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Dear Councillor

MEETING OF COUNCIL – TUESDAY, 15 MARCH 2022

You are requested to attend the meeting of the Council to be held in the City Hall, Bradford on Tuesday, 15 March 2022 at 4.00 pm.

The agenda for the meeting is set out overleaf.

Yours sincerely



Parveen Akhtar
City Solicitor

Notes:

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Members are reminded that under the Members' Code of Conduct, they must register within 28 days any changes to their financial and other interests and notify the Monitoring Officer of any gift or hospitality received.

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 17 February 2022 be signed as a correct record (previously circulated).

(Guy Close – 07811 503906)

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.

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.

(Guy Close – 07811 503906)

B. BUSINESS ITEMS

6. PETITIONS (Standing Order 11)

To consider up to five requests for the Council to receive petitions in accordance with Standing Orders.

- (i) Objection to sale of green field off Elliott Street, below the Hive Community Centre – Craven Ward.

Please note that as the above petition has over 1,500 signatures there will be a debate.

If any further requests are received, in writing, by mid-day three working days before the meeting (Thursday), details will be circulated.

(Su Booth – 07814 073884 / Farzana Mughal – 07811 504164)

7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (Standing Order 13)

The following public questions have been submitted:

1. "What is the Council's response to the following statement?"

I live on Broad Dale Close in East Morton; for the last three years, I and my immediate neighbours and a further nearby 192 households have been impacted by the surface water emanating from the field located to the north of the designated public footpath which is behind numbers 1, 3 and 5 Broad Dale Close. Self-evidently the amount of water depends on the rainfall quantity breaching a tributary of How Beck, but it can be a horrendously large amount running for days and weeks. The major issue is the running water eroding gardens and foundations, then when the water freezes this creates a thick heavy deposit of ice for all the residents to cope with on the steep paths and roads. Surely the Council has a legal duty to get the owner of land from which water emanates on to a public footpath to prevent that happening. I am certain that this case is already on a list in the Council's Drainage Department, but urgent action needs to be taken to stop water coming from private land, across a public footpath, and on to residential streets. In February 2021, a member of the public slipped on ice and reportedly fractured their elbow in several places. We certainly don't want a repeat of this incident and urge the Council to take positive and immediate action."

2. "This question is presented on behalf of the unprecedented number of individuals and national organisations objecting to National Highways (NH) planning application to abandon Queensbury Tunnel - to date, 7,795 (with a further 72 whose comments show that they have erroneously ticked the 'support' box), backed by 14,357 signatures on change.org and endorsed by every parish and town council between here and Keighley. Many reasoned comments on the planning portal show how converting Queensbury Tunnel to a cycle/walkway as the centrepiece of a greenway connecting Halifax to Bradford and Keighley can bring economic, social, health and tourism benefits in ways which fully concur with Bradford's Local Plan. Following NH's iniquitous spend of over £7 million, will Council please explain what measures are being taken to prevent NH's intended destruction of the tunnel and what progress Bradford Council has made, with Calderdale Council and WYCA, to secure a commitment from the Department for Transport to actively support the repurposing of this unique heritage feature of Bradford's proud landscape for the benefit of present and future generations?"

(Fatima Butt – 07970 411746)

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

To consider any further 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).

Due to recent changes to political proportionality the following changes have been submitted by the Bradford South Independent Group:

Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Robert Hargreaves to continue serving as a member on this Committee. Councillor Joan Clarke to replace Councillor Luke Majkowski as a member on this Committee. Councillor Luke Majkowski to replace Councillor Joan Clarke as an alternate member.

Bradford South Area Committee

Councillor Robert Hargreaves to replace Councillor Matthew Bibby (Conservative) as a member on this Committee. Councillor Luke Majkowski to replace Joan Clarke as a member on this Committee. Councillor Joan Clarke to replace Councillor Luke Majkowski as an alternate member.

9. REPORT BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

A written report by the Leader of Council giving an update on key issues will be circulated before the start of the meeting. There shall be a period of up to 15 minutes during which any Member of Council 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 the below questions of which written notice has been given.

