

Agenda for a meeting of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held Remotely on Thursday, 23 July 2020 at 4.00pm

Members of the Committee – Councillors

LABOUR	CONSERVATIVE	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT AND INDEPENDENT GROUP
Azam (Ch) Tait D Green Kamran Hussain Watson Shafiq	Bibby Goodall Riaz	Griffiths

Alternates:

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Akhtar Dunbar T Hussain Nazir Thirkill Salam	Pollard Townend Sullivan	Reid

Notes:

- Please note that, under the current circumstances only Members and Alternates on the Committee will receive paper copies of the agenda, however the agenda and reports can be viewed on the Council's agenda and minutes website five clear working days in advance of the meeting.
- **The meeting will be held remotely, Members and officers in advance of the meeting will be sent via email, instructions and a link on how to join the meeting remotely.**
- 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.

- Approximately 30 minutes before the start time of the meeting the Governance Officer will set up the electronic conference arrangements initially in private and bring into the conference facility the Members and officers so that any issues can be raised before the start of the meeting. The officers presenting the reports at the meeting will have been advised by the Governance Officer of their participation and will be brought into the electronic meeting at the appropriate time.
- Members should be on their own when attending remotely and ensure that any confidential papers are not visible via the technology used.
- Any Councillors or members of the public who wish to make a contribution at the meeting are asked to email yusuf.patel@bradford.gov.uk by **10.30 on Tuesday 21 July 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 Yusuf Patel.

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A. PROCEDURAL ITEMS

1. ALTERNATE MEMBERS (Standing Order 34)

The City Solicitor will report the names of alternate Members who are attending the meeting in place of appointed Members.

2. 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.*

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.

(Yusuf Patel - 01274 434579)

4. REFERRALS TO THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

No referrals have been made at the time of the publication of the agenda.

B. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ACTIVITIES

5. CALLED-IN DECISION - QTR. 1 FINANCE POSITION STATEMENT FOR 2020-21 (EXECUTIVE DOCUMENT "BT")

At its meeting on 7 July 2020 the Executive received a report of the Director of Finance (**Executive Document "BT"**) which provided Members with an overview of the forecast financial position of the Council for 2020-21.

It examined the latest spend against revenue and capital budgets and forecasted the financial position at the year end. It stated the Council's current balances and reserves and forecasted school balances for the year.

Executive resolved -

- (1) That the contents of Document "BT" and the actions taken to manage the forecast overspend be noted.
- (2) That the new initiatives required to respond to Covid-19 as outlined in paragraphs 4.13 to 4.32 of Document "BT" be approved. Funding for the schemes of up to £5.978m to derive from Council reserves unless additional Government support or partner support is received, with a further £1m to derive from Public Health grant.
- (3) That the following capital expenditure schemes be approved.
 - £0.9m for the purchase of two Children's Residential Homes. They will be funded by a mixture of corporate borrowing and capital receipts.

- £3m for IT Core Infrastructure projects of connectivity and network infrastructure, server investment and mobile enhancements. The scheme to be funded by using £3m of the previously agreed £3.7m budget in February 2020 from the previously approved Reserve schemes for IT Capital Projects.
- £5.5m for the development of an Advance Fuel Centre and the replacement of vehicles with compressed gas variants. To be funded by fuel cost savings and additional income from sales.
- Create a £2m reserve as a contingency against future overspends within the Capital Investment Plan. That it be noted the following have been approved under Section 1.7 of the Financial Regulations:
 - 0.05m additional funding to replace the pool filters as part of the works to refurbish Bowling Pool. To be funded from the general contingency budget.
 - £0.6m for the extension of the burial ground at Scholemoor Cemetery.

