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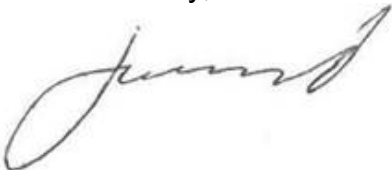
Dear Councillor,

MEETING OF COUNCIL – TUESDAY, 12 MARCH 2024

You are requested to attend the meeting of the Council to be held in the Council Chamber - City Hall, Bradford, on Tuesday, 12 March 2024 at 4.00 pm

The agenda for the meeting is set out overleaf.

Yours sincerely,



Jason Field
Interim Director of Legal and Governance

Notes:

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- The Fire Bell and Evacuation Procedure requires people to leave the building in an orderly fashion by the nearest exit, should the fire alarm sound. No one will be allowed to stay or return until the building has been checked.

Members are reminded that under the Members' Code of Conduct, they must register within 28 days any changes to their financial and other interests and notify the Monitoring Officer of any gift or hospitality received.

AGENDA

A. PROCEDURAL ITEMS

1. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

(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 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) OR 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 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. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence.

(Fatima Butt – 07970 411746)

**3. WRITTEN ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LORD MAYOR
(Standing Order 4)**

(To be circulated before the meeting).

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.

(Fatima Butt – 07970 411746)

B. BUSINESS ITEMS

5. 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)

6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (Standing Order 13)

There are no public questions.

(Fatima Butt – 07970 411746)

**7. 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).

8. 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.

9. 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

How can community groups across the district get involved and start preparing for the UK City of Culture year?

2. Councillor Andrew Loy

Would the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning and Transport, confirm the current annual cost of clearing up fly-tipping in the district, the average cost per fly tip clean-up and confirm that a full cost and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) had taken place before the proposal to close the tips was put forward, to inform projections regarding the number, cost and environmental damage of fly tips that the council should anticipate in the coming year, should the closures take place and can he provide members with sight of any such EIA?

3. Councillor Matt Edwards

Can the portfolio holder confirm if the Council still operate a process for clearing unadopted back alleys and snickets?

4. Councillor Alun Griffiths

Does the Leader of Council have confidence in the chairs of the Bradford East Area Committee and the Bradford Planning Panel?

5. Councillor Luke Majkowski

Can the portfolio holder please advise me why Bradford Council's Planning Enforcement Team are consistently dismissing cases as inconvenient to pursue even though there is a clear breach of planning regulation.

I have at least 5 recent examples of planning regulation breaches within the Queensbury Ward.

6. Councillor Marcus Dearden

Will the leader join me in welcoming the decision to fully fund the highways scheme to install average speed check cameras and the reduction in the speed limit to 50mph along the Fred Hoyle way, otherwise known as the Bingley bypass. Since being elected three years ago the speeding along with the noise pollution have been a constant annoyance for the residents of Bingley and an issue I have raised throughout that time.

7. Councillor Marcus Dearden

Given the decision by the promoter and Bradford & Bingley Rugby club not to hold the Bingley weekender event this year, an event which plays an important role for Bingley, will the Council commit to working with local councillors and the event organisers to look at options for how the event can be held again as part of our UK City of Culture year in 2025?

8. Councillor Chris Hayden

We have all seen in the news nationally that too many children are missing vital school days and we know the impact this has on their future outcomes. As a ward councillor I am also aware of many children in Eccleshill that miss large swathes of their education and this causes me great concern. I believe that we need to actively identify some of the root causes and problems within the existing structure to ensure that we don't allow this problem to become embedded. Would the Executive support a deep dive into young people out of education across Bradford to identify some solutions that we can work towards in collaboration with a variety of local organisations, schools and our own youth services?

9. Councillor Caroline Firth

When is the collapsed wall on Keighley footpath 11 – at the rear of the council's Stockbridge depot – going to be fixed so the path can reopen?

10. Councillor Russell Brown

Would the Portfolio Holder for Education, Employment and Skills please confirm how many government funded apprenticeships are provided by the Council and can he please provide details of what

trades they are learning?

11. Councillor Safina Kauser

Will the leader of the council and the portfolio holder for Culture join me in congratulating the BD2025 City of Culture team for their inclusion of young people. I welcome the opportunities created for our young people like the apprenticeships and also the youth panel. It gives us some confidence that our young people will be able to make a positive contribution and be involved in the decision making process. Can I be assured that once BD2025 has passed we will continue to invest in our young people and create opportunities to involve them in the decision making process of all our services?

12. Councillor Chris Hayden

Would the Leader join me in celebrating the opening of the brand new state of the art Community Diagnostic Centre in Eccleshill? I am thrilled that this facility has opened in my Ward and will benefit my residents. I welcome this approach and would love to see it rolled out across the District.

