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Dear Councillor

**MEETING OF COUNCIL – TUESDAY, 16 MARCH 2021**

You are requested to attend the meeting of the Council to be held Remotely on Tuesday, 16 March 2021 at 4.00 pm

The agenda for the meeting is set out overleaf.

Yours sincerely



Parveen Akhtar  
City Solicitor

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## AGENDA

### 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 18 February 2021 be signed as a correct record.**

(Adrian Tumber – 07970 412150)

**3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**4. WRITTEN ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LORD MAYOR  
(Standing Order 4)**

*(To be circulated before the meeting).*

**5. 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.

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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.

(Adrian Tumber - 07970 412150)

**B. BUSINESS ITEMS**

**6. PETITIONS (Standing Order 11)**

There are no petitions to receive.

(Tracey Sugden – 07970 411941)

**7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (Standing Order 13)**

There are no public questions.

(Tracey Sugden – 07970 411941)

**8. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND JOINT COMMITTEES  
(Standing Order 4)**

To consider any motions (i) to appoint members to a Committee or a

Joint Committee; or (ii) to appoint Chairs or Deputy Chairs of Committees (excluding Area Committees).

## **9. REPORT OF THE LEADER OF COUNCIL**

A written report by the Leader of Council giving an update on key issues will be circulated to Members in advance of the meeting and published on the Council's website. There shall be a period of up to 15 minutes during which any Member of Council who has provided notification by 1000am on 15 March may ask the Leader of the Council (or a Member of the Council nominated by the Leader) a question on any matter arising out of the written report.

## **10. MEMBER QUESTION TIME (Standing Order 12)**

To deal with supplementary questions to the Leader of Council and portfolio holders providing advance notice has been given by the Member asking the supplementary question by 1000am on Monday 15 March arising from the attached questions of which written notice has been given.

*Notes:*

- (i) Answers to written questions shall be circulated to Members on Friday 12 March.*
- (ii) A period of up to 30 minutes shall be available for supplementary questions to Members of the Executive.*

### **1. Councillor Carol Thirkill**

Can I have an update on the roll-out of electric car charging and in particular what is being considered for on-street charging for residents who don't have a driveway?

### **2. Councillor Mike Pollard**

It is noted that, as of 26 February, only approximately £0.4 million of the Government's allocation to Bradford Council of £15.59 million in respect of Additional Restrictions Grant has been distributed to local businesses. Would the Leader of the Council please explain the nature of the barriers causing the undue delays in distributing this important Government support? Compared with Bradford Council's rather less than 3% distributed, the equivalent figure nationally at the same date, albeit still unsatisfactory, was approximately 13%?

### **3. Councillor Rachel Sunderland**

We have seen an increase in the number of people enjoying our parks over the past twelve months as a place for exercise and leisure. I am sure the Portfolio Holder will join me in thanking all those involved in keeping our parks clean and tidy, in my Ward the work of the Friends of Peel Park volunteers have been invaluable. But will the Portfolio Holder recognise that there are some issues that are beyond the role

of a volunteer and consider focusing additional investment into our major parks and look at introducing a pilot scheme for Park Warden in Peel Park, specifically to tackle the behaviour of the few users whose bad behaviour impact negatively on the experience of so many?

**4. Councillor Martin Love**

Does the Leader of Council agree that it is inappropriate for the Council to allocate housing in the Shipley ward for two greenbelt sites (SH4/H and SH5/H) and one greenfield site (SH3/H) as part of the draft Local Plan, plus other greenbelt sites elsewhere across the district, bearing in mind that (a) we are likely to see more opportunities to convert existing retail space into residential accommodation in our post-Covid economy; (b) developing these greenbelt sites will result in the loss of valuable green space and habitat and add hugely to local traffic pressures; (c) the greenfield site in the Wycliffe neighbourhood is a valuable and much-loved area of recreational land for local residents; and (d) there is an excellent brownfield site by the Valley Road, until recently used for housing, that should be allocated for much-needed housing rather than being used by the Council to widen the existing road (and increase traffic and local air pollution as a result)?

**5. Councillor David Warburton**

At the present time government rules prevent local election candidates from either delivering newsletters or manifestos. What is the Council doing to support all candidates at the upcoming local elections in May?

**6. Councillor David Warburton**

What measures are the Council putting in place to protect staff and constituents from exposure to the coronavirus at Polling Stations and at the Election Count?

**7. Councillor John Pennington**

As £40m was originally allocated for the provision of new swimming pool facilities for Bradford District, could the Portfolio Holder for Healthy People and Places, confirm how much of that money is coming to Bingley either to maintain the existing pool or provide a new facility?

