

Decisions of the Council on Tuesday, 16 July 2019

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Decisions

6. PETITIONS

Better services for young people in the Bowling area

Resolved –

That the petition be referred to Bradford East Area Committee.

Pedestrianisation of Market Street

Resolved –

That the petition be referred to the Executive.

Townfield play area, Wilsden

At the request of the petitioners this petition will be considered by officers.

ACTION: City Solicitor

8. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND JOINT COMMITTEES

Resolved –

(1) That the following non-voting co-opted member be appointed to the Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the 2019/20 Municipal Year:

G Sam Samociuk – former Mental Health Nursing Lecturer

(2) That the following co-opted members be appointed to the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the 2019/20 Municipal Year:

Non-voting:

Teachers Secondary School Representative: Tom Bright

Voluntary Sector Representative: Kerr Kennedy

Voting:

Katherine Haskett – Parent Governor Representative from 16 July 2019

Fauzia Raza - Parent Governor Representative from 3 September 2019

- (3) That the following non-voting co-opted members be appointed to the Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the 2019/20 Municipal Year:

Julia Pearson	Bradford Environmental Forum
Nicola Hoggart	Environment Agency

- (4) That Councillor Lintern replace Councillor Mohammed Shabbir on the Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

- (5) That Councillor Pollard be appointed to the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee in place of Councillor Kyle Green and be the Deputy Chair and Councillor Kyle Green be an alternate replacing Councillor Sullivan.

ACTION: City Solicitor

11.1 **RECOMMENDATION FROM THE GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE - ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT REPORT 2018/19**

Resolved –

That the Annual Treasury Management Report 2018/19 be adopted.

ACTION: Director of Finance

11.2 **RECOMMENDATION FROM THE EXECUTIVE - MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2020/21 TO 2022/23 AND BEYOND**

Resolved –

That having considered the Medium Term Financial Strategy as an assessment of the Council's financial outlook to 2022/23 and beyond, and a framework for it to remain financially viable and deliver sustainable public services in line with its priorities and the principles, the updated and revised Medium Term Financial Strategy at Appendix 1 to Executive Document "J" be approved.

ACTION: Director of Finance

12.1 **SCHOOL STREETS**

Resolved –

Council notes that parking around our schools:

- a) is a major environmental and social problem that affects many communities across Bradford District;
- b) contributes to significant local traffic congestion and air pollution. This

is an issue around schools and also affects the health of the whole community;

c) creates avoidable health and safety risks for children and families, partly due to the incidence of pavement parking that is a feature of parking around schools;

d) undermines the amenity of nearby residents;

e) persists despite the existence of adequate parking further away from most school premises;

f) is already partly restricted near many school entrances by the use of yellow zig-zag and double yellow lines.

Council also notes that:

g) The Portfolio Holder has already established an 'Active Places' group comprising officers across different council departments. The remit of this group is to progress Play Streets and School Streets where possible and to promote active travel to and from school. This work forms part of our wider strategic planning to improve air quality and tackle childhood obesity across the district.

h) We have committed to implementing no idling around primary schools. This campaign will launch in September 2019, helping to improve the air quality around our schools.

Council therefore:

- 1) Tasks our Active Places group with progressing our work to support the delivery of Play Streets, School Streets and active travel wherever possible.
- 2) Tasks Active Places to work with partners, such as Better Start Bradford and the Sport England local delivery pilot, to ensure a joined-up approach which has local communities at its heart and to ensure the most efficient use of resources.
- 3) Officers to develop an action plan under the authority of the portfolio holder and submit the action plan to the relevant overview and scrutiny committees (Health and Social Care; Regeneration and Environment) before the end of 2019.

ACTION: Strategic Director Place/Strategic Director Children's Services/Strategic Director Health and Wellbeing/Scrutiny Leads

12.2 ZERO EMISSION VEHICLES

Resolved –

Council notes:

To prevent the worst effects of climate change, we must keep global temperature rises below 1.5°C.

