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Dear Councillor

MEETING OF COUNCIL – TUESDAY, 17 MARCH 2020

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, 17 March 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

(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 20 February 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.

(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) Slade Lane, Riddlesden – Removal of debris on road

Keighley East

(ii) Keighley's Carnegie Library

Keighley Central

As the Keighley Carnegie Library petition contains more than 1500 signatures there will be a Council debate for a maximum of 15 minutes. The Council will then decide how to respond to the petition. They may decide to take the action the petition requests, not to take the action requested for the reasons put forward in the debate, or to commission further investigation into the matter, for example by a relevant committee. Where the issue is one on which the Council's Executive is

required to make the final decision, the Full Council will decide whether to make recommendations to inform that decision.

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)

There are no public questions.

(Fatima Butt - 01274 432227)

8. 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).

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 Vanda Greenwood

Has the Council got sufficient processes and plans in place to deal with the coronavirus outbreak and are we fully prepared for the possibility of a pandemic?

2. Councillor Debbie Davies

Why do you have such confidence that spending £25m on 5240 square metres of Grade A office space in the city centre is a sensible investment when there is 5589 square metres of contemporary Grade A office space in nearby Nelson Street which has remained un-let for several months?

3. Councillor Jeanette Sunderland

Question to the Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety - In the event of the Police and Fire and Rescue Services enacting business continuity plans to ensure they are able to maintain a level of services that fulfils their critical functions, widely reported as "the Police being set to ignore low-level crime" what steps has he, as the Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety, taken to ensure the safety and security of the District and its residents?

4. Councillor Angela Tait

Will the Leader join me in thanking the West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service for their great support and efforts during the recent storms and can we congratulate them on their inspection in December when they were recognised as good across all three areas covered by the inspection?

5. Councillor Richard Dunbar

Can the leader update me on where we are with the development of the new Domestic Abuse strategy and if as an authority we have made representations to the Government as the proposed new Domestic Abuse Bill makes its way through parliament?

6. Councillor Debbie Davies

Commercial sensitivity was given as the reason for not releasing details on the proposed public sector hub at the Jacob's Well city centre site which was expected to open in 2018 bringing up to 3500 jobs in the city. Given this project now looks unlikely to go ahead could we be told what went wrong?

7. Councillor Richard Dunbar

Bradford's bid to be Capital of Culture 2025 has really got off to a flying start. Can the Portfolio Holder update us on where we currently are in the bidding process, what we can expect over the next year and how the good people of Bradford can get involved?

8. Councillor Hassan Khan

It was encouraging news to see a drop in rough sleeping in the Bradford district in the latest official government count. Can the portfolio holder explain how we are achieving that and what more we can do to build on this progress?

9. Councillor Rebecca Poulsen

How many gully cleaning requests are outstanding and what is the current time take to respond to reports?

10. Councillor Aneela Ahmed

It's great that the public has voted for Darley Street Market as the name for our new market – can the portfolio holder give an update on the latest plans for the scheme?

11. Councillor Riaz Ahmed

What are the current service standards for the replacement or repair of streetlights by Bradford Council and Northern Powergrid and how many streetlights are currently awaiting repair or replacement broken down by ward and detailing how many of these are outside the services standards time limit ?

12. Councillor Carol Thirkill

Will the portfolio holder tell me how we are putting our social value principles into practice through the council's tenders and procurement processes, in particular to ensure Bradford's young people are getting new opportunities such as apprenticeships?

13. Councillor Jackie Whiteley

Given that many retail outlets would like to add external shutters to their premises, despite reservations from the Police and it being against Bradford Council's own policy, could the portfolio holder please outline what this Council is willing to give to retailers, some of whom are experiencing regular anti social behaviour and economic loss to help them to consider alternatives to outside shutters?

14. Councillor Nazam Azam

Can the portfolio holder tell us about the £925,000 funding we've just secured from the European Regional Development Agency for the top of town area and how the money will be spent?

15. Councillor Vanda Greenwood

The challenges facing high streets obviously continues to be a big national issue. What are the latest figures on vacancy rates for our district?

16. Councillor Val Townend

Despite officers requesting financial information when applications are sent out prior to a hearing, what can be done urgently to ensure parents who are applying to the Council to transport their children to school to supply written details of their finances as in the majority of cases no details are given?

17. Councillor Rizwana Jamil

We've just set aside additional funding in the budget to continue the rollout of 20mph zones – can we have an update on the planned delivery of the zones?