Notes:

- (i) Answers to written questions shall be circulated at the commencement of the meeting.*
- (ii) The Lord Mayor will have regard to the list of questions and the political composition of the Council in calling on Members to put their supplementary question to the Leader of Council and Portfolio Holders.*
- (iii) A period of up to 30 minutes shall be available for supplementary questions to Members of the Executive.*

1. Councillor Simon Cunningham

Following the welcome news that Bradford is to benefit from an £8.1 million investment in a new ultra-low emission bus fleet, supported by this Council, can the Portfolio Holder advise which routes will be served by the new vehicles? And is this environmentally-friendly upgrade evidence that the clean air ambitions of this council are already having a positive impact on our city's air quality?

2. Councillor Rebecca Poulsen

Slaymaker Lane, Oakworth has been flooded for many weeks despite gullies being cleared and this makes vehicular access difficult and pedestrian access impossible. As this is a direct route to the newly refurbished Oakworth Crematorium that will shortly re-open, could the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning and Transport confirm what action the Council is taking to ensure the flood issues are resolved prior to re-opening?

3. Councillor Brendan Stubbs

To the Portfolio Holder for safer Communities, following a number of attacks on Buses in the Thorpe Edge area leading to a number of suspensions and re-directs what actions are the Council taking alongside the Police and First Buses to ensure the majority of residents of all ages in Thorpe Edge are able to access to a reliable bus service.

4. Councillor Kevin Warnes

The Leader of Council will be aware that Section 44 of the Children and Families Act 2014 states the obligations of a local education authority with regard to the time limit when reviewing an EHC plan. Specifically: "A local authority must review an EHC plan that it maintains (a) in the period of 12 months starting with the date on which the plan was first made, and (b) in each subsequent period of 12 months starting with the date on which the plan was last reviewed under this section." She will also be aware that Regulation 20 of the Special Educational Needs and Disability Regulations 2014 sets out the procedure in detail, making it clear that the review is complete only when the local authority notifies the parent/young person of its decision. Specifically: "The local authority must then decide whether it proposes to (a) continue to maintain the EHC plan in its current form; (b) amend it; or (c) cease to maintain it, and must notify the child's parent ... within four weeks of the review meeting." Bearing this in mind, can the Leader of Council please tell us (1) how many cases of this kind HAVE been dealt with within that four-week window across the district since the beginning of 2021; (2) how many cases of this kind have NOT dealt with within that four week window across the district since the beginning of 2021, and (3) what is being done to ensure that these deadlines will be met in every case in future?

5. Councillor Joan Clarke

Can the leader give an insight into the projects being considered for the Bradford South Levelling Up funding made available by the Government?

6. Councillor Caroline Firth

Can you advise how we have supported residents affected by the recent flooding in the district?

7. Councillor Simon Cunningham

What measures is the Council taking to ensure that our fantastic theatres and other civic venues are supporting local breweries, producers, and suppliers within their on-site bars, restaurants, and cafes?

8. Councillor Mike Pollard

In view of the relatively mild winter, could the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning and Transport please indicate the likely Budget outturn for the 2021/22 Financial Year in respect of the Highway Winter Maintenance Service and respond to the suggestion that any underspend be re-directed to helping address Highways drainage/flooding issues?

9. Councillor Paul Godwin

Is there any data on business closures versus new businesses opening since March 2020 in the district?

10. Councillor Aneela Ahmed

Can the Leader tell us what activities have taken place to mark International Women's Day in the district this year?

11. Councillor Rebecca Whitaker

Please can the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning and Transport explain why Silsden is still divided into two separate zones with regard to payments under the Community Infrastructure Levy made by developers and can this now be reviewed?

12. Councillor Alun Griffiths

In answer to a question at the 12th October Council meeting I was informed that there were 582 cut down lighting columns in the district, 19 in Idle and Thackley ward. 15 weeks later at the January Council meeting I was informed that 4 of these had been replaced, but no figure was given for the totals for the district. Could I please have the current figures for the numbers of columns still awaiting replacement in the district as a whole and in Idle and Thackley Ward specifically. In addition, how many 'normal' repairs are outstanding more than 4 weeks after the first date reported?

13. Councillor Richard Dunbar

Can you give a summary of all the events that were held in the district for LGBTQ+ History Month?

14. Councillor Nussrat Mohammed

Residents are being hit hard by rising energy bills and the cost of living crisis. Can we lobby government to do more to support people through it?

