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Dear Councillor,

MEETING OF COUNCIL – TUESDAY, 13 DECEMBER 2022

You are requested to attend the meeting of the Council to be held in the Council Chamber - City Hall, Bradford, on Tuesday, 13 December 2022 at 4.00 pm.

The agenda for the meeting is set out overleaf.

Yours sincerely,



Asif Ibrahim
Director of Legal and Governance

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 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>
<i>Other Registrable Interests (Directly Related)</i>	<i>Disclose the interest; speak on the item <u>only</u> if the public are also allowed to speak but otherwise not participate in</i>

OR
Non-Registrable
Interests (Directly
Related)

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 11 October 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)

6. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

To consider whether to exclude the press and public during the consideration of appendix 2 to agenda item 15, 'Pay Policy Statement Update for 2022/23' on the following grounds:

Recommended – That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of appendix 2 to agenda item 15 'Pay Policy Statement Update for 2022/23' on the grounds that it contains exempt information within paragraph 3 (information relating to financial or business affairs) and also within paragraph 5 (information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings) of Schedule 12 A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and the public interest in applying this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

B. BUSINESS ITEMS

7. PETITIONS (Standing Order 11)

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

- i) Residents' parking at Thornbury Drive, Bradford – Bradford Moor Ward.

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

(Farzana Mughal – 07811 504164)

8. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (Standing Order 13)

There are no public questions.

(Fatima Butt – 07970 411746)

**9. 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 be appointed:

- a) That following a reduction in membership from four members to two members, Councillors Sue Duffy and Taj Salam be confirmed as the Council's representatives on the West Yorkshire Joint Services Committee.
- b) That Councillors Shakeela Lal and Rizwana Jamil be confirmed as alternates on the West Yorkshire Joint Services Committee.

**10. 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.

11. 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 Caroline Firth

Now the police have confirmed the disappointing news that Keighley police station will not be moving into the centre of the town, what does this mean for the future of the site and will it relate to the much-needed Health and Wellbeing Centre in any way?

2. Councillor Mike Pollard

In light of the identification of Diphtheria, which is highly contagious and can be fatal, in former residents of the Manston Migrant Processing Centre, would the Portfolio Holder for Healthy People and Places be so kind as to confirm what proactive measures the council has in place regarding collaboration with Together Housing, the local NHS and CCGs etc to expeditiously identify serious infections such as HIV, antibiotic resistant TB and diphtheria etc in migrants, who have or are allocated accommodation within the Bradford District?

3. Councillor Jeanette Sunderland

Following the observations reported in the Telegraph and Argus that more children are switching to packed lunches of "leftover burgers or cold food" and the Chair of the Food Standards Agency being worried that the cost-of-living crisis is in danger of "turning into a public health crisis" will the Leader of Council go further than just inspect the quality of food on offer to those children able to access a hot meal at school and make sure that all children of primary school age have a free school meal at lunch-time?

4. Councillor Matt Edwards

Following the coroner's verdict that the tragic death of Awaab Ishak eight days after his second birthday in Rochdale from chronic exposure to mould in his home, what is Bradford Council doing to ensure that a similar avoidable death does not happen in social or private housing in our district?

5. Councillor Sabiya Khan

I was very moved to witness Kevin Sinfield's heroic MND charity fundraising efforts as he passed through Bradford City's ground last month, it was a really poignant occasion. Will the Leader join me in thanking Bradford City football club for supporting this important cause?

6. Councillor Caroline Firth

The new Christmas lights in Keighley town centre look great this year. How much has Bradford Council invested on renewing the

Christmas lights in Keighley?

7. Councillor Geoff Winnard

Will the Leader of Council commit to engaging directly with all the Town and Parish Councils in our district regarding the City of Culture 2025, to ensure that we use their local knowledge of our heritage and cultural assets and networks to help develop a wide range of cultural events and a long lasting cultural legacy across the whole district?

8. Councillor Arshad Hussain

Will the Leader join me in saying well done to the men's England cricket team after their success at the T20 World Cup – in particular Adil Rashid and Harry Brook for doing our district proud.

