff here in Bradford. Council calls on the Government to provide all additional resources to ensure local authorities can fund a decent pay rise for NJC employees and the pay spine review.

This Council resolves to:

- Write to the LGA asking it to make urgent representations to Government to fund the NJC claim and the pay spine review;
- Write to the Prime Minister and Chancellor supporting the NJC pay claim and seeking the additional resources needed to fund a decent pay rise and the pay spine review
- Write to local NJC union representatives to convey support for the pay claim and the pay spine review.

ACTION: *Chief Executive/Director of Human Resources*

12. MOTION - CALL ON GOVERNMENT TO BACK BRADFORD IN AUTUMN BUDGET

Resolved-

This Council notes:

- Bradford Council's net budget in 2020 will be around half what it was in 2010 and our workforce has reduced by over 2,000 staff since the start of the government's austerity programme
- At his Autumn Budget on 22 November the Chancellor has an opportunity to promote good growth and reconsider any further planned cuts.
- The Council's submission of what should be included in the Autumn Budget has been sent to Government, setting out our ambitions and the investments and support needed to achieve them

This Council:

- Asks the District's MPs to back Bradford's investment asks and seek meetings with Ministers to promote them.
- Will continue to press government for a national plan to address the social care crisis
- Requests that the Chief Executive draws up a prospectus setting out the case for investment in Bradford District and the returns to be achieved through the public, private and third sectors working together to secure the necessary resources and reforms. This should build on the work of the economic strategy.

ACTION: *Chief Executive*

12. **MOTION - TACKLING FIXED ODDS BETTING TERMINALS AND PROBLEM GAMBLING**

Resolved –

This Council notes:

- In Bradford we have 62 betting shops but among these there are a large number of FOBTs – up to 248.
- The prevalence of Fixed Odds Betting Terminals (FOBTs) in betting shops, often referred to in the media as “the crack cocaine of gambling”, allowing bets of up to £100 every 20 seconds
- In 2012, over £1.5bn was lost on FOBTs across the UK. More profit was made from FOBTs than from the National Lottery, yet the most recent British Gambling Prevalence Survey found that while 56% of the population play the Lottery, just 4% play FOBTs.
- Research carried out by Geofutures, which found there are four times as many betting shops, which house FOBTs, in areas of high unemployment than in areas of low unemployment.
- Concern of the continued delays by Government in reporting back from the Review of Gaming Machines and Social Responsibility Measures
- The position in the Republic of Ireland where the Government has introduced legislation to ban FOBTs in betting shops.

Bradford Council is concerned that the increase in FOBTs is causing significant problems and believes the Government should introduce legislation to ban B2 casino games in betting shops.

This Council will write to Government expressing our concerns outlined above and to ask for a speedy publication of their response to the Review of Gaming Machines and Social Responsibility Measures. If this does not recommend a ban then we additionally request that Government:

- Reduces the maximum bet per spin on FOBTs to £2
- Starts an immediate review of problem gambling
- Introduces a compulsory levy for gambling companies that will fund research and treatment to help problem gamblers deal with their addiction
- Grants local authorities greater powers through the planning system

to restrict the excessive clustering on our high streets of betting shops with FOBTs.

ACTION: Chief Executive/Strategic Director Place

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