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Dear Councillor

MEETING OF COUNCIL – TUESDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2019

You are requested to attend the meeting of the Council to be held in the Council Chamber, City Hall - City Hall, Bradford, City Hall, Bradford, on Tuesday, 15 October 2019 at 4.00 pm

The agenda for the meeting is set out overleaf.

Yours sincerely



Parveen Akhtar
City Solicitor

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AGENDA

A. PROCEDURAL ITEMS

1. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

(Members Code of Conduct - Part 4A of the Constitution)

To receive disclosures of interests from members and co-opted members on matters to be considered at the meeting. The disclosure must include the nature of the interest.

An interest must also be disclosed in the meeting when it becomes apparent to the member during the meeting.

Notes:

- (1) *Members may remain in the meeting and take part fully in discussion and voting unless the interest is a disclosable pecuniary interest or an interest which the Member feels would call into question their compliance with the wider principles set out in the Code of Conduct. Disclosable pecuniary interests relate to the Member concerned or their spouse/partner.*
- (2) *Members in arrears of Council Tax by more than two months must not vote in decisions on, or which might affect, budget calculations, and must disclose at the meeting that this restriction applies to them. A failure to comply with these requirements is a criminal offence under section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.*
- (3) *Members are also welcome to disclose interests which are not disclosable pecuniary interests but which they consider should be made in the interest of clarity.*
- (4) *Officers must disclose interests in accordance with Council Standing Order 44.*

2. MINUTES

Recommended –

That the minutes of the meeting held on 16 July 2019 be signed as a correct record (previously circulated).

(Adrian Tumber – 01274 432435)

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

**4. WRITTEN ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LORD MAYOR
(Standing Order 4)**

(To be circulated before the meeting).

5. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

(Access to Information Procedure Rules – Part 3B of the Constitution)

Reports and background papers for agenda items may be inspected by contacting the person shown after each agenda item. Certain reports and background papers may be restricted.

Any request to remove the restriction on a report or background paper should be made to the relevant Strategic Director or Assistant Director whose name is shown on the front page of the report.

If that request is refused, there is a right of appeal to this meeting.

Please contact the officer shown below in advance of the meeting if you wish to appeal.

(Adrian Tumber - 01274 432435)

B. BUSINESS ITEMS

6. PETITIONS (Standing Order 11)

To consider up to five requests for the Council to receive petitions in accordance with Standing Orders.

Ward

- (i) Vine Terrace East, Bradford – Request for no through road
Clayton & Fairweather Green
- (ii) Libraries, Museums and Galleries Service

If any further requests are received, in writing, by mid-day three working days before the meeting (Thursday), details will be circulated.

(Fatima Butt - 01274 432227)

7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (Standing Order 13)

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Questions from the public have been received and are contained in Document "H".

(Fatima Butt - 01274 432227)

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

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

Susan Crowe – Bradford District Assembly Health and Wellbeing Forum

Trevor Ramsay – Healthwatch Bradford and District

To consider any further motions (i) to appoint members to a Committee or a Joint Committee; or (ii) to appoint Chairs or Deputy Chairs of Committees (excluding Area Committees).

9. REPORT BY THE LEADER OF COUNCIL

A written report by the Leader of Council giving an update on key issues will be circulated before the start of the meeting. There shall be a period of up to 15 minutes during which any Member of Council may ask the Leader of the Council (or a Member of the Council nominated by the Leader) a question on any matter arising out of the written report.

10. MEMBER QUESTION TIME (Standing Order 12)

To deal with supplementary questions arising from the following questions of which written notice has been given.

Notes:

- (i) Answers to written questions shall be circulated at the commencement of the meeting.*
- (ii) The Lord Mayor will have regard to the list of questions and the political composition of the Council in calling on Members to put their supplementary question to the Leader of Council and Portfolio Holders.*
- (iii) A period of up to 30 minutes shall be available for supplementary questions to Members of the Executive.*

1. Councillor Aneela Ahmed

Restart a Heart Day was developed in 2013 by the European Resuscitation Council to teach members of the public how to help restart the heart of someone who has suffered a cardiac arrest. The

following year, Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust offered all secondary schools in Yorkshire the opportunity to receive free CPR training for pupils on Restart a Heart Day (on or around 16 October), also known as Shocktober, and many in our district have taken it up. Will the Leader and everyone across the chamber join me in pledging that they will encourage secondary schools in their wards to take up this initiative so Restart a Heart 2020 onwards will be even bigger and better with an aim to have 100% of our secondary schools involved and trained in CPR?

