

Decisions of the Council on Tuesday, 15 October 2019

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Decisions

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

Resolved –

Vine Terrace East, Bradford – Request for no through road

Resolved –

That the petition be referred to Bradford West Area Committee.

Libraries, Museums and Galleries Service

Resolved –

That the petition be referred to the Executive.

ACTION: City Solicitor

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

Resolved –

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**

ACTION: City Solicitor

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

Resolved –

That the Treasury Management Mid Year Review be adopted.

ACTION: Director of Finance

12. **SEND PROVISION IN THE NORTH OF THE BRADFORD DISTRICT**

Resolved –

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 and the growing need for SEND provision as seen nationally.

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

The Local Authority is not allowed by Government to build its own provision and has no influence about where any new SEND schools are located, so the authority is constrained in how much it can improve on this statistic.

A comprehensive review of SEND places, involving parents has been undertaken in the last year resulting in the local authority adding places to existing schools wherever necessary.

It is widely acknowledged after almost a decade of government cuts that there is a national SEND funding crisis. The Local Government Association estimates councils in England face a SEND funding gap of up to £1.6 billion by 2021.

This Council resolves to:

Continue working to ensure the best possible transport provision for those children with SEND who need it, while also working to support and promote independent sustainable travel for other children whom that would benefit.

Task the Strategic Director for Children's Services to continue working with parents and representative groups to keep provision constantly under review, identifying any further improvements to be made.

Call on government to address the SEND funding crisis by providing substantial additional funds to match the levels of need so that children with SEND can access the best possible education and achieve the best possible outcomes.

ACTION: Strategic Director Children's Services

12. **SUPPORTING SMALL BUSINESS AT CHRISTMAS**

Resolved –

Council notes that:

- 1. Small businesses are for life, not just for Christmas!**
- 2. Small Business Saturday, which was launched in 2010, takes place on Saturday 7th December, promoting the fantastic opportunity to ‘shop local’ and support local shops and businesses**
- 3. The run up to Christmas is a very important time for local shops and businesses and many car parks are full during this busy time so free parking would not be able to deliver any benefits in these locations**
- 4. The rise in internet shopping along with unrealistic rents, unreformed business rates and changing trends in how people spend their time are causing unprecedented changes on our high streets**
- 5. Bradford Council has a wide range of business support in place all-year round to help start-ups and facilitate business growth, including:**
 - a. Invest in Bradford – our ‘one stop shop’ contact point for business support within Bradford District. Members should direct enquiries on business support to the Invest in Bradford team where one of our advisors will contact the business and discuss what support is available**
 - b. Seed funding for Business Improvement Districts in Keighley, Bradford and Ilkley, with whom we work in partnership to provide support for all businesses within their area**
 - c. City Centre Growth Scheme – business rate rebates and capital grants have helped over 240 businesses, filled 100 previously empty units and created 600 FTE jobs**
 - d. District Growth Scheme – business rate relief for the town centres of Keighley, Shipley, Bingley and Ilkley, heritage relief for bringing listed or key heritage buildings back into use and business rate relief to support business growth in new developments**
 - e. Markets – we offer introductory rents for new traders at all our markets to lower the barriers to entry and encourage entrepreneurialism**
 - f. Ad:Venture programme – support for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) with access to advice, masterclasses and funding of up to £25k for capital expenditure.**
 - g. Northern MAX - A high growth accelerator programme aimed at tech start-ups and young businesses. The next phase will be run from the Digital Exchange over a 12-14 week period and will start in early January/February 2020. This is the 3rd Accelerator to be run in Bradford to serve the Leeds City Region and will be delivered by a specialist service provider which is currently being procured.**

- h. **Wider support packages, some in partnership with the Local Enterprise Partnership, covering Skills, Growth, Digital Enterprise, Resource Efficiency and more**

Council resolves:

- (1) **To instruct officers from all areas of the Council such as Invest in Bradford, Communications, Visit Bradford and Bradford Markets to consider ways of supporting Small Business Saturday including working with external partners such as the BIDs**
- (2) **To engage with public transport operators to discuss how we can better promote public transport across Bradford district over the Christmas period and beyond.**
- (3) **To urge councillors and residents to shop locally all year round to support our local business community.**

ACTION: (1) all Strategic Directors, (2) Strategic Director Place

12. RENEWED COMMITMENT TO MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Resolved –

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, the Bradford District Care Trust and commissioned voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations. The health partnership in Bradford - comprising the NHS, the council and the VCS - re-launched an all-age mental wellbeing strategy this year. We have also launched the Living Well programme led jointly by Public Health and the CCGs this year.**

Council resolves to:

- **Work with the Community Partnerships to understand their mental health priorities and ensure that the VCS are fully engaged in this process through the Mental Health Provider Forum.**
- **Support Council staff through the Employee Health and Wellbeing service and work with CCGs and VCS partners to develop a co-ordinated mental health and suicide prevention training programme for relevant staff groups.**
- **Working through the Living Well service, ensure that those with mental health issues receive advice and early referral to interventions to improve their mental health, lifestyle and wellbeing.**

- Deliver the suicide prevention strategy and action plan with a multi-agency suicide partnership group and conduct a suicide audit and review of deaths with neighbouring councils.
- Maintain and where possible increase the focus on early intervention and prevention, including by: developing an approach (jointly by Children's Services and Public Health) to prevent and reduce the impact of adverse childhood experiences; and developing a strategic prevention group focused on the strategic commitments of the Bradford District Mental Wellbeing Strategy.
- Continue to review welfare, debt and benefits services to best support vulnerable people of the district including those with mental health difficulties.
- Better promote and encourage the district's businesses and organisations to sign the Mental Health Charter Mark for Businesses.

ACTION: Strategic Director Corporate Resources/ Strategic Director Health and Wellbeing/ Director of Public Health

12. LIBRARIES

Resolved –

Council notes that:

- The budget passed at Full Council in February this year anticipates £1,050,000 being cut from Museums and Libraries in 2020/21 as a result of Tory Government cuts.
- Libraries serve an essential role in education and as community hubs for all ages.
- Museums provide a valuable educational and cultural resource to all ages.
- Libraries and museums need to be as accessible to people as possible, many of whom may not have their own transport or have the means to pay for public transport.
- 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.
- The Local Studies Collection is an essential resource and must remain available to the people of the Bradford District.
- Libraries, like all valued public services, have suffered due to the Tory Government's austerity cuts. Since 2010 several hundred libraries have closed across the UK, with almost 130 public libraries closing in 2018 alone. In addition, Public Libraries News estimates that the number of libraries which are community-run increased from around 10 in 2010 to around 500 in 2017.
- In Bradford District we continue to work hard to maintain high-quality provision within the reducing national budgets. Bradford Council's net

budget in 2020 will be around half what it was in 2020 in real terms. To date only one library in the district has been lost during this sustained period of Tory austerity.

Council resolves:

- To undertake an engagement exercise, gaining a wide range of views from library users, non users, staff, parish and town councils, volunteers and other stakeholders on how they want to see the library service of the future.**
- Not to draw up any options or make any decisions on the future of the libraries or museum services until this engagement exercise with the public is complete.**
- To listen, to publish those findings and to carry out further detailed and proper consultation in order to move forward and build a sustainable service for the future.**
- To thank our library and museum staff for their dedication to the service and to the Bradford District public in these difficult times of austerity. To acknowledge the great contribution made by the volunteers in the community managed libraries.**

ACTION: Strategic Director Place

12. WEST YORKSHIRE COMBINED AUTHORITY SUPPORT FOR LEEDS BRADFORD AIRPORT

Resolved –

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.**
- 3. The WYCA Clean Growth Action Plan which includes measures the authority is taking across its own operations and making sure we have information about the impact on climate change when the authority makes decisions.**

WYCA has a range of projects that will contribute to a reduction in greenhouse gases. A few highlights are below:

- By 2020, the Combined Authority, through the CityConnect programme, will have invested £60 million in cycling and walking schemes across West Yorkshire and York since 2015.**
- An estimated £69 million from the Local Growth Fund will be spent on walking and cycling improvements.**

- **The Energy Accelerator programme, which provides project development support for low carbon projects, is currently supporting 13 projects and should all projects be implemented they are estimated to annually save over 14,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalents (CO₂eq^[1]).**
- **250 businesses in the City Region to date have been supported so far through the Resource Efficiency Fund. This programme is estimated to save annually 2000 tonnes of carbon.**

Council notes that:

- 1. air travel (passengers and freight) was responsible for over 900 million tonnes of CO₂ pollution in 2018 and makes up 2% of worldwide emissions**
- 2. aviation-related greenhouse gas emissions in the UK have more than doubled since 1990, according to the Climate Change Committee, making up 4% of worldwide aviation CO₂ emissions**
- 3. the International Council on Clean Transportation estimates that CO₂ emissions from aviation will triple by 2050 as aviation growth currently outpaces their rate of carbon efficiency gains;**
- 4. on current trends, aviation-related greenhouse gas emissions will contribute up to 15% of global warming from all human activities within 50 years as other sectors decarbonise;**
- 5. Bradford Council cannot draft national aviation strategy on its own. It is absolutely essential for the Government to produce an Aviation Strategy as soon as possible to make sure carbon emissions from aircraft are substantially reduced.**
- 6. WYCA is planning to invest in transport links to Leeds Bradford Airport in order to facilitate its continued expansion, including significant employment land development to help create thousands of jobs, many of which will be taken by people living in Bradford who will need better transport links to this employment site.**
- 7. Through the West Yorkshire-plus Transport Fund WYCA is also investing in new infrastructure which helps to ease congestion and improve air quality, increase public transport reliability and give people more options for walking and cycling. And through the Connecting Leeds programme there are plans to build a new rail station to serve Leeds Bradford Airport so that people can travel there by public transport. And through the Connecting Leeds programme there are**