15. Councillor Debbie Davies

Although it may not be a statutory requirement would the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning and Transport agree that it is good practice and more transparent to put planning notices on lamp posts as was done pre-Covid, so that residents have a proper opportunity to comment if they so wish?

16. Councillor Nussrat Mohammed

What more can be done to tackle the problem of untaxed and uninsured vehicles and getting them quickly towed away and off our roads so that they are not left abandoned and causing a nuisance to residents?

17. Councillor David Warburton

The storms over recent weeks have been very damaging for our communities across the region. In the district they have affected some communities that have rarely been affected before. Can you advise if Government are listening to West Yorkshire Combined Authority and their pitch for flood alleviation investment in our district?

18. Councillor Geoff Winnard

As speeding and dangerous driving on the A650 Bingley Bypass are matters of real concern to local residents, can the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning and Transport confirm whether he considers strategically placed speed cameras likely to help improve the situation?

19. Councillor David Warburton

What new levelling up investments and activities will Government deliver for the Bradford District as a result of its Levelling Up White Paper?

20. Councillor Hassan Khan

Can I have an update on how many Kickstart apprentices we have in the council and how many are now in the district as a whole?

21. Councillor Chris Herd

In light of reports from bereaved families, that the funerals or cremations of their loved ones have been delayed by up to 4 weeks, would the Leader of the Council please clarify the current average length of time for the deceased to be seen / examined and released for burial or cremation by the Coroner's Service, along with details of any planned measures to reduce this, in order to alleviate the further distress being caused to bereaved families?

22. Councillor Matt Edwards

How many local exemptions for Bradford Clean Air Zone have been

applied for, how many have been accepted and how many are currently awaiting a response?

23. Councillor Luke Majkowski

Can the portfolio holder give an update on the efforts the council are making to secure the future of Queensbury Tunnel as an active travel asset, specifically looking at funding opportunities missed, funding opportunities currently available and any future ambitions?

24. Councillor Mohammed Shafiq

How do the current attendance levels in the district's primary and secondary schools compare with pre-pandemic, and what support are we giving families and schools to help children with adapting back to more regular schooling after the disruption they have faced this past two years?

25. Councillor Vanda Greenwood

How is our brilliant planting a tree for every child scheme progressing so far?

26. Councillor Debbie Davies

Please can the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning and Transport, provide an update on any unspent S106 and CIL money per ward and what the process for allocating it is?

27. Councillor Susan Knox

Can the Portfolio Holder please explain what steps the Council is taken to ensure that Swim for all sessions are fully restored as soon as possible to ensure that no child is excluded from access to swimming session at Eccleshill Pool. Furthermore, what work is being done with West Yorkshire Police to ensure those individuals who are causing problems at the pool are both deterred and where necessary punished for their behaviour.

28. Councillor Doreen Lee

I am heartbroken about Dalton Mills burning down. Do we have more information about this terrible fire and the damage done to the historic building?

29. Councillor Angela Tait

Can you tell me more about the aims of the Living Well Schools programme and how it will be delivered?

30. Councillor Rebecca Whitaker

Could the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning and Transport, please confirm; the annual amount of recyclates that have been rejected across the Bradford District since the reintroduction of "co-

mingling”, comparable figures for a similar period when recyclates were separated, the comparable revenues generated and landfill / incineration costs resulting from the sale or disposal of recyclates throughout the aforementioned period of time?

31. Councillor Aneela Ahmed

What activities are being undertaken to support children with their mental health coming out of the pandemic, for example by the Educational Psychology team and our other services that work with children and young people?

32. Councillor Fozia Shaheen

What social/recreational activities are there for people with Learning Disabilities and Autism, for children and adults?

33. Councillor Debbie Davies

Please can the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning and Transport, provide an update on the Draft Local Plan and what the next stages are?

34. Councillor Fozia Shaheen

The Council has invested additional money for children with SEND and I understand that this has resulted in an increase in the number of children getting an EHCP plan in the correct timeframe. Once a child has an EHCP, how can we be sure that the plan is properly implemented by the school and that the support for that child is not affected if there is a high turnover of staff in the school?

35. Councillor Fozia Shaheen

Could the Portfolio Holder outline how many landlords are part of the Council’s Private Sector Lettings Scheme?