2. Councillor Geoff Winnard

Further to the recent negative Ofsted Report regarding the levels of service provided to Bradford Council Cared for Children, the hold ups to improvements at the Bradford Train Stations, amongst a number of other significant service level concerns, to which the Council's recruitment and retention failures have contributed, could the Leader of the Council provide members with a comparison of the salaries of Key Professional positions within this council, our neighbours and other comparable Councils?

3. Councillor David Ward

To the portfolio holder for Education. When does the Portfolio Holder intend to take action to deal with the mounting deficit at Hanson School?

4. Councillor Martin Love

Question for the Leader: Can the Leader of Council tell us how many of the organisations that subscribe to the West Yorkshire Pension Fund have declared a Climate Emergency?

5. Councillor Anne Hawkesworth

Facing the harsh fact that the Ilkley Car Parking Strategy combined with the new on-street car parking charges and revised car parking charges regime introduced into Ilkley on 29th July 2019 are manifestly misconceived in that they are failing to reduce car parking pressure on the residential streets producing social friction and degrading social cohesion damaging business with the consequential threat to livelihoods and the value of commercial property investments and clearly failing to produce the predicted revenue stream will the Portfolio Holder as a temporary measure (until such time as new and fully workable proposals are implemented) agree to suspend the on-street car parking charges and the charges for the Railway Road and Leeds Road car parks and whilst maintaining waiting restrictions re-allocate all-day business parking permits from the residential streets to the farther on-street parking areas so that they accept all-day business parking permits as well as short term parking whilst maintaining sufficient short term parking in central Ilkley?

6. Councillor Rizwana Jamil

Can the portfolio holder update members on how the roll-out of electric vehicle charge points across the district is progressing?

7. Councillor Sinead Engel

What consequences will there be for the contractors who resurfaced Allerton Road earlier this year for their failure to completely clear the mounds of residual tar and stones left littering Chapel Lane?

8. Councillor Debbie Davies

Please could the relevant Portfolio Holder clarify the size of the site to be sold after Ian Clough Hall and Baildon library are demolished and how many public parking spaces will remain?

9. Councillor Taj Salam

Does the portfolio holder for Healthy People and Places share in my excitement about the success of the UCI cycling world championships in our district which brought communities together and surely encouraged a love of cycling for us all?

10. Councillor Nazam Azam

Can the portfolio holder explain the strategic investment in culture and what additional funding or activities it is attracting in to the district?

11. Councillor Zafar Ali

Would the Leader of the Council please be kind enough to inform members, in detail, of the Council's plans for the former Keighley Carnegie Library Building?

12. Councillor Ralph Berry

Can the Leader update members on steps being taken to reduce the waiting times for adults in Bradford in need of an autism assessment?

13. Councillor Jeanette Sunderland

Question to the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care. Can the Portfolio Holder advise Council if they have any plans to replace overnight care-workers caring for people with complex care needs with technology?

14. Councillor Ralph Berry

Can the Leader of Council update members of council on the numbers of families with children requiring discretionary housing support in the last two years in order to prevent disruptive home moves?

15. Councillor Rebecca Poulsen

Local and rural roads can become narrowed by overhanging vegetation and overgrown verges which makes them dangerous for drivers and pedestrians. What is the council doing to ensure roads and pavements are not blocked by overhanging vegetation and overgrown verges?

16. Councillor Sinead Engel

Does the Leader join with me in supporting the staff at the BRI in their ongoing dispute?

17. Councillor Angela Tait

Can the Leader report back on the success of the City of Culture

launch events at Kala Sangam in Bradford and at the Southbank Centre in London?

18. Councillor Robert Hargreaves

Could the relevant Portfolio Holder confirm the cost to the Council, of the Playing Pitch strategy produced by management consultants from Bury?

19. Councillor Hassan Khan

Can the portfolio holder tell us the progress to date on 20mph zones and what further plans there are for the roll-out?

20. Councillor Mohammed Shafiq

Given our declaration of a climate emergency can I have an update on what work we can do or are already doing with schools on this agenda to improve the environment?

21. Councillor Jeanette Sunderland

Question to the Portfolio Holder for Children's Services. How many children and young people (listed by age group) are living in the District in semi-independent accommodation that is not subject to Children's Homes regulations or regulation by OFSTED?

22. Councillor Vanda Greenwood

Can the portfolio holder tell us about some of the cultural events and shows that families can look forward to in the run-up to Christmas in the district?

23. Councillor Mike Pollard

In the light of the shortcomings revealed in recent OFSTED inspections of Children's Social Care in several Local Authorities including Bradford, does the Leader of Council agree with her Party's Conference announcement, which has suggested that OFSTED should be disbanded and that Local Authorities will be allowed to 'mark their own homework' in this vital field of activity?

