

Decisions of the Council on Tuesday, 12 December 2017

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Decisions

6. PETITIONS (Standing Order 11)

Regency Court and Walker Drive – Request to close walkway

Resolved –

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

Refuse Collection Arrangements

The petitioners were not in attendance so in accordance with Standing Order 11.5 the petition could not be received.

Funding of Duke of Edinburgh Award Sessions in Edinburgh.

Resolved –

That at the request of the lead petitioner this petition be deferred to the next meeting of Council.

Oastler Road Car Park

Resolved –

That the petition be referred to the Executive.

Reducing Speeding on Reevy Crescent, Buttershaw

Resolved –

That it be noted that at the request of the lead petitioner this petition will now be dealt with at officer level.

ACTION: City Solicitor

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

Resolved –

- (1) That Councillor Sajawal be appointed to the Bradford East Area Committee in place of Councillor Jamil and Councillor Jamil be an alternate.**
- (2) That Councillor Senior be appointed to the Bradford South Area Committee in place of Councillor Thornton and Councillor Thornton be an alternate.**
- (3) That Councillor Khadim Hussain be appointed to the Keighley Area Committee in place Councillor Morris.**
- (4) That Councillor Hawarun Hussain be appointed to the Shipley Area Committee in place of Councillor Ross-Shaw and Councillor Ross-Shaw be an alternate.**
- (5) That Councillor Rachel Sunderland replace Councillor Fear as an alternate on the Environment and Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee.**

ACTION: City Solicitor

12. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE - LOCAL PLAN - BRADFORD CITY CENTRE AREA ACTION PLAN (AAP) AND SHIPLEY AND CANAL ROAD CORRIDOR AAP - PLANNING INSPECTOR'S REPORT AND ADOPTION

Resolved –

- (1) That the Bradford City Centre Area Action Plan be formally adopted as approved by Full Council on 20 October 2015 and submitted to the government for examination with the Main Modifications contained in Appendix 2, as proposed by the Inspector pursuant to Section 23 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.**
- (2) That the Shipley & Canal Road Corridor Area Action Plan be formally adopted as approved by Full Council on 20 October 2015 and submitted to the government for examination with the Main Modifications contained in Appendix 3, as proposed by the Inspector pursuant to Section 23 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.**
- (3) 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 of both AAPs.**

ACTION: Strategic Director Place

13. **RECOMMENDATION FROM THE HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - DEMENTIA FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES**

Resolved –

Council notes:

Dementia is something that an increasing number of our elderly population are suffering from. Bradford has a good track record in diagnosing cases of dementia in good time. Bradford has a diagnosis rate of 81.3% compared to the national average of 67.9%

- **That since the motion brought by Cllr Mark Shaw to this Chamber on Dementia many councillors in this Chamber have completed training to become Dementia Friends.**
- **That this training has been positively received by all and should be further promoted by organising a further training session in City Hall in the new year. Councillor Aneela Ahmed to become Dementia Champion to support the training of members in this area.**
- **We invite all those councillors who have completed the training to advise the Training Manager of Council so that numbers can be gathered and suitable training for the remainder of Council be organised.**

ACTION: Director of HR (Member Development Manager)/Strategic Director Health and Wellbeing

14. **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE - ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT REPORT 2016/17**

Resolved –

That the revised Annual Treasury Management Report 2016/17 Document “I” be adopted.

ACTION: Strategic Director Corporate Services

15. **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE - TREASURY MANAGEMENT MID-YEAR REVIEW UP TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2017**

Resolved –

That the changes to the Treasury policy set out in Document “J” be adopted.

ACTION: Strategic Director Corporate Services

16. **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE - CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

Resolved –

- (1) That the amended and updated Code of Corporate Governance be approved and adopted.**
- (2) That it be noted that the amended code will be used to help test the effectiveness of the Council's Governance Arrangements in order to inform the production of the Annual Governance Statement.**

ACTION: Strategic Director Corporate Services

19. DEPUTY LORD MAYOR

Resolved –

Council notes:

The removal of the Office of Deputy Lord Mayor for budgetary reasons and that staff hours in this team have now been reduced resulting in a budget saving of £19,000. Staff are working very hard to cope with the diaries of a Lord Mayor as well as a Deputy Lord Mayor albeit doing less engagements overall.