36. Councillor Debbie Davies

Given the recent news that Welcome to Yorkshire has gone into administration, would the Leader of the Council confirm how much funding has been provided to this organisation by Bradford Council?

37. Councillor Fozia Shaheen

Could the portfolio holder share how many Priority band residents across the district have been allocated a property within the last 3 years?

38. Councillor David Heseltine

As we have had yet more flooding in the district, would the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning and Transport, please confirm what measures are being taken by the council and its partners, to ensure the future risk is minimised at the flood prone Castlefields, Old Main Street,

11. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEES (Standing Order 15) 1 - 228

- a) At the meeting of Standards Committee held on 6 October 2021, consideration was given to a report of the City Solicitor, which presented the Local Government Association (LGA) Model Councillor Code of Conduct for adoption by Council with or without amendments to replace the Council's existing Members' Code of Conduct or whether to require consultation with Councillors before considering adoption.

Resolved –

1. That the Local Government Association Model Councillor Code of Conduct 2020 ("the Code") be recommended for adoption by Council to be effective from the beginning of the Municipal Year 2022-23 with the following amendments (Amendments (1) (a) to (d) are matters included in the Council's existing Members' Code of Conduct and the paragraph numbers refer to the paragraph numbers in the existing Code):
 - a) The inclusion of the mandatory requirement that members complete a training course on Child Sexual Exploitation. (paragraph 21A).
 - b) Confirmation within the Code that all complaints alleging a failure to comply with the Code will be considered in accordance with the Procedure agreed by full Council (paragraph 22).
 - c) The incorporation into the Code of the Protocols on Member-Officer Relations, and Members' use of Council Resources including use of Email and the Internet as detailed in paragraph 23 of the existing Members' Code of Conduct subject to any consequential amendments required to address inconsistencies.
 - d) The Provisions regarding granting of dispensations (paragraph 24).
 - e) That in paragraph 10.2 of the Code (Gifts and Hospitality), £50 be replaced with £25.
2. That the City Solicitor produces a draft code incorporating the amendments, further consults the Chair of this Committee before it is considered by Council and that consideration is given to taking the recommendation for adoption of the Code to the Council meeting in March 2022.
3. Upon adoption of the amended Code by Council, delegated authority be given to the City Solicitor to make any consequential amendments required to the Council's Constitution including to the Protocols on Member-Officer Relations, Members Gifts and Hospitality and Members Use of Council Resources including Use of E-mail and the Internet in consultation with the Chair of this Committee.
4. Upon adoption of the amended Code by Council the City

Solicitor write to all Town and Parish Councils within the Bradford District to advise them of adoption of the Code and encouraging them also to adopt the Code if they have not already done so.

Action: City Solicitor

- b) In accordance with the recommendations of Standards Committee held on the 6 October 2021 to consider a report from the City Solicitor which recommends to Council the adoption of the Local Government Association (LGA) Model Councillor Code of Conduct with the amendments as recommended by Standards Committee to be effective from the beginning of the Municipal Year 2022/23.

The report also asks Council to note the consequential amendments to the Form for submitting complaints against Elected Members and that the Members' Interests Form will need to be reviewed.

Recommended –

- 1) The Code of Conduct as set out in Appendix 1 to this Report be adopted.
- 2) The amendments to the Form for submitting complaints against Elected Members as set out in Appendix 2 be noted.
- 3) The need for the Members' Interests Form to be reviewed together with the initial draft of the amended form as set out in Appendix 3 be noted.
- 4) Delegated authority be given to the City Solicitor to make any consequential amendments required to the Council's Constitution including to the Protocols on Member-Officer Relations, Members Gifts and Hospitality and Members Use of Council Resources including Use of E-mail and the Internet in consultation with the Chair of Governance and Audit Committee as are necessary to implement the decisions of Council.
- 5) Upon adoption of the Code by Council the City Solicitor write to all Town and Parish Councils within the Bradford District to advise them of adoption of the Code and encouraging them also to adopt the Code if they have not already done so.

Action: City Solicitor

- c) At the meeting of Licensing Committee held on 31 January 2022, consideration was given to a report of the Interim Assistant Director of Waste, Transport and Fleet Services, which set out the outcome of a public consultation exercise with respect to the Statement of Licensing Principles for the District, as required by the Gambling Act 2005 and proposed a final draft for recommendation for adoption by Council.