24. Councillor Hassan Khan

Does the portfolio holder share my great frustration that still the government is yet to announce a plan to address the national crisis in funding for adult social care?

25. Councillor Shakeela Lal

Can the Leader describe what we as a council and district are doing to support police and other agencies to tackle modern slavery?

26. Councillor Debbie Davies

In July we were told that 40 new SEND school places would be provided at Oastler School from September 2019 – please can the relevant Portfolio Holder clarify where these 40 children are currently being educated as I understand there is insufficient space at the school for these pupils and no building work has begun at Oastler School?

27. Councillor Carol Thirkill

Can the portfolio holder tell me what support we are giving to rough sleepers?

28. Councillor Anne Hawkesworth

What progress has your department made in progressing and implementing 20 mile per hour zones in Ilkley with particular reference to Ben Rhydding?

29. Councillor Tariq Hussain

As a council we have protected a number of community facilities from government cuts by transferring them to communities. Can the portfolio holder give an update on how many asset transfers we have successfully completed so far?

30. Councillor Jeanette Sunderland

Question to the Leader of Council. Since the Council declared a Climate Emergency, how many flights both internal and external to the UK have been purchased by the Council. Please detailing who (Member or Officer) and the purpose of the trip?

31. Councillor David Warburton

Can the portfolio holder give an update on the Sedbergh leisure centre opening and what new facilities are on offer at the site?

32. Councillor Jackie Whiteley

Can the Portfolio Holder please confirm that the updated SHMA is correct and that 30% of the Bradford workforce is actually employed out of the district? Are our employment figures skewed because of this? Secondly, as this Council has announced at the first Partial Review of the Core Strategy workshop that it is acting independently of other authorities in the area why are our housing numbers still so high?

33. Councillor Ralph Berry

Can the portfolio holder outline how many families in Bradford have been assisted with s17 payments under the Children Act?

34. Councillor Dale Smith

Could the Leader of the Council be so kind as to advise colleagues how many Apprentices, broken down by departments, has the Council on their books as at 1st July 2019?

35. Councillor Geoff Reid

Can the Portfolio Holder please detail how many motorists have been fined across the District for idling their engines over the past 3 years?

36. Councillor Robert Hargreaves

Can the Leader of the Council confirm the amount of money the Council has paid to outside organisations in relation to Council Tax collections, broken down to show fees for "over the counter" payments via banks and The Post Office etc, and payments to debt collection agencies, bailiffs etc over the past 5 years?

37. Councillor Alan Wainwright

Could the readings of noxious fumes be shown for all the gateway roads into Bradford City centre and including Tong Street?

**11. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEES
(Standing Order 15)**

**11.1 RECOMMENDATION FROM THE GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT
COMMITTEE - TREASURY MANAGEMENT MID YEAR REVIEW UP
TO 31 AUGUST 2019**

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At the meeting of the Governance and Audit Committee held on 19 September 2019 consideration was given to the report of the Director of Finance (**Governance and Audit Committee Document "P"**) presenting the Treasury management Mid Year Review up to 31 August 2019.

Recommended –

That the Treasury Management Mid Year Review be adopted.

(David Willis – 01274 432361)

12. NOTICES OF MOTION (Standing Order 17)

To consider the attached motions of which notice has been given.

12.1 SEND PROVISION IN THE NORTH OF THE BRADFORD DISTRICT

To be moved by Councillor Kyle Green
Seconded by Councillor Debbie Davies

This Council notes:

The excellent news that the recent SEND consultation has found new sites for dedicated SEND provision and celebrates the excellent work currently being done by those working at existing SEND dedicated provision.

That finding suitable sites and sponsors for dedicated SEND provision is not an easy or quick process, but is vital to achieve given the growing population in the Bradford district

That research done by Educational Psychologists amongst other professionals discovered that children need a minimum of 8 - 10 hours' sleep per night in order to function to their utmost capability and that long journeys to and from school are likely to disrupt this

This Council resolves to:

Urgently look at improving the journeys of SEND children, some of who currently face journey times of over 10 hours per week.

Start a comprehensive consultation of users who currently spend 30 minutes or more each way travelling to school each day to be carried out about their thoughts on the current provision and what they would like to see in the future

Act on this consultation and seek to identify and deliver new SEND sites to ensure children across the district do not face long journeys to and from school and have localised appropriate education provision.