9. Councillor Bev Mullaney

As the country experiences a terrible cost of living crisis and many families struggle with the cost of food, can the Leader confirm if we support the campaign to extend free school meals for all children?

10. Councillor Zafar Ali

In light of the fact that numerous highways and footpaths in and around Keighley are regularly full of tree leaves, often causing gullies to be blocked and placing pedestrians at risk of falling or colliding with vehicles whilst avoiding paths strewn with leaves, would the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning and Transport confirm that an additional sweeper be allocated to the Keighley area?

11. Councillor Susan Knox

Will the portfolio holder join me in welcoming the £1 million pound investment by the Arts Council in the Museum service in Bradford and the awarding of 'Portfolio status' Furthermore, can the Portfolio holder describe for residents in Eccleshill what this will mean for the Industrial Museum, particularly in terms of future investment and improvements that they can expect to see?

12. Councillor Kevin Warnes

Will the Leader of Council ensure that Bradford's Sustainable Development Partnership publishes full details of all its work streams, meetings, outcomes and actions, including agendas, minutes and decisions?

13. Councillor Nazam Azam

It's been great to see One City Park being built so quickly. How is the project proceeding and what interest have we had from potential end users of the building?

14. Councillor Aneela Ahmed

Darley Street Market is making great progress and will provide a fantastic opportunity for the many entrepreneurs across Bradford and beyond. What interest has there been from potential traders in taking up space in the new market?

15. Councillor Andrew Loy

Can the Leader of the Council confirm how government support to help Ukrainian refugees and the families hosting them under the Homes for Ukraine scheme is utilised and detail any additional support that the council offering?

16. Councillor Kausar Mukhtar

I understand the Saltaire Active Travel Neighbourhood (ATNs) has now been implemented with positive feedback from residents. What can the Portfolio Holder tell us about an ATN being planned for Tong and indeed elsewhere in the district?

17. Councillor Paul Godwin

The Council has announced Development Frameworks for areas across the district, including Keighley, Shipley and Holme Wood. What can the Portfolio Holder tell us about them and the consultation currently ongoing and what role can local councillors play in this process?

18. Councillor Falak Ahmed

Further to a 17-year-old girl being sexually assaulted on a bus from Leeds to Keighley whilst it was passing through Rodley and Greengates in Bradford and this not being the first incident of its kind and probably not the last, can the Leader of Council join me in firstly, condemning such actions against women and secondly confirm what measures Bradford Council have taken / will take to ensure the safety of women on public transport and the streets of Bradford?

19. Councillor Mohsin Hussain

Can the Portfolio Holder provide an update on the Towns Fund programmes in Keighley and Shipley, particularly around the new grant programmes that have launched such as the Capital Assistance Grant fund?

20. Councillor Mohsin Hussain

Bradford Council-run Cliffe Castle won yet another award recently – this time from Yorkshire In Bloom. What plans and investments are in the pipeline for Christmas and in 2023 for this fantastic resource for Keighley?

21. Councillor Debbie Davies

As, following on from the ride but no park announcement for the Manchester Road scheme, we now have another half a scheme which scraps the widening of Canal Road but leaves in active travel measures, can the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning and Transport confirm that cars will still be able to use the Keighley Road / Manningham Lane route as an alternative to reach the city centre as they do now and how much money is being saved by this change?

22. Councillor Malcolm Slater

It was a wonderful story to see Keighley woman Ada Thompson celebrate her 112th birthday recently as Britain's second oldest person. Will the Leader on behalf of the Council send our congratulations to Ada and her family on this fantastic milestone?

23. Councillor Nazam Azam

Does the Leader share my view that if the government really wants to level up the UK, then there must surely be no doubt at all about the need to include a new Bradford city centre station on Northern Powerhouse Rail?

24. Councillor Mike Pollard

It is understood that when Home Office allocates migrants to be accommodated in a Local Authority area, the booking falls into one of two categories: a) Designated Accommodation or b) Spot Bookings. As it is also understood that the cost of spot bookings falls to the relevant Council, would the Leader of Council please confirm whether or not we have been called upon to procure facilities under that category and if so the costs incurred by CBMDC to date?

