

Agenda for a meeting of the Executive to be held Remotely on Tuesday, 16 February 2021 at 10.30 am

Members of the Executive – Councillors

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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 11 February 2021** 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. DISPENSATIONS AND DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

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3. MINUTES

Recommended –

That the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 5 January 2021 be signed as a correct record (previously circulated).

(Jill Bell / Yusuf Patel - 01274 434580 434579)

4. 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)

5. 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)

6. CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLAN 2021-22 TO 2024-25

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The Director of Finance will submit a report (**Document “DG”**) which presents at Section A, the Council’s Capital investment Plan 2021-22 to 2024-25.

Section B presents an updated Capital Strategy for 2021-22. This strategy underpins the spending proposals within the Capital Investment Plan.

Section C presents the Investment Strategy for 2021-22. This provides an update to the Investment Strategy, with particular reference to recent Government announcements.

Recommended –

- (1) Executive are asked to note the contents of this report and to have regard to the information contained within this report when considering the recommendations to make to Council on the CIP for 2021-22.**
- (2) Commitments against reserve schemes and contingencies can only be made after a business case has been assessed by Project Appraisal Group and approved by Executive.**
- (3) Delegated authority is given to Section 151 Officer to repay debt on an annuity basis, for chosen properties purchased during or after 2018-19. Delegated authority could only be exercised if two conditions are met:
 - 1. the asset retains or increases its value;**
 - 2. the return from the capital scheme is sufficient to repay the capital sum invested.****
- (4) The proposed 2021-22 MRP policy set out in Appendix 2 is approved**
- (5) The Flexible Use of Capital Receipts Strategy is approved.**
- (6) Specific approval be given for the following schemes previously approved by Executive to commence following a detailed review by Project Appraisal Group:
 - The 2021-22 Property Programme has a proposed total cost of £2.5m and this will be funded by the £2m allocated and the movement of £0.5m from the Argus Chambers Property Scheme.**
 - IT Processes and Systems – End to End Review. The scheme is for a planned programme of improvement work to systems and processes in Children’s Services. The cost of the capital spend is £0.330m and it will be funded by corporate borrowing.****

Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Corporate

(Chris Chapman - 01274 433656)

7. ALLOCATION OF THE SCHOOLS BUDGET 2021/22 FINANCIAL YEAR

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The Director of Finance will submit a report (**Document “DH”**) which seeks Executive approval of the recommendations of Bradford’s Schools Forum in allocating the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) for 2021/22 and subsequent recommendation to Full Council.

Recommended –

It is recommended that the Executive asks Council to:

- (1) Accept and approve the proposals for the allocation of the 2021/22 Dedicated Schools Grant as set out in this report.**
- (2) Approve the total amount of £634.679m to be appropriated in respect of all schools covered by the Bradford Scheme for the Local Management of Schools, so as to establish the Individual Schools Budget for 2021/22.**

Overview & Scrutiny Committee: Corporate

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

8. THE COUNCIL'S REVENUE ESTIMATES FOR 2021/22 103 -
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The Director of Finance will submit a report (**Document “DL”**) which provides Members with details of the Council's Revenue Estimates for 2021/22.

Recommended –

Executive is asked to approve the recommendations to Council as set out in the report.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Corporate

(Chris Chapman – 01274 433656)

9. 2021/22 BUDGET PROPOSALS AND FORECAST RESERVES - S151 OFFICER ASSESSMENT 119 -
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The Director of Finance will submit a report (**Document “DI”**) which assesses the robustness of the proposed budget for 2021/22, the adequacy of forecast levels of reserves and associated risks.

It concludes that the estimates are sufficiently robust for the Council to set the budget.

It also concludes that the General Fund and unallocated reserves should be maintained at their current levels over the period of the financial strategy to ensure the continued financial resilience of the Council

Recommended –

That Members have regard to this report in setting the budget, and in particular note the conclusions that:

- **the estimates presented to Council are sufficiently robust**
- **the reserves are adequate for the 2021/22 proposed budget**
- **the projected corporate reserves, on current estimates, are adequate in the medium term, subject to the implementation of the rest of the proposed financial plan**
- **the Medium Term Financial Strategy will be updated and reported to Executive as clarity on future local government funding is received.**

As with all budgets there is the potential for amendments to be proposed/agreed which could change the overall package of proposals. In that respect, it should be highlighted that this statement would be amended or added to if a decision was proposed that lead to the Council’s reserves falling below their recommended level. In addition, any other amendments would be considered against the scale of the overall budget and depending upon the extent and nature, may result in a revised statement.

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(Chris Chapman – 01274 433656)

10. ADDITIONAL BUDGET DOCUMENTS TABLED AT THE MEETING 139 -
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The following documents will be tabled at the Executive Meeting:

- 1. Bradford Council Executive’s Budget and Council Tax proposals for 2021/22: Amended budget recommendation to full council**
- 2. Updated Council’s Revenue Estimates for 2021/22**
- 3. Addendum to Document “DI” - s151 Officer Report on the proposed Council Budget 2021/22**

11. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Recommended –

That the public be excluded from the meeting during the discussion of the Not for Publication Document “DM” on the grounds that it is likely, in view of the nature of the proceedings, that if they were present, exempt information within paragraph 3 (financial or business affairs) of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) would be disclosed and it is considered that, in all the circumstances, the public interest in allowing the public to remain is outweighed by the public interest in excluding public access to the relevant part of the proceedings for the following reasons:

It is in the public interest in maintaining these exemptions because it is in the overriding interest of proper administration that Members are made fully aware of the financial implications of any decision.

(Yusuf Patel – 07970 411923)

NOTE

The following item is included on this agenda as an exception 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 Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee of the matter on which the decision is to be made.

12. BRADFORD LIVE

The Director of Finance will submit a report **Not for Publication (Document “DM”)** which sets out a number of arrangements in relation to Bradford live.

Recommended –

That the recommendations set out in Not for Publication Document “DM” be approved.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Corporate and Regeneration & Environment

(Chris Chapman - 01274 433656)