

## Decisions of the Council on Tuesday, 15 January 2019

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### Decisions

6. **PETITIONS**

Littlemoor Park

**Resolved -**

**That the petition be referred to the Executive.**

***ACTION: City Solicitor***

8. **MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND JOINT COMMITTEES**

**There were no changes to committee places.**

11. **RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CORPORATE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2017/18**

**Resolved –**

**That the Annual Overview and Scrutiny Report for 2017/18 be approved.**

***ACTION: City Solicitor***

12.1 **CLIMATE EMERGENCY AND GREEN ECONOMY**

**Resolved –**

**Council notes**

**The ‘Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C’, published by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in October 2018, (a) describes the enormous harm that a 2°C rise is likely to cause compared with a 1.5°C rise, and (b) confirms that limiting Global Warming to 1.5°C may still be possible with ambitious action from national and sub-national authorities, civil society and the private sector. This is indeed a climate emergency.**

**As a Council, since passing our own January 2010 energy procurement motion with all-party support, we have made great steps in reducing our**

**own carbon emissions and have exceeded our aims of achieving a 40% reduction in carbon emissions by 2020. We must however go further faster.**

**Council welcomes recent climate action by the London Mayor and Assembly, leading UK authorities including Bristol and Manchester and other city authorities around the world to declare – and commit resources to tackling our Climate Emergency.**

**Council welcomes the Leeds City Region Local Enterprise Partnership (the LEP) decision to adopt a new energy strategy and delivery plan which adopts the ambitions of the Paris agreement.**

**To achieve the significant results that are required to fulfil this ambition, the council is focussing on delivering five key priorities which, as well as tackling climate change, also create jobs and help people reduce their fuel bills:**

- **Delivering a reduction in the energy used for street lighting, saving emissions and also saving the council money in energy bills.**
- **Delivering a District Heat network to save on heating costs of the council estate and of partner organisations in the civic quarter**
- **Embracing the opportunities provided by the H21 Leeds City Region scheme**
- **Increasing the proportion of EV hybrid vehicles in use in the council fleet and supporting the roll out of EV charging points across the district to help promote uptake of electric vehicle use.**
- **Increasing the amount of renewable energy and electricity generation on council estate.**

**This Council:**

- **Requests officers to report to Regeneration & Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee setting out the key challenges and options for delivering the five priorities.**
- **Requests that the Chief Executive writes to Government requesting: a) additional funding and powers to enable us to deliver the Paris agreement and (b) that ministers work with other governments to ensure that the UK maximises carbon reduction by 2036 in order to fulfil the objectives of the Paris Climate Change Agreement.**
- **Will play an active part in the Leeds City Region Energy Summit being held in Spring this year, where the setting of regional energy reduction targets will be discussed. We commit to challenging the region's ambition on this agenda.**

*ACTION: Chief Executive/Strategic Director Place/Strategic Director Corporate Resources/City Solicitor (Overview and Scrutiny Lead)*

## **12.2 SHOPPERS' PARKING AND THE FUTURE OF THE HIGH STREET**

**Resolved –**

**Council notes:**

- **Parking across Bradford District is already amongst the cheapest in West Yorkshire and the country**
- **Free parking schemes, such as at Westgate and during the Christmas season, have been tried before with little evidence of success**
- **The changing nature of high streets and town and city centres**
- **Increasing importance of business rates as an income stream to the Council**
- **Council's commitment to the regeneration of the city centre and the wider district**
- **There are many factors that impact on the high street along with business rate valuations, government policy and internet shopping**

**Council resolves:**

- **to prioritise the regeneration of all our high streets and build on existing policies such as the City Centre Growth Scheme, Priority Streets, District Growth Scheme, Local Development Orders and Business Improvement Districts including Keighley and Ilkley and Bradford.**
- **to encourage wide investment in our town centres including commercial, leisure and residential as a replacement for the country's over-reliance on retail space in town centres in the past.**
- **to encourage residents and businesses to respond to the ongoing budget consultation, which includes proposals on parking charges across the district**
- **for the Executive to consider consultation responses to the budget including on parking charges and on other areas of the council's spend and to recommend a budget to Full Council taking these responses into account**

**This Council acknowledges that local town centres in the District are dependent for their vitality on high street shops which consist mainly of independent traders. This Council also accepts that the traditional high street is experiencing unprecedented competition from the internet and that this, together with recent business rate re-evaluation and uncertainty around Brexit has created the potential for business failures.**

**This Council will evaluate its proposals regarding parking charges across the district as part of the budget process outlined above.**

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

## 12.3 TACKLING LITTERING

**Resolved –**

**Council notes**

**The majority of people living in the Bradford District take pride in where they live. Litter left by a minority of people dents this pride and costs the council taxpayer financially, with councils across the UK having to spend hundreds of millions of pounds a year to clear it up.**

