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Dear Councillor,

**MEETING OF COUNCIL – TUESDAY, 12 DECEMBER 2023**

You are requested to attend the meeting of the Council to be held in the Council Chamber - City Hall, Bradford, on Tuesday, 12 December 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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# 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) <b>OR</b> Non-Registrable Interests (Directly Related)	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 meeting <u>unless</u> you have a dispensation.
Other Registrable Interests (Affects) <b>OR</b> Non-Registrable Interests (Affects)	Disclose the interest; remain in the meeting, participate and vote <u>unless</u> 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 <u>only if</u> the public are also allowed to speak but otherwise not do not participate in the discussion or vote; and leave the meeting <u>unless</u> 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 17 October 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.

- i) Revoke Parking Permits - Coppicewood Avenue, Lidget Green, Bradford.**

If any further 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.

(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).

**Recommended –**

- (1) That Councillor Nazir to remain on the Bradford West Area Committee as a Bradford Independent for the remainder of the 2023/24 municipal year.**
- (2) That Councillors Aneela Ahmed and Shaheen (Labour) replace Councillor Nazir and Salam (Bradford Independent) as alternates on the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the remainder of the 2023/24 municipal year.**
- (3) That Councillor Shafiq (Labour) replace Councillor Salam (Bradford Independent) as the Chair of the Regulatory and Appeals Committee and Councillor Lal (Labour) be appointed Deputy Chair for the remainder of the remainder of the 2023/24 municipal year. That Councillor Jamil replace Councillor Lal as an alternate on the Committee for the remainder of the 2023/24 municipal year.**

- (4) That Councillor Azam (Labour) replace Councillor Salam (Bradford Independent) as Deputy Chair of the Standards Committee for the remainder of the 2023/24 municipal year.**
- (5) That Councillor Cunningham (Labour) replace Councillor Salam (Bradford Independent) as an alternate on the Bradford East Area Committee for the remainder of the 2023/24 municipal year.**
- (6) That Councillor Elahi (Bradford Independent) replace Councillor Johnson (Labour) on the Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the remainder of the 2023/24 municipal year.**
- (7) That Councillor Johnson replace Councillor Hayden as an alternate on the Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the remainder of the 2023/24 municipal Year**
- (8) That Councillor Nazir (Bradford Independent) replace Councillor Rowe (Labour) as an alternate on the Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the remainder of the 2023/24 municipal year.**
- (9) That Councillor Salam (Bradford Independent) replace Councillor Kauser (Labour) on the Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the remainder of the 2023/24 municipal year.**
- (10) That Councillor Kauser replace Councillor Sabiya Khan as an alternate on the Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the remainder of the 2023/24 municipal year.**
- (11) That Councillor Nazir (Bradford Independent) be added as an alternate on the Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the remainder of the 2023/24 municipal year.**

**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 Caroline Firth**

Does the leader join me in welcoming the recent £19.8m “Levelling Up” funding for Keighley, and does she join me in praising the Bradford Council officers who put the bid together?

#### 2. **Councillor Andrew Loy**

Would the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning & Transport please confirm how many streets there are in Ilkley Ward and how many will be within the new 20mph zone?

#### 3. **Councillor Matt Edwards**

Does the Leader of Council agree that changes of opening hours to important services like Household Waste Centres should be communicated to councillors before they are made public?

#### 4. **Councillor Brendan Stubbs**

In March we were told a “pre-let announcement would be made in June”, for One City Park, in October we were told an announcement would be made at the end of October. Can the Leader advise the Council if the final work has been completed, who is the first tenant and how many other tenants are awaiting final contracts?

5. **Councillor Sarfraz Nazir**

Being awarded the City of culture 2025 brought a lot of excitement and hope for the young people of Bradford, however with the news the former chief executive of Bradford Council, somebody who was responsible for failing the young people of the city not once but twice, having been appointed to a prominent position, can we be assured that we are not a city that rewards failure?