Air quality is a key concern as part of our comprehensive plans for the

climate emergency.

A considerable number of councils have been directed to develop plans or implement measures to improve air quality.

Bradford Council is committed to working with partners to drastically improve air quality across the district and has been given a Ministerial Direction to draw up a plan to do so. In October 2018 Bradford Council was given a year to draw up plans to try to reduce pollution in the district, after it emerged that nitrogen dioxide levels on some roads were unlikely to reach legal levels until 2027.

The Government has acknowledged that Bradford Council has a strong track record of working with local health professionals to assess the impacts of air quality on health. Born in Bradford (BiB) form part of the air quality plan programme development team and will be assisting in the assessment of associated health impacts. While particulate matter levels in the district do not breach EU Limit Values, it is recognised that significant health benefits will accrue from reducing concentrations. The reduction of particulate concentrations forms part of our air quality plan objectives as well as achieving compliance with the EU Limit Value for NO2.

Extensive work is taking place to develop the Bradford Air Quality Plan, as set out in the report to Executive on 11th June 2019.

The Council has developed a series of options for improvements to air quality by 2021/22 and designed to achieve compliance with NO2 EU Limit Value by 2022/23. These options include highways works to ease congestion, bus priority measures, travel planning measures, park and ride, zero emission buses, supporting electric vehicle uptake across the council, taxis, businesses and the public, ultra low emission measures for new developments, corporate social responsibility procurement and targeted boiler replacements.

The Air Quality Plan team are currently working on detailed, evidence-based assessments to identify the preferred options.

Council resolves:

To instruct officers to continue working at pace on the Bradford Air Quality Plan including stakeholder engagement in the development of the Outline Business Case to be submitted to government by 31st October followed by the Full Business Case in early 2020. Elected members will continue to be included in the engagement and consultation activities.

To ensure that Bradford makes a compelling bid for funding from government and other available sources to ensure the district is able to deliver on the identified priorities and measures to clean up our air.

To task the council's Fleet Advisory Group to continue their work in advising on the delivery of lower emissions vehicles including Euro emissions standards, LPG and electric vehicles.

ACTION: Chief Executive/Strategic Director Place

12.3 OFSTED INSPECTION OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Resolved –

Council believes that the welfare of all the children in our care is of the utmost importance to us as Councillors and notes the decision of the Council led by the Leader of Council and the Portfolio Holder for Children's Services in December 2018 to "oversee rapid and sustainable improvement in children's social care".

The monitoring visit of Bradford local authority children's services by Ofsted, published on 4th July, shows that Her Majesty's Inspector found the pace of improvement was "slow for the children in need of the help and protection services", there are "delays in children in need and children in need of protection having their needs identified and addressed" and that the vast majority of the area of social work support being scrutinised remaining "inadequate". This is clearly not good enough and we must accelerate the pace of improvement.

Ofsted recognises that some of the changes that have been implemented have not yet had the time to deliver improvements. Ofsted also recognises that senior managers and staff are aware of areas of weakness. Ofsted's letter states that "the vast majority of social workers who met with inspectors were very positive about working for Bradford" and are "committed to the goal of improving practice for the children of Bradford".

This Council:

Expects nothing less than the best services for our children and we are committed to delivering robust improvements in our children's services. Is committed to an open and transparent improvement process in recognition that proper scrutiny, challenge and support will aid improvements. The Improvement Board, which includes opposition party representation and partner organisations, has published the improvement plan online at: <https://www.bradford.gov.uk/children-young-people-and-families/reports-policies-projects-and-strategies/improving-children-s-social-care-services-in-response-to-ofsted>

Ofsted's findings and the improvement plan have been discussed and debated at:

- **Full council on 11th December 2018 (Leader's report, member questions and council motion), 15th January 2019 (member questions) and today, 16th July 2019**
- **Executive on 6th November 2018, 4th December 2018, 8th January 2019, 19th February 2019, 2nd April 2019 and 9th July 2019**
- **Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 12th December 2018,**

23rd January 2019, 13th February 2019, 20th March 2019, 10th April 2019 and 3rd July 2019

Council resolves to:

Ensure the improvement plan remains publicly available as it is refined on an ongoing basis.