**Litter continues to be a challenge and we must build on our recent successes such as shown in the recent rise in prosecutions for littering.**

**Our Big Bradford Clean-Up motion passed by full Council on 16 October 2018 set out steps to tackle littering above and beyond our ongoing prevention and enforcement activities.**

**Building on our enforcement successes, the Council intends to bring all litter enforcement activity into the council. 3GS no longer wishes to continue the contract as it is not profitable enough for it.**

**That Community Payback is used extensively for clearing snickets and other environmental tasks in our communities, however due to Government austerity there is less Community Payback activity now as adequate supervision from the Probation Service is needed for such activity.**

**The Government is clear that the Litter Innovation Fund cannot be used to fund existing services. The Council does however support residents and other community groups in applying for the innovation funding stream, the maximum that can be bid for is £10,000.**

**Council resolves to**

- **Task officers with carrying out the actions from the Big Bradford Clean-Up motion of October 2018.**
- **Repeat our call on government to reverse its harmful austerity cuts and make significant new funds available to tackle the scourge of litter.**
- **Encourage residents to engage with the budget consultation process to provide feedback on all proposals including that on street cleansing.**

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

## 12.4 COUNCIL PREPARATIONS FOR BREXIT

**Resolved –**

**Given the fast moving political environment nationally it is difficult to predict with certainty what kind of deal (or no deal) is going to be agreed with the EU. The situation changes daily. Regardless, the Council must continue its preparedness to support the district to transition, whatever the outcome. Using the latest information available, we ask the Chief Executive to prepare a report on our plans as a Council to support the district now and into the future post-Brexit. This should include an update on how we are supporting our own valued council staff who originate from other EU countries. This report should be sent to Corporate Overview and Scrutiny for recommendations in the first instance.**

*ACTION: Chief Executive/City Solicitor (Overview and Scrutiny Lead)*

## **12.5 ANTI SOCIAL USE OF FIREWORKS**

**Resolved –**

**For many residents across the district, the anti-social use of fireworks is a blight on their lives. Despite changes to regulations governing the sellers, times of use and types of fireworks available it is still common to hear fireworks used beyond the curfews set down in law.**

**Many families enjoy the use of fireworks to celebrate significant family events, religious and cultural celebrations in addition to November 5th and New Year's Eve. The overwhelming majority of residents in the district act within the regulations this motion seeks to tackle the few who do not.**

**This Council welcomes the work carried out in the run-up to the 2018 bonfire night that saw the Council officers, Police, Trading standards and many members of the public working in partnership to disrupt any nuisance, protect people and property for harm and resulted in lower levels of disturbance to many residents.**

### **This Council Notes**

- Over the years there has been a tightening of restrictions around the sale, storage and use of fireworks through both acts of parliament and regulations.**
- In 2018 two petitions to Parliament with over 400,000 signatures needed to trigger a debate on further changes to regulations. The November petition was signed by almost 300,000 over 2500 residents in Bradford district amongst them.**
- Over the 2018 bonfire night period, there were 30 attacks on police and fire service detailed in a recent council report to councillors.**
- There are various means by which the anti-social use of fireworks can be tackled including Penalty Notices for Disorder, ASBO,**

**ABC's and Various offences with sentences up to £5000 fines or 6-month imprisonment.**

**The Council Resolves to**

- **Extend the partnership working in place over the whole year to tackle the anti-social use of fireworks throughout the year with a particular focus on the use of fireworks beyond the 11 pm curfew and sale of fireworks by unlicensed traders.**
- **Lobby Government to amend the regulations on labelling fireworks so that each firework is bar-coded to aid investigation and prosecution of those who misuse fireworks.**

*ACTION: Chief Executive/Strategic Director Place*

## **12.6 VIOLENCE AGAINST THE COMMUNITY**

**Resolved -**

**Council notes:**

- **The steady increase in crime.**
- **The cost of crime both to victims who suffer long-lasting consequences of such crime and to businesses who lose trade and who could lose their business.**
- **That our local police do a difficult job well, in spite of their lack of resources.**
- **That 44,000 police officers and staff have been lost since 2010.**

**Council resolves to:**

- **Encourage victims to speak out and provide support to them when they do.**
- **Write to the Home Office to call for increased funding for the Police.**
- **Support the police and our communities in tackling crime and the causes of crime.**

*ACTION: Chief Executive*

## **13. THE BRADFORD EDUCATION COVENANT**

**Resolved –**

- (1) **That Council endorses the progress of the work.**

- (2) That Council commends the work of our community partners with Bradford's children and young people undertaken as part of the Covenant**
- (3) That members promote the Education Covenant in their networks.**

*ACTION: Strategic Director Children's Services*

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