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Dear Councillor,

MEETING OF COUNCIL – TUESDAY, 17 OCTOBER 2023

You are requested to attend the meeting of the Council to be held in the Council Chamber - City Hall, Bradford, on Tuesday, 17 October 2023 at 4.00 pm

The agenda for the meeting is set out overleaf.

Yours sincerely,



Asif Ibrahim
Director of Legal and Governance

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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:
Disclosable Pecuniary Interests	Disclose the interest; not participate in the discussion or vote; and leave the meeting <u>unless</u> you have a dispensation.
Other Registrable Interests (Directly Related) OR	Disclose the interest; speak on the item <u>only if</u> the public are also allowed to speak but otherwise not participate in the discussion or vote; and leave the

Non-Registrable
Interests (Directly
Related)

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 July 2023 be signed as a correct record (previously circulated).

(Fatima Butt – 07970 411746)

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence.

(Fatima Butt – 07970 411746)

**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.

(Fatima Butt – 07970 411746)

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.

(Su Booth – 07814 073884)

7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (Standing Order 13)

There are no public questions.

**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).

Recommended –

- (a) That the following co-opted members be appointed to the Children’s Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the 2023/24 Municipal Year:

Voting Co-opted Members:

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Church Representative – Joyce Simpson
Parent Governor Representative – Fauzia Raza
Parent Governor Representative – Shifa Simab

Non-Voting Co-opted Members:

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Teachers Secondary School Representative - Tom Bright
Children’s Social Care - Dr Samina Karim

- (b) That Councillor Sutcliffe (Green Group) to replace Councillor Johnson (Labour Group) on the Bradford South Area Committee for the remainder of the 2023/24 municipal year with effect from 23 November 2023.
- (c) That Councillor Hawkesworth (The Ilkley Independent) replace Councillor Zaman (Labour Group) on the Keighley Area Committee for the remainder of the 2023/24 municipal year with effect from 23 November 2023.
- (d) That Councillor Nazam (Independent) to replace Councillor Loy (Conservative Group) on the Keighley Area Committee for the remainder of the 2023/24 municipal year with effect from 23 November 2023.
- (e) That Councillor Watson (Green Group) to replace Councillor Rowe (Labour Group) on the Shipley Area Committee for the remainder of the 2023/24 municipal year with effect from 23 November 2023.
- (f) That Councillor Ahmed (Liberal Democrat) to replace Councillor Humphreys (Labour Group) on the Bradford East Area Committee for the remainder of the 2023/24 municipal year with effect from 23 November 2023.

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

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

10. **MEMBER QUESTION TIME (Standing Order 12)**

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

Notes:

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

1. Councillor Carol Thirkill

Residents are expressing concerns regarding ASB in the use of motorbikes, electric bikes and scooters in our neighbourhoods. Have the council taken any measures or steps with partners to address the problem which is growing and blighting our areas?

2. Councillor Debbie Davies/Councillor Chris Herd

Would the Portfolio Holder for Healthy People & Places confirm how much is being saved and what is meant by “more flexible care provision” in the new Home Support Locality Contracts, which are understandably causing many elderly and vulnerable residents considerable worry?

3. Councillor Matt Edwards

Given the economic situation, the commitment to Net Zero, the withdrawal of funding by WYCA and the opposition by Leeds City Council, does the Portfolio Holder agree that it is time to formally abandon the deeply controversial and environmentally damaging South East Bradford Access Road once and for all?

4. Councillor Brendan Stubbs

At the meeting of Council in July you assured me that you “We do not want the young people of Eccleshill to miss out on swimming” we are now more than 3 months on from that meeting and still the promised ‘Swim for All’ sessions have not been restored.

In follow up emails you claimed August 1st would see the start of a Tuesday evening session, this was replaced a week later by “There are still a few technical aspects and procedures to be signed off” and “the facilities team are doing there upmost to re-introduce these sessions”.

Parents, young people and I are concerned that this matter is not treated with the upmost urgency, and we cannot see how it is so difficult to provide local children with 'swim for all' sessions that continue at all the districts other swimming pools. Our young people have been treated very poorly by the Council and this must be resolved now.

Please can you provide an honest and firm date for the Tuesday 'Swim for all' session to be restored and the timetable for when all the remaining 'Swim for all' session at Eccleshill Pool to be restored.

5. Councillor Simon Cunningham

Would the leader join me in condemning the crass comments made by the Deputy Chairman of the Conservative Party about Bradford's railway connectivity, and can she share any updates on the actual hard work that is being done locally to boost intercity rail for the District?

6. Councillor Caroline Firth

Does the portfolio holder share my concern that Ilkley Town Council is being obligated to spend around £30,000 of residents money on a parish poll that is non-binding either to itself or to Bradford Council on the subject of introducing 20mph streets to improve road safety, when the money could be better spent on town centre events or facilities for local people?