12.2 SUPPORTING SMALL BUSINESS AT CHRISTMAS

To be moved by Councillor Debbie Davies

Seconded by Councillor Kyle Green

Council notes that:

- (1) Small Business Saturday, which was launched in 2010, takes place on Saturday 7th December, offering us a fantastic opportunity to 'shop local' and support local shops and businesses.
- (2) The run up to Christmas is a very important time for local shops and businesses with many shops relying on successful Christmas trading to survive.
- (3) The rise in internet shopping and initiatives such as Black Friday have impacted negatively on more traditional shops.
- (4) Villages and towns across the district have been hit hard by the introduction of parking charges where previously parking was free and by increases in charges.
- (5) Other Councils in Yorkshire have managed to retain free parking all year round for their towns and villages.

Council resolves:

- (1) To support Small Business Saturday any way we can e.g. through social media, website etc.
- (2) To suspend parking charges in Council car parks in towns and villages across the district on the three weekends running up to Christmas, i.e. 7/8 December, 14/15 December and 21/22 December in order to support our local shops and encourage residents to shop locally.

12.3 RENEWED COMMITMENT TO MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

To be moved by Councillor Robert Hargreaves

Seconded by Councillor Paul Sullivan

Council notes:

- The growing need for Mental Health and Wellbeing provisions and a robust plan which provides clear and decisive support for

its residents.

- The great work already being carried out across the district by the council, NHS and commissioned VCS organisations.

Council resolves to:

- Work with training providers within the NHS and commissioned VCS Mental Health organisations to establish and deliver a comprehensive and co-ordinated mental health training programme to all frontline council staff and elected members within 3 years. The resulting programme will then be rolled out to other relevant frontline staff and private sector organisations.
- Review the council's progress in delivering its part of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy in relation to mental health. This review should focus on the strategic capabilities of the council to fulfil its commitments rather than the front line delivery, taking into account budget restraints and timescales. Given the increased need since the strategy was created, the review should also look at priorities and, where shortfalls are identified, broaden the scale of the actions to be taken to ensure that best possible outcomes are achieved.
- Review the progress of the Bradford District Mental Wellbeing Strategy, with a heavy focus on early intervention and prevention.
- Carry out an impact assessment of departmental cuts within the authority on the mental wellbeing of the population of the district. The assessment should also include the council's policies for debt collection in relation to overdue council tax payments.
- Work towards reducing social isolation by investigating the possibility of introducing a community transport scheme and by signing up to the Mental Health Charter for Sport and Recreation.
- Ensure advice services, such as debt advice and benefits advice, are maintained and properly funded to protect the poorest and most vulnerable people in the district.
- Better promote and encourage the district's businesses and organisations to sign the Mental Health Charter Mark for Businesses.
- Look at increasing the percentage of funding given to the prevention pillar of the health and wellbeing strategy which currently stands at less than 10% of overall spend.
- Identify gaps/weaknesses around mental health in the JSNA and ensure work is done to fill in/strengthen where required.

- The Bradford and Airedale Health and Wellbeing Board will monitor the progress and commitments toward the 'Prevention Concordat for Better Mental Health Consensus Statement'. An annual report will also be presented to the Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

12.4 LIBRARIES

To be moved by Councillor Rebecca Poulsen

Seconded by Councillor Mike Ellis

Council notes that:

1. The Labour budget agreed to cut over £1.5M from libraries and museums for 2020/21
2. Libraries serve an essential role in education – from early years through to older children and adults.
3. Museums provide a valuable educational and cultural resource to all ages.
4. Local libraries serve many valuable purposes including providing books, talking books, children's activities, newspapers, computers and companionship.
5. Libraries and museums need to be accessible to people, many of whom may not have their own transport or have the means to pay for public transport.
6. All the Visitor Information Centres across the district except for the central Bradford one have closed in recent years to save money.
7. The Local Studies Collection is a valuable resource and should remain in Bradford and Keighley and be accessible to all
8. Baildon and Clayton are examples of libraries which have successfully run under the hybrid model using a mixture of paid staff and volunteers for the past two years.

Council resolves:

1. To close Bradford Visitor Information Centre and relocate it to Central Library to reduce running costs. This would give the opportunity to use the Bradford Visitor Information Centre space to raise income to put back into the service and also position visitor information in a better location for visitors to the city centre.
2. To value the expertise of paid staff who work in libraries and use their experience and knowledge to ensure our libraries stay open but in a slightly different role, emphasising the importance of supporting volunteers.
3. To look at how local communities and volunteers can work with our museums rather than just reducing opening hours.
4. Support our two Local Studies Collections and ensure there are trained staff available to manage the collections in Bradford and Keighley
5. To invest in people by way of training volunteers to secure the

- future of our remaining libraries by using the hybrid model.
6. To work with parish and town councils where they exist to recruit, support and organise volunteers.
 7. Support the “I can” initiative to encourage volunteers to support library staff

12.5 WEST YORKSHIRE COMBINED AUTHORITY SUPPORT FOR LEEDS BRADFORD AIRPORT

To be moved by Councillor Martin Love

Seconded by Councillor Kevin Warnes

Council welcomes:

- (1) the declaration of a Climate Emergency made by the West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA) on 27 June 2019;
- (2) the Climate Emergency declarations made by councils in the WYCA region since Bradford led the way in January 2019.