6. **Councillor Caroline Firth**

I welcome the news that an Advanced Robotics and Engineering Institute in Keighley has been announced through the latest Levelling Up national competition. I understand that the intention is to use the council's Stockbridge depot for this purpose. Can you reassure residents that this will not have a negative effect on the number of and types of services being delivered to local people?

7. **Councillor Mohsin Hussain**

Do we have an update on the Keighley Health Hub - timescale for completion and when will the planning start?

8. **Councillor Mohsin Hussain**

Following the attacks on Starbucks and McDonald's – what has been done to prevent further attacks?

9. **Councillor Ralph Berry**

Section 17 of the Act places a general duty on all local authorities to 'safeguard and promote the welfare of children within their area who are in need.' Basically, a 'child in need' is a child who needs additional support from the local authority to meet their potential. I'd like to ask how many s17 Children Act payments have been made to Bradford Families in the last 6 months.

10. **Councillor Julie Glentworth**

As the new One City Park office building appears to be completed, can the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning & Transport, please update members on occupancy levels, the names of the organisations who have taken up leases and whether the building is exacerbating the problem of empty Grade 1 offices in the City Centre?



**11. Councillor Nazam Azam**

I'd like to thank my ward colleagues for their effective campaigning and the portfolio holder for his cooperation in getting the pelican crossing which will improve safety on Horton Grange Road. Can the portfolio holder confirm the costings related to the replacement of the zebra to a pelican crossing?

**12. Councillor Ian Parsons**

Eccleshill Councillors have been working closely with Parking Services to reduce illegal parking in Eccleshill, particularly on Stony Lane which is near an accident hotspot. We have seen some positive results, but we need to see much more action. Would the Executive agree that it would be helpful if Councillors received feedback on the number of parking services staff active in our wards and also an update on the number of tickets issued, at appropriate intervals?

**13. Councillor Martin Love**

Shipley ward councillors were naturally delighted to hear from officers that the tennis courts in Northcliffe Park were to be refurbished. We were less than happy to find out, via a rumour circulating among our residents, that the well-used free facility is now to be charged for. Can the portfolio holder please tell us what the charges to use the courts will be and why this information wasn't communicated to ward members when the original announcement was made?

**14. Councillor Ian Parsons**

Bradford is the City of Culture in 2025. Eccleshill village and surrounds are currently being evaluated for Conservation Area status. Should Eccleshill be successful we would be the 60th Conservation Area awarded in Bradford District. Does the leader agree with me that the heritage of Bradford is a key part of our Districts identity, and as such should be protected for future generations? And if so, will the leader support Eccleshill Village in becoming the 60th Conservation Area in the District?

**15. Councillor Aneela Ahmed**

Rising social care costs are the most common issue affecting local authorities at the moment with the Macalister review saying £2.6bn is needed for children's services alone. Is there work going on to press the government to address this chronic underfunding?

16. **Councillor Debbie Davies**

Following the recent incident of a collapsed wall in Baildon which thankfully didn't injure anyone but did block a major road for a few days, can the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning & Transport, please confirm whether there are there any plans to upgrade risk assessment procedures, as there are numerous similar walls across the district that could be at risk of collapse particularly following heavy rainfall?

17. **Councillor Liz Rowe**

Is the district hosting plenty of Christmas events this year to bring much needed cheer to families?

18. **Councillor Jeanette Sunderland**

Can the Portfolio Holder advise how many households with children are on the Housing List waiting for a suitable family home?

19. **Councillor Liz Rowe**

Does the portfolio holder join me in welcoming the opening of the enterprise hub at Shipley library and can he give a summary of the kind of services it will offer?

20. **Councillor Paul Godwin**

It was good to hear that the council's Landscape, Design & Conservation Team has won a couple of national awards. Will the portfolio holder explain what work has been rewarded in this way?

21. **Councillor Paul Godwin**

Will the Portfolio Holder join with me in wishing the Keighley Town Centre Business Improvement District team well in their ballot? If successful how much investment would the BID bring to Keighley?