7. Councillor Simon Cunningham

Can the portfolio holder provide an update on the refreshed approach to locating temporary speed cameras in West Yorkshire, and have any so-called areas of community concern successfully secured a camera yet?

8. Councillor Rebecca Poulsen

Would the Leader of Council be so kind as to commit to the council reverting to the pre-Covid norm of holding Keighley & Shipley Planning Panels in Keighley or Shipley, as is the case with Area Committees etc, because holding them in Bradford causes great inconvenience to residents, particularly those in the rural areas with no transport to get to Bradford, undermining public engagement and council transparency?

9. Councillor Simon Cunningham

Would the leader join me in welcoming the fantastic news that world-famous BRIT School has been successful in its application to develop a northern campus for the cultural and creative industries in Bradford, and can she outline the next steps of the process?

10. Councillor Chris Hayden

In Eccleshill we have a substantial new build of over 300 new homes between Harrogate Road and Moorside Road that was granted planning permission under reference 18/00897/MAR and is nearing completion. Part of the S106 agreement for the outline planning permission was to ensure the signalisation of the Harrogate Road/Moorside Road Junction. It is my understanding that this should have happened upon 50% of the project being completed. With this junction getting busier with every house sold, and accidents noticeably on the increase at this problem junction, please could the executive member inform me and my constituents when this necessary improvement work is planned, and when it will be completed?

11. Councillor Chris Hayden

In a recent Bradford East Area Committee meeting I heard reports from our local wardens who have been doing some brilliant work all over Bradford East. One of these pilot projects was working in partnership with local shop managers and owners to clear up shop fronts and land in the immediate vicinity to our retail areas. Given the success of the pilot, could I request that the executive consider the full rollout of this project across the whole district as soon as possible?

12. Councillor Debbie Davies

Could the Leader of the Council confirm whether the Council works with the Police and / or any other agencies, to stop beggars harassing people at road junctions, which some people find very intimidating and creates a negative first impression to anyone visiting Bradford?

13. Councillor Janet Russell

In light of the biodiversity motion passed at July's Full Council meeting, and the recent issue of concrete being poured into a spawning trout pool beside Back Beck Lane in Addingham, by a contractor, will the Portfolio Holder assure us that Environmental Assessments will be made for maintenance or building work beside or close to freshwater water streams of any size?

14. Councillor Alun Griffiths

The leader will have noted with concern the issuing of a section 114 notice by Birmingham Council and research published by Unison which places Bradford 5th in a league table of Councils that are "teetering on the brink of collapse".

Can she advise us if the Section 151 Officer is planning to issue a Section 114 notice, and explain what steps have been taken to inform that decision one way or another.

15. Councillor Joanne Dodds

I'm really concerned about the high numbers of children and young people who are vaping. When vapes first appeared we were told they were just to help people stop smoking cigarettes, but since then they have blatantly been marketed to children and young people with the flavours and packaging of sweets. What work is taking place in Public Health and with our partners to try and educate and prevent young people from taking up vaping?

16. Councillor Tariq Hussain

I know the roadworks are necessary for the big improvements to the city centre we're all looking forward to seeing, but what measures has the council taken to reduce the build-up of heavy congestion in and around Bradford?

17. Councillor Aneela Ahmed

Please can the portfolio holder give me an update on One City Park. Do we have more information on the building's tenants and when it will be completed and fit out for opening?

18. Councillor David Nunns

Would the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning and Transport, confirm that when planning permission is granted for land identified in the Strategic Development Plan as suitable for housing or commercial development, whilst the plan is still the subject of consultation, additional land will not be ear marked to take its place and why is the planning department approving applications on Green Belt land whilst the Strategic Development Plan is still in the consultation stage?

19. Councillor Aneela Ahmed

Can the portfolio holder provide a summary of homeless support as we approach the winter months?

20. Councillor Mohsin Hussain

Could I have an update on the Low Street works in the town centre and when they're due to complete?

21. Councillor Julie Lintern

Given the vast scale of Tory government cuts inflicted on Keighley since 2010, the latest allocation of £20m funding over 10 years for Keighley is obviously very welcome and much needed. For true levelling up to happen we also need to see an end to the government cuts. Nevertheless can the portfolio holder give further information on the plans for how this latest fund will be allocated?

22. Councillor Julie Glentworth

During the many hours that I spend driving around Bradford District on a daily basis, it is apparent that important road safety signs regarding speed limits, directions, school zones and much more are disappearing, hidden by over grown foliage, or so badly faded that you cannot recognise what it is for, so will the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning and Transport please confirm that actions will be put in place to rectify this problem as soon as possible?