13. Councillor Caroline Whitaker

Can the portfolio holder confirm that the land off Elliott Street in Silsden (ARN - 00275) included in the asset disposal plan will be only the part agreed by the Executive in October 2022 and that the Council is still intending to pursue an Asset Transfer with The Hive for most of the site?

14. Councillor Mohsin Hussain

Will the portfolio holder provide an update on the Keighley Towns Fund schemes?

15. Councillor Ian Parsons

Would the Executive support the Great British Spring Clean, taking place between 15th – 31st March 2024, an event that Friends of Ravenscliffe Woods will be partaking in? This will be an opportunity to litter pick and to deal with the scourge of fly-tipping and to send a message to our citizens about the importance of keeping our environment litter-free.

16. Councillor Debbie Davies

Can the Deputy Leader of the Council please explain why a Foundation Charitable Incorporated Organisation wasn't set up to manage Ingleborough Hall and Buckden House as per the instructions of the Executive at a meeting in September 2013?

17. Councillor Aneela Ahmed

Now we've entered a new phase of the Transforming Cities works will the portfolio holder give an update on what work will be completed when over the coming weeks and months?

18. Councillor Riaz Ahmed

In the Budget, the proposal to bring in a charge for residents and visitor parking permits was highlighted as having a disproportionate impact on low income, disabled or older residents. The mitigation outlined was that further consultation would be needed. Can the portfolio holder set out how and when this further consultation will take place, and can they also assure residents that all who reside in a residents parking permit area will be included.

19. Councillor Caroline Firth

Can the portfolio holder give an update about work taking place to shore up the river bank in Marley, where the old Victorian tip is falling into the river?

20. Councillor Ian Parsons

Would the executive join me in thanking the great work that is carried out by Youth Services in Eccleshill Ward and especially that of Nicky Lannen at Ravenscliffe Youth and Community Centre? Presentations to the Bradford East Area Panel have shown the vital work that the Youth Service does in developing our young people to be active and informed citizens. Youth Services in Bradford are carrying out vital work providing opportunities to thousands of our young people.

21. Councillor Ian Parsons

The Gateway Community Centre, the Rockwell Community Centre and Eccleshill Mechanics Institute are vital parts of the provision offered by the voluntary community sector in Eccleshill Ward. Would the executive join me in thanking them for their previous achievements and offer them our full support and encouragement for the future. Do you believe that supporting the VCS remains a priority even during difficult financial times?

22. Councillor Bob Felstead

Further to stating at the Full Council Meeting of 12 December 2023, that the Council had informed WYCA about the proposal to sell Wortley Curve as soon it became aware, would the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning and Transport be so kind as to clarify exactly when this was?

23. Councillor Matt Edwards

There is a camera currently located on a high-profile building in Holmewood has been successful helping the Police tackle anti-

social behaviour and environmental enforcement teams catch fly tippers. Given the potential to raise revenues through fines and reduce the costs associated with clearing fly-tipping, would the portfolio holder be willing to commit to similar cameras being installed on nearby buildings?

24. Councillor Safina Kauser

Can the portfolio holder advise how many people are currently awaiting either an adult or child OT adaptations assessment and what the current waiting times are? How do they compare to previous years? I am concerned about the impact this is having on individuals awaiting assessment especially children with severe disabilities?

25. Councillor Aneela Ahmed

It was great to see a piece of Bradford's heritage being restored as the gates to Darley Street Market. Can the portfolio holder give an update on progress at the site?

26. Councillor Tariq Hussain

How can people volunteer to take part in the UK City of Culture year?

27. Councillor Tariq Hussain

Will the Leader give an update on the latest position regarding the Interchange bus station.

28. Councillor Debbie Davies

Can the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning and Transport clarify why Richard Whiteley Drive and Firth Wood Avenue in Baildon haven't been made adopted highways when the development was completed about 6 years ago, especially as the site is owned by Bradford Council?

29. Councillor Mohammed Shafiq

How many children were given a secondary school place which was one of their preferences this year?

30. Councillor Mohammed Shafiq

The public health minister Andrea Leadsom had positive things to say about the work being done at our Family Hubs after she visited Bradford recently. Will the Leader outline how the council and our partners are working to support families with children of a very young age to help get them the best start in life?

31. Councillor Matt Edwards

Given the issues at the former Holme View Care Home in Holmewood following the sale by Bradford Council, will any

conditions be added to the sales proposed under any Asset Disposal Programme to ensure any sites sold do not cause similar issues for residents, enforcement teams and the emergency services in the future?

32. Councillor Brendan Stubbs

It has been more than 6 months since members were told that the instillation of new traffic lights on the Junction of Moorside Road and Harrogate Road were being held up due to discussions between the Council and the Developer of the new housing off Moorside Road. Can the portfolio holder explain if this has now been resolved and what is the timetable for the lights to be installed.

