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Dear Councillor,

MEETING OF COUNCIL – TUESDAY, 14 MARCH 2023

You are requested to attend the meeting of the Council to be held in the Council Chamber - City Hall, Bradford, on Tuesday, 14 March 2023 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>

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 23 February 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. PETITIONS (Standing Order 11)

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

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

(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).

9. REPORT BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

A written report by the Leader of Council giving an update on key issues will be circulated before the start of the meeting. There shall be a period of up to 15 minutes during which any Member of Council may ask the Leader of the Council (or a Member of the Council nominated by the Leader) a question on any matter arising out of the written report.

10. MEMBER QUESTION TIME (Standing Order 12)

To deal with supplementary questions arising from the below questions of which written notice has been given.

Notes:

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

1. Councillor Simon Cunningham

Would the Portfolio Holder join me in welcoming the news that £100,000 will be invested in new play facilities at Peel Park, and in thanking Friends of Peel Park for their contribution to the project and involvement in its development?

2. Councillor Paul Sullivan

Would the Leader of the Council reassure local retailers that Bradford Council does not agree with the view of Alison Lowe OBE, the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, that theft should not always result in the arrest of the suspected perpetrator?

3. Councillor Susan Knox

Anti-Social Behaviour has been a huge issue for residents in the BD2 and BD10 areas of the district in recent years. The recent acknowledgement by the West Yorkshire that there was a net reduction of 50 PCSO's over the past years is troubling in this context.

Will the portfolio holder join me in calling for the West Yorkshire Mayor and her deputy to ensure that the recruitment of PCSO's in

West Yorkshire is increased to offset the numbers retiring and leaving the force? So that residents can be assured that local neighbourhood policing teams are not being left short-handed in the fight against crime.

4. Councillor Matt Edwards

Will the portfolio holder confirm when street lights in Holmewood will be replaced with the new smart street lights and when will other out of scope street lights be replaced? Is there an estimated time I can tell residents on Ashfield off Tong Street (Ref: 0001A) that they will need to wait before their street light is finally replaced - especially as the light was removed over a year ago?

5. Councillor Luke Majkowski

Can the portfolio holder clarify whether the council have given any consideration to all vehicles automatically routed to avoid the Clean Air Zone by Sat Nav equipment or due to lack of driver understanding even though the vehicles may comply with the zone restrictions?

This is for vehicles registered within Bradford and those travelling to the district, acknowledging the council has already publicised the Clean Air Zone on a wider scale.

6. Councillor Fozia Shaheen

Could the portfolio holder give me an up to date list of activities/services which will take place for people with Learning disabilities over the Easter period, this is additional to Bradford Council Youth Services.

7. Councillor Julie Lintern

Airedale Hospital has been making an undeniable case for a rebuild for many years now and I know the Leader has made various representations on the issue. Given the years that have passed when government should have given it the go ahead, does the leader share my concern that patients and hardworking staff should not have been made to put up with this situation which is such a clear example of how this government has so badly underfunded Keighley, the wider Bradford district and the North as a whole?

8. Councillor Debbie Davies

At a recent Corporate Scrutiny meeting the Leader of the Council used Baildon as an example of where Council investment is taking place, but does she acknowledge that the cost of our new library is being predominantly funded by the sale of land in the centre of

Baildon and will lead to the loss of a Community Hall and a considerable number of car parking spaces?

9. Councillor Simon Cunningham

Following Labour's motion to crack down on danger drivers in Bradford, does the Portfolio Holder welcome news West Yorkshire Police will take a more flexible approach to speed camera installation in Bradford, and can he outline how communities across the district can benefit from this policy shift?

10. Councillor Fozia Shaheen

Could I have an update on New Choices and how this is working since the transition. Also could we have a list of where these services are taking place and what are we paying e.g. rent for premises if any?

11. Councillor Geoff Winnard

Would the Portfolio Holder for Healthy People and Places please provide members with details of the options that the Council are now actively considering and when a final decision is likely to be made regarding "Plan B" for the regeneration of the central Bingley area, consisting of the site of Bingley Town Hall, the Market Square and what is the likelihood of the retention of public swimming facilities in Bingley?