23. Councillor Anna Watson

Will the Leader of the Council reassure the residents, town council and local councillors in Shipley that the Town Fund money earmarked for Shipley Town centre improvements and increasing the connectivity of Shipley Town Centre to the railway station and Saltaire, but which has in fact been spent on West Lane and Baildon Bank in Baildon and West Royd and Wrose Brow Road in Wrose, will be reimbursed to the Town's Fund Project B funds. These pavement improvements fall outside the scope of the TIP and the Baildon roads are outside of the Shipley Town Deal Boundary, as agreed with the Government.

24. Councillor Jeanette Sunderland

There has been much publicity concerning the presence of reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete (RAAC) in schools and hospitals. Has the Council surveyed all of the other buildings it is responsible for to establish if this is a problem, what did they find and what actions are taking place to secure the buildings?

25. Councillor Chris Steele

Leeds Bradford Airport obviously want to use more night time flights, even after breaking rules last year. This is obviously really concerning to some residents in my ward, many of whom already suffer from sleep disturbance from the noise. While recognising the importance of the airport to the local economy, jobs and local families, I believe any increase in night time flights is unwarranted given the obvious impacts on the environment and residents' health and sleep patterns. As a Council we have declared a Climate Emergency and work actively towards net zero. Can the portfolio holder provide detail on the process around the airport's application and the next steps, including any Bradford Council will take?

26. Councillor Marcus Dearden

I am very concerned about the speeding on Fred Hoyle way (Bingley by-pass). Local councillors would like to see speed cameras installed as soon as possible. Could you please give an update on the progress of our request and possible timescale for implementation?

27. Councillor Marcus Dearden

On Sunday 1st October a mountain bike event was held in Myrtle park, Bingley. Following this event Bingley councillors have been inundated with complaints concerning lack of notification as well as more damage done to the park at this year's event. Can I ask that council officers speak with the organisers to raise residents' concerns and address these issues?

28. Councillor Debbie Davies

Can we have an assurance that Baildon will get its new library as promised following the sale of the Ian Clough Hall site to a private developer and the purchase of the former Baildon Club for this purpose and what is the revised timescale for this project as the temporary library has now been in place for over a year?

29. Councillor Carol Thirkill

Can the portfolio holder give an update on our work to become a child friendly district?

30. Councillor Tariq Hussain

Can I have an update on the Development Frameworks process and assurance that the public are being given every opportunity to have their say?

31. Councillor Liz Rowe

Why has Shipley Towns Fund Board received nothing more as part of this latest allocation of funding from Government where Keighley Towns Fund Board received £20 million? Was there an application process?

32. Councillor Andrew Loy

Would the Regeneration, Planning and Transport Portfolio Holder confirm whether the Council remains committed to "undertake an urban realm study to identify ways of improving the pedestrian environment to facilitate and encourage more walking trips to Ilkley Town Centre" and if so, when will the study take place?

33. Councillor Matt Edwards

Does the portfolio holder agree that requests such as street cleaning, weed removal or snickets clearing should only be marked as completed when they are actually completed, If there are not enough resources to complete work, should these requests be kept open so a) residents know that the work is still waiting to be completed; and b) the council is able to accurately monitor how long it takes for these tasks to be actioned?

34. Councillor Aneela Ahmed

I know we've been pushing hard for a new through station in the city centre for a considerable time now because a city of our size and ambition should of course have that station. The Prime Minister committing to it in his keynote speech shows how successful we've been in making that case. Will the Leader give an update on how we now press government to deliver on its promise this time around?

11. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEES (Standing Order 15) 1 - 38

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

- a) At the meeting of Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 7 September 2023, consideration was given to a report of the Chair of Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee, which presented the draft Annual Overview and Scrutiny Report 2022-23, for adoption by Council.

Resolved – That the Annual Overview and Scrutiny Report for 2022-23 be referred to Council for adoption.

Action – Director of Legal and Governance

- b) At the meeting of the Governance and Audit Committee held on 21 September 2023, the Committee considered the proposed changes to Contract Standing Orders and Financial Regulations for approval to Council.

Resolved – That the proposed changes to Contract Standing Orders and Financial Regulations be recommended to Council for approval to support improvements in the organisation's finance and procurement processes and procedures.

Action: Director of Finance and IT

(Fatima Butt – 07970 411746)

12. NOTICES OF MOTION (Standing Order 17)

To consider notices of motion set out below:

12.1 - Quicker, affordable and more sustainable travel for Bradford District

To be moved by: Councillor Matt Edwards

To be seconded by: Councillor Celia Hickson

This Council notes that:

- according to the 2021 census 27.6% of households in Bradford do not have access to a car;
- those who own a car spend on average 13% of their gross income on it. For those paying for their car with a finance or loan deal this proportion rises to 19%;
- according to a recent report by the organisation Bike Is Best, 47% of people believe they have no alternative than to own a car;
- over the last 13 years, nationally 50% of bus services have been cut;
- analysis from People, Places, Policy and Data Unit, Bradford has the worst rail connections of any British city.