Continue to bring each monitoring letter to meetings of Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee. Note that the Portfolio Holder is committed to attending all meetings of Scrutiny when monitoring reports will be discussed.

ACTION: Strategic Director Children's Services/Scrutiny Lead

12.4 **ALTERNATIVE PROVISION FOR EDUCATION**

Resolved –

A recent report entitled 'Making the Difference – breaking the link between school exclusion and social exclusion', submitted to the House of Commons Education Select Committee as part of its Inquiry into Alternative Provision (AP) identified that the level of educational attainment and life chances of young people excluded from school were amongst the lowest of any group.

The report presented evidence that less than 1% of children excluded from school achieved 5 A* GCSEs and 63% of prisoners had been excluded at some point in their education with 43% of Youth Offenders having being excluded. Disproportionately excluded children and young people are either from poor backgrounds, have Special Educational Needs, are Looked After Children or are from other vulnerable groups.

The report also presented research findings that many children were simply 'lost' i.e. schools had lost contact altogether with children and that there was also clear evidence of undue pressure applied to some parents by schools to consider removing their child from the school and to instead have Elective Home Education.

Council notes:

- **Local authorities do not have powers to enter AP providers which are not maintained by the state on the grounds of the quality of education. We can only enter on the grounds of safeguarding if there are reasonable reasons for us to do so.**
- **The responsibility for a child in AP rests with the original mainstream school that placed the child there. The local authority holds that original school accountable for the welfare and education outcome of**

that child.

- If a pupil is a looked after child or has an Education, Health and Care Plan then they cannot be placed in AP without prior approval by the local authority, and we exercise those powers.
- Where we have evidence that a family has been put under pressure to remove a child from school and into elective home education, we challenge the school and where appropriate will notify Ofsted of our concerns.

In light of the disturbing findings in the Select Committee report, this Council will:

- Urge the Secretary of State to require that all Schools and Academies notify the Local Authority of all AP providers they intend to use, and that schools and academies are required to provide details of all pupils they place at these provisions to the Local Authority. Furthermore, that powers are given to the Local Authority to undertake visits to any AP provider where there are concerns regarding the quality of the education provision.
- Resolve to continue the active dialogue we have with the CEOs of multi-academy trusts on these issues in the best interests of Bradford children.

ACTION: Strategic Director Children's Services

12.5 THE FUTURE OF BRADFORD'S BUS SERVICES

Resolved –

This Council believes that:

Bradford's bus network plays a vital role in the District's economy, the creation of a healthy environment and the wellbeing of Bradford citizens. Thousands of Bradford residents depend on the bus services to get them to and from school, college, work and other day to day tasks and activities. However, since privatisation there has been on average a loss of one million passenger trips every year across Leeds City Region.

This Council notes:

Since 2010 the government has ended funding for statutory pensioner bus passes, which are now funded solely by Local Authorities through the West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA).

To keep a viable network and help make fares for passengers more affordable approximately £75 million a year is spent from West Yorkshire

local authorities on subsidising bus routes and funding free bus travel for older and disabled people and half-price travel for under 19s, with approximately £18m a year coming from Bradford taxpayers. However, no area of public funding is exempt from the impact of austerity and WYCA is looking at ways of reducing the amount of subsidy spent while maintaining the bus network, such as through improved tenders for bus services, which have saved hundreds of thousands of pounds with no loss of service.

The development of the West Yorkshire Bus Alliance, building on the successful Bus18, a working partnership between bus operators and WYCA, is designed to improve customer focus, make buses easier to use and reduce fares.

WYCA are also looking at powers around the use of franchising to better control the running of buses and are in talks with the government about this.