12. Councillor Jeanette Sunderland

To the portfolio holder for Safer and Stronger Communities - Given the long history of complaints from residents about speeding, and the two recent collisions with parked vehicles on the same day, would the portfolio holder agree that Orchard Grove in Idle and Thackley ward is an 'area of community concern' within the meaning of the new rules from the West Yorkshire Safety Camera Partnership?

13. Councillor Kevin Warnes

Will the Leader of Council please clarify (a) whether or not any trees subject to Tree Preservation Orders on the property of 11 Staveley Road have been cut down or had works carried out on them without the necessary consent; (b) if and when the Council first received reports about works on the trees at this property in 2022; and what action has been taken to date?

14. Councillor Ruth Wood

I am pleased that as a Labour Group we have committed to funding a Clean Schools Programme with CAZ monies to further improve the environment for children around their schools. Can the portfolio holder give detail of how she sees the programme as it takes shape in the coming months?

15. Councillor Andy Walsh

What is the council doing to get the word out about the new government requirements around voter ID and in particular to ensure young people will not be disenfranchised? I understand young people's travel cards will not be accepted as ID to vote?

16. Councillor Mike Pollard

In the light of the Labour Council forcing through a Budget in February 2022, which they knew, or should have known, to contain an inaccuracy, in just one element of one Departmental budget, of over £8 million, prior to forcing through a Budget in February 2023 which they knew or should have known to contain an inaccuracy of over £6 million, would the Leader of Council confirm that she fully understands why many residents suspect that the Labour Council are deliberately approving false figures two months before Council elections, knowing that residents will not see accurate figures until another dramatic 'Quarter 1 Finance Position Statement' duly appears soon after the elections?

17. Councillor Mohammed Shafiq

Covid had a huge impact on the current cohort of young people going through school. Do we have any indications yet on the extent of that impact in terms of their mental health and what should the NHS be doing about this?

18. Councillor Fozia Shaheen

Can the portfolio holder share with me the new housing options system in regards to allocations, how will this be effective and ensure people are allocated suitable housing?

19. Councillor Andrew Loy

Following the news that the West Yorkshire Combined Authority will not be proceeding with funding the Ben Rhydding station park and ride at this time, could the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning and Transport please confirm whether alternative sources of funding have been considered?

20. Councillor Nazam Azam

Statistics can be misused. I understand inaccurate crime statistics have been reported recently in otherwise positive stories about Bradford district in the media – can the portfolio holder for safer communities clarify how the figures came to be so far out?

21. Councillor Aneela Ahmed

Can the portfolio holder give an update on recent activities in our ambition to be a child friendly district?

22. Councillor Peter Clarke

Further to comments made at the Budget Council, describing One City Park as “much needed” and the council having stated since day one that it was “in talks with potential tenants”, does the Leader of Council have anything that she can share, which might persuade doubters who think that were there genuine demand, private developers would have met it long ago?

23. Councillor Simon Cunningham

Following the success of our Grass Verge Guardians project to preserve green space in Swain House and other parts of Bolton and Undercliffe, would the Portfolio Holder be willing to look at how we can develop the initiative to ensure that verges and pavements are protected from vehicles?

24. Councillor Angela Tait

Whilst UK citizens who live abroad and have done so for many years will continue to have the right to vote in this country, I understand that many EU citizens who make their permanent home in the UK, and moved here after December 2022 will not have the right to vote. Could the Leader explain the changes and what the council can do to advise residents who find themselves in this position?

25. Councillor Allison Coates

Would the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning and Transport confirm whether it is Bradford Council’s intention to work towards a 15-Minute City type planning model?

26. Councillor Susan Knox

Can the Portfolio Holder, reassure residents in Eccleshill and the

surround areas that the Council is committed to maintaining opening hours and swimming sessions at Eccleshill Pool from April onwards even if the Government reduces or removes support for energy bills at our swimming pools?