This Council believes that:

- a lack of public transport and active travel options means thousands of people are either trapped into car-dependency or are trapped in transport poverty;
- all people of Bradford District need, and deserve, a transport system that gets them from A-to-B quickly, safely and affordably;
- upgrading our transport infrastructure is essential to improve Bradford's economy, tackle congestion, reduce emissions, improve air quality and improve physical health;
- congestion can be reduced through active travel schemes and improving public transport and that sustainable development must be supported by sufficient transport infrastructure;
- upgrading our transport infrastructure will provide people with greater choice about how to make journeys;
- Bradford District has been badly let down by 13 years of government underinvestment in transport infrastructure, and further notes the Government's track record of broken promises and indecision - particularly over ensuring Bradford receives a much needed stop on the proposed Northern Powerhouse Rail;
- supports bus franchising and acknowledges the work by the West Yorkshire Combined Authority to assess the viability of the franchising process;
- believes Bradford District must reduce our reliance on private cars to have any chance of meeting our net zero commitment, and that the most effective way to reduce congestion is to have more people using public transport, walking, wheeling and cycling.

This Council resolves to:

- Requests the Director of Place to produce a transport plan that specifically seeks to identify ways of improving travel around Bradford District, with a focus on creating viable car-free transport options for all residents, reducing the overall number of car journeys and reducing carbon emissions. This report should be presented to the Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee within six months;
- Requests the Director of Place and the Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee to investigate alternative means of funding transport improvements including a feasibility study for a Workplace Parking Levy (modelled on the successful scheme introduced by Nottingham City Council).

12.2 - Leeds-Bradford Airport

To be moved by: Councillor Kevin Warnes

To be seconded by: Councillor Martin Love

Council notes:

- a) Between 1999 and 2019, the number of passengers flying in and out of Leeds-Bradford Airport (LBA) rose from 1.5 million to 4 million in 2019 (pre-covid), and numbers are now rising significantly once again (post-covid).
- b) During that same period, the number of flights to and from the airport increased from just over 26,000 to nearly 36,000.
- c) LBA is committed to further expansion – as recently as 2020, in its application for a new passenger terminal (now withdrawn), LBA stated its ambition to reach 7 million passengers per annum, extend day-time flying hours and remove the overall limit on nighttime flying.
- d) LBA allowed a total of 3,667 night-time movements during the 2022 summer season, exceeding the cap on these flights by 747.
- e) Vincent Hodder, LBA Chief Executive Officer, apologised for “this error” after being served with a Breach of Consultation Notice by Leeds City Council.
- f) Shipley Town Council issued a statement in June 2023 supporting enforcement action against increased night-flights at LBA and calling on the airport to “stick to the rules put in place to protect people’s health”.
- g) A report published in the Telegraph and Argus in June 2023 quoted an LBA spokesperson as stating, “We understand the impact that this has had on our neighbours”.

- h) Despite the above statement, LBA has now submitted five Certificate of Lawful Existing Use or Development (CLEUD) applications to Leeds City Council which, if approved, could allow certain types of flight including delayed and emergency flights to no longer count towards LBA's total night-time aircraft movements.
- i) CLEUD applications are not open to public comment, despite the fact that night-time flights cause widespread and repeated disturbance for thousands of residents across Bradford District, and are therefore not an appropriate process for reviewing LBA flight movements that take place outside their permitted hours.

Council further notes:

- j) The superb campaigns undertaken by the Group for Action on Leeds Bradford Airport (GALBA).
- k) The statement by the Climate Change Committee in June 2023 that "No airport expansions should proceed until a UK-wide capacity management framework is in place".
- l) Comments by the Committee's outgoing Chairman, Lord Deben, in June 2023, who said, "In present circumstances, there can be no question of allowing unconstrained airport expansion... I'd urge the government to reconsider its recent Jet Zero Strategy... We have to make it quite clear to government that you cannot allow emissions growth from aviation beyond what we have already said."

Council therefore:

1. Endorses the position of the Climate Change Committee on UK airport expansion.
2. Rejects the government's claim that its 'Jet-Zero' strategy will deliver net-zero aviation by 2050 and regards this strategy as fundamentally incompatible with the UK's national and international commitments on climate change.
3. Expresses our view that LBA's current operations and future development plans undermine our stated ambition to make the transition to a net-zero regional economy by 2038.
4. Requests the Chief Executive to write to LBA Chief Executive Vincent Hodder to (i) request that LBA's CLEUD applications are withdrawn and (ii) seek an assurance that LBA will abide by the cap on night-time flights.
5. Requests that the Leader of Council writes to the Leader of Leeds City Council to ask that everything possible is done to ensure that there is no expansion of night-time aircraft movements at LBA.
6. Requests that the Leader of Council, in her capacity as Chair of the WYCA Transport Committee, seeks to ensure that a full

review of the operation of LBA – with specific reference to night flights, the overall number of aircraft movements and the impacts of the airport’s operations on our regional net-zero carbon commitments - is added to the Committee’s Forward Plan.