Resolved –

1. That it be recommended to Council that the document attached in Appendix 1 to Document A be adopted and published as the District's Statement of Licensing Principles pursuant to the Gambling Act 2005.
2. That the Interim Assistant Director Waste, Fleet and Transport Services be given delegated authority to approve any necessary amendments of a minor or drafting nature prior to formal publication.

Action: Interim Assistant Director of Waste, Transport and Fleet Services

12. NOTICES OF MOTION (Standing Order 17)

To consider notices of motion set out below:

12.1

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

To be moved by: Councillor Rebecca Poulsen
Seconded by: Councillor Debbie Davies

Her Majesty, The Queen, has become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee after 70 years of dedicated service of our country and across the commonwealth.

Bradford District has welcomed Her Majesty to Bradford five times.

In 1954 Her Majesty visited Bradford 18 months after her Coronation. At this visit she met David Hockney, was sung to by 30,000 children at Bradford Park Avenue cricket ground and visited Perseverance Mills to meet ill workers.

In 1974 Her Majesty visited the Odeon and unveiled the plaque to open the Civic Precinct.

In 1997 The centenary of Bradford's Royal Charter was marked by another visit. As it was Maundy Thursday, money was distributed at Bradford Cathedral as part of the visit before unveiling a plaque at Centenary Square and visiting the Bradford City fire memorial. Her Majesty then opened the new stand at Valley Parade after lunch at City Hall.

In 2007 there was another visit to Centenary Square where the daughter of murdered policewoman Sharon Beshenivsky handed Her Majesty a posy of flowers.

In 2012 Her Majesty visited as part of her Diamond Jubilee tour. The tour included visiting Saltaire, a luncheon and meeting the Lord Mayor at the time who is still a member of Council, Councillor Dale Smith.

Bradford District looks forward to many events over the summer to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee including local groups organising community events.

This Council thanks Her Majesty for her dedicated service over the last 70 years and congratulates her in the year of her Platinum Jubilee.

12.2

Clean Air Zone

To be moved by: Councillor Sally Birch

Seconded by: Councillor Mohammed Nazam

Council notes that:

There have been delays in introducing Bradford's Clean Air Zone, originally planned for last October then postponed until January and now we are just told "Spring 2022".

Local businesses are finding it difficult to plan ahead for this change because the dates keep changing and because they are still not able to apply for exemptions despite being told they would be able to do so by the end of February.

There is a shortage of vehicles fitting the compliant criteria so even if companies want to upgrade their vehicles these are not available and there is a waiting list of several months.

Greater Manchester's Clean Air Zone has recently been delayed in order for their plan to reduce nitrogen dioxide levels to be reviewed.

The Clean Air Zone Framework issued by the Department for Transport clearly states "Clean Air Zone proposals are not required to include a charging zone".

The Government's Clean Air Framework also states: "In implementing a CAZ local authorities will need to consider the impact on local residents, and the need for any mitigating measures. They will also need to take action as necessary to support growth and protect the economy of their local high streets and town centres, whilst ensuring that their CAZ proposals will not result in the displacement of the most polluting vehicles away from town centres to surrounding areas."

Council resolves:

To pause plans for Bradford's Clean Air Zone while it is thoroughly reviewed, considering the potential negative impact on drivers using

other roads to avoid being charged for driving through the zone and the possible loss of trade for businesses located within the zone.

To consider moving to a 'non-charging Clean Air Zone' instead whilst continuing to work with businesses who wish to upgrade their vehicles and take advantage of the incentives offered.

To ensure that following the review the information provided to businesses, taxi drivers and residents is accurate, informative and the website is easy to use with dates that are met.

12.3

Empowering local voices to empower levelling up in the Bradford District

To be moved by: Councillor David Heseltine

Seconded by: Councillor Chris Herd

This council notes:

That the Bradford District is a diverse district made up of five parliamentary constituencies, allowing local decision making and support local decision makers is at the heart of communitarianism and supporting local communities.

Neither Keighley BID nor Ilkley BID have a councillor appointed to them from their constituency by Bradford Council.

That no councillor from the Keighley Constituency was appointed to the Keighley Towns Fund board by Bradford Council.

Bradford Council failed to apply for up to £80 million of central government funding for 'levelling up' funds for any constituency except Bradford West and failed to consult with ward members about projects that would be feasible to be put forward for this funding.

