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Dear Councillor,

MEETING OF COUNCIL – TUESDAY, 11 OCTOBER 2022

You are requested to attend the meeting of the Council to be held in the Council Chamber - City Hall, Bradford, on Tuesday, 11 October 2022 at 4.00 pm.

The agenda for the meeting is set out overleaf.

Yours sincerely,



Asif Ibrahim
Director of Legal and Governance

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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 must consider their interests, and act according to the following:*

Type of Interest	You must:
<i>Disclosable Pecuniary Interests</i>	<i>Disclose the interest; not participate in the discussion or vote; and leave the meeting <u>unless</u> you have a dispensation.</i>

Other Registrable Interests (Directly Related)

OR

Non-Registrable Interests (Directly Related)

Disclose the interest; speak on the item only if the public are also allowed to speak but otherwise not participate in the discussion or vote; and leave the meeting unless you have a dispensation.

Other Registrable Interests (Affects)

OR

Non-Registrable Interests (Affects)

Disclose the interest; remain in the meeting, participate and vote unless the matter affects the financial interest or well-being

*(a) to a greater extent than it affects the financial interests of a majority of inhabitants of the affected ward, and
(b) a reasonable member of the public knowing all the facts would believe that it would affect your view of the wider public interest;
in which case speak on the item only if the public are also allowed to speak but otherwise not do not participate in the discussion or vote; and leave the meeting unless you have a dispensation.*

(2) Disclosable pecuniary interests relate to the Member concerned or their spouse/partner.

(3) 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.

(4) Officers must disclose interests in accordance with Council Standing Order 44.

2. MINUTES

Recommended – That the minutes of the meeting held on 12 July 2022 be signed as a correct record (previously circulated).

(Guy Close – 07811 503906)

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence.

(Guy Close – 07811 503906)

**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.

(Farzana Mughal – 07811 504164)

7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (Standing Order 13)

There are no public questions.

(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).

That the following members and representatives be appointed:

- a) Councillor Matthew Bibby (Conservative Group) to replace Councillor Joanne Dodds (Labour Group) on the Bradford South Area Committee for the remainder of the 2022/23 municipal year with effect from 18 November 2022.
- b) Councillor Joanne Dodds (Labour Group) to replace Councillor Abdul Jabar (Labour Group) as an alternate on Bradford South Area Committee.
- c) Councillor Ralph Berry (Labour Group) to be removed as an alternate on Bradford South Area Committee.
- d) Councillor Whitaker (Green Group) to replace Councillor Hawkesworth (Ilkley Independent) on the Keighley Area Committee for the remainder of the 2022/23 municipal year with effect from 18 November 2022.
- e) Councillor Anna Watson (Green Group) to replace Councillor Wheatley (Labour Group) on the Shipley Area Committee for the remainder of the 2022/23 municipal year with effect from 18 November 2022.
- f) Councillor Caroline Firth (Labour Group) to replace Councillor Malcolm Slater (Labour Group) on Keighley Area Committee.
- g) Councillor Malcolm Slater (Labour Group) to replace Councillor Caroline Firth (Labour Group) as an alternate on Keighley Area Committee.
- h) That Shifa Simab be appointed as voting co-opted parent governor representative on Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the remainder of the 2022/23 municipal year.

**9. REPORT BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL
(Standing Order 11A)**

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 supplementary questions arising from the attached 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

Will the Leader join me in congratulating the volunteers at Undercliffe Cemetery upon receiving the Queen's Award for voluntary service earlier this summer? Day in, day out, this dedicated team give up their free time to care for this very special place, ensuring it is preserved and enhanced for future generations.

2. Councillor Debbie Davies

Although the original Manchester Road park and ride proposal made little sense to me and many others in its entirety, a crucial part of any "park and ride" scheme is the parking bit, so to now proceed with half a scheme (just the "ride" bit), especially when it is budgeted at £15.3m compared to the £20m budgeted for the whole scheme which included a 750 space car park and public transport terminal building, seems even less likely to be successful, so could the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning and Transport confirm how many additional bus journeys the latest proposals are expected to generate?