7. Requests that the Leader of Council writes to the Chair of the WYCA Transport and Infrastructure Scrutiny Committee to ask that a full review of the operation of LBA - with specific reference to night flights, the overall number of aircraft movements and the impacts of the airport’s operations on our regional net-zero carbon commitments - is added to that Committee’s Work Programme.

12.3 - Rosebank

To be moved by: Councillor Anna Watson

To be seconded by: Councillor Janet Russell

This Council notes:

- a) That an application to develop the Rosebank oil and gas field off the Shetland Isles has been submitted by the Norwegian oil company Equinor and Israeli-owned Ithaca Energy.
- b) That the undeveloped field has the potential to produce 500 million barrels of oil.
- c) That burning this oil will be equivalent to producing over 200 million tonnes of carbon dioxide (CO₂). Putting this in context – this is more than the combined CO₂ emissions of all 28 low-income countries in the world – which are the countries who have contributed least to the climate crisis.
- d) That the International Energy Agency has recommended that for the world to stay within reach of keeping global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius (The Paris Commitment), which the UK has committed to meeting, that “beyond projects already committed as of 2021, there are no new oil and gas fields approved for developmen.”
- e) That the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has stated that we are currently on a path for 3.2 degrees Celsius of warming without a huge change in the policies of governments around the world.
- f) The increasingly devastating and exceptional impacts of climate change this year, for example June, July and August were the warmest on record around the globe, including the highest ever recorded global average sea surface temperatures, the smallest Antarctic sea ice maximum ever recorded and wildfires raging for weeks in Canada and Southern Europe.
- g) That in response to these unprecedented events the United Nations Secretary General, Antonio Guterres, has said that the era of global

warming has ended and “the era of climate boiling has arrived.”

h) That the Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak, approved a licence for the field to be developed on September 27th.

i) That the Labour leader, Keir Starmer, said following this announcement that he would not reverse the decision if Labour won the next election.

j) That climate change is already affecting residents of the Bradford district, with increased risk of extreme weather events such as flooding, heatwave and drought, whilst the cost of mitigating such risks will have an increasing impact on the Council’s financial security.

k) That Bradford Council declared a climate emergency in January 2019.

This Council further notes:

l) That the Rosebank development will receive subsidies paid for from the UK tax-payer of £3.75 billion.

m) That the Climate Change Committee – which advises the Government on meeting their legally binding carbon budgets –stated in Feb 2023 that more domestic oil and gas extraction would have “at most a marginal effect on domestic prices” and recommended instead that the best way to reduce exposure to volatile energy markets was to cut fossil fuel consumption, improve energy efficiency and shift to a renewables-based power system.

Council therefore:

Requests the Chief Executive to write to both the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition stating that this Council does not support the development of the Rosebank oil and gas field due to its contribution to climate changing emissions and the effect that this would have on our residents, asking that the licence should be revoked.

12.4 Providing a specialised and accessible menopause service in the Bradford District

To be moved by: Councillor Bob Felstead

To be seconded by: Councillor Allison Coates

Council notes that:

- Age UK reports that 1 in 4 women will have severe menopause symptoms that impact on their day to day lives. This means that symptoms of peri-menopause and menopause could potentially affect approx. 18,000 women in the relevant age range across the District. As a current “hot topic” on TV and in the media,

women are reporting how symptoms of menopause are causing some women to leave work, suffer relationship breakdowns and in extreme cases have severe mental health issues.

- Whilst Leeds and Wakefield have specialist menopause clinics, there is little specialist provision for the treatment of menopause across the Bradford District and patients rely on G.P. and Gynaecology & Obstetrics services for education and treatment.
- Women across our district have reported receiving inappropriate treatment or limited advice in managing their symptoms. The closest specialist clinic is in Meanwood, Leeds and is so popular it now has a 2 – 3 year waiting list for Leeds patients. Therefore, being oversubscribed, it is no longer able to accept referrals from Bradford G.P.s leaving Bradford patients with little alternative provision unless they can afford to pay privately, leading to health inequality in our District.
- There is some NHS provision to provide specific menopause training and improve education for clinicians within primary care in the Bradford District with plans to extend this to pharmacists and physician associates. The NHS has its own guidance for their line managers to offer support to NHS staff and employment policies and guidance is now being introduced by many other large employers.
- Popularity of the Bingley menopause support group, set up online last year on a voluntary basis by an NHS nurse who herself suffered severe symptoms, has grown so much it now has 672 members and the group is now starting to meet face to face.

