

Agenda for a meeting of the Executive to be held Remotely on Monday, 9 November 2020 at 10.30 am

Members of the Executive – Councillors

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Hinchcliffe (Chair)
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Ross-Shaw
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Farley

Notes:

- A webcast of the meeting will be available to view live on the Council's website at <https://bradford.public-i.tv/core/portal/home> and later as a recording.
- Any Councillors and members of the public who wish to make a contribution at the meeting are asked to email jill.bell@bradford.gov.uk & yusuf.patel@bradford.gov.uk by 10.30 on Thursday 5 November 2020 and request to do so. In advance of the meeting those requesting to participate will be advised if their proposed contribution can be facilitated and those participants that can be will be provided with details how to electronically access the meeting. Councillors and members of the public with queries regarding making representations to the meeting please email Jill Bell & Yusuf Patel.
- Approximately 15 minutes before the start time of the Executive meeting the Governance Officer will set up the electronic conference arrangements initially in private and bring into the conference facility the Portfolio Holders, the Chief Executive and the Council's legal advisor so that any issues can be raised before the start of the meeting. The officers presenting the reports at the meeting of the Executive will have been advised by the Governance Officer of their participation and will be brought into the electronic meeting at the appropriate time.

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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 8 September and 6 October 2020 be signed as a correct record (previously circulated).

(Jill Bell / Yusuf Patel - 01274 434580 434579)

3. 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.

(Jill Bell / Yusuf Patel - 01274 434580 434579)

4. RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE

To note any recommendations to the Executive that may be the subject of report to a future meeting. (Schedule to be tabled at the meeting).

(Jill Bell / Yusuf Patel - 01274 434580 434579)

B. STRATEGIC ITEMS

LEADER OF COUNCIL & CORPORATE

(Councillor Hinchcliffe)

5. QUARTER 2 FINANCE POSITION STATEMENT 2020/21

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The Director of Finance will submit a report (**Document “CJ”**) which provides Members with an update on the forecast financial position of the Council for 2020-21.

It examines the latest spend against revenue and capital budgets and forecasts the financial position at the year end. It states the Council's current balances and reserves and forecasts school balances for the year.

Recommended –

That the Executive

- (1) Note the contents of this report**
- (2) Approve the £3.1m of additional support for Adult Social Care providers as detailed in section 3.7. to Document “CJ” Funding to derive from Emergency Covid Grants.**
- (3) Approve £100k of additional support for the Social Care team in Legal Services to help manage increased caseloads. Funding to derive from Emergency Covid Grants.**
- (4) Approve the following capital expenditure schemes.**
 - **£0.21m for new automated Bradford City Centre Bollards as part of the on-going replacement programme. This will be funded by corporate borrowing from the General Contingency Budget.**
 - **£0.194m for IT Core Infrastructure projects to increase the bandwidth for internet access. The scheme to be funded by using the previously agreed budget in February 2020 from the remaining £0.7m Reserve schemes for IT Capital Projects.**
 - **£0.22m for the purchase and implementation of a new Libraries Management System and self-service machines. The will be funded by a mixture of corporate borrowing and savings on annual maintenance costs.**
 - **£0.655m additional budget to enable the completion of unforeseen works at Ilkley Lido and a new scheme to replace the water filtration system. This will be funded by the additional contingency that was set aside in the 2020-21 Quarter 1 Finance Position Statement for future budget requests within the Capital Investment Plan.**
 - **£1.075m Affordable Housing Programme. This is to be funded by a combination of additional grant income and/or commuted sums.**

Note the following has been approved under Section 1.7 of the Financial Regulations:

- **£0.09m for works to install a Stage Lift at the Alhambra Theatre. This will be funded by corporate borrowing from the General Contingency.**

Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Corporate

(Andrew Cross - 07870 386523)

NOTE

The following item is included on this agenda as an exceptions to the Forward Plan in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 10 (General Exception to the Forward Plan) of Part 3D of the Constitution.

Accordingly the proper officer has notified in writing the Chair of the Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee of the matter on which the decision is to be made.

6. MID-YEAR PERFORMANCE REPORT

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The Chief Executive will submit a report (**Document “CK”**) which provides Executive Members with a summary of the Council’s overall achievements in the first six months of the 2020/21 municipal year. Alongside this an overview of performance against the Council’s KPIs for the first 6 months of 2020/2021. This overview focused on measures where there has been new, comparable data since the update provided at July’s Executive Committee.

