

Agenda for a meeting of the Executive to be held on Tuesday, 7 September 2021 at 10.30 am in the Council Chamber - City Hall, Bradford

Members of the Executive – Councillors

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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 6 June 2021 be signed as a correct record (previously circulated).

(Jill Bell - 01274 434580)

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 - 01274 434580)

B. STRATEGIC ITEMS

<p style="text-align: center;">LEADER OF COUNCIL & CORPORATE</p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>(Councillor Hinchcliffe)</i></p>
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5. **MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY UPDATE, 2022/23 TO 2024/25**

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The Director of Finance will present a report (**Document “R”**) on the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) that sets out the financial envelope for the Council to deliver its key priorities as set out in the revised Corporate Plan.

Prior to Covid, the outlook for Council Finances looked significantly healthier than at any point since 2010. The impact of Covid-19 on Council services through additional expenditure and reducing income, coupled with the impact on the wider economy have now altered that outlook for the worse and have added a great deal of additional uncertainty. Additional pressures on Children’s Social Care, the impact of Brexit, and delays to Government reforms of Local Government finance also add further pressures and uncertainties.

The revised forecast identifies for planning purposes a financial gap of £13.4m in 2022-23, increasing to £18.4m in 2023/24 and £18.8m in 2024/25.

Recommended -

That having considered the Medium Term Financial Strategy as an assessment of the Council’s financial outlook to 2024/25 , and a

framework for it to remain financially viable and deliver sustainable public services, in line with its priorities, that Executive approves the updated and revised Medium Term Financial Strategy at Appendix 1 to Document “R”.

(Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Committee)

(Andrew Cross 07870 386523)

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6. CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION THEMATIC REVIEW 2021

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The Chief Executive will submit a report (**Document “S”**) on the CSE Thematic Review which was commissioned in 2019 by the Bradford Safeguarding Children Board, subsequently replaced by the Bradford Partnership – Working Together to Safeguard Children. The three statutory partners of the Partnership are the Council, Police and Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and also a number of key agencies, designated as “relevant agencies” are also members. It has an independent chair and scrutineer- Jane Booth.

The review was commissioned in accordance with governmental guidance in force at the time and focuses on the response of the agencies in Bradford to Child Sexual Exploitation. Five specific cases formed the basis of the review, two non-recent cases of CSE which have already been in the public domain and the media and three more recent cases. The review also includes a review of three more recent cases. It was led by an independent author Clare Hyde MBE. The review looks in detail at the experiences of five children. It spans a 20-year period from 2001 through a range of political administrations and officers. No individuals are named- the report focuses on children and learning.

The review was published on the 27th of July 2021

Recommended -

- (1) The Executive is invited to note the report**
- (2) That Executive receive a full report in November on current work in relation to exploitation of both children and adults and that this includes details of work in relation to the CSE actions in the Thematic review.**
- (3) The Council commit to working closely with partners to**

deliver on the actions within the developmental action plan and progressing the extensive wider work presently on going in Bradford

(Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee)

(Darren Minton – 01274 434361)

**EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS
PORTFOLIO & DEPUTY LEADER**

(Councillor I Khan)

7. SHORT BREAKS PROVISIONS IN BRADFORD

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The report of the Strategic Director of Children's Services (**Document "T"**) that provides the Executive with a recommendation for the future provision for Short Breaks for children with disabilities in Bradford.

The report outlines the results of the benchmarking of peer authorities across England, to inform the basis of developing appropriate service provisions for short breaks for children with disabilities in Bradford.

The report provides an overview for a proposed structure for a new Short Breaks Assessment Team, to help ensure that the Local Area has the correct resources to support the provision of Short Breaks in Bradford as part of the SEND Transformation Programme.

Recommended -

- (1) That the Executive approve the use of departmental reserves in 21/22 to cover the partial year cost for both the Short Breaks Assessment Team and service commissions where they are commissioned in the 21/22 financial year.**
- (2) That the Executive note that from 22/23, a formal request of £0.387m is requested to fund the Short Breaks Assessment Team as part of the Directorates budget setting process, which will be incorporated into the MTFs and 2022/23 budget considerations in the build up to budget approval at Full Council in February 2022.**
- (3) That the Executive note that from 22/23, a formal request overall of £0.552m is requested which includes the short breaks assessment team, to fund additional services to provide short breaks for children and families in Bradford to a total value of £2.742m. This will be incorporated into MTFs and the 2022/23 budget considerations in the build up to budget approval at Full Council in February 2022.**

- (4) That the Executive approve the development of a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment to understand the needs of children to inform commissioning intentions, to provide services for children with disabilities across the District.**

(Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee)

(Stu Barratt - 01274 432111)

8. MINUTES OF THE WEST YORKSHIRE COMBINED AUTHORITY 187 -
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To receive the minutes of the meeting of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority held on 22 April and 24 June 2021 (attached).

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