

## **Decisions of the Council on Tuesday, 17 July 2018**

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### **Decisions**

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

**Resolved –**

**School Green, Thornton – Request for residents access only road**

**Resolved –**

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

**Woodhall Road and Gwynne Avenue – Maintenance of unadopted road**

**Resolved –**

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

**Meadway, Woodside**

**Resolved –**

**That the petition be referred to Bradford South Area Committee.**

**Peel Park Lower Play Area**

**Resolved –**

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

***ACTION: Interim City Solicitor***

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

**Resolved -**

- (1) That Councillor Duffy be appointed to the Bradford West Area Committee in place of Councillor Mullaney and Councillor Mullaney be an alternate.**
- (2) That Councillor Lal be appointed as an alternate for the Regulatory and**

**Appeals Committee in place of Councillor Jenkins.**

- (3) That Councillor Kamran Hussain be appointed as an alternate for the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee in place of Councillor Vanda Greenwood.**
- (4) That Councillor Kamran Hussain be appointed to the Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee in place of Councillor Johnson.**
- (5) That Councillor Shaw be removed as a Conservative Group alternate on the Shipley Area Committee.**
- (6) That the following non-voting co-opted members be appointed to the Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the 2018/2019 Municipal Year:**

**Susan Crowe – Strategic Disability Partnership  
Trevor Ramsay – Strategic Disability Partnership  
G Sam Samociuk – former Mental Health Nursing Lecturer**

- (7) That the following non-voting co-opted members be appointed to the Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the 2018/2019 Municipal Year:**

**Julia Pearson - Bradford Environment Forum  
Nicola Hoggart – Environment Agency**

***ACTION: Interim City Solicitor***

**11. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE - MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2019/20 TO 2012/22 AND BEYOND**

**Resolved –**

- (1) That the updated and revised Medium Term Financial Strategy at Appendix 1 to Document “F” be approved.**
- (2) That the document setting out the Outline Submission to the 2019/20 National Budget be approved.**

***ACTION: Assistant Director Finance and Procurement***

**11. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE - 2017/18 MINIMUM REVENUE PROVISION POLICY UPDATE**

**Resolved –**

- (1) That on the recommendation of the Executive it be approved that:  
a) The 2018-19 MRP policy for PFI assets is brought in line with the**

main MRP Policy and the charge of the principal to the revenue account is over the life of the school building assets.

- b) For 2017-18 calculate the MRP on Supported Borrowing for 2008 to 2016 on a 2% straight line method. The overprovision of £52m will be included in a reserve and applied to reduce the annual MRP charge from 2017-18 onwards.

- (3) That on the recommendation of the Executive the MRP Policy be amended to reflect the following conditions:

- i) Total MRP after applying previous overpayment will not be less than zero in any financial year.
- ii) The same amount of principal has to be repaid over time irrespective of the method, the recommendation will be to hold the £52m freed up from the change in policy in an earmarked reserve, and it will be used to reduce the annual MRP cost.
- iii) The changes to MRP are agreed, releasing the overprovision of £52m over the coming years. As the overprovision is released, and given our balanced financial plan, the cash saving is credited to a dedicated earmarked MRP Adjustment Reserve so that future usage can be appropriated and monitored.
- iv) The PFI budgetary saving is used to reduce the net reported cost pressure in 2018-19.
- v) That the following checkpoints are met, and the implications of each are understood, before future usage of the proposed MRP Adjustment Reserve is determined:
  - a) Formal 2018-19 monitoring to determine likely outturn and further detailed understanding of structural cost pressures.
  - b) Review of the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) to determine detailed anticipated budgetary gaps over the next three years.
  - c) Clarity on future savings delivery, including the Demand Management strategy, for 2019-20 and 2020-21.
  - d) Finalising the 2019-20 and 2020-21 detailed budget process.
- vi) Subject to the outcomes noted above, consideration is given to a future voluntary repayment of outstanding capital debt using any residual amount set aside. This would therefore designate this move as a last resort insurance policy to protect against any negative consequences associated with the uncertainties outlined above.