18. Councillor Abid Hussain

I'm very encouraged by our opportunity to secure more funding for Keighley through the Towns Fund. Can I have an update on what the process is and when we will know how much Keighley has been

awarded from government?

19. Councillor Jeanette Sunderland

Question to the Portfolio Holder for Children and Families - How many children are looked after in private care homes?

20. Councillor David Warburton

How successful has the new Sedbergh leisure centre been so far in terms of attracting users to the facilities and signing up new memberships?

21. Councillor John Pennington

In your role as skills guru can the Leader tell us what is being done to better match skills with job need?

22. Councillor Vick Jenkins

Can the portfolio holder tell me the timescales for our delivery of the District Heat Network and the extent to which it will cut carbon emissions and costs?

23. Councillor Mohammed Shafiq

Will the portfolio holder outline the main points relating to the planned Clean Air Zone in terms of who will be impacted and also the health benefits we expect it will achieve in particular for children growing up here?

24. Councillor Geoff Winnard

To ask the Portfolio holder to set out the reason why Bingley Music Live festival in 2018 was delivered over budget and to provide a detailed breakdown of the elements that contributed to the loss of circa £300k?

25. Councillor Alan Wainwright

Can the Portfolio Holder provide an update on the proposed redevelopment of the TFD centre in Tong that will not only allow the co-location of up to 45 workers from education and health services to serve the Holme Wood community but also secure the centre for other organisations such as the excellent Build a Girl, Dance United, the community library, the Council's Youth Services and other groups who use the centre?

26. Councillor Nazam Azam

Do we have an update on our long-running campaign for a city centre stop on Northern Powerhouse Rail?

27. Councillor Geoff Reid

Question to the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Transportation and Planning -

How many Park and Ride schemes are in the pipeline by Areas for Bradford East, Bradford South and Bradford West?

28. Councillor Richard Dunbar

We passed a climate emergency resolution in January 2019, committing us to a number of carbon reducing schemes and we've also just announced £25m of new investments as part of addressing this challenge. Given that we know the average carbon footprint of a Bradford resident is around 5 tons of CO2 a year how will we be able to assess our progress on this vital issue?

29. Councillor Jackie Whiteley

Please can the portfolio holder details of the costs associated with the Sun Lane judicial review? Both upfront legal costs and the estimated legal costs if the Secretary of State decision is upheld? What expenses will be incurred?

30. Councillor Richard Dunbar

When will all Council decisions be subject to a climate filter as happens in Calderdale where they are seeking to bring carbon emissions to zero by 2030?

31. Councillor Geoff Winnard

Incorrect Council advice on removing children from school rolls - what has the impact of the incorrect advice given by the Council 'over several years' about removing children from school rolls? To what extent has this resulted in the numbers of persistently absent pupils recorded by Bradford Schools has been under recorded?

32. Councillor David Heseltine

Cafés have been unfairly targeted for a pavement use tax, which in many peoples opinion affects the cafe culture and vibrancy of our communities. If this tax is to remain when other businesses who liberally use the pavement to display and sell goods going to be put on an equally footing?

33. Councillor David Ward

Question to the Portfolio Holder for Education, Employment and Skills - Using the January census point, will the Portfolio Holder show the number of new Elective Home Educated children for 2018-19 by school attended immediately prior to commencing Elective Home Education and for each school provide the breakdown between those entitled to Free School Meals and those not entitled to them?

34. Councillor Debbie Davies

How much was spent on marketing the now redundant Richard Dunn Sports Centre and what interest did you get in the site?

35. Councillor David Ward

Question to the Portfolio Holder for Education, Employment and Skills - Will the Portfolio Holder show the proportion of children in each Secondary School who live within the same postcode as the school that they attend?

36. Councillor Debbie Davies

Have any steps been taken towards Bradford City Centre achieving purple flag status as neighbouring Halifax has achieved this since 2010?

37. Councillor Debbie Davies

When and how much was spent on refurbishing Jacob's Well, what year were these offices vacated and how much did it cost to demolish the building?

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

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

12. NOTICES OF MOTION (Standing Order 17)

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

12.1 IMPROVING MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

To be moved by Councillor Jeanette Sunderland
Seconded by Councillor Brendan Stubbs

This Council aims to create environments and communities that keep people well and sustain good mental health and wellbeing.

To do this successfully the Council commits to work with individuals, families, employers, educators, communities and the public, private and voluntary sectors to promote better mental health and to drive the transformation needed to sustain good mental health.

This Council notes that Saturday 10th October 2020 is World Mental Health Day with the key theme this year of supporting good mental health in the workplace.