22. **Councillor Mike Pollard**

Would the Portfolio Holder for Children & Families clarify, if the 'Newton Model' was as claimed, not actually used to project revenue budget requirements for the Bradford Children's and Families Trust Budget, what was the process that took place with regard to the establishment of the manifestly unrealistic

contract sum model for the first year of operation of the Trust, were both parties content to 'sign off' that process and if not, why did the Council not refuse to sign off a budget which it already knew at that point to be undeliverable?

**23. Councillor Matt Edwards**

Residents in Tong Village are incredibly frustrated by the increased amount of anti-social behaviour linked to dangerous and inconsiderate driving (and parking) along Tong Lane, especially close to the junction with Westgate Hill Street. The council has a PSPO to tackle 'anti-social use of vehicles in Bradford' so what are the Safer Bradford team doing to enforce the PSPO on Tong Lane?

**24. Councillor Nazam Azam**

The police and councils across the country need considerably more funding to tackle the scourge of antisocial behaviour. The announcement of the Safer Streets Fund was therefore welcome. Can the portfolio holder tell me how much the district receives from this fund and how we plan to spend it?

**25. Councillor Julie Humphreys**

Can the Leader advise what the Household Support Fund delivers in the district and whether the Government is likely to continue the fund next year?

**26. Councillor Tariq Hussain**

Following on from our motion at the last full council to tackle nuisance fireworks and the work done around Bonfire Night. Will the portfolio holder give an update on how the Bonfire Night period passed this year?

**27. Councillor Aneela Ahmed**

Does the portfolio holder join me in welcoming the government u-turn on its plan to shut train station ticket offices?

**28. Councillor Rebecca Poulsen**

Would the Portfolio Holder for Healthy People and Places please advise why Councillors were not advised that HWRC's were to be closed on Mondays and why was it thought that a good time to introduce the pilot was in the run up to Christmas and New Year, when much waste is generated?

29. **Councillor Rizwana Jamil**

As we move into the final 12 months of preparation can the portfolio holder tell me how the plans are progressing for our district's year as UK City of Culture 2025 and what great things our residents can look forward to?

30. **Councillor Caroline Whitaker**

Will the council be providing real time air pollution monitoring equipment for traffic congestion hotspots outside the Clean Air Zone?

31. **Councillor Riaz Ahmed**

Listed as a benefit of the Councils Smart Street Lighting project was the idea that the new street lighting columns could facilitate the future introduction of electric car charging. We now learn that Northern Power Grid have indicated the power for street lighting is unsuitable for EV charging. What is the Portfolio Holders Plan to ensure that people with only on-street parking are not disadvantaged by the considerable pricing differentials between those households with a domestic charging point and those without?

32. **Councillor Bob Felstead**

Would the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning and Transport, confirm whether the £12m refund from the WYCA Transport Budget has any legal / ringfencing restrictions regarding its use?

33. **Councillor Talat Sajawal**

With over £10 million having been generated via the CAZ scheme. Can the portfolio holder assure us that the money will be ring fenced and spent on building the infrastructure to support those using electric cars, with charging ports and initiatives aimed at improving air quality across the district. Also, can we have a commitment that any of this money will not be used to cover the councils overspend of £65 million.

11. **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEES (Standing Order 15)** 1 - 20

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

- b) At the meeting of the Governance and Audit Committee held on 23 November 2023, the Committee considered the Treasury Management Mid Year Report (up to 30 September 2023).

