

Agenda for a meeting of the Executive to be held on Tuesday, 2 November 2021 at 10.30 am in Council Chamber, City Hall - 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 7 September and 2 October 2021 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

<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. QTR 2 FINANCE POSITION STATEMENT FOR 2021-22

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The report of the Director of Finance (**Document “AA”**) provides Members with an update on the forecast year-end financial position of the Council for 2021-22.

It examines the latest spend against revenue and capital budgets and the forecast year-end financial position based on information at Qtr 2. It states the Council’s current balances and reserves and school balances.

Recommended -

That the Executive

- (1) Note the contents of Document “AA” and the actions taken to manage the issues highlighted.**
- (2) Approve the following capital expenditure schemes as outlined in sections 14.9 and 14.10 of Document “AA”.**

- £0.127m to deliver the necessary highway works to allow the Parry Lane Enterprise Zone scheme to be developed and delivered in accordance with the planning application.
- £0.167m for the three schemes identified as part of the Sports Pitches Improvement Programme.
- The Executive is asked approve a budget of £0.3m and delegate authority to the Strategic Director of Place and Director of Finance & IT to approve the award of individual small grants for schemes linked to the Sports Pitches Improvement Programme.
- £1.7m for Year 1 of the IT Refresh Programme. This would be funded by the 2021-22 capital budget and bringing forward 2022-23 capital budget, both are currently included in Reserve Schemes.
- £0.1m of Council match funding to increase the number of Changing Places Toilets in the District.
- £1.898m for Phase 2 of the Playable Spaces Strategy Investment Programme to ensure that the District's playable spaces are improved sufficiently to continue to provide fit for purpose, safe and sustainable play facilities.

Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee

(Andrew Cross – 07870 386523)

6. **PROGRESS REPORT ON THE COUNCIL'S EQUALITY PLAN 2021-2024** 73 - 126

On 1st December 2020 Executive approved a new Equality Action Plan and instructed officers to report progress against the Plan to Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee on a regular basis. The report of the Assistant Director, Office of the Chief Executive (**Document "AB"**) sets out the key actions and activities undertaken to date to progress delivery of the Council's Equalities Plan and the priorities for the year ahead that will ensure on-going delivery against our objectives.

Equality and social justice must be at the heart of everything the Council does as they are key to the successful and effective delivery of services, the achievement of better outcomes for everyone and the development of a sustainable and inclusive economy. Our Equality Objectives and the plans that sit alongside them are there to help ensure equality is mainstreamed throughout the organisation.

Recommended -

That Members note the progress made and the next steps set out in the plan.

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Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Committee

(Khalida Ashrafi – 07816082796)

C. PORTFOLIO ITEMS

HEALTHY PEOPLE AND PLACES PORTFOLIO

(Councillor Ferriby)

7. MONUMENTS REVIEW - PROJECT REPORT

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The Strategic Director of Place will present a report (**Document “AC”**) of Phase 2 of the externally led Monuments Review, which has taken forward and implemented the recommendations from Phase 1. Much has been achieved in fulfilment of the ambition to increase awareness and understanding of our key local statues and any links to colonialism and slavery; to create educational resources; and to provide opportunities for communities to tell their diverse stories.

Whilst the driver and starting point for this project was Black Lives Matter, the learning from this project now needs to be taken forward and embedded in the Council’s approach to diversity and inclusion and to representation of *all* our communities in the public realm. The work does not stop here, but will continue as part of our plans for Bradford2025, the regeneration of the city centre, and through our strategies for place-making and heritage across the District.

Thanks are due to the external Steering Group for their invaluable help in conducting this Review, which has already started to have a wider impact on thinking about representation – who, how and why we should publicly recognise individuals and groups. As well as the learning materials created, the Group will have a lasting legacy through its involvement in ongoing work with committees related to Blue Plaques and a Commonwealth War memorial, and with an offer to remaining a sounding board for the Council on relevant issues.