**ACTION:** *Assistant Director Finance and Procurement*

## 12. QUALITY OF INPATIENT MEALS PROVIDED BY BRADFORD TEACHING

## **HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST**

**Resolved –**

**Council notes that:**

- a) Inpatient admissions for Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust were 93,508 in the year to November 2017;**
- b) Good nutrition is an important part of health and recovery;**
- c) Green Party councillors have expressed concerns that the results of the Inpatient Survey published by the CQC in June 2018 suggest that patient satisfaction with the quality of the meals in our local NHS hospitals is lower than with nearly all other aspects of hospital care, and that there are “extremely limited” vegan options for inpatients at Bradford Royal Infirmary.**

**Council requests that:**

- 1) The Chief Executive brokers a meeting between Green Party councillors and Professor Clive Kay, Chief Executive Officer of the Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, to find out what measures the Trust is taking to improve the quality of its inpatient meals.**
- 2) That the Portfolio Holder for Healthy People and Places subsequently meets with Green Party councillors to hear their concerns and to support them in resolving any issues arising from the meeting with the hospital.**

***ACTION: Chief Executive/Portfolio Holder Healthy People and Places***

## **12. IMMIGRATION DETENTION**

**Resolved –**

**Council notes that:**

- (a) over 30,000 people are locked up each year for not having the correct immigration papers – more than any other European country;**
- (b) the UK is the only country in Europe that allows indefinite immigration detention;**
- (c) most detainees are eventually released;**
- (d) this detention system costs taxpayers in excess of £160 million per annum;**
- (e) indefinite immigration detention has been condemned by Brighton**

and Hove City Council, Cambridge City Council and Manchester City Council.

**Council therefore:**

- (1) endorses the 'These Walls Must Fall' campaign;**
- (2) calls on the government to implement in full the recommendations of the Report of the Inquiry into the Use of Immigration Detention in the UK, jointly published in March 2015 by the All Party Parliamentary Group on Refugees and the All Party Parliamentary Group on Migration;**
- (3) requests that the Chief Executive writes to our District MPs to ask them to raise this matter in the House of Commons and to support changes in the law and immigration policies and procedures that promote alternatives to detention;**
- (4) requests that the Leader of Council seeks further support for the 'These Walls Must Fall' campaign via the Local Government Association.**

***ACTION: Chief Executive/Leader of Council***

## **12. ENSURING HIGH-QUALITY EDUCATION PROVISION FOR VULNERABLE LEARNERS**

**Resolved –**

**Council notes:**

- Nationally and locally we have a responsibility to raise the educational attainment and life chances of vulnerable learners. This particularly includes those who are excluded from school, those with emotional and behavioural difficulties in mainstream schools and those with special needs. Their educational outcomes are disproportionately low compared to other groups.**
- The national report entitled 'Making the Difference – breaking the link between school exclusion and social exclusion', submitted to the House of Commons Education Select Committee, presented evidence that children excluded from school are especially vulnerable and nationally the education system does not do enough to break their cycle of disadvantage.**
- Outcomes for vulnerable learners, including those who are excluded or at risk of exclusion, are very much a priority for Bradford Council. We are taking a number of actions to improve outcomes for all our vulnerable learners.**
- The Leader and Deputy Leader have already asked for a review of all our work with vulnerable learners. This is ongoing and will report back later this year.**
- Bradford Education Opportunity Area now has a sub group leading on Parental involvement and one leading on Attainment. As such the**

role of the Education Improvement Strategy Board (EISB), currently chaired by the Deputy Leader is being reviewed by him.

- The EISB review will feed back in September. Our current view is that we think this board should prioritise vulnerable learners in its deliberations.
- In addition we work closely with our headteacher colleagues in the three Behaviour and Attendance Collaboratives (BACs) as well as the Regional Schools Commissioner. We have also established the Education Safeguarding team which focuses on all vulnerable learners.

**Council requests that:**

- Once completed the Deputy Leader will share the findings of the review and next steps with other parties and interested councillors.
- Our vulnerable learners are treated as a priority group who need and deserve the best education.

***ACTION: Strategic Director Children's Services/ Deputy Leader of Council***

**12. SUPPORTING BRADFORD RESIDENTS APPLYING FOR PERMANENT RESIDENCY AND CITIZENSHIP**

**Resolved –**

**Council notes:**

The provision of a European Passport Return Service (EPRS) and Nationality Document Return Service (NDRS) by many local authorities including Leeds, Calderdale and Wandsworth.

**Council resolves:**

To instruct the Chief Executive to prepare proposals for the Executive, including cost, administration and uptake implications.