This Council resolves to:

1. Sign up to the Prevention Concordat for Better Mental Health
2. Highlight World Mental Health Day by show-casing good practice by employers in the District
3. Encourage other employers to learn from the awareness of supporting good mental health in the workplace raised by this activity.

12.2 BRADFORD'S AMBITION TO BE A CHILD FRIENDLY DISTRICT

To be moved by Councillor Adrian Farley
Seconded by Councillor Carol Thirkill

Council notes:

Bradford is the UK's youngest city. Our young people are full of

potential. The future success of our district and the Northern Powerhouse depends on the future success of our young people.

Unicef states that a Child Friendly place is “a city, town, community or any system of local governance committed to fulfilling child rights as articulated in the Convention on the Rights of the Child. It is a city or community where the voices, needs, priorities and rights of children are an integral part of public policies, programmes and decisions. Thus, a child-friendly city is a city that is fit for all”.

Collectively as councillors we represent all our young people across the district. We recognise that we need to do more to make this a place that supports children and young people to really thrive. Over the next three to five years we therefore need sustained cross-cutting action across all of the council’s services and beyond, working with communities and children themselves to ensure that children are put at the heart of everything we do. The aim is that the rights of the child will then be enshrined into everything the city does and put into action on a local level.

We have made a start:

- We are investing £7 million in natural play areas in our parks across Bradford district.
- We are consulting on the introduction of a Clean Air Zone which will improve air quality to the extent that the incidence of childhood respiratory issues should decline.
- We are partners in Born in Bradford, the biggest longitudinal child health study in the world, enabling us to work out which public policy interventions work best to improve childhood health.
- We are developing policy on doorstep play (small playable spaces within sight of homes) and Play Streets which will encourage more children to be active.
- We have budgeted for every primary school child to plant a tree as part of our Climate Emergency commitment.

This Council resolves to:

- Have an ambition to be a Unicef Child Friendly City.
- Apply to Unicef to begin the process of improving our district to be child-friendly.
- Achieve official accreditation as a Child Friendly district within three to five years, subject to being accepted by Unicef onto the programme.

- Instruct the Chief Executive to ensure the voice of the child is heard strongly as part of our engagement with communities and partners, including in the development of the district's 2040 Vision.

12.3 CALL FOR ACTION ON FLOODING FROM NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

To be moved by Councillor Susan Hinchcliffe

Seconded by Councillor Alex Ross-Shaw

This Council expresses its sympathy and support for all residents and businesses in our district affected by severe flooding in recent weeks including in Haworth, Bingley, Ilkley, Clayton and Baildon to name but a few. A number of people and properties have suffered significant flooding over three weekends from Storms Ciara and Dennis in particular.

This Council thanks council officers, councillors and community volunteers throughout the district who helped people in their time of need and in many cases prevented further damage to property.

We also express sympathy and solidarity with our neighbouring authorities, in particular Calderdale who were worst hit with around 1,000 properties affected.

Council notes:

- We stepped in quickly to offer grants for residents and businesses who were badly affected. We did this by adding funds to the Bradford Flood Appeal Fund which was set up in the aftermath of the Boxing Day 2015 floods. We thank the Leeds Community Foundation for their work in setting up the fund.
- West Yorkshire Combined Authority has set aside £2 million to support affected businesses with flood recovery including £500,000 for emergency response.
- The Government's immediate response stopped short of what it should have been. Only later did they announce grants for those affected. These are now being processed in the same way and are in addition to the original council assistance.

This Council:

- Resolves to support residents and businesses to get back on their feet as quickly as possible.
- Calls on Government to fund the £125 million which we have been asking for continuously for a year now for 27 flood schemes across West and North Yorkshire including in

Keighley and Canal Road corridor.

- Tasks officers to undertake an analysis in a report to Scrutiny of how effective the flood measures applied to properties after the 2015 floods have been and whether there are any lessons to be learned from 2020.
- Notes that the climate emergency is real and that the risk of extreme weather events appears to be increasing as a result. Appropriate funding from Government therefore needs to be delivered fast to local authorities and city regions for flood alleviation but also to tackle the climate emergency more widely in keeping with this authority's declaration.

13. PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2020/21

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In accordance with the Localism Act 2011 Local Authorities are required to produce and publish a Pay Policy Statement for each financial year. The Director of Human Resources submitted **Document "U"** containing the Pay Policy Statement which must be approved by full Council before publication.

Recommended –

That the Pay Policy Statement for the financial year 2020/21, as set out at Appendix 1 to Document "U", be approved.

(Tim Barker – 01274 432031)