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Dear Councillor,

MEETING OF COUNCIL – THURSDAY, 23 FEBRUARY 2023

You are requested to attend the meeting of the Council to be held in the Council Chamber - City Hall, Bradford, on Thursday, 23 February 2023 at 4.00 pm

The agenda for the meeting is set out overleaf.

Yours sincerely,



Asif Ibrahim
Director of Legal and Governance

Notes:

- A webcast of the meeting will be available to view live on the Council's website at <https://bradford.public-i.tv/core/portal/home> and later as a recording.
- The taking of photographs, filming and sound recording of the meeting is allowed except if Councillors vote to exclude the public to discuss confidential matters covered by Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. Recording activity should be respectful to the conduct of the meeting and behaviour that disrupts the meeting (such as oral commentary) will not be permitted.
- Anyone attending the meeting who wishes to record or film the meeting's proceedings is advised to liaise with the Agenda Contact who will provide guidance and ensure that any necessary arrangements are in place. Those present at the meeting should be aware that they may be filmed or sound recorded.
- The Fire Bell and Evacuation Procedure requires people to leave the building in an orderly fashion by the nearest exit, should the fire alarm sound. No one will be allowed to stay or return until the building has been checked.

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

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(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:

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

Disclose the interest; not participate in the discussion or vote; and leave the meeting unless you have a dispensation

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 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 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.*

In addition, to receive and consider a report from the Council's Monitoring Officer, which requests the Council to grant a dispensation to all Members who have certain Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, as defined in the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012, in the decision to approve the budget and to set the level of Council Tax and Business Rates for 2023/24 during the Budget Council meeting on 23 February 2023.

Recommended:

That Council:

- 1) **Grants a dispensation to the Members of the Authority who have requested one, to enable them to participate in full in the decision to approve the budgets for 2023/24 and to set the Council Tax and Business Rates for 2023/24.**
- 2) **Approves the dispensation for a period of 2 years until 23 February 2024.**
- 3) **Notes the Monitoring Officer's advice that personal interests that may give rise to a perception of a conflict of interest shall not prevent Members from speaking and voting at the Budget meetings.**

2. MINUTES

Recommended – That the minutes of the meeting held on 24 January 2023 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. **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).

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

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

(Guy Close – 07811 503906)

8. **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE - BUDGET 2023/24** 25 - 260

The Executive at its meeting on 21 February 2023 will make recommendations to Council on the Budget for 2023/24.

The following reports are submitted:

- (i) 2023/24 Budget Update

The report of the Director of Finance (**Executive Document AP**) provides an update on the 2023/24 budget position following national announcements outlined in the Provisional Local Government Settlement (20 December 2022), and the impact following the setting of the Council Tax and Business rates bases for 2023/24.

(Andrew Cross – 07870 386523)

- (ii) The Council's Revenue Estimates for 2023-24

The report of the Director of Finance (**Executive Document AU**) provides details of the Council's Revenue Estimates for 2023/24.

(This report may need updating following the meeting of the Executive on Tuesday, 21 February 2023)

(Andrew Cross – 07870 386523)

- (iii) Allocation of the Schools' Budget 2023/24 Financial Year

The report of the Director of Finance (**Executive Document AV**) seeks approval of the recommendations of the Schools Forum in allocating the Dedicated Schools Grant for 2023/24.

(This report may need updating following the meeting of the Executive on Tuesday, 21 February 2023)

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

(iv) Capital Investment Plan 2023/24 to 2026/27

The report of the Director of Finance (**Executive Document AW**) proposes the Capital Investment Plan for 2023/24 to 2026/27 and an updated Capital Strategy for 2023/24.

(This report may need updating following the meeting of the Executive on Tuesday, 21 February 2023)

(Lynsey Simenton – 07582 102779)

(v) Housing Revenue Account

The report of the Director of Finance (**Executive Document AX**) presents Council with the recommendations agreed by Executive on 31 January 2023 in relation to the re-opening of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) on 1 April 2023 and the budget proposals.

(This report may need updating following the meeting of the Executive on Tuesday, 21 February 2023)

(Arfat Lohn – 07866 887377)

(vi) 2023/24 Budget Proposals and Forecast Reserves – Section 151 Officer Assessment

The report of the Director of Finance (**Executive Document AY**) sets out the Section 151 Officer's assessment of the proposed budget for the financial year 2023/24, the adequacy of the forecast level of reserves and associated risks.

(The assessment of the Executive's recommendations to Council on the budget may require updating following the meeting of the Executive on Tuesday, 21 February 2023)

(Chris Kinsella – 07890 418367)

Note: In view of the short timescale between the Executive meeting on Tuesday, 21 February 2023 and the meeting of Council on Thursday, 23 February 2023, the budget recommendations from the Executive to Council will be e-mailed to all Members of Council following the Executive meeting on 21 February 2023 and will be published on the Council's website. The recommendations will also be circulated at the Council meeting.