25. Councillor Jeanette Sunderland

Given the recent announcement made by the Association of Directors of Children's Services that the Department for Education is drawing up plans for proposals for restricting agency staff use when can we expect Bradford to have a stable workforce of appropriately qualified and experienced social workers?

26. Councillor Celia Hickson

Following the news that the School Street Pilot at Newhall Park Primary School has been dropped, will the portfolio holder commit to ensuring that parking enforcement of restrictions on Broughton Avenue and surrounding roads is adequately undertaken?

27. Councillor Taj Salam

Successive Tory governments since 2010 leave a shameful legacy of cutting funding for vital local services whilst saying council tax

payers across the country can pay more to fill the gap. Will the Leader explain why she is concerned that this policy risks widening the gap between the most and least deprived parts of the country?

28. Councillor Joanne Dodds

Will the portfolio holder join me in celebrating our re-signing of the Armed Forces Covenant last month to reaffirm this council's strong support for our armed forces community?

29. Councillor Geoff Winnard

Can the Leader of the Council provide an update on the progress being made by our electoral services team to ensure that the new protections against voter fraud and the support for those with disabilities in the Election Act 2022 are in place for the 2023 District Council elections?

30. Councillor Sabiya Khan

Can I have an update on the impact of Skills House and our wider investment in skills and careers, which is so important at this time post-Covid and during extremely difficult times for the UK economy.

31. Councillor Caroline Firth

What is the current situation with Dalton Mills, which is one of the heritage gems of the Keighley East ward?

32. Councillor Paul Sullivan

In light of footage of accidents and near misses at the Zebra Crossing on Horton Grange Road going viral, could the Portfolio Holder Regeneration, Planning and Transport confirm how Vision Zero is going 6 months after adoption, in terms of reducing the number of deaths and serious injuries on our roads, particularly in relation to Safe Speeds, Safe Behaviours and Post Collision Learning and Support?

33. Councillor Fozia Shaheen

Friday 25th November marked the start of 16 Days of Action Against Gender-Based Violence. Will the portfolio holder outline what initiatives the council and partners have been supporting as part of the campaign?

34. Councillor Sally Birch

Would the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning and Transport agree to the urgent, immediate suspension of parking charges for the remainder of the run up to Christmas in Council car parks in towns and villages across the district, in order to support our local shops by encouraging residents to shop locally?

12. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEES (Standing Order 15) 1 - 34

To consider any recommendations arising from meetings of the Executive and Committees.

- a) At the meeting of Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 25 October 2022, consideration was given to a report of the Chair of Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee, which presented the draft Annual Overview and Scrutiny report 2021-22, for adoption by Council.

Resolved – That the Annual Overview and Scrutiny Report for 2021-22 be referred to Council for adoption.

Action – Overview and Scrutiny Lead

- b) At the meeting of Governance and Audit Committee held on 24 November 2022, consideration was given to a report of the Director of Finance and IT, which presented the Treasury Management Mid-Year Review up to 30 September 2022, for approval by Council.

Resolved – That the details in Section 2 of Document “S” be noted and the report be referred to the 13 December 2022 Council meeting for adoption.

Action – Director of Finance and IT and Director of Legal and Governance

(Guy Close – 07811 503906)

13. NOTICES OF MOTION (Standing Order 17)

To consider notices of motion set out below:

13.1

Anti-social use of Fireworks

To be moved by: Councillor Julie Glentworth

To be seconded by: Councillor Zafar Ali

Council notes that:

- A seventeen year old youth from the Bradford area died in Halifax on Bonfire night, during a large scale, possibly pre-planned outbreak of firework related anti-social behaviour.
- One local resident described the scene as, “like a horror movie, just horrible” and that teenagers were still throwing fireworks at residents when emergency services had arrived, with another

stating that she leaves her home whenever teenagers are in groups with possession of fireworks.