Localities plans put forward and approved by area committees do not appear to have funding allocated to area committees to support these plans.

Council resolves to:

Empower ward members by supporting them in being active decision makers and ensuring they are consulted on funding opportunities.

Empower Area Committees by providing them with additional funding opportunities to support their local communities.

Work towards appointing local ward members to BIDs and other groups where local knowledge will help support their work.

12.4

Respecting our Rivers

To be moved by: Councillor Jeanette Sunderland

Seconded by: Councillor Brendan Stubbs

This Council notes that:

- Every river in England is now polluted beyond legal limits.
- The Environment Agency rated only 14% of rivers as 'Good' in 2019.
- This pollution is mostly caused by sewage discharges from water companies, the run-offs of nutrients from farms and persistent organic chemicals.
- 36% of English rivers have been damaged by water companies.
- In England, water companies released untreated human waste directly into our waterways over 400,000 times for a total of 3 million hours in 2020 alone.
- Government funding to the Environment Agency to monitor river quality, and regulate farms and water companies has dropped 75% since 2010/11.
- In 2020 just 3.6% of pollution complaints made to the Agency resulted in penalties.
- Farms are now almost never inspected, water quality is rarely tested, and water companies can discharge raw sewage into rivers with virtual impunity.
- In addition, tyre particles, metals from brake pads, and hydrocarbons from vehicle emissions wash off road surfaces and into rivers introducing potentially carcinogenic material into the water supply.
- That Yorkshire Water Ltd is due to appear at Leeds Magistrates' Court on 15 March charged with offences relating to a pollution incident which happened at Bradford Beck between September 2017 and August 2018.

This Council commends the work of the Aire Rivers Trust, the Friends of Bradford Becks, partners and the many volunteers who are working hard to meet the Good Water framework Directive status or Good Ecological Potential for all of the Aire Water bodies by 2027.

Council believes that, the UK Government should commit to:

- Restoring Environment Agency budgets to deliver the necessary oversight.
- Increasing inspection regularity of water companies and farms, taking rigorous enforcement action against offenders.
- Ring-fencing fines for water pollution events to be spent on river quality improvements.
- Funding local and highways authorities to introduce systems to prevent road pollutants from entering our water courses.

Council resolves to request the Chief Executive write to:

- The Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs calling for the Government to make these commitments and to revise down the consents that allow sewerage discharge into our rivers.
- The Chairperson of the Parliamentary Environmental Audit Committee to advocate for greater enforcement of existing regulatory powers.
- The Chief Executive of Yorkshire Water calling for urgent action to address the impact of waste-water discharges on our local rivers.
- The Regional Director of the National Farmers' Union requesting clarification on the action being taken locally by farmers to prevent nutrient run-off.
- The charities River Action, the Aire Rivers Trust and the Friends of Bradford's Becks expressing this Council's support for their campaign to restore the health of Britain's rivers and becks.

This Council further requests that the Chief Executive produces a report for all councillors detailing the action the Council is to enforce the rules for water protection on its land it owns.

12.5

0-19 Public Health Service

To be moved by: Councillor Alun Griffiths

Seconded by: Councillor Jeanette Sunderland

Council notes that the 0-19 Public Health service contract ends in April 2023 and is about to be recommissioned.

Council notes the difficulties in recruitment, especially for Health Visitors, faced by the service and the consequent reduction of the service to providing little more than the minimum statutory requirements and a loss of much proactive care.

Council believes that the decisions to blur the distinction between Health Visitors and School Nurses, and move Health Visiting away from Primary Care and into large remote hubs has contributed to this.

Council notes the development of GP Primary Care Networks and believes that this provides an opportunity to return Health Visiting to a model of collaboration between GPs and Health Visitors and other 0-4 nurses with benefits to staff, children, and parents and resolves to recommission the service on that basis.

