

Agenda for a meeting of the Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held on Tuesday, 21 February 2023 at 5.30 pm in Committee Room 1 - City Hall, Bradford

Members of the Committee – Councillors

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A. PROCEDURAL ITEMS

1. ALTERNATE MEMBERS (Standing Order 34)

The Director of Legal and Governance will report the names of alternate Members who are attending the meeting in place of appointed Members.

2. 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:

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)

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.

OR

Non-Registrable Interests (Directly Related)

Other Registrable Interests (Affects)

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

OR

Non-Registrable Interests (Affects)

*(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.*

3. MINUTES

Recommended –

That the minutes of the meeting held on 17 January 2023 be signed as a correct record (previously circulated).

(Su Booth/Louis Kingdom – 07814 073884/07890 416570)

4. 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.

(Su Booth/Louis Kingdom – 07814 073884/07890 416570)

5. REFERRALS TO THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Members are requested to consider how they wish to deal with referrals.

Any additional referrals that have been made to this Committee up to and including the date of publication of this agenda will be reported at the meeting.

The following referral has been made:

1. Council – 24 January 2023

At the meeting of full Council on 24 January 2023 the following motion was considered and referred to the Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

Private Rented Housing in Bradford District

- The people of the Bradford district deserve access to affordable and safe homes which are of a decent standard.
- Constructive and professional relationships with landlords drives up standards in the private rented sector by providing opportunities for effective communication and enables issues to be dealt with quickly without needing to resort to formal enforcement action

This Council notes that:

- A significant number of residents of the district live in homes which are privately rented and that this number has increased in recent years. The private rented housing sector has doubled in size since 2002.
- That most private landlords provide homes of a good standard and they play a vital role in providing homes for residents of the district.
- Local authorities have a duty under Part 1 of the Housing Act 2004 to keep housing conditions under review and identify action needed. Undertaking such reviews and subsequent action is complicated by incomplete data in the sector.
- Much time for enforcement work is spent simply identifying landlords, agents, and properties. This erodes teams' capacity to take enforcement action.
- However, the Housing Standards team implementation of a triage system has dramatically increased the amount of interventions they can make, and over 1,000 improvements are undertaken every year driven by Council intervention.
- Nonetheless poor housing conditions persist in the private rented sector. The most recent English Housing Survey data shows that 23% of private rented sector properties fail to meet the Decent Homes Standard and 13% have category 1 hazards.
- It is estimated up to a third of Local Authorities have implemented selective licensing of Private Rented Properties and focus on areas that have been identified as hotspots for poor housing standards and significant number of rogue or criminal landlords.
- The Council previously applied for funding to develop a business case for selective licensing, but the government refused it.

This Council further notes that:

- **The publication of the Government white paper – A fairer deal for renters - in 2022 and the plans to introduce a Renters Reform Bill in 2023 that aid Councils to better regulate and enforce housing standards and poor landlord practices.**
- **The Social Housing Regulation Bill will introduce new powers and regulations to the social housing sector, some of which may be transferable and relevant to driving up standards in the private rented sector as well.**

This Council therefore requests

- **That the Regeneration & Environment Scrutiny Committee hold a review of the Private Rented Sector across Bradford and the different ways of managing and improving the quality of housing provision.**

B. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ACTIVITIES

6. AN UPDATE ON THE PROGRESS OF ACTIVE BRADFORD'S JU:MP PROGRAMME 1 - 26

The report of the Strategic Director, Place (**Document “W”**) will be submitted to the Committee to provide Members with an update on the progress of Active Bradford’s JU:MP programme.

Recommended –

That Members of the Committee note the current progress of the JU:MP programme.

(Zuby Hamard – 01274 432671)

7. UK CITY OF CULTURE 2025 - PROGRESS REPORT 27 - 36

The report of the Strategic Director, Place (**Document “X”**) will be submitted to the Committee to provide Members with an update on progress following Bradford’s designation as UK City of Culture 2025.

Recommended –

- 1) That the Overview & Scrutiny Committee note the content of this report.**
- 2) That a further report be presented for consideration by the Committee at its’ meeting of April 2023.**

(Nicola Greenan – 01274 431301)

8. DEVELOPMENT OF THE FORMER SQUIRE LANE HEALTH AND WELLBEING FACILITY 37 - 44

The report of the Strategic Director, Place (**Document “Y”**) will be submitted to the Committee to provide Members with an overview of the procurement strategy for the appointment of a contractor to construct a Leisure, Community and Wellbeing Centre on Squire Lane in Bradford.

Recommended –

That the report be noted.

(Ian Smart – 01274 431735)

9. WORK PROGRAMME 22-23 45 - 50

The report of the Chair of the Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee, (**Document “Z”**) will be submitted to provide Members with an update to the Work Programme.

Recommended –

That the Work programme 2022-23 continues to be regularly reviewed during the year.

(Caroline Coombes - 07970 413828)