Council notes that:

- (1) air travel (passengers and freight) was responsible for over 900 million tonnes of CO2 pollution in 2018;
- (2) aviation-related greenhouse gas emissions in the UK have more than doubled since 1990, according to the Climate Change Committee;
- (3) the International Council on Clean Transportation estimates that CO2 emissions from aviation will triple by 2050;
- (4) on current trends, aviation-related greenhouse gas emissions will contribute up to 15% of global warming from all human activities within 50 years;
- (5) the Climate Change Committee recommended in September that the UK should plan for “net-zero emissions by 2050” for aviation, and stated that this “means reducing actual emissions” in the aviation sector;
- (6) WYCA is planning to invest in transport links to Leeds Bradford Airport in order to facilitate its continued expansion, despite the fact that 70% of flights are taken by just 15% of the population and most people do not fly at all in the typical year;
- (7) WYCA’s growth-driven strategy is socially-exclusive, environmentally unsustainable and therefore incompatible with its own Climate Emergency declaration and those from councils across the region.

Council therefore calls on WYCA to:

- (1) withdraw funding support for transport links to Leeds Bradford Airport, including for highways projects designed in part to facilitate additional road traffic to and from the airport - such as the South East Bradford Link Road through the Tong valley;
- (2) reinvest those funds in sustainable forms of travel across West Yorkshire that will benefit all the people living in our communities;
- (3) apply the principles of their Declaration of a Climate Emergency in all the decisions they make.

12.6 PROTECTING CHILDREN'S LEGAL RIGHT TO EDUCATION

To be moved by Councillor David Ward

Seconded by Councillor Julie Humphreys

There is growing evidence, at both a local and national level, that too many children are not receiving their full legal entitlement to an education. The cause of this failure to provide children with this entitlement is increasingly due to the failure of schools and local authorities to track pupils who have left a school and the long delays in finding alternative provision that too often occurs following exclusion from a school. In many cases parents are unaware of the rights of their children, but even if they are aware, they lack the support needed to fight for their children's rights.

This Council therefore calls on the Director of Childrens' Services to:

- Investigate the most cost-effective way of providing all parents of children attending schools with a clear and concise statement on their rights as parents and the rights of their children to an education.
- Consider how the local authority can support parents who are in dispute with the school that their children are attending through independent advice and advocacy.

12.7 REDUCING ACOUSTIC STRESS FROM FIREWORKS

To be moved by Councillor Jeanette Sunderland

Seconded by Councillor Brendan Stubbs

This Council notes:

- That firework displays are common throughout the world and are the focal point of many cultural and religious celebrations.
- The rising number of complaints about all year round noise nuisance from fireworks.
- The impact loud bangs have on some people with mental ill health, some people who are anxious about loud noises, some people with a disability for whom loud noises can be extremely disturbing and those people suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder.

- The distress suffered by many household pets and wild animals because of the use of fireworks.
- Increasing public health concerns surrounding the use of fireworks

This Council believes that everyone has a right to enjoy firework displays. This Council also believes that this should not be at the expense of the amenity of others and notes the work done by the people of Collecchio in the province of Parma in Italy to introduce legislation to reduce acoustic stress.

This Council believes that with the increasing availability of quieter fireworks which can create “quieter” or “low noise” or “silent” displays which reduce the noise nuisance and impact on others, it is time for the Council to investigate the creation of more peaceful firework displays that can be enjoyed by all.

This Council therefore instructs the Chief Executive to :

- Investigate making available quieter or low noise firework displays in public parks available to the public without charge.
- Investigate the passing of a by-law to prohibit the use of noisy fireworks in the District.
- Investigate how the Council can use public displays of low noise fireworks to celebrate the cultural diversity of the district and support its bid to be the City of Culture 2025.