**Resolved -**

**That the details in Sections 2 and 3 of Document “X” be noted and the report be referred to the 12 December 2023 Council meeting for adoption.**

***To be actioned by: 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 - Shipley Eastern Bypass**

**To be moved by:** Councillor Paul Sullivan

**To be seconded by:** Councillor Bob Felstead

**This Council notes that:**

- The great determination that the council used to generate evidence to support the CAZ scheme for the City and the zeal employed to secure the £400k to develop and £2 billion (recently allocated by the Conservative Government) to construct a new rail station in Bradford.
- The council has previously blamed funding issues for the seemingly never-ending delays to the Shipley Eastern Bypass, which would alleviate all day congestion, reduce emissions from slow moving traffic and thus improve air quality.
- The Conservative Government has now committed to fully funding the Shipley Eastern Bypass, further to the government having funded a feasibility study which confirmed the need for the scheme to be delivered.
- The current Labour Council still seems to be looking to generate evidence to deny the residents of the district from benefiting from a scheme which would benefit them.
- The residents of the outer towns and villages have long perceived the Labour Council to be unduly City Centric.

**This Council resolves to:**

- To stop prevaricating in this matter and expend as much energy in delivering this funded scheme for the benefit of the district's residents and economy.
- To build "active travel" measures into the scheme to encourage people across the Shipley area and beyond, to choose alternative modes of travel to motor vehicles, such as cycling and walking, which will become much more attractive to people when the Bypass reduces traffic and air pollution.

**12.2 - Proactive prevention of illegal encampments**

**To be moved by:** Councillor Andrew Loy

**To be seconded by:** Councillor Debbie Davies

**This Council notes that:**

- Bradford Council provides two official traveller sites, with overall occupancy levels indicating significant current overprovision for the levels of demand for legal occupation.
- Despite this, over the years numerous illegal encampments throughout the district have been occupied by travellers, with some sites having frequent illegal encampments, such as Ilkley, Marley and Odsal, the latter of which has experienced very serious damage.
- The courts have often been involved to ensure the departure of the culprits and further expense has been required to clean up, make safe and try to secure the sites afterwards.
- Local residents should not have had to suffer the anti-social behaviour that sometimes came with the encampments and then pay for life to return to normal.
- The Council regularly engages with representatives of the traveller community in a bid to enhance community cohesion.
- In a Supreme Court ruling on Wednesday 29 November 2023, five Supreme Court Judges led by Lord Reed, upheld the Appeal Court's verdict, that Councils can take out court injunctions to bar Travellers from sites across their boroughs before they arrive, even if they cannot identify the Travellers in advance of their arrival.
- The supreme court decision backs 38 local authorities that had sought to impose "no-go zones" for Travellers.
- Some Councils have previously used injunctions to disperse Travellers by preventing them from moving to sites in the same area.

- In Harlow, Council chiefs banned Travellers from 454 "parcels of land" covering the entire town, while three Councils in Hampshire took out an injunction banning unauthorised encampments for five years
- The actions of these Councils is motivated by a desire to provide Healthy Spaces and preventing Anti-Social Behaviour, for law abiding local people, rather than motives based in discrimination
- The Supreme Court Judges said that they did however have "considerable doubt" that it would be justified to impose a ban covering an entire borough, or if it lasts for "significantly more than a year".

**This Council resolves to:**

- To request the Chief Executive to instigate a public consultation and feasibility study to augment future Council policy, regarding the utilisation of court injunctions to protect public land and the local communities who reside close to and use them, from the problems caused by illegal encampments, which have blighted them up to this point.

**12.3 - Fast Fashion and its environmental impact**

**To be moved by:** Councillor Jeanette Sunderland

**To be seconded by:** Councillor Aislin Naylor

The production, consumption and disposal of clothes has a large environmental impact.

Only a small proportion of textiles are recycled in the UK. Every year approximately one million tonnes of textiles are discarded in the UK. While some of these are resold in charity shops, around 300,000 tonnes of clothing still ends up in household bins. Approximately 20 percent of this goes to landfill and 80 percent is incinerated.

The UK consumes more new clothing than any other European country at 26.7kg per capita, with individuals spending an average of £980 per year.

**This Council notes:**

that further environmental damage is caused by the fashion industry, including:

- a. 20% of water pollution resulting from the textile dying process, the second largest polluter of water globally.
- b. Micro plastics from synthetic clothing contributing to 20–35% of primary source marine micro plastics, with up to 700,000 fibres released in a single 6kg domestic wash.