3. Councillor Jeanette Sunderland

What steps does the Council take to ensure the safety of people, in particular children and their families, who are housed with registered providers that fail to meet regulatory standards?

4. Councillor Matt Edwards

Now that the Clean Air Zone has 'gone live', will the Leader of Council share the current proposals for managing the revenue that will be generated and what mechanisms will be in place for councillors from all parties to contribute to how this revenue is spent?

5. Councillor Marcus Dearden

Councillors and officers have driven the ambition and planning behind Bingley's bid for the levelling up fund and it's now down to the government to help make it happen. Can the portfolio holder set out the significant benefits to be gained through Bingley's bid into the levelling up fund and advise what are the next steps in terms of government assessing the bids?

6. Councillor Sabiya Khan

Does the Leader share my significant concern that the Government's recent budget announcements have made the national cost of living crisis even worse and left even more people worrying about paying their bills?

7. Councillor Geoff Winnard

Would the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning and Transport please clarify, Bradford Council's plans for future redevelopment of the old Bingley Town Hall, as this building will soon be unoccupied and there are local concerns that the building if not properly maintained will be left to become derelict?

8. Councillor Taj Salam

Will the portfolio holder give an update on the improvements the council is making to parks and green spaces in the district?

9. Councillor Nazam Azam

Can the portfolio holder confirm when works are scheduled to begin and complete on pedestrianising and improving parts of the city centre as part of the Transforming Cities projects?

10. Councillor Debbie Davies

Will the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning and Transport please assure members that as well as monitoring pollution levels on roads which will be used by non-compliant vans and lorries avoiding the Clean Air Zone, the council will be accurately monitoring accidents on these routes, as these roads are often far less suitable for heavy traffic?

11. Councillor Jeanette Sunderland

How many storm water attenuation tanks are there in the District and what arrangements does the Council make to ensure they are being correctly operated and maintained?

12. Councillor Celia Hickson

Given the recent announcement about the Council's plans to demolish and redevelop the Kirkgate site, what measures are being put in place to ensure that the redevelopment is carbon neutral and provides the best quality housing, leisure and business space for Bradford residents and businesses?

13. Councillor Mohsin Hussain

It's great news we are able to provide more grants for new and small businesses in Keighley. Can the portfolio holder give more information on which businesses might qualify and how they can apply?

14. Councillor Tariq Hussain

Can the portfolio holder give a summary of our plans to keep our services running through the winter months and advise how much of the district's road network will be gritted?

15. Councillor Debbie Davies

Would the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning and Transport confirm what thought was given to the livelihoods of the owners and employees of the 46 existing shops located in the Kirkgate Centre, when the decision was taken to buy it for £15.5m in order to demolish it?

16. Councillor Mohammed Shafiq

Can the portfolio holder advise what work we are doing with schools to support better school attendance?

17. Councillor Paul Godwin

As the government pushes for more fracking to be undertaken across the country, will the Leader advise if our district could be affected?

18. Councillor Debbie Davies

Would the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning and Transport confirm how the demolition of the NCP site and also the Kirkgate Centre, which combined will result in a loss of over 1000 car parking spaces in the city centre, will attract inward investment opportunities and also visitor footfall for shopping and leisure purposes, particularly after the opening of the new Bradford Live venue with a capacity of over 4000 people?

19. Councillor Mohsin Hussain

How optimistic are we that government will approve our Levelling Up fund bid for Keighley?

20. Councillor Andy Walsh

The Levelling Up bid to regenerate Odsal is really exciting. Can the portfolio holder advise how advanced talks are with the Bradford Bulls and the Rugby Football League to make it a reality and what are the key benefits of the scheme.