12.8 A FULLY FUNDED, PROPER PAY RISE FOR COUNCIL AND SCHOOL WORKERS

To be moved by Councillor Brendan Stubbs

Seconded by Councillor Jeanette Sunderland

This Council notes

- Local government has endured central government funding cuts of nearly 50% since 2010.
- Between 2010 and 2020, councils will have lost 60p out of every £1 they have received from central government.
- The 2019 LGA survey of council finances found that 1 in 3 councils fear they will run out of funding to provide even their statutory, legal duties by 2022/23. This number rises to almost two thirds of councils by 2024/2025 or later.
- The LGA estimates councils will face a funding gap of £8 billion by 2025. Faced with these cuts from central government, the local government workforce has endured years of pay restraint with the majority of pay points losing 22 per cent of their value since 2009/10.
- At the same time as seeing their pay go down in real terms, workers experience ever increasing workloads and persistent job insecurity.
- Across the UK, an estimated 876,000 jobs have been lost in local government since June 2010 – a reduction of 30 per cent.

Local government has arguably been hit by more severe job losses than any other part of the public sector.

- There has been a disproportionate impact on women, with women making up more than three quarters of the local government workforce.

This Council believes

- Our workers are public service super heroes. They keep our communities clean, look after those in need and keep our towns and cities running.
- Without the professionalism and dedication of our staff, the council services our residents rely on would not be deliverable.
- Government funding has been cut to the extent that a proper pay rise could result in a further reduction in local government services.
- The government needs to take responsibility and fully fund increases in pay. It should not put the burden on local authorities whose funding been cut to the bone.

This Council resolves to

- Support the pay claim submitted by GMB UNISON and Unite on behalf of council and school workers for a £10 per hour minimum wage and a 10 per cent uplift across all other pay points in 2020/21.
- Call on the Local Government Association to make urgent representations to central government to fund the NJC pay claim.
- Write to the Chancellor and Secretary of State to call for a pay increase for local government workers to be funded with new money from central government.
- Meet with local NJC union representatives to convey support for the pay claim.
- Encourage all local government workers to join a union

12.9 CONDEMN HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN KASHMIR

To be moved by Councillor Naveed Riaz

Seconded by Councillor Zafar Ali

This Council condemns the on-going human rights violations in Kashmir.

This Council notes that:

1. There has been an escalation of human rights violations since 5th August, and the revoking of Article 370 of the Indian Constitution.
2. The history of human rights violations in Kashmir is long-standing, and has been a continuing issue since partition in 1947.

3. The history of human rights violations is documented in the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights report Update of the Situation of Human Rights in Indian-Administered Kashmir and Pakistan-Administered Kashmir from May 2018 to April 2019, published on 8th July 2019, prior to the recent escalation.
4. Kashmir should be taken seriously as an issue within Britain, since it poses the possibility of the unrest and distrust between the communities in Kashmir being transferred to Britain, producing division and conflict between communities within The UK.

This Council resolves to:

1. Condemn human rights violations in Kashmir
2. Stand in solidarity with the people of Kashmir
3. Offer all possible support to Bradford residents who have family and/or friends living in Jammu Kashmir.
4. Facilitate events, within Bradford, that cross religious divides, in order to promote open dialogue and unity.
5. Write to:
 - a. The Prime Minister of the United Kingdom,
 - b. The Indian Prime Minister
 - c. The United Nations

To express Bradford Council's: stance of solidarity with the people of Jammu Kashmir; condemnation of Human Rights violations, and the contents of this Motion; and to call on them to implement United Nation Security Resolution 47.

12.10 BRADFORD STANDS UP FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN KASHMIR

To be moved by Councillor Susan Hinchcliffe
Seconded by Councillor Abdul Jabar

This Council shares the concern of many Bradford District residents about the current situation in Kashmir, including Bradford District residents who have family and friends in the region.

This Council condemns the recent actions of the Indian Government to revoke article 370 of the Indian Constitution and thereby ending the special status of the Indian Occupied Kashmir.

This Council also notes with concern the following:

- i) The addition of 180,000 extra troops to the region, which already has

over 700,000 troops, and the reports of Human Rights abuses and killings of Kashmiri civilians by the Indian Government troops.

- ii) The removal of access to communications with the outside world and the right to travel to and from the region which has impacted on Bradford residents travelling to and from Kashmir, and
- iii) The house arrest of all the political leaders and activists from the region, with thousands of people reported to be detained

This Council therefore calls on the Government to take the following actions:

- a) Commit to supporting the retention of article 370 of the Indian constitution until the United Nations resolutions adopted in 1947/8 are implemented.
- b) Commit to supporting the Kashmiri people's right of self-determination, including the use of instruments of international law.
- c) Call on the Indian Government to restore all communications to the region immediately and lift all travel bans.
- d) Demand an end to all human rights abuses and killings of civilians; and demand immediate free access to the region for international observers and human rights organisations.
- e) Urge the Indian Government to agree to international mediation to bring about peace and prosperity to the region.