Council resolves:

- Via the Health and Wellbeing Board, make representations to Bradford District & Craven Integrated Care Board and other appropriate partners, for the provision of a specialist menopause referral unit in the District. This should provide advice and education on the range of treatment possibilities, including alternative therapies such as diet and exercise, so that women can be fully informed to enable them to manage their own menopause giving patient choice leading to improved related health and wellbeing outcomes within the District.
- To liaise with all stakeholders to facilitate the creation of more menopause support groups and related information and awareness events across the district, including those in harder to reach communities.
- Provide support and guidance to employers in the Bradford District who want to introduce a menopause policy within their business for the benefit of their employees.

12.5 Street Lighting

To be moved by: Councillor Debbie Davies

To be seconded by: Councillor Rebecca Poulsen

Council notes that:

- The Smart Street Lighting Project is already saving energy and reducing costs
- Numerous councils switch off or dim some of their streetlights for some time during the hours of darkness
- Light pollution during the hours of darkness is harmful to wildlife in near every ecosystem and is a key contributor to the global “insect apocalypse”
- Some streetlights need to be on overnight for safety reasons

Council resolves:

- To undertake feasibility work to ascertain how many streetlights within the district can be either switched off, dimmed or made motion responsive for periods overnight, in order to reduce light pollution and the resulting harm to the environment, whilst reducing costs without causing safety risks
- To begin timely consultation regarding the proposals, in order to implement any proposed measures as soon as practically possible

12.6 Trade Unions v Council Staff interests

To be moved by: Councillor Mike Pollard

To be seconded by: Councillor Paul Sullivan

Council notes that:

- In previous years council staff have often had to wait until October or November to receive pay increases for the municipal year commencing the previous 1 April
- On the 8 March 2023, the Local Government Employers who are members of the National Joint Council (NJC) for Local Government Services, made a pay award offer to Unison, Unite and the GMB, the Trade Unions who sit on the NJC to represent council workers
- The employers highlighted that a key reason for the early offer

was, “so that employees, can receive this award as soon as is practicable, much closer to the traditional implementation date of 1 April, than has been the case in recent years” in light of the cost of living crisis

- The employers’ £1,925 per annum across the board pay offer, is roughly 10% for the lowest paid employees, bringing their pay increase to 22% over the last two years, whilst for Chief Executives, the highest paid council officers, this year’s award is only 3.5% (and has effectively been accepted) in an attempt to reflect the varying levels of impact that the increasing cost of living is likely to be causing
- When the national committees of all three unions rejected the offer and went out to consultation, members of Unison, the only one of the unions to make no recommendation for industrial action will not be striking. Unite members rejected the pay offer in only 23 of 317 councils in England and Wales, but the GMB are balloting up until 24 October, for strikes during autumn
- The last day of the GMB ballot is some 6 months after the pay offer was made and crucially over three months after Unison confirmed (on 4 July) that their members would not be striking
- Any industrial action by Unite members at a small number of councils and the small proportion of council staff represented by the GMB would be futile, when Unison members are not striking
- The employers’ offer has been repeatedly and **unanimously** reaffirmed as full and final since it was made on 23 February 2023
- The Local Government Employers in Scotland have offered an extra £81 per annum over and above what the employers in England & Wales have offered to the very lowest earners, which after deductions amounts to £52.05 per annum (£1 per week) and £4 extra per annum (£2.14 after deductions) equating to an extra 4p per week for everyone else.
- The unions have cancelled planned strike action in Scotland in response to what they describe as the “serious offer”.
- The same unions are intent on refusing the fractionally lower offer in England & Wales.

Council resolves:

- To write to the Labour *Chair* of the National Employers for Local Government, to publicly record its continued solidarity with the Local Government Employers across the country, who are members of the National Joint Council for Local Government

Services, regarding support for the full and final offer.

- To write to the General Secretaries of the Unison, Unite and GMB Trade Unions urging them to unite and show solidarity with the representatives of the employers, and also their own members, in acting to prevent a very lengthy delay before this year's pay award arrives in the workers' pay packets, ideally in time for them to receive some before Christmas and definitely before they have needlessly waited for a full year since the offer was made.
- To inform council staff that the unions appear to wish that their lowest paid members go on strike for an extra £1 per week above what is on offer, with everyone else striking for an extra 4p per week above what is on offer.

12.7 Local government finance

To be moved by: Councillor Susan Hinchcliffe

To be seconded by: Councillor Imran Khan

Council notes:

Councils across the country are reaching breaking point in their finances due to a perfect storm of Conservative government austerity cuts, inflation and rising demands for children's and adults social care.

