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Dear Councillor

BUDGET MEETING OF COUNCIL – THURSDAY, 20 FEBRUARY 2020

You are requested to attend the Budget meeting of the Council to be held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Bradford, on Thursday, 20 February 2020 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

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(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) In relation to Agenda Item 7A to approve the following recommendations contained in the report of the Monitoring Officer (**Document "Q"**) to grant a dispensation to all Members who have certain Disclosable Pecuniary Interests listed in Appendix A to the report, as defined in the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012, in the decision to approve the budget and to set the level of Council Tax and Business Rates for 2020/21 and 2021/22 during the Budget Council meetings on 20 February 2020 and 18 February 2021.

That Council:

- (1) **Grants a dispensation to the Members of the Authority who have requested one, to enable them to participate in full in the decision to approve the budgets for 2020/21 and 2021/22 and to set the Council Tax and Business Rates for 2020/21 and 2021/22.**
- (2) **Approves the dispensation for a period of two years until 19 February 2021.**
- (3) **Notes the Monitoring Officer's advice that personal**

interests that may give rise to a perception of a conflict of interest shall not prevent Members from speaking and voting at the Budget meetings.

- (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 have also disclosed interests which are not disclosable pecuniary interests but which they consider should be made in the interest of clarity (as listed in Appendix B to the report). Any other interests may be disclosed prior to, or at, the meeting.
- (4) Officers must disclose interests in accordance with Council Standing Order 44.

2. MINUTES

Recommended –

That the minutes of the meetings held on 14 January 2020 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.

B. BUSINESS ITEMS

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

To consider any 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).

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

7.1 RECOMMENDATION FROM THE EXECUTIVE - BUDGET 2020/21

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The Executive at its meeting on 18 February 2020 will make recommendations to Council on the Budget for 2020/21.

The following reports are submitted:

- (i) The Council's Revenue Estimates for 2020/21

The report of the Director of Finance provides details of the Council's Revenue Estimates for 2020/21 (**Executive Document "BA"**). This report may require updating following the meeting of the Executive on 18 February 2020.

(Chris Chapman – 01274 433656)

- (ii) Allocation of the Schools' Budget 2020/21 Financial Year

The report of the Director of Finance seeks approval of the recommendations of the Schools Forum in allocating the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) for 2020/21 (**Executive Document "BB"**).

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

- (iii) The Council's Capital Investment Plan for 2020/21 to 2023/24

The report of the Director of Finance proposes the Capital Investment Plan for 2020/21 to 2023/24 and an updated Capital Strategy for 2020/21 (**Executive Document "BC"**). This report may require updating following the meeting of the Executive on 18 February 2020.

(James Hopwood – 01274 432882)

- (iv) 2020/21 Budget Proposals and Forecast Reserves - Section 151 Officer Assessment

The report of the Director of Finance (**Executive Document "BD"**) sets out the S151 Officer's assessment of the proposed budget for the

financial year 2020/21, the adequacy of the forecast level of reserves and associated risks. The assessment of the Executive's recommendations to Council on the budget may require updating following the meeting of the Executive on 18 February 2020.

(Chris Chapman – 01274 433656)

- (v) Consultation Feedback and Equality Assessment on new proposals in the Council Budget for 2020/21

The report of the Assistant Director, Office of the Chief Executive, appendices and addendum (**Executive Document "AR"**) provide feedback from the public engagement and consultation programme and the consultation with Trade Unions and sets out a summary of the equality assessments as outlined in the Proposed Financial Plan Updated (2020/21).

(Phil Witcherley – 01274 431241)

Note

In view of the short timescale between the Executive on 18 February and the meeting of Council on 20 February the budget recommendations from the Executive to Council will be e-mailed to all Members of Council following the Executive on 18 February and will be published on the Council's website at www.bradford.gov.uk . The recommendations will also be circulated at this meeting of Council.

7.2 ANY OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

To consider any other recommendations (if any) arising from meetings of the Executive and Committees held after the publication of this agenda and prior to the Council meeting.