First Group, the largest bus company in West Yorkshire, has recently gone up for sale. WYCA is exploring the opportunities and threats this creates and will do what is in the best interests of bus passengers.

This Council resolves:

- to work alongside WYCA to ensure that bus services across the district are maintained as much as possible during this period of change
- to use the expertise at WYCA and the West Yorkshire Transport Committee to explore what powers we might gain to take back more public control of running buses (including potential franchising solutions).
- To consider a report on the sustainability of the bus network at the Bradford District Sub-Committee of WYCA Transport Committee.

ACTION: Strategic Director Place/West Yorkshire Combined Authority

12.6 USE OF GLYPHOSATE HERBICIDES BY CBMDC

Resolved –

This Council notes the debate concerning the possible harmful effects of glyphosate is continuing to take place within organisations, including governmental bodies, across the globe. While accepting that glyphosate-based weed killers are licensed for use in the UK, are widely used and are effective, this Council notes in particular:

- The World Health Organisation's finding that glyphosate is a probable human carcinogen;
- Studies suggesting a link between glyphosate and certain liver diseases;

- **Studies showing a high correlation between glyphosate use and a wide range of neurological conditions;**
- **Recent court cases in the US where juries have accepted a link between glyphosate use and instances of cancer and awarded enormous sums in damages;**
- **Studies showing the detrimental effects of glyphosate on honey bees and other beneficial organisms;**
- **The (non-binding) vote of the European Parliament to restrict the use of glyphosate in EU member states and introduce a ban in 2022, and**
- **The actions of numerous governmental bodies in banning or restricting the use of glyphosate.**

This Council therefore

Requests the Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee to commission and publish a report covering these issues, the steps taken to protect both staff and the public from harm and to examine alternative measures for weed control with a view to making recommendations to the Executive.

ACTION: Strategic Director Place/Scrutiny Lead

12.7 BRADFORD STANDS UP TO ISLAMOPHOBIA

Resolved –

Bradford is a welcoming, friendly place. We stand up against prejudice in all its forms. Everyone in Bradford District should be able to be who they are and to live a fulfilling life here. We have a commitment to eradicate all acts of hatred.

Research by the late Jed Din of Bradford Hate Crime Alliance entitled “Understanding Islamophobia and Anti-Muslim Hate in Bradford” published in 2017 found that “feelings of mistrust, not being treated equally and lack of respect from wider society is something that impacts aspects of [Muslims’] day to day lives.” Consequently a “Joint Islamophobia Definition Working Group” was set up. Convened by Cllr Abdul Jabar, this Group included Bradford Hate Crime Alliance and the Bradford Council for Mosques and has been meeting since to craft a working definition for Bradford, all the while consulting with a range of people locally and nationally including academics, Imams, religious scholars and professionals to inform the development of the definition.

The resulting definition of Islamophobia is not a legal definition in its own right but builds on the current legislation and practice with the aim of ensuring that hatred and discrimination against people of the Islamic faith is eliminated in society.

The Bradford definition is as follows:

“Islamophobia is a direct or indirect act(s) of hatred and discrimination

against people (individuals or groups) of Islamic faith on grounds of their belief and practice.

This could manifest in:

1. Inciting or carrying out acts of hatred and violence against people of the Islamic faith (Muslims).
2. Direct or indirect acts of discrimination including policy and practice within organisations, which deny Muslims legitimate and fair access to opportunities, facilities and services because of their faith, beliefs and practice.
3. Denying people of the Islamic faith the opportunity to practise their faith values, free of harassment, fear of violence against them or fear of incurring discrimination and hatred against them.
4. Actions which perpetuate a climate of mistrust, fear and a sense of marginalisation about or within the Islamic community e.g. remarks by individuals and groups that can be made without fear of being held to account. Also use of print, social or electronic media to align and create fear and division surrounding the Muslim community.”