***Action: Chief Executive***

**12. POTHOLES**

**Resolved –**

**Council notes:**

1. Last year's harsh winter has contributed to national pothole-related breakdowns hitting a three-year high according to the RAC and a recent sharp increase in pothole reports across Bradford District
2. The monetary value of vehicle damage caused by potholes is increasing throughout the country, costing many millions of pounds
3. Bradford has invested in innovative pothole repair delivery, such as the Velocity Patcher, which can repair 300 pot holes in a single week,

- and in preventative work to stop potholes appearing in the first place
4. As a result Bradford has seen a reduction in the number of potholes across the district over the past five years at a time when the issue is becoming more prominent nationally but recognises the issue continues to be a priority for the district's road users

**Council resolves:**

1. To continue prioritising pothole repair and preventative work across the district, engaging with ward members on this year's pothole fund and the patching and pothole repair that will take place in each constituency
2. To continue exploring new ways of making pothole repair and highway maintenance more efficient and effective

**ACTION:** *Strategic Director Place*

## 12. **COMMUNITY LOTTERY**

**Resolved –**

**The Council notes:**

1. That in recent years a number of libraries, swimming pools and other services have ceased being provided by the Council.
2. That on-going budget pressures will continue to require the Council to decide which services can continue to be provided.

**Council resolves:**

1. To instruct the Chief Executive to investigate the merits and otherwise of setting up an online community lottery, as pioneered by Aylesbury Vale District Council, to raise funds for non essential but much valued community services.

**ACTION:** *Chief Executive*

## 12. **ADOPTION OF IHRA DEFINITION OF ANTISEMITISM BY BRADFORD COUNCIL**

**Resolved –**

1. Bradford Council opposes any form of anti-semitism. We also oppose racism against all communities, in keeping with our commitment to eradicate all acts of hatred on grounds of faith, race, ethnicity or sexual orientation.
2. This motion does not constitute a new law, Bradford Council will continue to oppose, challenge and condemn any acts of abuse by the

**Government of Israel against the Palestinian people and their right to establishing a democratic state.**

- 3. The members of the Jewish community should not be blamed and held responsible for the actions of the Government of Israel.**
- 4. Bradford Council will uphold the rights of the people of Bradford to criticise or challenge the Government of Israel or any other government, for their abuse of basic human and democratic rights.**

**This Council is concerned by the rise in hate crime and racism across the UK and the wider world. Bradford is rightly proud of its efforts to tackle discrimination in all its forms and as part of this work we believe that we need to build in clearer definitions of what is and isn't acceptable as part of our Equal Rights Policy, whether this relates to gender, sexuality or discrimination against people on the grounds of race, religion or culture.**

**Bradford Council expresses alarm at the rise in anti-semitism in recent years across the UK. As well as physical manifestations through violence and criminal damage it has also been seen in the use of anti-semitic tropes in criticism of Israel. It is legitimate to criticise the policies and practices of the Israeli Government but not if this involves using tropes and imagery of antisemitism.**

**Bradford Council therefore resolves to join with the Government and the major political parties in the UK in signing up to the internationally recognised International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance guidelines on antisemitism which define antisemitism thus:**

**“Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, towards Jewish Community institutions and religious facilities.”**

**The guidelines highlight manifestations as including:**

- Calling for, aiding, or justifying the killing or harming of Jews in the name of a radical ideology or an extreme view of religion.**
- Making mendacious, dehumanising, demonizing or stereotypical allegations about Jews as such or the power of Jews as collective such as, especially but not exclusively, the myth about a world Jewish conspiracy or of Jews controlling the media, economy, government or other social institutions.**
- Accusing Jews as a people of being responsible for real or imagined wrongdoing committed by a single Jewish person or group, or even for acts committed by non-Jews.**

- Denying the fact, scope, mechanisms (eg gas chambers) or intentionality of the genocide of the Jewish people at the hands of National Socialist Germany and its supporters and accomplices during World War II (the Holocaust)
- Accusing the Jews as a people, or Israel as a state, of inventing or exaggerating the Holocaust.
- Accusing Jewish citizens as being more loyal to Israel, or to the alleged priorities of Jews worldwide, than to the interests of their own nations
- Denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination, eg by claiming that the existence of the State of Israel is a racist endeavour.
- Applying double standards by requiring of it behaviour not expected or demanded of any other democratic nation.
- Using the symbols and images associated with classic anti-semitism (eg claims of Jews killing Jesus or blood libel) to characterise Israel or Israelis.
- Drawing comparisons of contemporary Israeli policy to that of the Nazis
- Holding Jews collectively responsible for the actions of the state of Israel.