This Council emphasises that this motion is in no way a reflection on the Indian community in Bradford. We value their social and economic contribution to the district as Bradfordians. We support the Bradford District MPs in lobbying Government to address this issue with urgency.

12.11 TAKING A STAND AGAINST ANTISOCIAL AND ILLEGAL USE OF FIREWORKS

To be moved by Councillor Susan Hinchcliffe
Seconded by Councillor Abdul Jabar

This Council notes:

Local residents are expressing serious concerns about nuisance fireworks blighting their lives and neighbourhoods. Large fireworks celebrations now appear to be happening all year round and in the early hours of the morning disturbing people's sleep and pets.

Fireworks can be used responsibly by sensible adults particularly at well-run public events at reasonable times of day, but all too often fireworks are let off at unsociable times and in an antisocial way.

The weeks around Bonfire Night in particular are costly for firefighters and emergency services colleagues and pose a risk to their safety. Antisocial behaviour and attacks against these professionals at any time of year are unacceptable, put lives at risk and divert resources from emergencies.

This Council requests Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny committee to do a wholesale review within the next six months of the use of fireworks in our neighbourhoods. Partners involved in the review should be the police, the fire service, trading standards and licensing.

In the meantime this Council:

- Will work with police and other partners to review and build on prevention and enforcement activities, including a review of licensing requirements and other regulations around fireworks.
- Urges everyone to act responsibly when using fireworks and to avoid causing nuisance to other residents, ideally by attending well-run public events, getting appropriate permissions and helping to educate young people about the dangers.
- Calls on everyone to act respectfully towards the public servants who keep us safe at Bonfire Night and throughout the year.
- Reiterates its support for the 'Protect the Protectors' campaign and will continue to support safety and awareness campaigns to promote the tougher sentences arising from the Assaults on Emergency Workers (Offences) Act.

12.12 A FULLY FUNDED, PROPER PAY RISE FOR COUNCIL AND SCHOOL WORKERS

To be moved by Councillor Susan Hinchcliffe
Seconded by Councillor Imran Khan

This Council notes:

- Between 2010 and 2020, councils will have lost 60p out of every £1 they have received from central government.
- The 2019 LGA survey of council finances found that 1 in 3 councils fear they will run out of funding to provide even their statutory, legal duties by 2022/23. This number rises to almost two-thirds of councils by 2024/2025 or later.
- The LGA estimates councils will face a funding gap of £8 billion by 2025.
- Faced with these cuts from central government, the local government workforce has endured years of pay restraint with the majority of pay points losing 22 per cent of their value since 2009/10.
- At the same time as seeing their pay go down in real terms, workers experience ever increasing workloads and persistent job insecurity. Across the UK, an estimated 876,000 jobs have been lost in local government since June 2010 – a reduction of 30 per cent. Local government has arguably been hit by more severe job losses than any other part of the public sector.
- There has been a disproportionate impact on women, with women making up more than three quarters of the local government workforce.

This Council believes

- Our workers are public service super heroes. They keep our communities clean, look after those in need and keep our towns and cities running.
- Without the professionalism and dedication of our staff, the council services our residents rely on would not be deliverable.
- Government funding has been cut to the extent that a proper pay rise could result in a reduction in local government services.
- The government needs to take responsibility and fully fund increases in pay; it should not put the burden on local authorities whose funding has been cut to the bone.

This Council resolves to

- Support the pay claim submitted by GMB, Unison and Unite on behalf of council and school workers for a £10 per hour minimum wage and a 10 per cent uplift across all other pay points in 2020/21.
- Call on the Local Government Association to make urgent representations to central government to fund the NJC pay claim
- Write to the Chancellor and Secretary of State to call for this pay increase for local government workers to be funded with new money from central government.
- Meet with local NJC union representatives to convey support for the pay claim.
- Encourage all local government workers to join a union.

12.13 CLIMATE EMERGENCY IN SCHOOLS

To be moved by Councillor Susan Hinchcliffe

Seconded by Councillor Sarah Feriby

Bradford Council celebrates the leadership young people are showing on the climate emergency agenda.

As the youngest city in the UK we know that our young people are the leaders of tomorrow and support our schools in educating their students on the importance and impact of climate change here in the UK and across the world.

The Council notes the many great initiatives happening in schools across the district on this agenda including:

- Keighley College announcing it has stopped selling bottled water and is aiming to go plastic free, issuing drinks bottles to all new

students.