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Council therefore

- 1. Expects WYCA to apply the principles of their Declaration of a Climate Emergency in all the decisions they make.**
- 2. Welcomes the commitment from WYCA to introduce carbon emission assessments of all major infrastructure projects.**
- 3. Will lobby government for a devolution deal that will unlock additional funding for sustainable transport projects such as a regional mass transit scheme to encourage modal shift**
- 4. Calls on Government to accelerate the production of the national Aviation Strategy which according to the Committee on Climate Change should also include the need for Greenhouse Gas Removals.**

ACTION: WYCA

12. PROTECTING CHILDREN'S LEGAL RIGHT TO EDUCATION

Resolved –

This Council notes:

- Every child who is permanently excluded is placed on the roll of a school (usually a PRU) on the 6th day following their permanent exclusion. This is in line with the statutory requirement.**
- All parents are informed of their rights when a child is excluded as schools are required to provide information within a standard exclusions letter.**
- Individual Schools & Academies are required to ensure that parents are clear about their rights and this must be articulated in their complaints processes. This should include the link on parental rights which can be found on the DfE Website. The Local Authority has no remit to provide advice or advocacy for all parents. However, provisions are made for parents of children with SEND via the SENDIASS service. All information on SENDIASS can be found on the Bradford Local Offer website.**

This Council resolves to:

- Allow the Children's Overview & Scrutiny Committee to conduct a full review of children potentially suffering disadvantage in their education entitlement.**
- Asks for the recommendations from the report to be presented to Executive on completion.**

ACTION: *Governance, Scrutiny and Members Support Manager/ Strategic Director Children's Services*

12. **REDUCING ACOUSTIC STRESS FROM FIREWORKS**

Motion defeated.

12. **A FULLY FUNDED, PROPER PAY RISE FOR COUNCIL AND SCHOOL WORKERS**

Resolved –

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.

ACTION: *Chief Executive/ Strategic Director Corporate Resources*

(NOTE: There is also a similar resolution on this subject at Motion 12)

12. CONDEMN HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN KASHMIR

Resolved –

This Council shares the deep concern of many Bradford District residents about the current situation in Kashmir, including the thousands of 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 and article 35A 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 Government of India has detained and arrested Kashmiri leaders and party workers, including three former Chief Ministers of state. Further 13,000 young boys and young men are reported to have been picked up during house raids and from streets and detained by Indian security forces in Government controlled areas. (Ref: India Today, October 5, 2019)**
- iv) The threat to women of rape, sexual violence and abuse and the horrific consequences for those women and their families.**

This Council emphasises that this motion is in no way a reflection on the Indian people or the Indian community here in Bradford. We value their social and economic contribution to the district as Bradfordians.

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

- a) Commit to supporting the retention of article 370 and 35A 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.**

We support the Bradford District MPs in lobbying Government to address this issue with urgency. This Council resolves:

- a) To stand in solidarity with the people of Kashmir**
- b) To offer all possible support to Bradford residents who have family and/or friends living in Jammu Kashmir**
- c) To continue to facilitate events and spaces in Bradford for dialogue for people of all countries and faiths.**
- d) To write to the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary urging them to use all the powers they have at their disposal to resolve the matter copying in our Members of Parliament to support their position.**

ACTION: Chief Executive

(NOTE: Please note that this is the same resolution as Motion 10 – Bradford Stands Up for Human Rights in Kashmir)

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ACTION: Chief Executive

(NOTE: Please note that this resolution is the same as for Motion 9 – Condemn Human Rights Violations in Kashmir)

12. TAKING A STAND AGAINST ANTISOCIAL AND ILLEGAL USE OF FIREWORKS

Resolved –

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 365 days a year at all hours of the day and night with the loud noise causing distress to people across the district.

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 Corporate Overview and 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.**

ACTION: Strategic Director Place/ Governance, Scrutiny and Members Support Manager

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

Resolved –

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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.

ACTION: Chief Executive/Strategic Director Corporate Resources

(NOTE: There is also a similar resolution on this subject at Motion 8)

12. CLIMATE EMERGENCY IN SCHOOLS

Resolved –

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

ACTION: Strategic Director Place/ Strategic Director Children’s Services

12. SUPPORTING ILKLEY TOWN CENTRE

Resolved –

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.

ACTION: Strategic Director Place

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

Resolved –

- (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.

ACTION: Chief Executive

FROM: Parveen Akhtar
City Solicitor
City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council

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