12.6

Ukraine

To be moved by: Councillor Susan Hinchcliffe
Seconded by: Councillor Rebecca Poulsen

This Council condemns the illegal invasion of Ukraine by Putin. Bradford District stands together with our residents of Ukrainian heritage and will support them in their hour of need. We have approximately 5,000 residents with Ukrainian heritage in our district. They are understandably fearing for the lives of their loved ones in the country. The district has demonstrated solidarity with the Ukrainian community by:

- Lighting up civic buildings in the colours of Ukraine.
- Bradford City fans showing their support for Ukraine at their match on 26 February.
- Bradford Cathedral organising a multi faith service at the Cathedral on 2 March.
- The Council's Safer and Stronger Communities team speaking with the Bradford Ukrainian community organisation to hear their voice and to offer support.
- At the launch of the 'From Bosnia to Bradford' films that were premiered at the National Media Museum in early March similarities between the conflicts were discussed and support and solidarity for Ukraine was expressed by speakers and the audience in attendance. The films feature stories about the survivors of the Balkans conflict who fled in the early 1990s and settled in the Bradford District.

We remember:

- That this is an act of aggression by Putin, not by residents with Russian heritage living and working in this district.
- We must support all our residents here to live peaceful lives without fear or anxiety.
- We are a City of Sanctuary which prides itself on welcoming communities from all over the world. We will warmly welcome Ukrainians to our district as part of any national refugee effort.

We urge:

- Peace. We are a city of Peace, with a renowned Peace Studies department at the University and a Peace Museum which we have all benefited from being located here.
- Residents to come together - we come together at difficult times and support each other when the burden can seem heavy.
- People to support the Ukrainian communities across West Yorkshire who are mobilising in support of Ukraine by donating to a fund which they have set up to provide critical support for Ukraine at this time.
- The Government to do everything possible to support the Ukrainian people who are being displaced from their homeland including welcoming them to this country.

12.7

Cost of Living Crisis

To be moved by: Councillor Susan Hinchcliffe

Seconded by: Councillor Abdul Jabar

Rising energy bills and the cost of living crisis is real. It is hitting those on lowest incomes the hardest. Energy bills are increasing rapidly – the regulator Ofgem has warned that the average household faces a 54% increase and will be paying almost £2,000 a year to heat and light their home.

The number of people having to rely on food banks for emergency supplies has rocketed. The number of food banks in the UK's biggest network (the Trussell Trust) has increased from 57 in 2010 to over 1,300 now, as well as an additional 1,000 independent food banks across the country.

We call on Government:

- 1) To develop a coherent strategy of how to tackle the cost of living crisis nationally.
- 2) To restore the £20 Universal credit payment, cut VAT on household energy bills and use a windfall tax on oil and gas companies' increased profits to help reduce energy bills.
- 3) To make Bradford District a levelling up area with significant access to funding for regeneration.

12.8

Supporting Children and Families to thrive post pandemic

To be moved by: Councillor Sue Duffy

Seconded by: Councillor Susan Hinchcliffe

As a nation we started 2020 with high Child Poverty rates. Then came the pandemic, hitting our young people particularly hard. Missing out on education and experiencing acute social isolation. Since then we've seen an increase in children's mental health issues, an increase in obesity levels and an increasing number of families experiencing domestic violence.

As an immediate response this council is already investing to develop and deliver services which support our young people going through difficult times:

- Our new Living Well school workers are making sure that children are able to be active and healthy.
- We are providing emotional support through the use of 'Safer Spaces'.
- We are working with the voluntary sector and other partners to deliver the Holiday Activities and Food programme.

- We are investing in Future Boost, our local offer to support our young people into good work and training.
- We have invested some of our Covid grant into additional Domestic Violence services.

There is still much much more to do.

We resolve to:

- Work with our young people to develop a Children and Young People's Plan Post Pandemic.
- Ask our Looked After Children how the pandemic has affected them and how we can support them towards getting back to normality.
- Draw on our experienced young Covid ambassadors to lead on our work on Children's rights throughout the district.
- Ask for a Scrutiny Review of Child Poverty.

We call on government and our district's MPs to work with us to:

- Join us in investing in the future of our children and young people.
- Invest long-term in local authorities so we can deliver and commission universal services that our young people can rely on year in year out.
- Invest in our young people by delivering on the Government's pledge to Level Up Bradford and the North of England.

13. PAY POLICY STATEMENT FOR 2022/23

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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 contains the Pay Policy Statement, which must be approved by full Council before publication.

Recommended – That the Pay Policy Statement for the financial year 2022/23 as set out at Appendix 1 to this report, be approved.

(Tim Barker – 01274 432031)