27. Councillor Caroline Whitaker

Will the portfolio holder clarify when the issues with the former grounds contractor at Silsden Primary School will be resolved and, following from this, how long it is likely to be before Highways are able to implement the essential internal road changes that the school have requested in the interests of pedestrian/child safety and which neighbouring residents and indeed the whole town would be grateful to see as it would go a long way to alleviate the twice daily gridlock of the A6024?

28. Councillor Aneela Ahmed

The perfect storm of government austerity, pandemic and cost of living crisis continues to have an impact on the most vulnerable. Can I have an update on current numbers rough sleeping in our district and what actions we are taking with partners to support them into permanent homes?

29. Councillor Julie Lintern

What progress have we made in our efforts to get the Skipton-Colne train line reopened in yet another example of having to fight for basic services that would benefit our district and wider region?

30. Councillor Paul Sullivan

Could the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning and Transport please provide members with an update as to whether evidence collected via the pilot of noise cameras is being used to create a strategy to introduce further Public Space Protection Orders and roll out more of the cameras in the parts of the wider Bradford District where people's lives are blighted by loud noise pollution from illegally modified vehicles?

31. Councillor Tariq Hussain

Can the portfolio holder give an update on providing more specialist education places for children with additional or complex needs?

32. Councillor Tariq Hussain

Does the Leader share my concern that the national scandal of energy companies gaining entry to people's homes to fit pre-

payment meters by force could happen again in the future, given that at the time of writing Ofgem's order to stop the practice is only a temporary pause rather than a ban?

33. Councillor Bob Felstead

In light of the fact that in recent years, we've seen companies such Channel 4 and Sky Bet inward invest in Leeds, whilst Bradford District has seen no such flagship investments, could the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning and Transport please detail Bradford District's 'USP'?

34. Councillor Aneela Ahmed

I understand three applications have been submitted by educational institutions for new free schools in our district. Does the portfolio holder know when the government will decide on these applications?

35. Councillor Hassan Khan

Can the portfolio holder give an update on progress in our rollout of Smart Street Lights and how much energy and cost savings it will achieve?

11. 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)

12. NOTICES OF MOTION (Standing Order 17)

To consider notices of motion set out below:

12.1 – Support for Care Experienced People

To be moved by: Councillor Jeanette Sunderland

To be seconded by: Councillor Brendan Stubbs

This Council notes:

The Independent Review of Children's Social Care headed by Josh McCallister published in May 2022 had a final report and recommendations that included:

“Government should make care experience a protected characteristic” and “New legislation should be passed which broadens corporate parenting responsibilities across a wider set of public bodies and organisations.”

The Inspection of City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council by Matt Reed from an inspection dated 21st November to 2nd December 2022 stated;

“Bradford children’s social care was last inspected by OFSTED in September 2018 and was judged to be inadequate for the experiences of children who need help and protection and for overall effectiveness. Since that inspection, the experience and progress of many children have declined. There are widespread and serious failures across all service areas. This leaves children at risk of harm, leaves some children in situations of continued harm, and for many children in care, unnecessary and prolonged delays in achieving permanence.”

This Council further notes:

Care Experienced people face significant barriers that can impact them throughout their lives;

Despite the resilience of many care experienced people, society too often does not take their needs into account;

Care experienced people can often face discrimination and stigma across housing, health, education, relationships, employment and in the criminal justice system;

Care experienced people may encounter inconsistent support in different geographical areas;

As corporate parents, councillors have a collective responsibility for providing the best possible care and safeguarding for the children who are looked after by us as an authority;

All corporate parents should commit to acting as mentors, hearing the voices of looked after children and young people and to consider their needs in any aspect of council work;

Councillors should be champions of the children in our care and challenge the negative attitudes and prejudice that exists in all aspects of society;

The Public Sector Equality Duty requires public bodies, such as councils, to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, and victimisation of people with protected characteristics.