Recommended that -

- (1) The Council acknowledges the work of the project in creating new educational and learning materials about our Monuments and Black History across the District, in identifying individuals from across our diverse communities who deserve recognition, and in encouraging nominations for recognition from our diverse communities; and thanks the external Steering Group for their invaluable contribution to this Review.**
- (2) The Council fully supports the proposal to create a memorial to local soldiers from Commonwealth countries who died in the First and Second World Wars.**

- (3) The Council adopts a transparent policy and process for making decisions about the addition of any new statues and monuments to the public realm for which it is responsible (e.g. public streets, squares and parks), that is mindful of ensuring equality and diversity of representation, and is focused on the significance of any featured individual's contribution to Bradford and beyond – in a similar way to conferring the Freedom of the City.
- (4) The Council uses the opportunity of the City of Culture 2025 bid to create a lasting celebration of the diversity of the District, the history of migration to Bradford, and the previously untold stories and contribution of people from across the District, noting the ideas set out in section 3.5.
- (5) The Council recognises the value of the Steering Group's work by continuing to use it as a reference group for relevant issues and decisions as required, for example in relation to the current consideration of post-Covid commemorations and memorials.

Regeneration and Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee
 (Christine May - 07970 829265)

**REGENERATION, PLANNING & TRANSPORT
 PORTFOLIO**

(Councillor Ross-Shaw)

8. COUNCIL OWNED LAND AT NORTH STREET/CAVENDISH STREET, KEIGHLEY 141 -
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The Strategic Director of Corporate Resources will present a report (**Document "AD"**) in respect of recommendations relating to the ePetition received by the Council to keep the land as green space which were the brownfield sites of the former Keighley College buildings on North Street and Cavendish Street, Keighley.

Recommended -

To reject the ePetition and progress with the proposal for the development of the Health and Wellbeing centre on the sites as detailed in this report.

(Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Committee)
 (Ben Middleton – 07582 101816)

9. **NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT FOR BRADFORD DISTRICT**

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The report of the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources (**Document “AF that contains Not For Publication Appendix 1”**) makes the case to go to market to procure a network infrastructure partner for 20 years to deliver full fibre gigabit network infrastructure for the Council and the Bradford Learning Network (BLN). In doing so it will also deliver significant social value by the way of investment in gigabit connectivity across large parts of Bradford District, that would otherwise be “left behind” for some years using inadequate broadband.

Recommended -

The Executive to:

(1) Approve Option 2, to procure a network infrastructure provider for 20 years and a network services provider will be procured on a 5-year contract as detailed in this report.

(2) Approval for Strategic Director Corporate Resources in conjunction with Director of Finance &IT in consultation with the Portfolio Holder to appoint the successful provider, subject to the financial appraisal confirming the recommended option is within existing budget provision.

Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Committee

(Paul Wilson - 07812 490703)

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES PORTFOLIO

(Councillor Duffy)

GENERAL EXCEPTION TO THE FORWARD PLAN

The following item has not been included on the published Forward Plan and is included on this agenda in accordance with Paragraph 10 of the Executive Procedures Rules of the Constitution as it is impracticable to defer the decision until it has been included in the published Forward Plan.

10. **OFSTED MONITORING VISIT**

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The Strategic Director of Children’s Services will present **Document “AG”** following Ofsted’s Inspection of Children’s Social Care Services from the 17 to 28 September 2018, the sixth of a series of Monitoring Visits took place on the 7 to 8 September 2021.

The focus of the Monitoring Visit was around Children in Care and Residential Services.

The findings were published by Ofsted on 22 October 2021.

Recommendation

The Executive are asked to note the contents of the letter from Ofsted.

(Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee)

(Mariam Haque – 01274 431266)

11. PROTECTING VULNERABLE CHILDREN & ADULTS AT RISK OF EXPLOITATION 215 -
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The report of the Chief Executive (**Document “H” which contains Not For Publication Appendix E**) provides an update on the contemporary strategic response to all forms of exploitation of children and adults at risk of exploitation and how partners from The Bradford Partnership – Working together to safeguard children and the Bradford Safeguarding Adults Board work to drive continuous improvement and to hold agencies to account for their work on this subject. This report also outlines the challenges presented to the partnership following the global pandemic – Covid 19 and the current update on progress made to the Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) Thematic Review recommendations published on July 27, 2021.

The Bradford Partnership and Bradford Safeguarding Adults Board have produced their annual reports cover the period April 2020 – March 2021

Appendix E – Is exempt under paragraph 7 (Crime Prevention) Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972

Recommended -

- (1) The Executive is invited to note the report**
- (2) The Executive commit to working closely with partners to Continue to raise awareness of exploitation of both adult and children**
- (3) The Executive 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.**
- (4) The Executive encourages members to attend the exploitation awareness/training event for elected members to be held on 3rd November 2021.**

Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee
(Darren Minton – 01274 434361)

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