It is not enough just to define Islamophobia, we must also act to combat it wherever it is found. So this Council resolves to:

1. Accept the Bradford definition.
2. Work with Hate Crime Reporting centres in Bradford (28) to encourage reporting wherever incidents occur.
3. Instruct council officers to work with educational establishments outside school hours (supplementary schools) to arrange information on Islamophobia awareness.
4. Arrange talks at schools/community centres on Islamophobia to raise awareness across the district and particularly during Hate Crime Awareness Week 12th to 19th October.

*ACTION: Assistant Director Policy and Performance/Strategic Director
Children's Services*

12.8 BRADFORD DISTRICT RENEWS ITS COMMITMENT TO FAIRTRADE

Resolved –

This Council notes that:

- Bradford is a Fairtrade Zone and has been for over 10 years. We want to show our commitment as a local authority by renewing our Fairtrade Community status at Full Council.
- 2019 marks 25 years since the Fairtrade Mark was launched in the UK.

- Since 1994, consumer demand for Fairtrade has grown thanks to the efforts of grassroots campaigners, and pioneering Fairtrade businesses.
- There are now over 600 Fairtrade Communities in the UK and more than 2,000 globally.
- As a result of Fairtrade commitments from mainstream brands and retailers, the UK Fairtrade market is now one of the biggest in the world.
- Global Fairtrade sales last year generated £142 million in Fairtrade Premium. Farmers in 73 countries have invested this money in their communities, increasing business productivity and contributing to the achievement of the global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- Despite this positive news, exploitation remains rampant in global supply chains. More than 40 million people are trapped in modern slavery, including forced labour, and 152 million young people in child labour. Hundreds of millions more are earning less than a living income or wage.

This Council believes that:

- Fairtrade and the wider Fairtrade movement has a significant contribution to make towards ending exploitation in global supply chains and achieving the SDGs.
- The recently agreed [International Fairtrade Charter](#) should be welcomed, with its vision of transforming trade to work for people and planet.
- The Fairtrade principles of paying a ‘premium’ that is wholly managed by farmers and workers themselves, and of minimum prices to protect producers from market volatility, are crucial to systemic change.
- Public bodies, including local authorities, should support ethical procurement policies, using their purchasing power to support Fairtrade and ensure their supply chains, at home and abroad, are free of exploitation, including modern slavery.
- Companies operating through global supply chains should go further and take steps to require the payment of living wages and achievement of living incomes for all.

This Council resolves to:

- Renew its commitment to ‘Fairtrade Community’ status.
- Actively promote Fairtrade locally, through support for local groups, in the media including social media, and events, including during Fairtrade Fortnight.

- **Support local Fairtrade Schools and FE/HE institutions, and actively promote Fairtrade teaching materials in local schools and educational institutions.**
- **Celebrate and incentivise businesses championing Fairtrade products in the local community.**
- **Review its procurement policy, including its catering offer, to ensure that Fairtrade produce is chosen wherever possible, and that Fairtrade considerations are included as a preference in any contracts going out to tender.**

ACTION: Assistant Director Policy and Performance/Strategic Director Children's Services/Strategic Director Corporate Resources

12.9 **CALLING ON THE NEW PRIME MINISTER TO INVEST IN BRADFORD**

Resolved –

This Council notes:

- **The Conservative Party will shortly elect its new leader and therefore decide the country's new Prime Minister.**
- **The Bradford District is a great place for any government to invest in. We have a large and diverse young population, we are conveniently located at the heart of the Northern Powerhouse and globally connected. We are ambitious to achieve inclusive, clean growth for all our communities and businesses.**
- **Councils have lost 60p out of every £1 (60%) due to Government cuts since 2010, resulting in an unprecedented loss of public services and facilities across the country including over 500 children's centres and 475 libraries and a funding crisis in children's and adult social care.**
- **Due to the government cuts since 2010 Bradford Council has had to find £278m of cuts and reductions.**

Council resolves to:

- **Invite the new Prime Minister to visit Bradford in order to recognise Bradford's key role in the Northern Powerhouse.**
- **Push for significant new funding and support to realise our ambitions for better transport infrastructure, more money for early help and prevention, schools and skills, all leading to better jobs and opportunities for all.**

- **Call on the new Prime Minister to finally end his government's national austerity programme once and for all and instead to invest in the North in order to realise its true potential.**

ACTION: Chief Executive

12.10 **MENTAL HEALTH GATEWAY TO BRADFORD INCLUDING PASSPORT TO LEISURE AND FREE TRAVEL**

Resolved –

Council notes:

- 1. The growing awareness of Mental Health issues within the district, wider region and country as a whole and the need for urgent action to support people living with mental health conditions;**
- 2. The health partnership in Bradford - comprising the NHS, the council and the VCS - has developed an all-age mental wellbeing strategy which was relaunched this year.**
- 3. We have also recently launched the Living Well programme led jointly by Public Health and the CCGs. The aim is to support people, policies and places to make it easier for everyone, everywhere to live a healthy active lifestyle and it includes an exercise referral scheme ('BEEP') with a good track record of boosting physical activity in people with mild to moderate mental health issues.**
- 4. The NHS offers five evidence-based steps to good mental wellbeing, four of which are: 'Connect', 'Be Active', 'Keep Learning' and 'Give To Others'. Travel is an essential part of achieving these steps in helping people to get around, access facilities and take part in social activities. Bradford spends about £24 million a year on subsidising bus travel. In addition our Living Well programme is designed to support people to achieve these outcomes. Social prescribing through GPs is also on the rise. We would like to see this increase through the Community Health Partnerships.**
- 5. Government policy on Mental Health states that the NHS has set out to achieve 'parity of esteem' between mental and physical health, in terms of access to services, quality of care and allocation of resources. Bradford District's Mental Wellbeing strategy has three pillars, the second of which refers to parity of esteem between mental and physical health. Mental wellbeing commissioners and clinicians are working with the planned care commissioning team so that existing services offer psychological screening and interventions at an early stage of health problems. There is evidence that this will improve patient outcomes and reduce unnecessary or harmful interventions.**

Parity of esteem quite rightly covers an equal place for mental and physical health within our services. Therefore this parity should be reflected in our

discussions around the provision of support and services to people with mental or physical health problems.

Council resolves to:

Work with our partner agencies in urgently delivering the activities set out in the mental wellbeing strategy.

Discuss with health partners the options for the use of more social prescribing and physical activities in addressing the mental health challenges. The contribution which the Bradford Council Leisure Card makes to this is positive with 8,000 members but more funding from NHS for leisure and travel would supplement this.

Work with partners on children and young people's mental health provision, with particular focus on prevention, early help methods and building resilience.

ACTION: Strategic Director Health and Wellbeing/Strategic Director Place

12.11 **SUPPORT FOR VETERANS**

Resolved –

Council notes:

- **Bradford Council is appreciative and supportive of the Armed Forces Community and the sacrifices endured by its members - individuals and their families - on all our behalf. The Council was among the first local authorities to sign an Armed Forces Covenant Pledge, which we signed with partners, Armed Forces representatives, local forces charities and VCS representatives on 30th January 2012 at an event in City Hall.**
- **The excellent work undertaken by Councillors, Council Officers and Partner Organisations prior to and since the Council's adoption of the Bradford District Armed Forces Community Covenant, culminating in the Council receiving a Silver Award from the Ministry of Defence's Employer Recognition Scheme.**
- **Whilst Bradford Council and its partners are proud of the progress made in discharging their promises to the Armed Forces, there is always more that can be done to raise awareness and help people to access the services and support they are entitled to. The Bradford Covenant Action plan is therefore currently being reviewed.**

Council resolves to:

- **Ensure as many veterans as possible are able to take part in the review so that their voices are heard.**

- Have appropriate Council Officers and elected members meet with representatives of the local Armed Forces Community, possibly at a meeting of the Veterans' Breakfast Club, to discuss how to improve awareness and take up of the services provided.
- Investigate the feasibility of increasing the services, benefits and facilities available to veterans including as part of the Bradford Encouraging Exercise in People (BEEP) scheme.
- Consider any further recommendations arising from the meeting with the Armed Forces community.
- Have an annual report to Corporate Overview & Scrutiny to update on progress and ensure as many people as possible hear about the Covenant.