- c. A water footprint of eight billion cubic metres, from clothing use in the UK.
- d. Fabric accounted for 800,000 tonnes of waste in the UK in 2016, a considerable increase from 700,000 tonnes in 2012.
- e. Overall consumption of garments since the 1980s has increased due to the ongoing decline in quality and longevity driven by the fast fashion business model.
- f. Landfill and incineration, often in less economically developed countries, is the endpoint of at least 64% of garments globally, only 1% of garments are recycled into new clothing.
- g. Modern slavery and unethical labour practices are notoriously linked to the fashion industry both globally and locally, including Shein employees being paid as little as three pence per garment, and forced labour of the Uyghur minority in China; there are also reports that garment workers in UK production centres such as Leicester are
- h. frequently paid below the minimum wage.

**This Council further notes:**

- a. The report by the Textile Recycling Association “Trashion” which details the shocking impact of the export of plastic fashion waste to the southern hemisphere.
- b. The Bradford based Common Wealth Theatre Production Fast, Fast, Slow, which explored fast fashion, waste and our relationship with clothes, and the work by Revival Ghana at the Industrial Museum to talk about upcycling waste from the UK and how to upcycle clothing.
- c. The Councils approach to sell textiles as a commodity:

**This Council believes:**

- a. Urgent action is needed to tackle the climate emergency, including a shift towards circular economies.
- b. Everyone should have access to high quality clothing and informed consumer choice upon purchase.
- c. Everyone deserves fair wages and employment practices, no matter where they live in the world.
- d. The opportunity exists for Bradford to rebuild its expertise in textile production and recycling by producing an implementing a strategy for the Sustainability and Circularity for textiles.



### **This Council resolves to:**

Request the Chief Executive to work with others in the science and other industries to produce a strategy for the Sustainability and Circularity for Textiles. The strategy should include but not be limited to:

- a. A scheme to incentivise innovation and investment in textile circularity.
- b. Research and development into new ways of making textiles.
- c. Support to new developments in fibre to fibre recycling and the design and construction of no end use garments.
- d. Research to limit synthetic fibre emissions, including investigation of the occupational health risks associated with synthetic fibres.
- e. The strategy should also include Yorkshire Water in the development of new ways of working to reduce and remove micro-plastics from our rivers.
- f. The identification of actions that can be taken at a Government level such as the cost of clothing to be explicitly considered in the calculation of benefit rates and the extension of the proposed virgin plastics tax to textile products containing less than 50% recycled PET, to stimulate the UK market for recycled fibres and Government-led collaboration among fashion retailers, water firms, and washing machine manufacturers to tackle microfibre pollution, holding product-producing companies ultimately responsible.

### **12.4 - Stopping genocide in Gaza**

**To be moved by:** Councillor Taj Salam

**To be seconded by:** Councillor Matt Edwards

We stand in solidarity with all those residents, living in our district, who have family and friends in Gaza and the West bank in Palestine and in Israel.

This Council deeply regrets and condemns the tragic loss of civilian life in both the Hamas terrorist attacks on the 7th of October and the ensuing indiscriminate bombardment of the Gaza strip by Israel.

### **This Council notes:**

- That Bradford residents have family and friends in East Jerusalem, the West Bank, the Golan Heights, and Gaza which are illegally occupied by Israel; and that Gaza has been subject to 16 years of blockade.
- Amnesty International, UN rights, Human Rights watch, B'Tselem, all have called it Apartheid. Even a former head of Mosad (Tamir Pardo) has said Israel is imposing a form of Apartheid on the Palestinians.