- There was chaos in Leeds on bonfire night as jobs turned a residential street into a battleground, pelting riot police who needed helmets, shields and teargas to make multiple arrests.
- “Bradford on Duty” included harrowing scenes of emergency staff taking cover in residential areas whilst pelted with fireworks, demonstrating the scourge that fireworks can bring.
- Residents report problems throughout the year from very loud fireworks, often causing distress to children and animals.
- It is only legal to sell Category 2 & 3 Fireworks, designed for domestic use (available only to adults over 18) for less than 40 specific days per year, other than via specifically regulated outlets and Category 4 fireworks can legally only be purchased and used by professionals.
- That whilst very good work is being undertaken to test purchase in shops, with roughly 10% of licensed retailers being caught in breach and there being strong engagement between enforcement teams and retailers to provide education regarding the rules, there is much anecdotal evidence and widespread public belief that it is the clandestine and even openly advertised sale of Category 4 fireworks which is often the primary cause of the year round problems, with many people across the county and beyond, firmly believing that their use is often connected with drug related crimes.
- When Robbie Moore MP (Keighley & Ilkley) requested an urgent debate in Government time, in order to discuss year round firework related anti-social behaviour, the response made clear that whilst this is a very serious problem across a number of regions, it is not yet recognised at a national level, as for many people the use of fireworks continues to be harmless fun and enjoyment. Many remain oblivious to the danger and nuisance caused to many thousands of families.

Council resolves:

- to reach out to local and regional partners in order to work collaboratively to ascertain whether there is widespread illicit sale of Category 4 fireworks within the Bradford District, the wider county and beyond.
- to require all public firework displays within the local authority boundaries to be advertised in advance of the event, allowing residents to take precautions for their vulnerable people and animals.
- to actively promote a public and retailer awareness campaign about the impact of fireworks on animal welfare and vulnerable people – including the precautions that can be taken to mitigate risks.
- to write to the Government urging them to introduce legislation to limit the maximum noise level of fireworks to 90dB for those sold to the public for private displays and to encourage local suppliers of

fireworks to stock 'quieter' fireworks for public displays and increase enforcement.

13.2

Community food cultivation

To be moved by: Councillor Paul Sullivan

To be seconded by: Councillor Mike Pollard

Council notes that:

- In light of food quality (including safety) and sourcing scandals in recent years, the public are keen to take more informed choices, regarding the quality, ethical production of and origins of their foods.
- Food price inflation is currently roughly 13% (at the time of typing).
- Food supply security is currently more precarious than in living memory.
- Due to a combination of geopolitical circumstances and uncontrolled world population growth, pressure on food prices is likely to be a medium to long term problem.
- The transportation and wholesale storage of food increases costs, particularly during spikes in energy prices, reduces its freshness and thus health value, whilst also sometimes needlessly increasing carbon emissions.
- The quantity of food produced overseas, but consumed by residents of the UK, sometimes contributes to the food poverty of those in the most deprived regions / nations of the world

This council resolves to:

- Embed into the Healthier People and Places agenda, the maximisation of food production by individuals and families and any community groups / local co-operatives, which can make any efficient / effective contribution towards local food self-sufficiency.
- Identify land and encourage the identification of land, appropriate for the purpose of food production (via input from Elected Ward Members / Community Groups, etc.), with each proposal requiring evidence of the support of the majority of local residents within the Parish / Town Council area and a license to operate on the land requiring public liability insurance, ground investigation surveys, tree impact assessment etc. as and where appropriate.
- Promote the initiative via the council's website and other appropriate means.