21. Councillor Bob Felstead

Due to the removal of a radio beacon at RAF Gamston, Leeds Bradford Airport announced Airspace Change Proposals (ACP), seeking to look at the airspace up to 7,000 feet, including arrival and departure routes. Given that over 75% of the airport's air traffic over flies the Bradford District and Council have made a commitment to address climate change and to protect the health and wellbeing of district residents from poor air quality, would the Portfolio Holder confirm why the Council, in its role as a statutory consultee, has failed to engage in the ACP for the benefit of district residents?

22. Councillor Paul Godwin

I know the Leader has previously written to government to make the case for much-needed rebuilds of our district's hospitals, including Airedale which is in desperate need of urgent repairs to its roof as a bare minimum. When can we expect action from government?

23. Councillor Sarfraz Nazir

Will the Leader join me in congratulating Bangladeshi Youth Organisation on celebrating its 40th anniversary as a trailblazer in supporting members of the Manningham community and the wider Bradford district?

24. Councillor Bob Felstead

As much of Bradford's inner-city brownfield fails financial viability assessments for housing development, could the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning and Transport please provide members with assurance that the proposed 1,000-home city village, incorporating the site of the Kirkgate Shopping Centre does not fail the same assessments and will contribute greatly to the inner city regeneration which is the key to the growing of our economy, which all members wish to see?

25. Councillor Jeanette Sunderland

What are the ambulance response times for the District for each category of call, are these response times being impacted by ambulance wait times and how many calls to the service fail to connect?

26. Councillor Kevin Warnes

Will the Leader of Council please update us on the impact of the huge increase in energy costs and inflationary pressures on the Council's finances, and what the Executive is doing to address these challenges, bearing in mind that the Executive recently considered a report on our Medium Term Financial Strategy on 6 September which showed that we were already facing a £77m shortfall in our budget at that point for the 2023-2024 financial year?

27. Councillor Sabiya Khan

Can the Leader give detail of where the warm spaces will be to support people through the winter cost of living crisis in the district?

28. Councillor Andy Walsh

I'm delighted that Wyke Sports Village is now open as it will benefit people in my ward and beyond for many years to come. Can the portfolio holder give a breakdown of some of the clubs and types of sports and activities that will be able to take advantage of the great new facilities?

29. Councillor Mike Pollard

Could the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning and Transport please explain the process for the naming of streets in new housing developments, clarifying who is entitled to put forward alternative suggestions and whether any individual or group of members and /or officers approve those suggestions prior to the consultation with Ward Councillors?

30. Councillor Hassan Khan

I know the council has done extensive work, including through scrutiny and with partner organisations in recent years to crack down on antisocial behaviour with fireworks. Can the portfolio holder advise how the district is preparing for this year's Bonfire Night period?

31. Councillor Fozia Shaheen

How has the council and district been marking World Mental Health Day this year?

32. Councillor Sally Birch

Would the Leader of the Council please confirm for members, which front line / customer facing teams of council officers are required to undertake safeguarding and CSE training and clarify the criteria used to decide which staff require this training?

33. Councillor Marcus Dearden

In the context of rising inflation and resource constraints, I understand all capital schemes are being re-evaluated including the Bradford-Shipley Road Improvement Scheme. Can you reassure us that if the re-evaluation results in changes, they will be subject to further engagement and consultation?

34. Councillor Debbie Davies

As part of the Transforming Cities Fund the council is spending £38m on pedestrianizing one area in the city centre, whilst de-pedestrianising Well Street for use by buses, in order to "kick-start the regeneration of Little Germany and help fill the units at the back of Broadway", would the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning and Transport Portfolio clarify what evidence gives him confidence that this will happen?

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

There are no recommendations to consider.

(Guy Close – 07811 503906)

12. NOTICES OF MOTION (Standing Order 17)

To consider notices of motion set out below:

12.1

Climate impacts of the Combined Authority's investment plans

To be moved by Councillor Kevin Warnes

To be seconded by Councillor Anna Watson

Council notes that:

- a) all five West Yorkshire district councils - led by Bradford - declared a 'climate emergency' in early 2019;
- b) the West Yorkshire Combined Authority matched those declarations in June 2019;
- c) the Combined Authority issued its 'Carbon Emissions Reduction Pathways' study in July 2020;
- d) the Mayor of West Yorkshire, Tracy Brabin, was elected in May 2021 with a pledge to "tackle the climate emergency and protect our environment".