**8. Councillor David Warburton**

This Tory Government has promised record infrastructure investment as part of its "levelling up" agenda, but we've now seen Network Rail's 2019-24 budget cut by £1bn – a cut not mentioned in Spending Review documentation which stressed record investment in strategic road and rail projects. Now there's also a 40% cut to Transport for the North's budget, from £10m in 2020/21 down to £6m in 2021/22. What effect will this have on our ambitions for Northern Powerhouse Rail and other major improvements?

**9. Councillor Richard Dunbar**

Would the leader agree that the budget presented by the Chancellor did little to address the widescale inequality in society and did nothing to reward our public service heroes – the very people who have got this country through the pandemic?

**10. Councillor Robert Hargreaves**

Given that £40m was allocated for the provision of new swimming pool facilities for Bradford District, could the Portfolio Holder for Healthy People and Places, confirm what plans the Council has put in place for primary schools that previously used Queensbury Pool to deliver swimming as part of the curriculum?

**11. Councillor Richard Dunbar**

'Culture is our Plan' is the recently approved ten year strategy for cultural development in our district. Please can the portfolio holder explain the key themes and anticipated outcomes and why culture is so central to Bradford's economic recovery and future prosperity?

**12. Councillor Geoff Reid**

Now that many of our bus services in Bradford have returned to pre-pandemic frequencies, will the Director of Public Health be issuing fresh guidance for the use of public transport in the light of the possible easing of lockdown restrictions?

**13. Councillor Paul Godwin**

Keighley Library is a jewel in the crown for the district and I know the portfolio holder will join me in welcoming our recent and continuing investments in it – please could you tell us about the improvements that have been made?

**14. Councillor Debbie Davies**

Can the Leader of the Council confirm why it has taken over three months to provide answers to questions submitted to the December meeting of Full Council for written reply?

**15. Councillor Mohammed Shafiq**

How many food parcels and meals has the Council delivered to help prevent children and families going hungry in this pandemic and what plans do we have in place for the next school holidays?

**16. Councillor Nazam Azam**

Can the portfolio holder give an update on the works to make way for the new Darley Street Market?

**17. Councillor David Heseltine**

Would the Portfolio Holder for Healthy People and Places please confirm what happened to the proposed new Squire Lane leisure facility?

**18. Councillor Taj Salam**

The Council has invested in various schemes to promote walking and cycling in recent months – can the portfolio holder give an update?

**19. Councillor Tariq Hussain**

Will the portfolio holder update us on progress in getting blight sites cleaned up and back into use, as it continues to be a key concern for

the council and for residents?

**20. Councillor Alun Griffiths**

What percentage of staff in children's homes have had a first coronavirus immunisation?

**21. Councillor Mohammed Shafiq**

How many laptops or other devices have been sent out to support children's learning since the pandemic started in the district and what more can be done to tackle the digital divide?

**22. Councillor Mike Pollard**

Would the Regeneration, Planning and Transport Portfolio Holder kindly provide a breakdown of actual spending to date and projections on future spending, on the Darley Street Market?

**23. Councillor Angela Tait**

I was pleased to support our additional investment in footpaths and rights of way which have been so heavily used by people exercising during the lockdowns. How will we be using this and other planned investments to improve our walking routes, parks and green spaces in the coming year?

**24. Councillor Kevin Warnes**

Can the Leader of Council explain how doubling the number of flights to and from Leeds-Bradford airport is consistent with decarbonising our economy and addressing the 'climate emergency' declared by Bradford Council in 2019?

**25. Councillor Tariq Hussain**

What has the City of Culture bid achieved so far in terms of drawing in new funding to the district and promoting new cultural activities, and what are the next steps?

**26. Councillor Kyle Green**

Would the Regeneration, Planning and Transport Portfolio Holder, advise members how much revenue has been raised by after 6pm parking charges, broken down by individual car parks?

**27. Councillor Aneela Ahmed**

Can I have an update on our work in partnership with the police and other partners to tackle crime and antisocial behaviour?

**28. Councillor Nussrat Mohammed**

What progress are we making on our plan to 'plant a tree for every child' and how else can we engage with children and families in our actions to improve the environment?

**29. Councillor Alun Griffiths**

Given the rapid decline of Covid infection rates and the remarkably high uptake of Covid vaccination, can the portfolio holder explain what

youth Covid ambassadors will do after November to justify an additional £300,0000 expenditure?

**30. Councillor Aneela Ahmed**

The Council has recently announced additional investment for mental health and suicide prevention work which is likely to be seeing increased pressures given the pandemic. Can we have some detail of how these investments will be used to improve the provision?

**31. Councillor John Pennington**

As The Prince of Wales Park Lodge in Bingley is in a very poor dilapidated condition and possibly abandoned, could the Leader of the Council, please confirm who is responsible for its upkeep and repair?

**32. Councillor David Warburton**

Can I have an update on our work to tackle fly-tipping and prosecute the culprits and how our recent additional budget investment will help in cleaning up our streets and neighbourhoods?