13.3

Housing Crisis

To be moved by: Councillor Matt Edwards

To be seconded by: Councillor Celia Hickson

Council notes:

- According to Shelter, over 1 million households are waiting for social homes. Last year, 29,000 social homes were sold or demolished, and less than 7,000 were built.
- More people than ever are struggling to afford a secure place to live. Yet, not enough social homes are being built. In the 2021-22 financial year, only 149 new units were provided within the Bradford District.
- There are approximately 31,500 socially rented housing units in Bradford - the vast majority of these are run by private housing associations like Incommunities, Yorkshire Housing and Clarion.
- Through Housing Options, housing is allocated to many people based on need:
 - Band 1 - Urgent Need - these include households who are owed homeless duty and those whose housing needs arise from other council service priorities / duties.
 - Band 2 – High Need - households in unsuitable housing requiring urgent re-housing
 - Band 3 – Medium Need - households in unsuitable housing but with less serious need than those in Band 2, and households with a band 1 or 2 need but with no local connection to the District.
- The average waiting time for these bands is significant - especially when considering their need. As of November there were:
 - 1191 households on the Band 1 waiting list with an average wait time of 256 days.
 - 2723 households on the Band 2 waiting list with an average wait time of 334 days.
 - 6013 households on the Band 3 waiting list with an average wait time of 223 days.
- The financial pressures on local authorities like Bradford, driven largely by twelve years of ideologically driven austerity policies, means that we are less able to tackle these problems on our own.

Council also notes that:

- Taking into account the 'Climate Crisis' and the 'Cost of Living

Crisis' there is a need to ensure that new social housing is built with the highest possible energy efficiency standards.

- A sizeable percentage of social housing tenants rely on public transport and as such social housing should be prioritised in areas where public transport connections are good.

Council therefore resolves to:

- Accept that the situation with the provision of affordable social housing is at crisis point and that urgent action is required.
- Explore options for Bradford Council to increase the construction of its own housing stock - despite the challenging budgetary situation - and commit to providing half yearly reports to Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee and annual area based reports to the five area committees.
- Set up a 'Social Housing Provision Board' made up of councillors, representatives from Bradford Council and the social housing providers operating within our district to prioritise the construction of social housing - reflecting the needs of our residents. This board would focus primarily on the redevelopment of brownfield sites.
- Ensure the Neighbourhood Teams are feeding into this by highlighting smaller sites that may be missed that are of consideration in the Local Plan and that would be suitable for affordable housing.
- Instruct the Local Plan team to report to the cross party working group that has been set up on what measures are being taken to ensure the new design code will ensure new houses in our district are being built to the highest possible energy efficiency standards.

13.4

Safer homes, improved support and a sustainable future for exempted accommodation

To be moved by: Councillor Jeanette Sunderland

To be seconded by: Councillor Brendan Stubbs

This Council believes that everyone has the right to adequate housing and that adequate housing must provide for more than four walls and a roof.

This Council notes:

- 1) There has been a significant increase in exempt accommodation in Bradford which can provide an important part of a range of supported housing.
- 2) There are now around 2000 claims on housing benefit for exempt accommodation many from people who have

experienced or are dealing with challenges that mean they have few housing options.

- 3) The Council lost £1.4 million pounds last year in Housing Benefit Subsidy.

This Council further notes:

- 4) Concerns raised in various arenas by Members of the Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee, housing providers, Councils, the media and the BBC etc. raising concerns ranging from the quality of the accommodation, support being offered to tenants, safety and security, concerns around clarity of ownership and excessive profits homes, poor management to concerns around ownership, the impact on local communities and anti-social behaviour.
- 5) Bradford has experience of all of this issues and evidence of good working too however it is sufficient to say that the current system is not what the District needs.
- 6) The Council has been successful in bidding for Government funding from the Supported Housing Improvement Programme to build on the outcomes and good practice from the pilots to drive up quality and value for money in supported housing.

This Council instructs the Chief Executive to:

1. Identify at a Strategic level an individual to lead on the collaboration between all of the partners to the Bradford District Partnership on the planning, commissioning and delivering of supported housing by liaising with all stake-holders and setting the cross-organisational agenda. Collaboration should include but not be limited to shared objectives and ways of working.
2. Report regularly to the appropriate Scrutiny Committee progress on the Supported Housing Improvement Programme including how this is leading to a better managed local supported housing market and how the improvements have ensured that rogue landlords cannot exploit the system to the detriment of local residents at the expense of tax-payers with specific reference to how children and those most vulnerable are protected.
3. Writes to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities requesting the implementation of:
 - a. A National Standard for Exempted Accommodation to address the premises standards, the provision of care and support and the management of both care and premises.
 - b. A Scheme of Inspection giving the Local Authority the Power to Inspect.