The hectic workload of the Lord Mayor along with the lack of sickness absence cover should the Mayor be unavailable for any length of time, with no Deputy in place.

Council asks that the relevant officers:

- Focus on maintaining one diary for Civic duties for the Lord Mayor alone but appoint a Deputy who can step in should the Lord Mayor be unavailable due to sickness or absence but not keep a separate diary section of engagements for the Deputy Lord Mayor.**
- Find £1,780 for the special responsibility allowance to cover the personal costs of the Deputy Lord Mayor by further reducing the non-staffing budget for events in the Lord Mayor's office**

ACTION: City Solicitor

20. EARLY HELP INFORMED CONSULTATION

Resolved –

The Council notes it is facing unprecedented government cuts to its budget over the coming years and by 2020 the Council's budget will be half what it was in 2010. Despite the £256m cuts already made, the Council has invested over £40m more in care services, yet continues to face further national austerity measures. Within Children's Services, the amount available to spend on Prevention and Early Help services will reduce by £13.3m, or more

than one third, from £37.1m in 2016/17 to £23.8m in 2020. But we have to use the money we have left to the best advantage for the families who need it.

This Council notes that a report to the Executive on 11th July 2017 stated that “this report is provided to request approval to commence more detailed work along with communication and engagement with a range of stakeholders on the redesigning and remodelling of early help arrangements and services with partners”. The communication material produced and used during the engagement period clearly stated this was an engagement process based around a proposed outcomes framework and was not a consultation based on organisational structures.

Another paper was presented to the Executive on 7th November considering four options for delivering Prevention and Early Help services in the future. The budget reduction and the outcomes of the engagement exercise were the basis for these options. An agreed preferred option for formal consultation with the public was decided upon. This option stresses the need for a partnership approach between agencies in Bradford to focus on Prevention and Early Help. Children’s services has worked collaboratively with partners to develop the preferred proposed option.

The Council notes that the report presented to the Executive on 7th November identified ‘Key services in scope for the proposed 0-19 Prevention and Early Help Service.

The Council further notes that we are now in a period of consultation and that an extensive number of consultation events have been organised with a wide range of public and partners where these issues can be discussed.

Trade Unions have meetings in the diary to have more detailed discussions about the direct job impacts on their members. Detailed consultation on structures, staffing lists, impact across affected teams / potential job losses are being carried out in line with the Council’s Managing Workforce Change policy.

ACTION: *Strategic Director Children’s Services*

21. **CLEAN AIR ZONES**

Resolved –

This Council notes that:

- (1) Bradford like many cities has area of really poor air quality.**
- (2) On a number of our major roads in and out of the city pollutants in the air exceed safe limit set by both the European Union and World Health Organisation**
- (3) Air pollution in Bradford has a massive impact on the health of our citizens. In the young and most vulnerable it can cause permanent lung damage to babies and young children and in older people exacerbates lung and heart diseases.**

- (4) The Government has set out clear targets and action that must be taken by other cities around the country but didn't insist on these actions for Bradford as we fell just below their threshold.
- (5) That a number of steps and initiatives have already been implemented to improve air quality by the Council and its partners across the district

This Council believes that:

- Everyone in our district should be able to breathe clean unpolluted air.
- That we should take achievable and sustainable steps to protect the health of all our residents

This Council Resolves to:

- Continue to work with and support bus, haulage, transport and taxi companies operating in our district to ensure that vehicles on our roads meet the highest low emissions standard via incentivisation and development control policies.
- Bid for current funding from central government to deliver work that will allow us to have a more detailed understanding of the geographical prevalence of air pollution in the district, including examining the potential impact of different interventions that might support reductions in particulate matter and nitrogen dioxide pollutants. This includes investigating the feasibility of the introduction of no idling zones.
- Continue to lobby Government to extend their efforts to improve air quality standards and ensure powers and financial support are available for local government to implement them.