**33. Councillor Kyle Green**

What funding will be made available to support life saving measures for the River Wharfe in Ilkley where bathing status has been granted?

**34. Councillor Tariq Hussain**

Can the portfolio holder for healthy people and places tell me about the £5,000 grants we are offering to community groups to support climate action projects and how they go about bidding?

**35. Councillor Debbie Davies**

Could the Leader of the Council confirm whether the Council maintains Performance Indicator records or other Service Standard measurements for Customer Service e.g. a Customer Charter, detailing target and actual times to answer telephone calls, emails, paper correspondence etc and if so, how is the Council performing against these targets?

**36. Councillor Jeanette Sunderland**

To the Portfolio holder for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety. In November 2020 you were featured in the press sharing with the public that a significant impact was being made with an initiative to tackle serious and organised crime in Bradford East.

Can you please advise what actions have been taken to reduce serious and organised crime? Please include the number of people been charged with offences and the type of offence committed.?

**37. Councillor Debbie Davies**

Would the Leader of the Council acknowledge that there is a danger, that Bradford introducing the only Clean Air Zone in West Yorkshire will act as a disincentive to set up a new business in the district, because of the risk of increased costs e.g. for suppliers?

**38. Councillor Angela Tait**

With the news that the new Infrastructure Bank will be located in our region, how might it support this Council's infrastructure investments in particular our work to urgently address the climate emergency?

**39. Councillor Robert Hargreaves**

Would the Leader of the Council be so kind as to reassure the residents of Queensbury, regarding what steps the Council has taken in the past 12 months, towards securing the future of Queensbury Tunnel as a cycle / greenway and what are its plans for the future, given that the Local Plan Consultation states "The Local Plan will protect the Queensbury Tunnel which runs under the settlement as part of a wider connection with the Great Northern Trail"?

**11. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEES (Standing Order 15)**

There are no recommendations to consider.

**12. NOTICES OF MOTION (Standing Order 17)**

To consider the attached motions of which notice has been given.

**12.1 SUPPORTING THE MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

To be moved by Councillor David Ward  
Seconded by Councillor Brendan Stubbs

This Council is extremely concerned about the effect that protracted school closures have had on our children and young people.

This Council recognises the reports by the Children's Commissioner, paediatricians, psychologists and charitable groups who warned "a surge in child mental health cases that is expected to emerge as schools reopen" and of a "crisis on top of a crisis hitting vulnerable children during the pandemic".

This Council notes that much of the debate and Government funding is focused on how to help pupils "catch up" on their "lost learning" placing further pressure on students and their families.

This Council further notes that the Covid restrictions over the last year have severely limited the opportunities for all children and young people to enjoy life, be with friends, family and take part in community events.

We believe that emotional wellbeing is fundamental and foundational for academic attainment. A stressed, anxious child will have difficulty learning anything.

We believe that the Council, along with partners, should use its resources to promote the well-being of children in their communities to improve their mental health and wellbeing by helping them to reconnect with each other through social activity.

The Council therefore instructs the Chief Executive to use remaining Covid 19 funds to create opportunities for social activity across the district.

Such opportunities for all children and young people should include, but not be limited to:

- A free pass to all council recreational facilities such as swimming pools, sports centres, exhibitions, theatres etc.
- An offer for children of a free to visit the District's Outdoor Centres with the potential for a residential stay
- A programme of play activities in all parks outside school hours
- Access to free public transport for children and young people.

To ensure that everyone can choose to take part the Chief Executive is further instructed to:

- Ensure that those with additional needs are able to access this by ensuring that carers and supporters where needed also have free access
- Cancel charges for the resources, usually hired out by the Council at a cost to the organisers, for community events such as summer fairs, galas etc.
- Provide support by insuring and helping with risk assessments for organisations wishing to provide social events and activities for communities, children and young people.

## **12.2 EXTENSION OF THE LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION**

To be moved by Councillor Geoff Winnard  
Seconded by Councillor Debbie Davies

### **Council notes:**

- the importance of far reaching public consultation regarding the Local Plan, prior to the December 2023 deadline for its adoption

- that the majority of residents are unaware of the existing online consultation, which is also reported by some to be less than user friendly
- disadvantaged, vulnerable and hard to reach residents are even more likely to be unaware of and less capable of responding to a complicated online consultation, due to problems accessing a computer and limited IT literacy
- Calderdale Council postponed its Local Plan First Draft Consultation until after an election, because they recognized that “Launching a public consultation within this pre-election period would make it difficult for us to make sure that we have engaged as fully as possible with the public and with politicians on such an important issue for the borough. We want everyone to have the opportunity to take part, so to ensure this happens, there will be a slight delay”
- that a significant number of Councils currently undertaking Local Plan First Draft Consultations, have recognised the need to do all possible to ensure that these hard to reach and disadvantaged residents should not be excluded from taking part in such an important discussion, some having extended their consultations from the minimum requirement of 6 weeks opted for by Bradford MDC, to as much as over twice as long.
- That the Roadmap out of Lockdown, recently announced by the Government, gradually increases the ability of the Council to widen its methods of public engagement for the Local Plan First Draft Consultation.