Council further notes, with concern, that:

- e) the West Yorkshire Combined Authority Carbon Impact Assessment Summary Findings Report (Mott Macdonald and Ricardo, January 2022) found that the Combined Authority does not yet have an overarching strategy that sets out the pathways that we need to follow in order to decarbonise our region by 2038;
- f) the above report stated that "many of the projects in the Combined Authority's investment pipeline do not seem to be sufficiently aligned with decarbonisation goals";
- g) the above report noted that "there was no formal process to track whether projects proposed for investment included an objective to addressing net zero, or to assess how likely any proposal will be supportive of West Yorkshire's decarbonisation goals";
- h) the above report warned that the change in carbon emissions resulting from the Combined Authority's 41 proposed investments was "small" and represented "only 0.04% between the 'do minimum' situation and the 'do something' proposed".

Council therefore requests:

- 1) that the Leader of Council - in her capacity as both as a member of the Combined Authority and as Chair of the Combined Authority's Transport Committee - and our Chief Executive work closely with the West Yorkshire Mayor and senior Combined Authority officers to urgently and fundamentally review the Combined Authority's investment programme in order to ensure that its projects align with the Combined Authority's stated aim of achieving a net zero carbon regional economy by 2038;

- 2) that the Chief Executive updates Council on progress relating to both of the above before the end of the 2022-2023 municipal year.

12.2

Bradford District pays its respects to Queen Elizabeth II and welcomes King Charles III

To be moved by Councillor Susan Hinchcliffe
To be seconded by Councillor Rebecca Poulsen

With heavy hearts, communities across the Bradford District have paid their respects and offered their thanks for a life of public service to Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Her late Majesty the Queen touched the lives of many millions of people throughout her 70-year reign. She first visited Bradford in October 1954, just 16 months after her Coronation, and continued to be loved and cherished by our communities across the district throughout the whole of her reign.

Queen Elizabeth II was highly regarded throughout the world, gaining respect for her measured, dignified and strong leadership through good times and bad.

The Bradford district welcomes King Charles III and wishes him well as he builds on his mother's legacy and begins a new era. We look forward to welcoming him to Bradford at the earliest opportunity.

12.3

Supporting the Bradford district through the winter months

To be moved by Councillor Susan Hinchcliffe
To be seconded by Councillor Abdul Jabar

Council notes:

The decisions taken by Government in its recent mini-Budget have been a surprise to local residents and businesses. We are all therefore naturally pre-occupied with the wellbeing of our district's residents in the upcoming difficult months ahead.

We need the Chancellor to keep the residents of Bradford district in mind when he makes his statement on 23rd November setting out public service spending commitments, given the ongoing need for greater support due to the impact of rising prices on household, business and council budgets.

The latest Centre for Cities report in August has demonstrated that many of the hardest-hit places, due to the cost of living crisis, are in the North. The poorest households tend to spend a higher percentage of their income on essentials like energy and food, which makes them more

vulnerable to soaring prices. We ask the new Prime Minister to level up the North and support the most vulnerable families now.

We thank the West Yorkshire Mayor for playing her part and bringing in Mayor's Fares - £2 for a single journey and £4.50 for a capped daily fare.

We thank officers for getting the recent one-off energy council tax payments out to households promptly and before government deadlines.