ACTION: Assistant Director Policy and Performance/Scrutiny Lead

12.12 CLIMATE COMMITMENTS

Resolved –

Council notes:

- That a key component of the European Commission's Building Blocks for a Greenhouse Gas Neutral Economy by 2050 is acknowledgement of "the need to embrace a clean mobility system, electrification being a promising option for many transport modes, while other alternatives include hydrogen, advanced biofuels and e-fuels. Smart urban planning and traffic management, together with alternative modes of private mobility and clean public transport, will also play an important role, especially in cities".
- The United Kingdom Government's own recent commitment to the United Kingdom becoming greenhouse gas neutral by 2050.
- The Leeds City Region, Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) decision to adopt a new energy strategy and delivery plan which adopts the ambitions of the Paris Agreement.
- The Leeds City Region adoption of the Green Blue Infrastructure Strategy which promotes more tree planting, better woodland management, flood management and the restoration of peat upland – another key plank of our commitment to action on climate change.
- The Leeds City Region is committed to becoming a net zero carbon city region by 2038 at the latest with significant progress by 2030.
- The Council's Climate Emergency & Green Economy resolution earlier this year acknowledged a climate emergency, affirmed a desire

to “go further faster” than required by the Council’s self imposed targets and listed “increasing the proportion of EV Hybrid Vehicles in use in the council fleet and supporting roll out of EV points across the district to help promote uptake of electrical vehicle use”, as a key priority.

- That the Council has had EV charging points as a planning requirement for new housing developments for a number of years, which is considered national best practice
- The imminent roll-out of the ULEV charging scheme, which will see 20 EV charging points installed across the district by the end of March 2020
- The Council’s street lighting replacement scheme will include the future option of additional on-street charging capacity should relevant funding become available

Council resolves:

To bring forward a report to the Regeneration & Environment Scrutiny Committee detailing the location of the 20 ULEV charging sites with considerations on how best to further expand the EV charging network across Bradford District once the programme is complete.

ACTION: Strategic Director Corporate Resources/Scrutiny Lead

12.13 COUNCIL INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

Resolved –

Council notes:

- Local Authorities across the country are increasing and widening their investment portfolios to strengthen their financial position in an era of severe government cuts and to help continue providing much needed services to their residents. These investments are often strategic in nature allowing Local Authorities greater influence in future regeneration opportunities in their area.
- In addition to the purchase of the NCP car park in the city centre, the Council has recently purchased the Moors Centre in Ilkley, a fully let centre with mixed use tenants including retail, restaurant and offices
- Our economic strategy, Pioneering, Confident & Connected, which sets out our ambitions to facilitate growth across Bradford District including our principal towns including Ilkley, which has also benefited from the District Growth Scheme, a grant to support the development of the Ilkley Business Improvement District (BID) and most recently an Invest in Bradford breakfast event on social media, showcasing Ilkley businesses with over 70 attendees

- **The importance of working with all three of the district's BIDs in Keighley, Bradford and Ilkley, as well as business representatives from across the rest of the district**

Council resolves:

- **To continue engaging with Ilkley BID and businesses in Ilkley ahead of the forthcoming changes to parking in and around Ilkley town centre**
- **To continue monitoring the economy of Ilkley and other key economic centres, through measures such as vacancy rates, which at last count was at 5.33% for Ilkley town centre.**

ACTION: Strategic Director Place

13. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2018/19

Resolved –

That the report be endorsed.

ACTION: City Solicitor

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