- Glenaire Primary School in Shipley, which has installed solar panels on its school with advice and support from the Council
- Cavendish Primary school in Eccleshill, which has an allotment for every year group
- Schools across the district, which are working with Rethink Food CIC to educate students about food in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Bradford Council, as part of the Leeds City Region Climate Coalition, accepts the challenge of achieving net zero carbon by 2038 making significant progress by 2030.

Bradford Council supports schools on the climate emergency agenda and already has a wide range of initiatives to support schools and students including:

- District-wide roll-out of 'No Idling Zones' around schools starting this month
- Development of Play Streets and potential road closures near schools to support walking and active play
- Technical advice and support to schools looking to invest in renewable energy
- Largest ever roll-out of 20mph zones around schools
- 'Bikeability' programme offering cycling lessons to schoolchildren across the district

Bradford Council resolves to go further and faster on this agenda including:

- Widening the roll-out of 20mph zones to include more schools and communities
- Increased support for the 'Bikeability' programme
- Delivering Play Streets and road closures near schools
- Engaging schools with our tree planting programme so children have the opportunity to plant trees in their community
- Advertising grant funding opportunities through the Schools Forum relating to climate emergency

12.14 SUPPORTING ILKLEY TOWN CENTRE

To be moved by Councillor Alex Ross-Shaw
Seconded by Councillor Susan Hinchcliffe

Ilkley is a principal town of Bradford district and a jewel in Bradford's

crown. The Lido is one of only four open-air swimming pools in Yorkshire, Ilkley Moor is of international renown and the town is home to successful and nationally renowned Ilkley Literature Festival.

Bradford Council has invested to support and develop Ilkley's economy through:

- Grant funding to support Ilkley Business Improvement District (BID), backing a 'YES' vote and offering at-cost accommodation in the Town Hall
- Launching the District Growth Scheme offering business rate relief to businesses in Ilkley town centre, where the vacancy rate from June to September has fallen
- Purchasing the mixed use and fully let Moors Centre in the heart of Ilkley as a strategic investment
- Supported the Community Asset Transfer of Ilkley Manor House and its development as a heritage and arts centre
- Grant funding for Ilkley Literature Festival, allowing them to unlock further funding from the Arts Council
- In principle support for designating the river Wharfe as having 'Bathing Water Status', which would be the first river in the country to be awarded this status
- Supported the relocation of the Real Food Ilkley market to a trial home on The Grove, where it is currently proving to be a huge success
- Planned town centre 20mph zone and electric vehicle charge points to promote road safety and a green economy

Bradford Council notes:

- Ilkley's success has created huge demand for parking space throughout the town centre and surrounding residential streets dating back many years
- Going as far back as 2009, an editorial in the Ilkley Gazette referred to the 'age old problem of parking in Ilkley'
- The 2017 Steer Review was commissioned and implemented by the Council after long-standing requests from local councillors and residents to consider the extent of parking problems in Ilkley and propose recommendations to deal with them
- The introduction of time limited permits for people working in the

town centre was a result of concerns raised throughout the consultation process about the potential impact of the proposals on those who work in the town centre

- Since the scheme went live a number of businesses have said the roll-out of the scheme was generally smooth and the turnover of cars on-street in the town centre has helped their business, residents have stated previously unsafe junctions are now safer, new disabled parking bays are being well used and residents on a number of streets have found it easier to park closer to their home
- However, other residents have raised significant concerns about the balance between different types of permits in the permit zones where demand for spaces is outstripping supply, causing issues for people trying to park on their own street and workers trying to find a space to park to go to work. Officers are continuously monitoring the impact of the permits and have made and will continue to make amendments as required which has included reallocating worker permits

Bradford Council resolves:

- To request that officers consider the existing rules around the basis on which the special permits for workers in Ilkley should be issued in the New Year and then consult with residents, ward members and businesses on potential changes which could be made when the current special permits for workers expire on 31 January 2020.
- To request officers proceed with the next phase in improving transport in Ilkley as previously outlined and bring forward proposals to invest in public transport, road safety and active travel, such as the town centre 20mph zone, and consult with local stakeholders as necessary.

13. REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS, POLLING PLACES AND POLLING STATIONS 2019

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The report of the Chief Executive (**Document “K”**) details proposals in respect of the review of polling districts, polling places and polling stations, for consideration by Council and as required by law.

Recommended –

- (1) That the proposed changes and recommendations to the polling districts, polling places and polling stations set out in Appendix A, be approved.**
- (2) That the designation of the whole polling district as the polling place, be approved.**

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