Council resolves to:

- Implement a cost of living action plan to ensure the rapid deployment of resources and support for residents across the district by the council and partners through the winter months. The action plan will include advice and support with energy bills, welfare, debt, health, warm spaces, access to affordable food and more.
- Distribute a cost of living survival guide for residents containing help, information and signposting of support available in the district, backed up by a communications plan to ensure the help and support is publicised widely and accessible to all.
- As councillors through our surgeries and other events, provide help and information on cost of living for all residents who need it, particularly the most vulnerable, and link up with community groups, VCS and partners in our wards.
- Ensure our ward-based neighbourhood teams are ready for winter, working with Community Partnership Networks to identify vulnerable people and connect them with support services.
- Drive forward our vital regeneration schemes, relentlessly pursue investment and support the delivery of a successful City of Culture 2025 to create jobs and opportunities for residents.
- Ask government for a commitment that it will not order councils to make further cuts when residents most need our services in the months and years ahead. And lobby for further government support for residents, such as funding for Local Welfare Provision.

12.4

Standing up for responsible tax conduct

To be moved by Councillor Susan Hinchcliffe

To be seconded by Councillor Joe Wheatley

Full Council notes that:

1. The pressure on organisations to pay their fair share of tax has never been stronger.
2. Polling from the Institute for Business Ethics finds that “corporate tax avoidance” has, since 2013, been the clear number one concern of the British public when it comes to business conduct.
3. Two thirds of people (66%) believe the Government and local councils should at least consider a company's ethics and how they pay their tax,

as well as value for money and quality of service provided, when awarding contracts to companies.

4. Around 17.5% of public contracts in the UK have been won by companies with links to tax havens.

5. It has been conservatively estimated that losses from multinational profit-shifting (just one form of tax avoidance) could be costing the UK some £17bn per annum in lost corporation tax revenues and therefore funding for public services.

6. The Fair Tax Mark offers a means for business to demonstrate good tax conduct, and has been secured by a wide range of businesses across the UK, including FTSE-listed PLCs, co-operatives, social enterprises and large private businesses.

Full Council believes that:

1. Paying tax is often presented as a burden, but it shouldn't be.

2. Tax enables us to provide services from education, health and social care, to flood defence, roads, policing and defence. It also helps to counter financial inequalities and rebalance distorted economies.

3. As recipients of significant public funding, local authorities should take the lead in the promotion of exemplary tax conduct; be that by ensuring contractors are paying their proper share of tax, or by refusing to go along with offshore tax dodging when buying land and property.

4. Where councils hold substantive stakes in private enterprises, influence should be wielded to ensure that such businesses are exemplars of tax transparency and tax avoidance is shunned.

5. More action is needed, however, as current and proposed new UK procurement law significantly restricts councils' ability to either penalise poor tax conduct (as exclusion grounds are rarely triggered) or reward good tax conduct, when buying goods or services.

6. UK cities, counties and towns can and should stand up for responsible tax conduct - doing what they can within existing frameworks and pledging to do more given the opportunity, as active supporters of international tax justice.

Full Council resolves to:

1. Approve the Councils for Fair Tax Declaration.

2. Lead by example and demonstrate good practice in our tax conduct, right across our activities.

3. Ensure IR35 is implemented robustly and contract workers pay a fair share of employment taxes, notwithstanding national government is indicating they are rowing back on our powers in this regard.

4. Not use offshore vehicles for the purchase of land and property, especially where this leads to reduced payments of stamp duty.

5. Undertake due diligence to ensure that not-for-profit structures are not being used inappropriately by suppliers as an artificial device to reduce the payment of tax and business rates.

6. Demand clarity on the ultimate beneficial ownership of suppliers UK and overseas and their consolidated profit & loss position, given lack of clarity could be strong indicators of poor financial probity and weak financial standing.

7. Promote Fair Tax Mark certification especially for any business in which we have a significant stake and where corporation tax is due.
8. Support Fair Tax Week events in the area, and celebrate the tax contribution made by responsible businesses who are proud to promote responsible tax conduct and pay their fair share of corporation tax.
9. Support calls for urgent reform of UK procurement law to enable local authorities to better penalise poor tax conduct and reward good tax conduct through their procurement policies.