This Council therefore resolves:

1. To recognise care experienced people are a group who are likely to face discrimination;
2. To recognise that Councils, have a duty to put the needs of disadvantaged people at the heart of decision-making through co-production and collaboration;
3. To instruct the Chief Executive of the Council to ensure that future decision, services and policies made and adopted by the Council should be assessed through Equality Impact Assessments to determine the impact of changes on people with care experience, alongside those who formally share a protected characteristic.
4. To call upon the Chief Executive of the Children's Trust to ensure that future decisions, services and policies made and adopted by the Children's Trust should be assessed through Equality Impact Assessments to determine the impact of changes on people with care experience, alongside those who formally share a protected characteristic.
5. To ensure in the delivery of the Public Sector Equality Duty the Council and the Children's Trust includes care experience in the publication and review of Equality Objectives and the annual publication of information relating to people who share a protected characteristic in services and employment.
6. To treat care experience as if it were a Protected Characteristic.
7. To formally call upon all other bodies, including those across West Yorkshire who are partners to the Care Covenant, to treat care experience as a protected characteristic until such time as it may be introduced by legislation.
8. To proactively seek out and listen to the voices of care experienced people when developing new policies based on their views.

12.2 – Defend the right of refugees to seek safety from war and persecution

To be moved by: Councillor Kevin Warnes

To be seconded by: Councillor Matt Edwards.

Council notes that:

- Bradford is proud of our history of welcoming people seeking safety to our district as a City of Sanctuary;
- there are significant problems with the UK asylum system that affect people in Bradford, including a record backlog of cases awaiting a decision, a de facto ban on working, and enforced poverty and homelessness - problems that undermine people's ability to rebuild their lives;
- the backlog in processing asylum cases means that vulnerable adults and children are housed in hotels and other accommodation which is completely inappropriate for long term habitation;
- the government is failing to work with local councils or local partners who are able to provide support for asylum seekers, exposing them to risks from criminal gangs;
- the Nationality and Borders Act 2022 does not address these issues;
- the Act has created a two-tier system that punishes people seeking safety from war and persecution based on the journeys they make;
- the Act threatens them with removal to Rwanda where they will be warehoused in large accommodation centres, segregated from the wider community and denied support;
- the Act also leaves recognised refugees to the UK - some of the most vulnerable people in the world - with a temporary and precarious status.

Council further notes that:

- each claim for asylum should be treated equally and fairly;
- people seeking safety should be housed as our neighbours and as a part of our communities;
- the UK needs an asylum system that empowers people seeking safety to rebuild their lives and enables communities to welcome them;
- 400+ charities, faith groups and local authorities have signed Refugee Action's national pledge to 'Fight the 'Anti-Refugee Laws', including Bradford City of Sanctuary.

Council therefore resolves to:

- 1) defend the right to seek safety from war and persecution in the UK and sign Refugee Action's national 'Fight the Anti-Refugee Laws' pledge;
- 2) call on the UK Government to withdraw the UK-Rwanda agreement, repeal the Nationality and Borders Act, and work with Local Authorities and communities to build a refugee protection system that treats all people with dignity and compassion;
- 3) work with local organisations and people with lived experience of the asylum system to identify ways to mitigate the effects of these measures in Bradford.

12.3 – A critical time for our water environment

To be moved by: Councillor Celia Hickson

To be seconded by: Councillor Caroline Whitaker

Council notes that:

- A deluge of untreated sewage is being discharged into our rivers through storm overflows, polluting over 80% of watercourses nationally.
- Figures from campaign group 'Top of the Poops' have shown that raw sewage was pumped into the River Aire 4,085 sewage times in 2021 - the highest number of any river in Great Britain.
- Across the area covered by Yorkshire Water, over 2000 storm overflows have recorded on average 33 incidents a year, with raw sewage flowing into watercourses for on average 6h per incident, which equates to 396,000 hours of untreated human effluent flowing straight into our environment.
- Whilst event duration management (EDM) data from the Environment Agency does show a reduction in average 'spills' year on year, this decrease is not happening with the urgency required to clean up these non-accidental events.
- Closure of swimming pools during lockdown led to a surge of people enjoying wild swimming, focusing national attention on the water quality of rivers and highlighted the human health risks associated with exposure to sewage pollution.
- No-one would accept sewage pollution of football pitches or basketball courts but Government and Water Companies deem it acceptable to pollute the water playground of millions every

day.