- that the Israeli Government has been withholding essential resources from Gaza and what UN Experts have described as “destroying or damaging homes, hospitals, markets and UN Reliefs and Works Agency (UNRWA)” and that Amnesty International has “documented unlawful Israeli attacks, including indiscriminate attacks, which caused mass civilian casualties and must be investigated as war crimes.
- Save The Children have highlighted that the number of children reported killed in Gaza has surpassed the annual number of children killed across the world's conflict zones since 2019; many of these children are relatives and friends of Palestinian families, living in our district.
- under Article II of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, genocide is defined as certain acts “committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial or religious group” and that, under Article I, the UK has confirmed that genocide is a crime under international law which it undertakes to prevent and to collectively punish.
- the UK, at the UN Security Council on 18 October 2023, refused to vote for “humanitarian pauses” to deliver lifesaving aid to millions in Gaza; and Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International, B’tselem. This has caused great distress and upset amongst many residents in Bradford. Who were under the impression that the UK stood for Peace, Justice and Human rights.
- that these horrific events have had a huge effect on many Bradford citizens, in particular those with relatives and friends in the region.
- The huge response of many people in Bradford to the conflict, with many attending protests, both locally and nationally.

**This Council believes:**

- There can be no justification for the loss of innocent lives on both sides, and all atrocities committed against civilians must be condemned and investigated;
- that Hamas’ appalling murder of civilians in Israel must be unequivocally condemned, and we continue to call for the safe, unconditional release of all hostages;
- that the Israeli Government's indiscriminate killing of Palestinian civilians must be unequivocally condemned;

- we must not allow these tragic events to divide our communities in our district, and we understand and feel the pain of all people in Bradford. many of whom are from Palestine and have suffered extreme anxiety for the safety of their families and friends, and some, sadly, have suffered bereavements.
- all forms of racism, including antisemitism and Islamophobia have no place in our district and condemns any attacks on Jewish or Muslim people.
- all UK political leaders must call upon the Israeli Government to ensure food, water, medicine and electricity is provided to Gaza, that there must be clear humanitarian corridors, and that all actors must follow and be held accountable under international law;
- Sir Keir Starmer was wrong to say, in an interview with LBC radio, that Israel “does have that right” to withhold food, water and electricity from Gaza, and he should apologise and retract this statement supporting collective punishment;
- there is ultimately no military solution to this conflict, **there never has been**. Every effort must be made by the international community to make a two-state solution a reality, which requires a commitment to a formal peace process, an end to the illegal occupation and for all parties to follow international law, in order to bring peace to the region; A reason why so many Palestinian refugees/Asylum seekers, sought refuge in our district, which is a City of Sanctuary.
- That where Palestinians are forced to flee, they must not be permanently displaced from their homes, and calls on the UK Government to use all available pressure to ensure this.
- any state has a right to protect its citizens from attacks and terror, subject to international law.
- innocent Palestinians must not pay the price for Hamas atrocities.

**This Council resolves to:**

to assure Palestinians living in our district by calling upon the UK Government to:

- Join other Councils calling for an immediate humanitarian *permanent* ceasefire, in order to facilitate an intense period of diplomacy, bring humanitarian aid into Gaza, and provide an opportunity to seek the immediate release of all hostages.

- call for an immediate *permanent* ceasefire and to vote for this at the UN;
- cease all arms sales and military aid for the region; and
- make every effort to resume the peace process; work with community and religious groups, leaders, West Yorkshire Police to continue to tackle instances of antisemitism and Islamophobia and to support any families in Bradford district who may have family and friends directly affected by the conflict in Palestine.

## **12.5 - The Government has abdicated responsibility for public services**

**To be moved by:** Councillor Susan Hinchcliffe

**To be seconded by:** Councillor Imran Khan

### **This Council believes:**

that the Chancellor's Autumn Statement was more of an election campaign address than a serious attempt at running the country.

- No mention of children
- No mention of local authorities
- More cuts to public services

It is clear, now the smoke has cleared, that the Chancellor's budget was paid for with a huge IOU note. Future unrealistic cuts to public services are going to pay the debt of tax cuts which the Chancellor has promised. The Institute for Fiscal Studies said:

"He banked additional revenue from higher inflation, and pencilled in harsher cuts to public spending. I'm not sure I'd want to be the chancellor inheriting this fiscal situation in a year's time."