Bradford Council has had to find over £350m in per year cuts and savings since 2010 with a cumulative impact of over £2bn. The Local Government Association has identified a funding gap of £3 billion in the funding of local authorities over the next two years just for services to stand still.

Cllr Sir Stephen Houghton, Chair of the Specialist Interest Group of Municipal Authorities (Sigoma), said the funding system is "completely broken". He called on government to provide additional in-year funding for the biggest pressure, children's services.

The independent Macalister Review found that £2.6bn should be invested over five years, including £1bn over the first two years, to overhaul the children's social care system nationally. The government subsequently allocated just £200m over two years.

An official report by the Competition and Markets Authority last year found the UK has a dysfunctional market for children's social care in which local authorities are forced to pay excessive fees for private services and an overhaul is needed to ensure better value services.

Sigoma research has found that the top 10% of England's most deprived councils have received cuts almost three times as high as the richest 10%. Bradford has received cuts of around 28% compared to

Surrey's 8%.

We have robust controls in place to ensure effective financial management of the council through these exceptionally challenging times.

Officers have been challenged to review all spending and identify opportunities to further reduce costs and generate income given the unprecedented situation in which councils find themselves.

Cipfa are doing a review of this council's and the Children and Families Trust's finances which we welcome. Any recommendations coming from the review will be actioned.

The Leader is writing to the Chancellor setting out our ask in advance of his Autumn Statement, which must provide significant new funding for local government and deliver long-awaited reform of how that funding is distributed.

Council resolves to:

Continue our work to further reduce spending through a range of measures.

Task officers to provide an asset disposal plan. This will identify council-owned land and assets that may be deemed surplus to requirements in order to raise funds.

Task officers to continue working closely with the Bradford Children and Families Trust and the DfE to ensure its budget is prudent and sustainable and enables the Trust to deliver on its vital improvement plan as part of the council's wider work.

Take the difficult decisions necessary in the upcoming council budget to further reduce the funding gap.

Ask government to urgently implement the Macalister Review.

Ask government to stop the profiteering of private providers for children's placements.

Ask government to implement the long-awaited fairer funding model for local government to link council funding to social need.

12.8 Better public transport in West Yorkshire

To be moved by: Councillor Susan Hinchcliffe

To be seconded by: Councillor Alex Ross-Shaw

Council notes:

That the Bradford district and West Yorkshire have had poor public

transport connectivity for too long. There is now an opportunity to change this with bus, mass transit and heavy rail.

Bus

Bus services are critical to many residents' lives as one of the most affordable and accessible means of getting about for work and leisure.

Nationally the privatisation of bus services has been a failure. The Conservative government introduced legislation in 2017 banning local authority ownership of bus services. Since then, thousands of bus routes have been lost across the country as private operators have struggled to make services financially sustainable.

We strongly support the West Yorkshire Mayor's work to get buses back under public control and improve bus travel.

We welcome the Mayor's Fares scheme and the £1 flat fare recently introduced for Keighley town in partnership with Transdev.

Mass Transit

We are an active partner in the plans for a mass transit service to transform connections in our district and across West Yorkshire.

The Mass Transit Vision 2040 strategy is being developed at pace, , we encourage residents and businesses to get involved.

Getting Bradford district on the mainline

Our well-publicised ambitions to get Bradford on the mainline and for better rail connections across our district.

The Government's welcome commitment to £2 billion investment in a city centre Bradford station and connection to the mainline.

Our long-running campaign calling on government and rail operators to introduce the six or seven trains a day to London from Shipley and Forster Square stations that they have long been promised.

The recent high profile meeting with SELRAP (Skipton East Lancashire Rail Action Partnership) between the Leader, the Mayor of West Yorkshire and the Shadow Secretary of State for Transport.

Council resolves to:

Work with the Mayor and neighbouring local authorities to take back control of the West Yorkshire bus network.

To lobby Government for a London style bus network with the funding from Government to match.

Retain the ambition to improve bus connections, grow the network and reduce ticket prices.

Continue working with the Mayor and neighbouring local authorities towards the vision of West Yorkshire mass transit.

To push for an increased number of London trains to be introduced into Bradford Forster Square to be delivered in time for 1st January 2025.

To work with Department of Transport and the Department for Housing, Local Government and Communities to deliver a new Bradford city centre station and to put Bradford on the mainline.

12.9 Fireworks

To be moved by: Councillor Abdul Jabar

To be seconded by: Councillor Nazam Azam

Councillors and residents across the district are angry and dismayed at the antisocial use of fireworks, which continue to cause distress to people and pets at all hours of day and night.

The council has used its powers to the full and implemented the recommendations of the 2021 cross-party Corporate Overview & Scrutiny committee review to curb the antisocial use of fireworks.

The review found action is also needed on a national level because local authority powers are limited on this issue.