- The designated bathing spot at the River Wharfe at Cromwheel in Ilkley has continued to be monitored as “poor” with faecal bacteria contamination showing in every sample taken and being measured at maximum contamination levels on 3 occasions last summer.
- Government is not facing up to the scale of this environmental scandal which is destroying ecosystems, contaminating food sources and posing a serious health hazard to people using our rivers for recreation.
- The Government has published the woefully inadequate Storm Overflows Discharge Reduction Plan which gives water companies another 27 years to improve or reduce discharge incidents, effectively green lighting environmental damage for decades.

Council also notes that:

- 256 MPs - including the Conservative MP for Keighley - voted against a Lords amendment to the Environment Act which would have placed a legal duty on water companies to make demonstrable improvements in their sewerage systems.
- Local voluntary groups and charities, such as ART (Aire Rivers Trust) and Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust are working hard to improve the condition of our rivers.

Council resolves to request that the Chief Executive of the Council:

- engages with Yorkshire Water, as a local custodian of our natural environment, and solicits regular updates on storm overflow data for our District.
- writes to all local MPs to stand up for local residents to strongly argue for much tougher regulation of Water Company failures.
- Urge the newly formed Office for Environmental Protection and the Government to use the measures previously placed on Water Companies to clean up coastal waters to do the same for our neglected rivers with a Strategic Policy Statement detailing explicit, objective measures of success in a vastly reduced time frame.

12.4 – Children’s Services

To be moved by: Councillor Rebecca Poulsen

To be seconded by: Councillor Julie Glentworth

Council notes:

In September 2018 OFSTED found this Council’s Children’s Services to be inadequate and since that inspection, seven further monitoring visits have been carried out with concerns repeatedly raised about the slow pace of change.

In September 2021 the Secretary of State for Education appointed a Commissioner. In January 2022 the Commissioner recommended that Children’s Social Care could no longer be run by the Council. The process to establish a Trust model was then started.

In November 2022 the latest OFSTED report again found the Council’s Children’s Social Care was inadequate in every category and Political Leaders have consistently failed to understand the scale of improvements needed.

Record funding will be given to support Children’s Services within the new Trust

Issues go back to poor decisions made by the Leadership of the Council over early help funding cuts and not stabilising the workforce early enough, dating back to 2017

Many hard working staff within Children’s services have worked to improve the current situation and need proper support and stability of staff and management in place with strong leadership.

Council resolves:

- To welcome the formation of the Bradford Children’s and Families Trust.
- Call on all Partners across the District to support the work of the Bradford Children’s and Families Trust.
- Councillors to be regularly updated on progress on the Trust and the Improvement Journey.
- Council Scrutiny to focus on the Improvement Plan and demanding the highest standards for families across the District.
- As the new Trust starts, to undertake a review of the Senior Management Team of the Council with the new structure in place to ensure it is best placed to deliver for the District.

12.5 – Young Carers

To be moved by: Councillor Geoff Winnard

To be seconded by: Councillor Chris Herd

Council notes:

- Each year Carers Trust organises Young Carers Action Day (YCAD) to raise public awareness of the challenges faced by young people because of their caring role, and to campaign for greater support for young and young adult carers to meet their needs.
- Young Carers Action Day is 15 March 2023 and this year's theme is 'Make Time for Young Carers'.
- Estimates suggest that as many as one in five schoolchildren could be young carers (University of Nottingham 2018), with this number increasing during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Caring for someone can be very isolating, worrying, and stressful. For young and young adult carers, this can negatively impact on their experiences and outcomes in education, having a lasting effect on their life chances.

Council resolves:

- Commend the young and young adult carers across our Local Authority.
- To promote YCAD on an annual basis.
- To promote and work with local care organisations.
- To write to the Government calling on them to ensure that young carers are actively identified and provided with the support they need.
- To write to the local Members of Parliament and ask them to join the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for Young Carers and Young Adult Carers.

12.6 – Bradford District and the Chancellor's Budget

To be moved by: Councillor Susan Hinchcliffe

To be seconded by Councillor Imran Khan

Council notes:

- The government's Spring Budget is announced on 15th March 2023.