CIPFA, the professional accountancy body specialising in public services, said: "Public services are broken and this Autumn Statement does nothing to fix them. A political rather than an economic statement, it is a missed opportunity to look at long-term solutions."

The Autumn Statement signalled a 3.4% annual cut to unprotected Government budgets like the Department for Communities and Local Government which supports councils.

Local authorities are already facing a combined funding gap of £4bn in the coming year, with the Autumn Statement doing nothing to address the chronic underfunding of councils.

### **This Council resolves to:**

Request Government to provide the additional funding that the Bradford Children and Families Trust needs to provide social care services for the district's most vulnerable children this year. The Trust's Board has identified it requires an additional £45 million this year to balance its budget.

Press Government to fix the national funding crisis faced by local authorities in its Local Government Finance Settlement. Large numbers of councils of all political colours and sizes are being pushed to the brink because their funding falls well short of the rapidly rising costs and increasing levels of need.

Ask our district's MPs, Conservative and Labour, to lobby Government on behalf of their constituents for adequate funding for local services.

Collaborate with the LGA and other bodies in exposing the scandal of private providers profiteering excessively from vulnerable children.

Continue to address the council's urgent budget situation through the emergency financial plan being developed.

### **12.6 - This Council calls for an immediate and lasting ceasefire in Gaza**

**To be moved by:** Councillor Susan Hinchcliffe

**To be seconded by:** Councillor Imran Khan and Councillor Abdul Jabar

### **This Council acknowledges:**

the peaceful demonstrations that have been happening almost daily in Bradford and Keighley. We hear the calls of communities across the district and join with them in asking for an immediate and permanent ceasefire. We thank West Yorkshire Police for their responsible policing of these demonstrations.

Bradford district is a global place. People have friends and family in many parts of the world. What happens in Palestine and Israel matters to us. We are horrified by the events we see unfolding daily on our TV screens. We want a ceasefire which must include an immediate and lasting cessation of violence and indiscriminate attacks, plus the release and return of all hostages, and beyond that a lasting resolution that will deliver peace and a two-state solution.

We unequivocally condemn the collective punishment of Palestinian civilians by the Israeli Government which have meant 1.5 million people have been displaced. We unequivocally condemn the terrorist attacks by Hamas against civilians in Israel. Indiscriminate attacks against civilians is a direct violation of international law. We believe all crimes and war crimes should be prosecuted. We ask for a permanent

end to the siege of Gaza with proper access to food, water, power and medical supplies being restored.

We are deeply concerned about the rise of Islamophobia and Antisemitism in our country. Bradford district has always taken a stand against Islamophobia, Antisemitism and all forms of racism. Hate will never be tolerated here. We are a place of peace where people come together, this conflict must not prise us apart.

We condemn the attacks on the two shops in Keighley as completely unacceptable and support the Police in holding a proper investigation to find those who committed these acts to bring them to justice.

Lasting ceasefire now.

**This Council resolves to:**

Ask our District's MPs to call for a lasting ceasefire, acknowledging that three of our district's MPs have already done so.

Work with all communities across Bradford district to make sure that our communities remain united and understanding of each other.

Work with partners including West Yorkshire Police to ensure people can continue to demonstrate in a peaceful and respectful manner.

**13. APPOINTMENT OF THE HONORARY RECORDER**

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The purpose of the report of the Director of Legal and Governance (**Document "A"**) is to formally invite the Council to approve the Appointment of His Honour Judge Jonathan Rose as Honorary Recorder of Bradford.

**Recommended -**

- (1) That the appointment of His Honour Judge Jonathan Rose as Honorary Recorder of Bradford during his tenure as Resident Judge at Bradford Crown Court, in accordance with the Courts Act 1971 be formally approved.**
- (2) That the Director of Legal and Governance, in consultation with the Lord Mayor make appropriate arrangements to mark his appointment.**

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