(4) That the continuation of the contract with Impower be approved as outlined in paragraph 12.15 and Appendix 3 to Document “BT”, to support the delivery of transformation, using the £1m investment which was approved as part of the 2020-21 Council budget. The objective being to continue to;

- **Improve outcomes in the services where significant changes to service delivery are being undertaken**
- **Provide a Return on Investment on the work undertaken and a sustained improvement in performance and value for money**
- **Increase the skills within the Council so that more capacity exists to re-modelling services in the future.**
- **That the continuation of the contract with Impower be approved to support the delivery of key transformation programmes within a reset Council Transformation Plan.**
- **That authority be delegated to the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources to enter into a contractual arrangement with Impower.**

- **That the Strategic Director Corporate Resources presents a revised Council Transformation Programme to a future Executive meeting.**

ACTION: All Strategic Directors

In accordance with Paragraph 8.6 (Part 3E, Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules) of the Council Constitution, the decision of the Executive in relation to **resolution 4 above (see bold)** has been called in by Councillor David Green.

The reasons for Cllr David Green requesting the call-in are:

“ The reason for the request is that this is a commitment to a significant expenditure on a consultancy but there is no indication of what this consultancy has achieved thus far nor what the proposed work will be in the future. There is no indication of the savings to be realised by the saving and therefore no indication of whether this is a good use of the councils finances.

Part of our role as a committee is to look in detail at financial proposals and in this case I believe that we have a duty to look closely at this proposal to continue the consultancy to be able to reassure ourselves that there is value for our investment and to receive details of how the proposed savings will be realised against the investment and what external advice and support will be provided. We will need to see details of the savings against expenditure already realised under the contract”.

The Quarter 1 Finance Position statement which is the subject of the Call-In is already earmarked for consideration at this meeting (**Please refer to Document “E” of the Agenda pack**), however the Call-in will be considered as a stand alone item.

In accordance with Paragraph 8.6.9 of Part 3E of the Constitution Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee can, following consideration of the matter, resolve to:

- (1) Release the decision for implementation.**
- (2) Refer all or part of the decision back to the Executive to reconsider it in the light of any representations the Committee may make. The decision may not be implemented until the Executive has met to reconsider its earlier decision.**

- (3) Refer the decision to full Council for consideration, in which case the decision may not be implemented until the Council has met to consider the matter.**

If the Committee makes no resolution, in accordance with paragraph 8.6.9 of the Constitution, the decision may be implemented.

(Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Committee)

(Andrew Cross – 01274 436823)

6. FULL-YEAR PERFORMANCE REPORT

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The Chief Executive will submit a report (**Document “C”**) which provides a summary of the high level achievements of the Authority as well as performance against Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for 2019-20. As the final performance report for the Council Plan 2016-2020 period, this report also provides a summary of what has been achieved over the last four years.

We will be developing a new Council Plan later this year which will potentially require a new set of KPIs, based around our revised priorities in light of the challenges presented by the COVID 19 pandemic. This report recommends that we continue to monitor the existing Key Performance Indicators based around our priorities and reset these at the point in time the new Council Plan is set.

Recommended –

That the progress against performance metrics outlined in the report be considered.

(Phil Witcherley - 01274 431241)

7. FINANCE POSITION STATEMENT FOR 2019-20

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The Director of Finance will submit a report (**Document “D”**) which provides Members with an overview of the financial position of the Council for 2019-20.

It examines the spend against revenue and capital budgets, the what was received for that spend in terms of outputs and outcomes. It states the Council’s current balances and reserves and school balances for the year.

Recommended –

That the Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Committee review and comment on the Finance Position Statement for 2019-20.

(Andrew Cross - 01274 436823)

8. **QTR. 1 FINANCE POSITION STATEMENT FOR 2020-21** 143 -
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The Director of Finance will submit a report (**Document “E”**) which provides Members with an overview of 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 Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Committee review and comment on the Qtr 1 Finance Position Statement for 2020-21.

(Andrew Cross - 01274 436823)

9. **CORPORATE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - WORK PROGRAMME 2020/21** 215 -
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The Chair of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee will submit a report (**Document “F”**) which sets out the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee work programme for 2020/21.

Recommended –

(1) That members consider and comment on the areas of work included in the work programme.

(2) That members consider any detailed scrutiny reviews that they may wish to conduct.

(Mustansir Butt - 01274 432574)