

Agenda for a meeting of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held on Thursday, 22 July 2021 at 5.00 pm in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Bradford

Members of the Committee – Councillors

LABOUR	CONSERVATIVE	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT AND INDEPENDENT GROUP	INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST
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Alternates:

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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 Councils agenda and minutes website five clear working days in advance of the meeting.
- Given the restrictions on room capacity, any Councillors and members of the public who wish to make a contribution at the meeting are asked to email yusuf.patel@bradford.gov.uk by **mid-day on Tuesday 20 July 2021** and request to do so. You will then be advised on how you can participate in the meeting. **access to the meeting cannot be guaranteed if those wishing to attend do not register given the council must comply with the Covid regulations and guidance.**
- On the day of the meeting please ensure that you comply with the Covid restrictions in place at the current time by wearing a suitable face covering and adhering to social distancing. Staff will be at hand to advise accordingly. Participants may be asked to wait in a separate room if the capacity in the Council Chamber has been reached and they will be escorted back into the meeting as a when their item is considered by the Committee.

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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. MINUTES

Recommended –

That the minutes of the meeting held on 18 and 23 March 2021 be signed as a correct record (previously circulated).

(Yusuf Patel - 01274 434579)

4. **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)

5. **REFERRALS TO THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

No referrals had been made at the time of the publication of this agenda.

B. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ACTIVITIES

6. **FULL-YEAR PERFORMANCE REPORT**

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The Chief Executive will submit a report (**Document “A”**) which provides a summary of the high level achievements of the authority as well as performance in the last year.

The municipal year 2020-21 was far from usual with all Council activity dominated by the response to Coronavirus pandemic. A summary of some of our key achievements over the last year are included in this report.

We also agreed a new Council Plan at Full Council in December. This will cover the years from 2021-22 until 2024-25. Whilst the new council plan period only began in April this year it is useful to reflect on our performance against our key indicators. This report provides an overview of performance against the key Council Plan targets to form a baseline for our future performance.

Recommended –

That the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee notes the baseline of the key performance indicators in the 2021/25 Council Plan.

(Phil Witcherley - 01274 431241 / Laura Copley – 01274 437381)

7. FINANCE POSITION STATEMENT FOR 2020-21

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The Director of Finance will submit a report (**Document “B”**) which provides Members with an update on the year-end financial position of the Council for 2020-21.

It examines the latest spend against revenue and capital budgets and the financial position at the year end. 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 2020-21 Finance Position Statement.

(Andrew Cross - 07870 386523)

8. QTR 1 FINANCE POSITION STATEMENT FOR 2021-22

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The Director of Finance will submit a report (**Document “C”**) which provides Members with an update on the 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 1. It states the Council’s current balances and reserves and school balances.

As the District emerges from national restrictions and looks to build recovery from the impact of the COVID pandemic a series of priority investments are proposed in order to kick start recovery with a particular emphasis on sustainable and economic growth, visible services and support to our children and young people. These investments will be made through the deployment of any remaining COVID Emergency Grant or through existing Council reserves.

Recommended –

That the Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Committee review and comment on the Qtr 1 Finance Position Statement for 2021-22.

(Andrew Cross - 07870 386523)

9. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

Recommended –

That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the item relating to the Council's Insurance Contract on the grounds that it is likely in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if they were present, exempt information within Paragraph 3 (Finance or Business Affairs) of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), would be disclosed and it is considered that, in all the circumstances, the public interest in excluding public access to the relevant part of the proceedings outweighs the interest in publication of the report.

It is in the public interest in maintaining these exemptions because it is in the overriding interest of proper administration that Members are made fully aware of the financial implications of any decision.

10. **THE COUNCIL'S INSURANCE CONTRACT 2022 TO 2027**

The Director of Finance will submit a report (**NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENT "D"**) which updates the Committee on the Council's Insurance Contract.

Recommended –

That Members consider the recommendations set in Not for Publication Document "D".

(Mark St Romaine – 01274 432888)

11. **CORPORATE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME 2021/22** 193 - 208

The Chair of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee will submit a report (**Document "E"**) which includes proposed items for the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee DRAFT work programme for 2021/22. The Committee is asked to consider which items it wishes to include in the work programme.

Recommended –

- (1) Members consider and comment on the areas of work to be carried forward into this municipal year.**
- (2) That members consider any detailed scrutiny reviews that they may wish to conduct.**
- (3) That the work plan for the committee be approved.**

(Mustansir Butt - 01274 432574)