**Council resolves to:**

- acknowledge and respond to the unnecessary challenges posed to local residents, particularly the disadvantaged, by the restrictive characteristics of the Council’s current Local Plan First Draft Consultation
- alleviate the unnecessary social exclusion built into the existing process, by extending the consultation period, after the Local Elections, up until 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021 allowing the Council to greatly widen the channels of engagement available to local people.
- take whatever measures necessary to ensure that the Council is amongst those who can legitimately claim to have engaged as fully as possible with the public on such an important issue for the District.

### 12.3 ROADMAP TO RECOVERY FOR BRADFORD DISTRICT

To be moved by Councillor Susan Hinchcliffe

Seconded by Councillor Imran Khan

This Council is focussed on supporting our residents through the pandemic but also planning the social and economic recovery that we need to follow it. We commit to working with Government to deliver long-term positive change for the people of this district.

Council notes:

- The pandemic has had a huge impact on our lives, our families' health and on the economy of our district. Nationally over 100,000 people have lost their lives. We will remember them and we give our condolences to their families.
- National GDP has declined by 10% in the last year, the biggest decline in the last 300 years.
- We are faced with a huge challenge in mapping out the recovery from here but in establishing the recovery we must build a better future for our place where more people benefit from economic success than they have in the past.
- In the district unemployment has doubled, including a significant spike in youth unemployment.
- The pandemic has highlighted structural inequalities, disproportionately affecting our most disadvantaged residents such as those living in poverty or on low incomes, vulnerable older people, Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic communities, people with disabilities and women.
- The pandemic has shown that we are only as well and prosperous as our least advantaged neighbour – it makes sound moral and economic sense to tackle inequality and poverty.
- The £20 a week Universal Credit boost announced last March reflected the reality that the level of payments was not adequate to protect the swiftly increasing number of households relying on them as the crisis hit. Exactly because that increase was a welcome move to bolster low- and middle-income families' living standards, its removal will be a huge loss.
- In his 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021 Budget, the Chancellor announced a six-month extension to the £20 uplift in the basic rate of Universal Credit. The government had previously planned to cut welfare for millions of claimants by ending the £20 increase this April. It will now implement the cut in October.
- Pressing ahead with the cut – whether in April as originally planned or six months later – would see the level of unemployment support fall to its lowest real-terms level since

1990-91, and its lowest ever relative to average earnings.

In Bradford district we as a council resolve to:

- Invest in our communities – we want residents to see the benefit of more investment in the streets where they live. We will focus this on street cleansing, removing fly-tipping and connecting communities with more joined up local services.
- Invest in our young people – investing in our Youth Service so that it is a core part of our neighbourhoods service budget going forward. And investing in young people’s education.
- Invest in regeneration and in jobs, skills and education for people whose jobs may have been displaced during the pandemic. We will fund the rapid expansion of our award-winning SkillsHouse to provide skills leading to good jobs.
- Grasp the opportunity to build a better, fairer and greener future for the district – not a return to the old normal. The district needs new low-carbon technologies, delivery of our ambitious climate plans and putting the environment at the heart of growth.

We ask Government to:

- Fund regional economic recovery with £1.4bn in the West Yorkshire Economic Recovery Plan.
- Make the £20 increase for Universal Credit claimants permanent and extend to claimants on legacy benefits. This helps hard-pressed families and also supports the Bradford district economy.
- Substantially increase its funding for councils and regions to invest in skills and jobs post-pandemic.
- Invest in Northern Powerhouse Rail calling in Central Bradford plus restore the Skipton-Colne link.
- Continue to lobby government for more support to affected individuals and businesses.
- Tackle health inequalities and invest in mental health support to meet the anticipated increase in demands for services post-pandemic.
- Be a partner with us in building a better Bradford district.

### 13. PAY POLICY STATEMENTS 2020/21 AND 2021/22

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In accordance with the Localism Act 2011 Local Authorities are required to produce and publish a Pay Policy Statement for each financial year. The report of the Director of Human Resources (**Document “E”**) contains the Pay Policy Statement which must be approved by full Council before publication.

**Recommended –**

**That the Pay Policy Statement for the financial year 2020/21 as set out at Appendix 1 to Document “E” and the Pay Policy Statement for the financial year 2021/22 as set out at Appendix 2 to Document “E”, be approved.**

(Tim Barker – 01274 432031)

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