This report was originally tabled as part of the Q2 finance performance report and has not been included on the published forward plan. Given the length of detail of activity as a result of the response to COVID-19, we have decided to include this as a separate report. As it is impractical to defer the decision until it has been included in the published Forward Plan the report is submitted in accordance with paragraph 10 of the Executive Procedure Rules set out in the Council’s Constitution.

Recommended –

That the Executive note the contents of this report.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Corporate

(Phil Witcherley - 07970 684889)

7. COVID-19: RESPONSE, RESILIENCE, RECOVERY

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COVID-19 has had a significant and disproportionate impact on Bradford District. Council resources have been key to managing the response and planning for recovery but are insufficient to meet the direct financial impacts.

The Chief Executive will submit a report (**Document “CL”**) which examines the impact and outlook in key areas of activity. Persistent uncertainty around infection rates, restrictions and the socio-economic effect hinder effective planning and resourcing. Brexit and the annual

winter flu will place a further burden on resources and another emergency event would stretch them beyond breaking point. Additional Government support is needed to manage complex scenarios and demands, avoid system failure, protect the NHS, keep services running and plan for recovery. Looking further ahead, the Council needs certainty in funding arrangements and support to invest in education, skills and infrastructure in order to achieve public service reform with improved outcomes and a more inclusive and sustainable District as we recovery from COVID-19. These requirements form the basis of a series of recommendations to Government.

Recommended –

That the Executive:

- (1) Notes the range and scale of activity undertaken to date by Council services. working with partners to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic the outstanding nature of that collective effort and puts on record its thanks to everyone involved for their on-going work in supporting the communities and businesses of the District during a time of unprecedented difficulty and uncertainty.**
- (2) Notes the key areas of focus for the Council over the winter months and the pressures on services and resources and requires all services to develop business continuity and contingency plans.**
- (3) Notes that Council capacity and resources are stretched to the limit and that the need to respond to any further emergency would inevitably reduce the resources available to minimise and prevent infection deliver key services, support our communities and economy and plan for the future.**
- (4) Agrees the recommendations to Government set out at section 7 to Document “CL”, endorses them as the basis on which to negotiate and position Bradford District with Government as a key partner in preventing and minimising the spread of infection, staying resilient over Winter, maintaining vital services, levelling up the national economy and securing public sector reform.**
- (5) Requests the Chief Executive to ensure that Government is made aware of the Council’s position and seek a meeting with Ministers to discuss how we work more effectively together through the pandemic and in building a better future.**

Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Corporate

(Nigel Smith - 01274 434635)

C. PORTFOLIO ITEMS

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS PORTFOLIO & DEPUTY LEADER

(Councillor I Khan)

8. **PERSONAL TRAVEL ASSISTANCE BUDGET RATE: AUTHORITY TO CONSULT** 113 - 120

The Strategic Director Children's Services will submit a report (**Document CM**) which seeks approval to begin a public consultation on the Personal Travel Assistance Budget (PTAB) rate currently awarded to parents/carers of eligible children of compulsory school age using home to school transport.

Recommended –

That approval is given to commence a public consultation on both elements of the PTAB rates (Option 9.2 to Document "CM") as outlined at point 1.4 to Document "CM".

Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Children's Services

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES PORTFOLIO

(Councillor Farley)

9. **PROTECTING CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS AT RISK OF EXPLOITATION** 121 - 222

The Chief Executive Office will submit a report (**Document "CN"**) which provides an update to and builds on the report presented to the Council Executive on 5th November 2019 and subsequently to the District's Area Committees regarding the issue of Child Exploitation (CE). It focuses on the Strategic Response to all forms of exploitation in Children and Adults and how partners from the Working Together to Safeguard Children – the Bradford Partnership and the Bradford Safeguarding Adults Board work to drive improvements across the District and to hold agencies to account for their work in their area. This report also outlines the emergence of other complex safeguarding themes and outlines how partners are effectively collaborating and focussing upon the protection of vulnerable Children and Adults.

Recommended –

- (1) The Council Executive is invited to note the contents of this report.**
- (2) The Council Executive shall receive a further update on the progress of the response to exploitation in 12 months' time.**
- (3) That subsequent reports will be provided to Area Committees**
- (4) That all councillors undertake training and refresher updates on CE as part of their induction and ongoing training with regular refreshers.**

Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Children's Services, Health and Wellbeing

(Lawrence Bone - 01274 434361)

10. MINUTES OF THE WEST YORKSHIRE COMBINED AUTHORITY

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To receive the following minutes of the meeting(s) of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority:

6 February 2020
16 April 2020
21 May 2020
25 June 2020
27 July 2020