Council officers, councillors, fire crews, police, VCS organisations and volunteers form a superb partnership effort around Bonfire Night every year, which helped result in fewer serious incidents last year. However, fireworks remain a blight on residents' lives year round.

Conservative government spokesperson Jacob Rees-Mogg said he was "unsympathetic" to calls for tougher action on fireworks because they are "a little bit of harmless fun".

Enough is enough. We need action to be taken on a national level.

There are brilliant low-noise fireworks that give spectacular displays which are available for people to buy and enjoy without causing harm to their neighbours. The use of these and small fireworks would be unaffected by the introduction of tougher rules outlined below.

Council resolves to ask government:

For a complete ban on the sale of Category 3 (as well as Category 4) fireworks to private individuals.

Reiterate our calls to reduce the maximum permitted noise level of fireworks sold to private individuals from the current 120 decibels down

to 90 decibels.

For a tougher licensing regime backed up by additional government funding for local authorities, police, fire services and Trading Standards to enforce.

To introduce these tougher measures as soon as possible, which will reduce antisocial behaviour and ensure that larger fireworks such as those in Categories 3 and 4 could only be used in strictly licensed, well-managed public displays.

12.10 Restoring public spaces and improving access to recreation in our communities

To be moved by: Councillor Brendan Stubbs

To be seconded by: Councillor Alun Griffiths

Public spaces have a massive impact on people. The psychological, physical and visual impact of weed-infested footpaths, broken furniture, rights of way lost to brambles and countless other examples all press negatively on residents in almost every corner of our district.

For those who can, voluntary action, adopting/maintaining a public space or sponsoring this sort of activity has positive effects on a local area. But it is not universal. For too many residents they open their doors onto a street or neighbourhood that brings them down rather than lifts them up. This motion looks to enhance the role of the Council to improve public spaces in every neighbourhood of our district.

This Council Notes that:

- Local Organisations, residents and community groups put thousands of hours into their local community, adopting unloved areas, cleaning neighbourhoods and helping authorities maintain and improve many of our most loved public spaces.
- After years of budget pressures, many of the council services responsible for looking after neighbourhoods and public spaces have been removed, reduced and in most cases now only function as a 'reactive service'.
- The Council Department of Place has a City of Culture 2025 readiness team that is focused on ensuring the major routes, towns and city centres are clean, repaired and ready to receive visits from across the district and beyond.
- Grant funding for public spaces and voluntary action is often shorter term and small in scale it can come from many sources and often requires formalised groups in order to access it. This

limits the scope of what and where it can be implemented.

This Council resolves to:

- Offer our sincere thanks to everyone who gives up their free time to volunteer, clean, clear, restore and maintain public spaces across the district.
- Continue to offer support to individuals, groups and organisations through our Neighbourhoods services.
- Requests the Chief Executive and relevant departments work up proposals, as part of the budget setting process, for a new 'environmental action fund' that area committees can administer to support Council and voluntary action across the district to maintain and improve public spaces.
- That the Neighbourhoods service helps Councillors and residents to draw up 'Wards Based Environmental plans' that will bring together public space improvements, environment and biodiversity work and access to recreation.

12.11 Regarding the Recent Killing of Sikh Activist Hardeep Singh Nijjar, Safety of our Sikh Community and Human Rights Concerns in India

To be moved by: Councillor Riaz Ahmed

To be seconded by: Councillor Jeanette Sunderland

This Council shares the concern of the Sikh federation The Sikh Federation is concerned that British officers have given no security advice to high-profile individuals or gurdwaras and the community, after Canada said last week that India was probably behind Nijjar's murder in June.

This tragic incident has been credibly linked to the involvement of Indian diplomats and secret service agents.

It is essential for Bradford Council to take note of the significant contributions made by the Sikh community to our local area. The Sikh community has enriched our cultural fabric, and their values of peace, unity, and social justice resonate with our diverse community.

This Council Resolves to:

Request the Chief Executive of Bradford Council to write a formal letter to the British Foreign Secretary, request that the British foreign Secretary conveys our Districts concerns to the Indian Government, Furthermore, we urge the British Foreign Secretary to address the broader issue of human rights abuses against all minority communities, including Sikhs in Punjab, Christians, Muslims (especially in Kashmir),

and Dalit communities.

Requests the Leader of Council and Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhood's and Community Safety to take immediate steps to address the concerns of a growing threats to places of worship and the safety of individuals within the Sikh community and other minority communities in Bradford. Including working with West Yorkshire police to offer support and advice to our Sikh Community.

13. FOOD SAFETY IN THE BRADFORD DISTRICT

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To receive and consider a report from the Strategic Director of Adult, Social Care and Health on Food Safety in the Bradford District, which as required by the Food Standards Agency and presents the Food Safety Service Plan for approval by Council.

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