

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN REMOTE ON TUESDAY, 16 MARCH 2021

Commenced 4.00 pm
Concluded 6.34 pm

PRESENT

The Lord Mayor (Councillor) and Councillors:

LABOUR

A Ahmed	Akhtar	Amran	Azam
Berry	Choudhry	Dodds	Duffy
Dunbar	Engel	Farley	Ferriby
Firth	Godwin	D Green	Greenwood
Hinchcliffe	Humphreys	Arshad Hussain	Kamran Hussain
S Hussain	T Hussain	Iqbal	Jamil
Johnson	H Khan	I Khan	S Khan
Lal	Lee	Lintern	Mir
Mohammed	Mukhtar	Mullaney	Nazir
Ross-Shaw	Salam	Shabbir	Shafiq
Shaheen	M Slater	Tait	Thirkill
Thornton	Warburton	Watson	Wood

CONSERVATIVE

Ali	Barker	Bibby	Brown
Davies	Goodall	K Green	Hargreaves
Herd	Heseltine	Pennington	Pollard
Poulsen	Riaz	Smith	Sullivan
Townend	Whitaker	Whiteley	Winnard

LIBERAL DEMOCRAT

Griffiths	Knox	Reid	Stubbs
J Sunderland	R Sunderland	Ward	

BRADFORD INDEPENDENTS

Khadim Hussain
Sajawal

GREEN

Love
Warnes

INDEPENDENTS

Hawkesworth
Naylor

QUEENSBURY INDEPENDENT

INDEPENDENT

BINGLEY INDEPENDENT

The Lord Mayor in the Chair

40. **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Councillor Kyle Green disclose a prejudicial interest in the Motion, Roadmap to Recovery for Bradford District, given his employment by a charity in advocacy concerning Universal Credit.

As the disclosure was prejudicial Councillor Kyle Green did not participate during consideration and voting on the item.

ACTION: City Solicitor

41. **MINUTES**

Resolved –

That the minutes of the budget meeting held on 18 February 2021 be signed as a correct record.

ACTION: City Solicitor

42. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Riaz Ahmed, Cromie, Gibbons, Jabar, Swallow and Wainwright.

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

NATIONAL DAY OF REFLECTION – 23 MARCH 2021

The 23rd March 2021 would mark the first anniversary of the UK's first national lockdown in response to the Coronavirus outbreak in 2020. This anniversary was being marked by a national day of reflection.

On that day, the Lord Mayor hoped that everyone would reflect on our collective loss, support those who have been bereaved and hope for a brighter future. The Lord Mayor asked that we all remain mindful and continue to follow the guidance and do everything to keep ourselves and each other safe.

GIFT TO THE CITY

The Lord Mayor informed Members of her gift in recognition of her period as Lord Mayor. She also thanked Members for their generosity in giving her a gift to mark her period as Lord Mayor.

ELECTIONS

As this was the last ordinary meeting of the Council for this municipal year, on behalf of all Members, the Lord Mayor extended every good wish for the future to colleagues who were standing down from the Council at the forthcoming elections. Many years' service had been given to the work of the Council by those Members and the Lord Mayor placed on record thanks and appreciation for their contribution to the life of the District and the wellbeing of its citizens.

'Good Luck' at the Polls was wished to those Councillors who were seeking re-election on the 6th of May.

44. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

There were no restricted documents.

45. PETITIONS (Standing Order 11)

No petitions were received.

46. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (Standing Order 13)

No questions from the public were received.

47. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND JOINT COMMITTEES (Standing Order 4)

Resolved –

- (1) That Councillor Kyle Green replace Councillor Pollard on the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Councillor Pollard be an alternate.**
- (2) That Councillor Davies be appointed as an alternate for the Governance and Audit Committee.**
- (3) That Councillor Davies be appointed to the Licensing Committee.**
- (4) That Councillor Barker be appointed as an alternate on the Regulatory and Appeals Committee.**
- (5) That Councillor Jenkins be deleted as a Labour Group alternate on the Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee.**
- (6) That Councillor Godwin be appointed to the Keighley Area Committee.**
- (7) That Councillor Ross-Shaw replace Councillor Jenkins on the Shipley Area Committee.**
- (8) That Councillor Swallow be deleted as a Labour Group alternate on the Bradford West Area Committee.**
- (9) That Councillor Tait replace Councillor Johnson on the Governance and Audit Committee and be appointed Chair.**
- (10) That Councillor Pennington be appointed to the West Yorkshire Combined Authority's Transport Committee.**

ACTION: City Solicitor

48. REPORT OF THE LEADER OF COUNCIL

Council Document “G” details the verbal questions from Members to the Leader of Council and the answers given on the matters contained in the Leader of Council’s written report.

49. MEMBER QUESTION TIME (Standing Order 12)

Council Document “H” details the questions from Members to the Leader of Council and Portfolio Holders and the answers given.

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

There were no recommendations.

51. SUPPORTING THE MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

The motion moved by Councillor David Ward was defeated.

52. EXTENSION OF THE LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION

The motion moved by Councillor Geoff Winnard was defeated.

53. ROADMAP TO RECOVERY FOR BRADFORD DISTRICT

The motion moved by Councillor Susan Hinchcliffe was carried.

Resolved –

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 3rd 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.**

ACTION: Chief Executive/all Strategic Directors

54. PAY POLICY STATEMENTS 2020/21 AND 2021/22

In accordance with the Localism Act 2011 Local Authorities were required to produce and publish a Pay Policy Statement for each financial year. The report of the Director of Human Resources (**Document “E”**) contained the Pay Policy Statements for 2020/21 and 2021/22 which must be approved by full Council before publication.

Resolved –

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.

ACTION: Director of Human Resources

Lord Mayor

Note: These minutes are subject to approval as a correct record at the next meeting of the Council.