13.5

Supporting Bradford's Carers

To be moved by: Councillor Aislin Naylor

To be seconded by: Councillor Susan Knox

This Council notes:

- Analysis conducted by Carers UK of a GP patient survey in 2021, found that 60% of carers suffer from a long term health condition or disability themselves.
- Carers UK found that over quarter of carers said that they always or often felt lonely.
- On average 600 people a day have to leave work to take on caring responsibilities.
- Currently carers allowance is only £67.25 a week. That is £269 every four weeks to live on.
- Caring for many is a full-time job and therefore they do not have the luxury of being able to supplement their income with part time work.

This Council recognises:

- £67.25 per week for an unpaid carer is woefully inadequate compared to £351.50 a full-time employed carer on minimum wage would earn for a week of work.
- The person receiving care may receive Personal Independence Payment and/or Disability Living Allowance but that is to cover that individual's care needs, transport, and any other support they may need.
- Given the financial worries, feelings of isolation, and the lack of time to do the things they need to do, it's no surprise unpaid carers feel undervalued, and that their physical and mental health is suffering.
- Carers' Resource in Bradford provides outstanding support to carers across the district. Through their work and organisations like them carers get access to a lot of valuable information, resources, and support.

This Council resolves to:

- Increase the advertising of carers resource and other support organisations for carers, to help more carers become aware of the help and support available.
- Commit to a bi-annual campaign that raises awareness of unpaid carers and signposts where they can go to get advice, and support, through a multi-agency approach. Including NHS

- settings, pharmacy, community centres and public buildings.
- Work with GP surgeries to ensure they are aware of all unpaid carers that are on their lists.
 - Establish and support a network of be-friending service for carers.
 - Support the Liberal Democrat campaign to increase Carers' allowance by £1000 a year.

13.6

Local public services paying the price for the Government crashing the economy

To be moved by: Councillor Susan Hinchcliffe

To be seconded by: Councillor Imran Khan

Council notes:

Due to government cuts, our NHS, our Police and our Councils are facing increasing levels of need for their services. Bradford Council alone has had to find over £310m in budget cuts and savings since 2011.

The government's disastrous mini-budget of 23rd September has cost the country over £30bn, according to the independent Resolution Foundation. As a result, many families have seen their mortgages and other household costs increase considerably.

During a cost of living crisis, the like of which has not been seen in our country for 40 years, our residents will rely even more on good local services to keep them going, amid a real terms fall in wages and a UK recession predicted to be more severe than in neighbouring European countries.

Councils face a perfect storm of on-going government funding cuts, unprecedented inflation and rising demand for services. Inflation, alongside the National Pay Award and rises in the National Living Wage, will add an estimated £58.6m cost to our budget in 2023-24.

The government's over-reliance on council tax to plug the gap left by their funding cuts is counter to levelling up. When the Chancellor expects councils to increase council tax by 5%, that raises half the amount per property in Bradford than in Elmbridge in Surrey relative to size. Indicatively, if 5% raises £11m in Bradford, it would raise £22m in Elmbridge, Surrey. People in places that can least afford it, pay a higher proportion of their income on council tax than wealthier people and places.

The cross-party Local Government Association says councils face a £3.4bn shortfall in 2023-24 and £4.5bn in 2024-25. Chair of the LGA,

Conservative councillor James Jamieson, has called on government to “come up with a long-term plan to manage this crisis... reserves can only be spent once; a local service cannot be cut twice”.

Despite these challenges, our ambitions for the Bradford district remain as strong as ever and we continue to invest in good services and to stimulate economic growth and opportunities for all our residents.

Council resolves to:

- Work with the Local Government Association to continue to make the case to Government for more investment in local services.
- Stand alongside other public agencies including the NHS and the Police to push for better funding of much needed local services.
- Repeat our invitation to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up to come to Bradford district to show him first-hand the unparalleled opportunities for clean growth and the transformative regeneration our district offers.
- Deliver our ambitious clean growth and regeneration schemes at pace to ensure a strong recovery from the UK recession and to secure Bradford's position as the UK's number one levelling up opportunity.