**Council further notes:**

- This motion does not constitute a law. We believe that anyone in Bradford District is free to criticise Israeli Government policy and actions in Palestine. Bradford like Britain, is built on free speech and we will always uphold the rights of citizens to engage in reasoned debate.
- We believe in the right of the Palestinians to self-determination to have their own state.
- Non-anti-semitic criticism of the policies of the government of Israel is entirely legitimate, as is the case with any country's government. The right to express such criticism is not restricted by this motion. We can and will continue to condemn the Israeli government for acts of oppression and breaches of human rights in Palestine. Examples of legitimate criticism which can be made to demonstrate these points are:
  - When the US opened its embassy in Jerusalem against

**international consensus, at least 58 Palestinians were killed by Israeli forces in just one day. The overwhelming majority of those killed were unarmed demonstrators. We condemn this.**

- Unarmed civilians including medical staff and children from Gaza were shot by Israeli forces in March this year. We condemn this.**
  - Tens of thousands of Palestinian homes and buildings have been demolished to make way for Israeli settlements through a policy which the United Nations says is in “flagrant” breach of international law. We condemn this.**
  - The decade-long blockade of Gaza has led to the collapse of its economy. On 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018 the UN said: “Residents are deprived of their most basic rights, including the rights to health, to education, and most recently, in attempting to exercise their right to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly, they were deprived of the right to life.” We condemn this.**
  - Khan al-Ahmar, a Bedouin village near Jerusalem, is at imminent risk of forcible demolition and transfer after the Israeli High Court of Justice upheld a demolition order for all structures in the community. We condemn this.**
  - The events in the Occupied Palestinian Territories are appalling and of grave concern to the world. The policies of the Israeli government have been condemned by a broad international coalition of countries, including through at least 45 United Nations Human Rights Council resolutions since that body’s creation in 2006. We add our condemnation to theirs.**
- There is an urgent need for a peaceful resolution which respects the fundamental rights of Palestinians as well as Israeli citizens.**

**This Council resolves to:**

- 1) Restate its condemnation of all forms of racism in all its manifestations**
- 2) Adopt the IHRA definition of anti-semitism as the working model for challenging and confronting incidents of this form of racism. This is perfectly compatible with criticising the Israeli government.**
- 3) Uphold the freedom of speech and the right to protest.**
- 4) All members of the Council to continue to confront and challenge all**

forms of racism and discrimination that exist within our society.

- 5) Broker more opportunities for people of all backgrounds across Bradford District to understand each other's culture, beliefs and values to grow better understanding.

**ACTION:** *Chief Executive/(4) All Members of Council*

12. **CELEBRATING AND SEEKING JUSTICE FOR THE WINDRUSH GENERATION**

Resolved –

This Council notes:

- June 2018 was the 70th anniversary of the Windrush Generation arriving-the first wave of post war workers from the Caribbean travelling to Britain in 1948.
- The exemplary contribution that the Windrush Generation have made to our district and country as a whole.
- This occasion was marked with numerous events including a Civic Reception and a day of celebration in City Park on 23rd June.

This Council resolves to support the Windrush Generation by:

- Campaigning to secure their rights to indefinite stay in Britain as citizens of the UK
- Demand that the Government restores the rights of those who have been deported or refused re-entry to the UK following a visit overseas
- Supporting the campaign to compensate Windrush members for losses incurred during their period of difficulties caused by the Home Office
- Calling on the Government to restore their rights to work, receive services and benefits, to which they are entitled, and be able to move around the country freely like all other UK citizens

**ACTION:** *Chief Executive*

12. **CELEBRATING THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE**

Resolved –

This Council notes:

- The NHS turned 70 on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2018 and it has been an incredibly valued asset to the people of the Bradford District ever since, through world class healthcare and as an important employer providing high quality jobs.
- The NHS, providing universal healthcare free at the point of

delivery, is one of the country's most loved institutions.

- The NHS and local government share common goals to support and improve people's lives.
- The great variety of 'NHS 70' events which have been taking place across the district to celebrate the anniversary, including the NHS 70 parkrun at Lister Park on 9th June, the Big 7 Tea Party on 5th July, the Roberts Park Birthday Party on 7th July and all the other art projects, bake-offs and celebrations that have been taking place to mark this proud anniversary.

This Council resolves to:

- Take this opportunity of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations to place on record our support for the committed public servants of the NHS who improve the lives of people across the Bradford District.
- Continue working closely with our NHS partners to rise to our common challenges in ensuring that local people get the high quality medical and social care they deserve.

**ACTION:** *Chief Executive*

13. **APPOINTMENT TO THE POST OF STRATEGIC DIRECTOR CORPORATE RESOURCES**

**Resolved-**

**That the proposal to appoint to the position of Strategic Director Corporate Resources on the salary package as detailed in paragraph 2.6 of Document "F" and in accordance with Article 4 of the Council's Constitution, Section 7 of the Council's Pay Policy Statement 2018/19 and the Officer Employment Procedure Rules be agreed.**

**ACTION:** *Chief Executive*

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