

## Agenda for a meeting of the Executive to be held on Tuesday, 7 June 2022 at 10.30 am in Council Chamber- City Hall, Bradford

### Members of the Executive – Councillors

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### To:

## **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 1 March and 5 April 2022 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. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIR**

The Chief Executive will report on the allocation, by the Leader of the Council, of the appointment of Deputy Chair for the Municipal Year 2022/2023.

(Kersten England – 01274 434353)

**5. ALLOCATION OF PORTFOLIOS OF EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS** 1 - 4

(Executive Procedure Rules – Part 3D of the Constitution)

The Chief Executive will report on the allocation, by the Leader of the Council, of Portfolios of Executive functions to members of the Executive.

(Kersten England – 01274 434353)

**6. 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)

**C. PORTFOLIO ITEMS**

**CHILDREN AND FAMILIES PORTFOLIO**

*(Councillor Duffy)*

**7. FOSTERING FEES FOR BRADFORD FOSTER CARERS** 5 - 36

The report of the Strategic Director of Children’s Services (**Document “A”**) outlines proposals regarding fostering fees paid to foster carers.

The report details proposals for changes to the schedule of allowances for foster carers approved by City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council. These revisions will ensure equality and fairness across all approved foster carers, competitive rates of remuneration for recruitment and retention of carers and a clear process for progression through the skill levels. We have ensured that no existing foster carer will experience financial loss as a result of these proposals. A draft Policy is annexed to this Report.

**Recommended -**

**That the Executive is invited to:**

- (1) Note this Report and to approve the implementation of the scheme, set out in the annexed Foster Carer Payments Policy, with immediate effect; and**
- (2) Authorise the Strategic Director of Children’s Services to receive and, in consultation with the Foster Carer Association, consider feedback on the Policy quarterly during the first 12 months of its operation, and to decide in the light thereof, together with any other considerations including equality impact assessment, whether to continue operation of the Policy in its current form or refer it back to the Executive for further consideration and modification.**

(John Heron – 01274 43

## **8. DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR CHILDREN'S HOMES**

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The report of the Strategic Director of Children’s Services (**Document “B”**) details proposals for the future development of the children’s homes maintained by the City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council. It is essential that the Council as a corporate parent is able to provide high quality care for children requiring residential provision within premises which are homely and fit for purpose. The range of needs that can be met within the homes also needs to be tailored to meet our strategic needs in line with the recently completed sufficiency strategy for placements.

**Recommended -**

- (1) That the children’s home at Valley View that has previously provided care for disabled children should be confirmed for closure on the basis that it has been effectively inoperative for nearly twelve months and does not provide a physical environment that is consistent with the care of children.**
- (2) That alongside the decision to close Valley View it is also**

**recommended that the former BEST service does not resume on the basis that the health funding that underpinned it has been directed into other alternative projects.**

- (3) That the previous decision to allocate capital funding for a new build project at Fell Lane is rescinded on the grounds that the scale and nature of the proposed project is no longer consistent with the services strategic needs.**
- (4) That in principle agreement is given for a potential new build project aimed at increasing short term break capacity for disabled children and in particular those with complex needs associated with neuro-diversity developmental issues.**
- (5) That in principle, agreement is given for the development of six additional small group homes via either purchase or rental to include the disposal of the site at Meadowlea, to be replaced with two linked small group homes with a revised focus.**
- (6) That in principle agreement is given to the development of linked staying close flats via either purchase or rental for the supported transition of young people from the homes into the community**

(Philip Segurola – 01274 431867)

## **9. OFSTED MONITORING VISIT**

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The Strategic Director Children's Services will present a report (**Document "C"**) following Ofsted's Inspection of Children's Social Care Services from the 17 to 28 September 2018, the seventh of a series of Monitoring Visits took place on the 2 and 3 February 2022.

The focus of the Monitoring Visit was around the protection of vulnerable adolescents (contextual safeguarding).

The findings were published by Ofsted on 9 March 2022.

**Recommended -**

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

(David Johnson – 01274 432904)

## 10. ESTABLISHING THE CHILDREN'S TRUST

The report of the Chief Executive (**Document “D” To Follow**) outlines the background to the establishment of the Children’s Trust, the progress to date and critical next steps. The report also makes a number of recommendations to the Executive.

*NOTE: due to the complex and evolving nature of the information informing this item, the report is still under finalisation and will therefore be delayed in distribution, but will be provided as soon as it is finalised.*

(Chris Chapman – 01274 433656)

<b>HEALTHY PEOPLE AND PLACES PORTFOLIO</b>
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<i>(Councillor Ferriby)</i>
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## 11. HOW DO WE MAXIMISE THE LEGACY OF UK CITY OF CULTURE BID?

The bid for UK City of Culture has galvanised the city, generated unprecedented positive media coverage with an editorial value of £1,497,820 of positive media coverage and has already laid several strong foundations for the development of culture and the creative industries. In 2019 a strategic investment of £1,435,000 was committed, this investment has generated a return of £5,231,928. The report of the Strategic Director of Place (**Document “E” TO FOLLOW**) looks at how the district can maximise momentum, address gaps in place and investment marketing and continue the commitment to culture & creative industries as driver to support our ambitions for clean growth, making the Bradford district a stronger palace to invest, promote and live. The report also requires a decision on the strategic development of a Place Marketing and Investment Partnership for Bradford. (See Appendix 1)

It looks at how can we optimise the momentum and legacy of bidding to the greatest advantage for Bradford district.

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(Nicola Greenan – 01274 431301)

**REGENERATION, PLANNING & TRANSPORT  
PORTFOLIO**

*(Councillor Ross-Shaw)*

**12. COUNCIL OWNED LAND AT NORTH STREET/CAVENDISH STREET, KEIGHLEY**

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The Strategic Director of Corporate Resources will present a report (**Document “F”**) in respect of recommendations relating to the Petition received by the Council in support of the proposed development of the Health and Wellbeing hub on the former Keighley College sites on North Street and Cavendish Street, Keighley.

**Recommended -**

**To accept the Petition and progress with the proposal for the development of the Community Health & Wellbeing Centre as detailed in Document “F”.**

(Alistair Russell – 07973 885399)

**13. EXCEPTION TO THE FORWARD PLAN**

**NOTE**

*The following item is included on this agenda as an exception to the Forward Plan in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 10 (General Exception to the Forward Plan) of Part 3D of the Constitution.*

*Accordingly, the proper officer has notified in writing the Chair of the Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee of the matter on which the decision is to be made.*

**14. BRADFORD ENTERPRISE ZONES BUSINESS RATES RELIEF SCHEME**

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In 2017 Bradford was successful in obtaining Enterprise Zone status for three sites in the District. Enterprise Zone status allows businesses locating or expanding within the designated zones to apply for relief from Business Rates for a set period.

The Strategic Director of Place will present **Document “G”** which seeks approval for the implementation of a business rates relief scheme which awards relief to eligible companies.

**Recommended -**

- (1) That Executive approve adoption of the Bradford Enterprise Zone Business Rate Relief scheme.**
- (2) That Delegated authority be given to Strategic Director – Corporate Resources to recommend approvals of rate relief under the scheme.**
- (3) That the Strategic Director of Place be given delegated authority to undertake discussions with the West Yorkshire Combined Authority on the treatment and payment of Enterprise Zones business rates in consultation with the Director of Finance & IT, Strategic Director of Corporate Resources and the Leader of the Council, the terms of any agreement will be referred to the Executive for approval.**

(Regeneration & Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee)

(Dave Partridge – 01274 432161)