ACTION: Strategic Director Health and Wellbeing

22. BRADFORD COUNCIL'S AUTUMN BUDGET RESPONSE

Resolved –

This Council notes:

- The government is cutting its revenue support grant to Bradford Council from £183 million in 2013/14 down to zero by 2020.
- The Council's net budget in 2020 will be around half what it was in 2010 in real terms.
- We have made repeated representations to the Government to request fair funding for the services Bradford District residents rely on
- Before the Autumn Budget we wrote to the Chancellor to set out our asks for the district, including the need for significant new funding to address growing demands in children's and adults social care, a funded pay rise for local government workers and government investment in local schemes which have a proven track record of success
- In his budget of 22 November 2017 the Chancellor ignored these key

issues

This Council:

- will do everything we can to keep delivering quality frontline public services to the people of Bradford District.
- needs to keep on track its delivery of the four-year budget plan and its work with partners and communities to stay sustainable once the government entirely cuts its revenue support grant by 2020
- will continue to work with other local authority partners in making the strong case to government to work with us to unlock growth and maintain valued services so this district is not left behind
- will pursue opportunities to increase our income and stimulate additional economic growth in the district

ACTION: *all Strategic Directors*

23. **AIREDALE NHS TRUST'S PLAN FOR A SUBSIDIARY COMPANY TO TAKE OVER SERVICES**

Resolved –

This Council notes with grave concern the proposal by Airedale NHS Foundation Trust to form a subsidiary company to deliver a number of services including procurement and commissioning.

This Council instructs the City Solicitor to investigate the implications and legality of this proposal by consulting with the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Panel as appropriate in relation to:

- (1) the Council's duty to promote the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of the district
- (2) the continuing role of the Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee to review health decisions as outlined in the 2000 Local Government Act
- (3) the integration of Health and social care
- (4) the West Yorkshire and Harrogate local Health plan

and will bring a report of its findings back to the Executive for consideration.

The Council directs the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Health outlining our concerns and requesting a review of the proposal by Airedale NHS Foundation Trust.

ACTION: *Chief Executive/Strategic Director Health and Wellbeing/City Solicitor (Committee Secretariat/Scrutiny Lead)*

24. **THE DISTRICT TAKES A STAND AGAINST DANGEROUS DRIVING**

Resolved –

This Council notes:

- the success of Operation Steerside in reducing speeding, lack of seatbelts, driving under the influence, mobile phone use and uninsured and unlicensed drivers
- dangerous driving continues to be a blight causing misery in all parts of our district
- Together with police, local MPs and partners Bradford is taking action to raise awareness and tackle the causes of dangerous driving through the 'Stop the Danger Drivers' campaign

This Council:

- Supports the actions of Judith Cummins MP who has won road safety charity Brake's parliamentary road safety award for raising this issue on a national level
- Will work together with all local MPs, police and partners to take the campaign to the next level in tackling the issue
- Will work with partners to look at options for extending the successful enforcement and prevention activities
- Will mount a campaign in the run-up to Christmas encouraging people to stay safe at this family time.

ACTION: Strategic Director Place

25. BRADFORD DEMANDS THE RETURN OF ALL MONIES TAKEN FROM OUR DISTRICT'S SCHOOLS BY WAKEFIELD CITY ACADEMIES TRUST (WCAT)

Resolved –

This Council notes that:

WCAT was formed with Department for Education (DfE) approval, to be one of a handful of Multi-Academy Trusts (MATs) to spearhead educational improvement in the North.

Despite knowing that the Trust was in an “extremely vulnerable position as a result of inadequate governance, leadership and overall financial management” it was still encouraged to take on further additional vulnerable schools.

Prior to its collapse the Trust had transferred millions of pounds of schools' funding to its own centralised accounts. Three primary schools and two secondary schools in our district have been affected by this course of action and stand to lose over £2m of our children's money.

This Council recognises some of the good work and commitment from the DfE through the current Regional Schools Commissioner to work in partnership with the Council to improve education in Bradford. However, with regard to WCAT this council believes that the DfE has failed in its responsibilities to ensure that there is due diligence and as a result of the failure of WCAT, local children have been severely let down and significant resources have disappeared from the schooling system of Bradford.

We demand the government is transparent with the dealings with WCAT and these monies associated with WCAT are returned urgently for the

benefit of children in Bradford.

We also seek urgent assurance from the Secretary of State for Education to ensure that these types of situations are not allowed to happen again. So far the DFE has remained silent on this issue and has left it to local authorities and affected schools / new sponsors to highlight the impact and broker solutions.

ACTION: Chief Executive/Strategic Director Children's Services

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