- The Leader has written to the Chancellor to set out our district's unrivalled case for investment to achieve levelling up ambitions, as well as the urgent need for central government to address the systemic underfunding of local services by providing new, sustainable and fair funding.
- Bradford has enterprising, globally connected businesses and strong public and voluntary sector partnerships serving urban and rural communities. We are the UK's youngest city and among its most diverse.
- Bradford will be UK City of Culture 2025 and we are progressing an ambitious pipeline of projects to help unleash the district's potential as a national leader on clean growth.
- We remain ambitious for the future success of the place despite the challenges we face. Since government austerity began in 2010 the council has had to find cuts, savings and income equating to approximately £2.5bn.
- An unprecedented cost of living crisis for our residents which has resulted in inflation running at 10% and food costs up 17%.
- Council workers are public service super-heroes. They keep our communities clean and safe, look after those in need and keep our towns and city running. These are the key workers who during the pandemic were thanked by the public with weekly applause for going above and beyond to help others.
- Since 2010 public sector staff have endured years of pay restraint due to government austerity. It is time government funded the pay of local government staff properly bringing them into line with other public sector workers and with the private sector which will also help recruitment challenges.

Council endorses the Leader's call for Government to:

- Properly tackle the cost of living crisis for residents and businesses.
- Support people in the face of excessive bills; working with councils on new energy sources; and turbo charging a nationwide insulation programme.
- Strengthen national commitments to levelling up, by delivering funding for a new Bradford city centre through-station on Northern Powerhouse Rail.
- Deliver Government investment to help maximise the benefits and impact of UK City of Culture 2025.
- Reform levelling up funding – Government funding for regeneration should be awarded on evidence of need and

impact not through “beauty contests”.

- Deliver overdue financial reforms to reflect local needs and resources – independent analysis demonstrates Bradford would benefit by £32m a year from the proposed Fair Funding Review and business rate reforms.
- Provide sufficient funding to meet demand and complexity in Children’s and Adult Social Care and address what the Market and Competitions Authority called a dysfunctional market for children’s residential care with private sector profiteering.
- Enhance support for West Yorkshire devolution and priorities, including commitment to Northern Powerhouse Rail, regional mass transit and full devolution of adult employment, skills and careers funding.

Council resolves

To call on all our district’s MPs, regardless of political affiliation, to speak up for residents and challenge government to provide new, fair and sustainable funding for the council services people rely on.

On the need for a pay increase for local government workers to be fully funded with new money from central government, that the Council Leader will write to the Chancellor and Secretary of State to make that case as part of a new, fair and sustainable funding package for local authorities.

12.7 – Support for services for young people in the Bradford District

To be moved by: Councillor Susan Hinchcliffe

To be seconded by: Councillor Abdul Jabar

Bradford is the youngest city in the country with nearly 34% of our residents under the age of 25. Where many councils up and down the country have cut their Youth Service completely, Bradford Council has sustained this valuable service. Today the Youth Service runs 90 sessions every week serving 1,400 young people a week from every ward in the district. They do this with just 30 full-time workers and 100 part-time workers.

Our voluntary sector provides a complementary rich and diverse offering for young people in the district. There are 150 voluntary sector organisations supported by Young Lives.

The Council notes:

- Our thanks for our young people who were great ambassadors for the Bradford district becoming City of Culture. Without them

we would not have won.

- Our thanks to the Young Covid Ambassadors who were the eyes and ears for the council and our partners during Covid, making sure that our messages and support for young people was meaningful.
- The invaluable work that our Youth Workers do for the Youth in Mind work, buddying with young people who may have mental health issues. 130 referrals a month are made to the service from schools alone.

The Council resolves:

- To ask Government to devolve the National Citizenship Service to local level. Working within a national framework councils are better sighted on the young people in their area and can make sure the local offer engages our young people.
- To ensure that the City of Culture volunteering programme properly involves young people. We want City of Culture volunteering to be something they remember positively for the rest of their lives.
- To push locally and nationally for the NHS to provide more timely, better funded mental health support for young people. This should be reflected in their funding priorities.
- To profile the positive contribution that our young people make day in day out all across the district.