12.5

Ilkley riverside

To be moved by Councillor Andrew Loy
To be seconded by Councillor Kyle Green

The Council notes:

- Ilkley's riverside is an attractive location and a desirable destination for visitors from across the district and further afield. Consequently, Ilkley's riverside is an important asset for the entire district.
- Visitors and the attitude and actions of some of them can cause acute problems, including littering and anti-social behaviour.
- There is a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) and a Hot Weather Plan in place, which in theory are sensible measures which should address these problems.
- In practice, the PSPO and Hot Weather Plan are not adequately enforced and suffer from a lack of resources.

Council resolves to:

- Commend the efforts of volunteers in helping to address the problems at Ilkley's riverside. Recognise that, as one of the district's most important assets, Ilkley's riverside requires sufficient attention and resources to ensure it retains its reputation as an attractive visitor destination.
- Commit sufficient resources to provide additional PSPO wardens and litter picking. Working with the police, take a more proactive approach to enforcing the PSPO and Hot Weather Plan.

12.6

Local Authority Mental Health Challenge

To be moved by Councillor Mohammed Nazam
To be seconded by Councillor Julie Glentworth

Council notes:

One in four people in the U.K. experience a mental health problem in any given year, with depression an increasingly common condition worldwide

and mental health the leading cause for work absence in the UK accounting for over 50% of all work health-related absences. Evidence also shows that people with severe mental illness die up to 20 years younger than their peers in the UK.

Bradford District has 72.8 per 100,000 more hospital admissions as a result of self-harm than the average for England. Furthermore, Bradford District has a higher prevalence of children with conduct disorders compared to England. This is also true for children that have an emotional disorder.

As a local authority we have a crucial role to play in improving the mental health of everyone in our local community, and to help tackle some of the widest and most entrenched inequalities in health.

Overall 12% of children aged 5 to 17 within Bradford District are estimated to have a mental health disorder; this is higher than the average for England overall which is 9.2%.

Mental health should be a priority across all the local authority areas of responsibility. All Councillors from all sides of this chamber, can play a positive role in championing mental health on an individual and strategic basis. It's vitally important that we play our part.

Council resolves to:

Sign the Local Authority Mental Health Challenge and commit to appointing an elected member as "Mental Health Champion" to;

- advocate for mental health issues in council meetings and policy development and reach out to the local community to raise awareness of mental health issues and challenge stigma;
- listen to people with personal experience of mental health and get their perspective on local needs and priorities;
- scrutinise areas that have an impact on people's mental health such as Housing needs, bereavement, family break up, etc.;
- foster local partnerships between agencies to support people with mental health problems more effectively;
- identify at least one priority each year for focused work; and
- respond to occasional requests from the challenge coordinator for updates on activities undertaken in the role of member champion.

Identify a current member of staff within the council to act as a lead officer for mental health to:

- advise the member Champion on current issues and priorities, supporting implementation of strategies initiated by the member champion.
- raise awareness within the council's staff about mental health issues.
- seek external support for activities led by the council to promote mental health and wellbeing.

- provide information to the member champion to support their work
Liaising with mental health challenge national partners to secure information and advice.

Work with local partners to consistently look for innovative ways to support positive mental health in our community, including in local schools, neighbourhoods and in all other areas of our community.

12.7

Extending free access to Council swimming facilities for all children

To be moved by Council Brendan Stubbs
To be seconded by Councillor Susan Knox

This Council notes:

With the cost-of-living crisis, many families are having to cut back on discretionary spending to ensure they can meet their increasing bills and food costs. Many children risk missing out on swimming and other leisure activities.

Low levels of physical activity can have a negative impact on people's health and wellbeing. Offering free use municipal swimming pools or gyms is one way that Bradford Council can support more people to be active.

This Council resolves to:

Seek to identify sufficient resources to extend the free access to swimming facilities to all children in the district under the age of 16.

13. FOOD SAFETY IN THE BRADFORD DISTRICT

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To receive and consider a report from the Director of Health and Wellbeing, which as required by the Food Standards Agency presents the Food Safety Service Plan for approval by Council.

(Angela Brindle – 01274 433985)