13.7

Residents of Bradford District will not tolerate Dangerous Driving

To be moved by: Councillor Susan Hinchcliffe

To be seconded by: Councillor Nazam Azam

Council notes:

- Dangerous driving is a scourge on our district. We must eliminate death and injury on our roads.
- Local public agencies are doing lots of good work in this area including Operation Steerside to reduce speeding and other dangerous and illegal driving. For example, between September 2021 and August 2022 there were:

101 pre-planned operations

2871 Fixed Penalties, Traffic Offence Reports, Vehicle Defect reports

357 reports for summons/charges

391 vehicles seized

81 arrests

55 PSPO notices issued.

This Council applauds this work and wants to see its continuation.

- The adoption of Vision Zero in West Yorkshire, led by the West Yorkshire Mayor, will enable a whole systems approach to casualty prevention and look at pre-collision investigation and programmes

that prevent death and serious injury from occurring in the first place.

- Work with the West Yorkshire Safety Camera Partnership around the new camera deployment guidance which for the first time will enable us to install average speed cameras and will also enable us to install camera monitoring anywhere in the district where there is a need.
- Our rollout of 20mph zones around schools and urban centres.
- Continued implementation of active travel facilities such as dedicated cycleways and footpaths, School Streets and Active Travel Neighbourhoods.
- Introduction of a public space protection order for anti-social driving behaviour.
- Work with schools and community partners through our Road Safety team.
- Annual implementation of road safety infrastructure, including through Area Committees.

Council resolves to:

- Continue our strong support of the police in tackling dangerous and illegal driving through Operation Steerside.
- Implement Vision Zero at pace and report to Scrutiny on its progress.
- Support a publicity campaign in the run-up to Christmas to encourage people to keep themselves and others safe on the roads.
- Continue working with our district's MPs raising this issue on a national level.
- Ask Government to get on with the introduction of graduated driver licences so that those drivers who drive well are able to access cheaper insurance, rewarding good drivers.
- Ask Government to accelerate the legislation around the use of Noise Cameras. We are pleased to be a pilot in Keighley for the noise camera however until the Home Office has approved their use nationally roll-out cannot happen.
- Ask Government to invest more in local policing, recognising that the 20,000 new police officers being recruited nationally will only get us back to the police numbers we had before the start of the Government's austerity drive in 2010.

14. COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW FOR CHANGES TO LOCAL COUNCIL ARRANGEMENTS IN THE HAWORTH, CROSS ROADS AND STANBURY AREA

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To receive and consider a report from the Director of Legal and Governance presenting to full Council the recommendations from Governance and Audit Committee in relation to the Community Governance Review and recommending that Council approves the Reorganisation Order appended to the report.

Recommended – That the Council approves the Reorganisation Order attached as Appendix 3 to the report and that the Director of Legal and Governance be authorised to affix the Council’s seal to the Order to bring it into effect.

(Alice Bentley – 01535 618008)

15. PAY POLICY STATEMENT UPDATE FOR 2022/23

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Not for Publication – Appendix 2 to the report is marked ‘Not for Publication’ on the grounds that it contains exempt information within paragraph 3 (information relating to financial or business affairs) and also within paragraph 5 (information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings) of Schedule 12 A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and the public interest in applying this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

To receive and consider a report from the Director of Human Resources presenting an amended Pay Policy Statement for the financial year 2022/23 for adoption by Council.

Recommended –

- a) That the amended Pay Policy Statement for the financial year 2022/23 as set out at Appendix 1 to the report, be approved.
- b) That the Chief Executive be given authority in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children’s Services, and also after undertaking consultation with the S151 Officer, the Department for Education and the Children’s Commissioner, to authorise an appropriate remuneration package in respect of the Director of Children’s Social Care and Practice.

(Anne Lloyd – 01274 432031)