

Agenda for a meeting of the Executive to be held remotely on Tuesday, 19 May 2020 at 11.00 am

Members of the Executive – Councillors

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Notes:

- Please note that, under the current circumstances we are unable to produce any paper copies. 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 Friday 15 May** 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. 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)

B. STRATEGIC ITEMS

LEADER OF COUNCIL & CORPORATE

(Councillor Hinchcliffe)

3. DEVOLUTION DEAL FOR WEST YORKSHIRE - REVIEW OF GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

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On the 11th March 2020, the Chancellor announced a “minded to” Mayoral Devolution Deal for the West Yorkshire area (which covers the Local Authority areas of Leeds, Wakefield, Kirklees, Calderdale and Bradford). A report went to Executive on the 24th March which outlined the details of the devolution deal, its benefits for Bradford District, its people and its businesses and set out the required next steps.

This devolution deal unlocks revenue and capital funding worth £1.8 billion over the next 30 years. It follows similar deals in metropolitan areas including Greater Manchester and the West Midlands and will be the largest per person deal to date. The deal includes commitments on transport, business support, skills, innovation and tackling climate emergency.

Specific commitments for Bradford District include:

- An additional £500,000 in direct funding to help Bradford Council develop a masterplan for Bradford city centre, maximising regeneration opportunities from Northern Powerhouse Rail.
- A package of measures to transform Bradford City Centre through pedestrianisation, new cycle infrastructure and better access to Bradford Interchange
- A new park-and-ride site for South Bradford providing alternative access to the city centre and key employment sites
- Support for an ActEarly research hub (building on the Born in Bradford work at Bradford Royal Infirmary) which focuses on early interventions in childhood health to improve lives and opportunities for children and their families. The Council are currently working with Born in Bradford to examine how the proposal might be shaped in light of the response to the Coronavirus pandemic

In addition to this, we are working with Combined Authorities on developing these commitments in the context of the impact of the recent COVID pandemic.

The proposed deal from the Government requires a number of governance changes. It requires that there will be a directly elected Mayor for West Yorkshire to be elected in May 2021. It will also unlock a number of central Government powers and funding to allow more local and accountable decision making.

The report approved by Executive on the 24th March 2020 endorsed the “minded to” deal on behalf of Bradford District and agreed for a statutory review to be undertaken jointly with the other West Yorkshire Councils and the Combined Authority and for a draft Governance scheme to be produced for consideration.

This activity has now taken place and is attached to the report of the Chief Executive (**Document “BP”**). This includes the statutory Review (appendix 1 to Document “BP”) and a draft governance Scheme (appendix 2 to Document “BP”).

All WYCA Constituent Councils (including CBMDC) need to endorse the review and Scheme at this point so a consultation can take place which will be led by West Yorkshire Combined Authority. Executive will receive a further report in due course to consider the outcome of this consultation.

Recommended –

- (1) To consider the Governance Review attached as Appendix 1 to Document “BP” and endorse its conclusions, including that an Order under S104 and S105 in relation to the changes to constitutional arrangements considered in the Review and the delegation of additional functions to the Combined Authority would be likely to improve the exercise of statutory functions in relation to the Combined Authority’s area.**
- (2) To consider and comment on the draft Scheme for the establishment of the Mayoral Combined Authority, attached as Appendix 2 to Document “BP”.**
- (3) To agree that a public consultation exercise is undertaken on the proposals contained in the Scheme and comment on the draft consultation questions, which are attached as Appendix 3 to Document “BP”.**
- (4) To agree that engagement with the Combined Authority and other Constituent Councils should progress as described in Document “BP” and (subject to agreement to recommendations (1) – (3)) to agree that the Managing Director of the Combined Authority shall, in consultation with the Chief Executive and Leader of this Council, be authorised to take any steps to finalise the Scheme and**

progress the public consultation exercise as set out above.

- (5) To note the updated timetable set out in Appendix 4 to Document “BP” and the next steps including, subject to the approval by the Constituent Councils and Combined Authority, the submission of a summary of the consultation responses to the Secretary of State in August/September 2020 and subsequently consent to any draft Order in September 2020 so that a mayoral combined authority model and associated changes may be adopted and implemented by May 2021, as set out in the Deal.**
- (6) To resolve that this decision is exempt from call-in on the grounds of urgency, for the reasons set out in paragraph 10.1 of this report.**

THIS AGENDA AND ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN PRODUCED, WHEREVER POSSIBLE, ON RECYCLED PAPER