33. Councillor Chris Herd

Can the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning and Transport please provide details of the annual number and cost of fly tips for the last 3 years, from Hill House Edge Lane and along the Bradford District section of Nab Water Lane, Oxenhope?

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

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

(Fatima Butt – 07970 411746)

11. NOTICES OF MOTION (Standing Order 17)

To consider notices of motion set out below:

11.1 – SAFER PARKING ACROSS THE BRADFORD DISTRICT

To be moved by: Councillor Luke Majkowski

To be seconded by: Councillor Joan Clarke

Illegal Parking is a growing concern for residents across the Bradford District, given the impact on safety for pedestrians and other road users and reducing traffic flow.

This is especially a concern around schools, residential areas and busy high streets.

Council Notes –

- Bradford Council has 36 full time Equivalent Civil Enforcement Officers.
- A maximum of 29 Civil Enforcement Officers work at any given

time.

- A maximum of 12 Civil Enforcement Officers work on evenings & weekends.
- Other than Civil Enforcement officers, Bradford Council uses bus lane cameras & CCTV car to issue penalty charge notices.
- Bradford Council issued 78,897 Penalty Charge Notices in 2022
- Bradford Council issued 103,650 Penalty Charge Notices in 2023
- In 2018, Bradford Council removed Civil Enforcement powers from what we now know as Neighbourhood Wardens.

Council Resolves –

- To use high-resolution enforcement cameras outside schools.
- To operate CCTV Cameras for Civil Parking Enforcement on major high streets
- To use yellow box highways enforcement.
- To introduce Red Routes on arterial roads throughout the district.
- To increase number of Civil Enforcement Officers.
- To introduce a dedicated Civil Enforcement Officer per ward on a full-time basis.
- To introduce enforcement powers to Neighbourhood Wardens.
- To introduce waivers to surrounding schools, in a bid to remove the 5-minute rule for double and single yellow lines before a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) can be issued.
- To the extent it is in the Council's powers to do so consider decriminalising obstructed pavement parking, to enable Civil Enforcement officers to issue penalty charge notices (PCN's).
- To introduce Traffic Regulation orders (TRO'S) to all grass verges to stop grass verge parking.
- To increase full time operational hours and increase the number of Civil Enforcement Officers on a weekend and evening.
- To review repeat offenders.
- To review the process of unregistered vehicles where a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) cannot be enforced.

11.2 - Problematic Pavement Parking

To be moved by: Councillor Matt Edwards

To be seconded by: Councillor Caroline Whitaker

This Council notes:

- Pavement parking is estimated to cost all Local Authorities £234 million per year across the country. This does not cover the cost of policing, installing bollards and other devices to stop vehicles parking illegally nor the cost of compensation claims for trips and falls caused by this damage. To not use powers available to

deal with this issue is financial irresponsible – especially given the financial problems facing the council.

- The Highway Code is clear - vehicles should not park on the pavement. However, outside of London and Scotland, it is still legal.
- Pavement parking can pose a hazard to pedestrians, especially people with pushchairs, people with sight loss, wheelchair users and other disabled people. These people are especially at risk as they can be forced into the road and faced with oncoming traffic that they cannot see.
- Pavements are not designed to take the weight of vehicles and so surfaces can become damaged or subside, presenting a further hazard for pedestrians, particularly those with disabilities.
- Many estates were designed at a time car ownership was much lower, and therefore inevitably were not planned to comfortably accommodate modern car numbers – or the size of new vehicles.
- Action to tackle pavement parking is currently problematic because:
 - The current legislation on nuisance pavement parking is confusing.
 - The legal remedies available to tackle nuisance pavement parking are unsatisfactory.

This Council also notes:

- The Department of Transport's 'Pavement Parking: Options for Change' consultation closed in November 2020 - but to date the outcome of this has not been published.
- Over 15,000 people took the time to respond to this consultation, demonstrating the level of public concern. They are still waiting for a response.
- Bradford Council responded to the consultation requesting the discretionary ability to apply greater powers to deal with pavement parking
- Meanwhile, some local authorities, including Sheffield, have introduced Traffic Regulation Order (in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984) to tackle the issue of problematic pavement parking in hotspots.
- From June 2016, all parking contraventions became the responsibility of the Local Council Authority's Civil Enforcement Officers (Traffic Wardens) - whilst Police have responsibility for and the ability to deal with nuisance / obstruction offences - where a vehicle is causing an obstruction. However, these powers are currently not consistently utilised across Bradford

District.

- Surveys and polls repeatedly show overwhelming support for legislation to address pavement parking across England and Wales. Sustrans' Walking and Cycling Index showed that 65% of residents supported the complete prohibition of pavement parking (while only 16% oppose it).
- In some areas there is simply nowhere available for many of the cars to go, and therefore discretion is required in how to tackle the problem.
- Sustainable and strong public transport provides a long-term alternative to car ownership that can help minimise the impact in many areas.

This Council resolves to:

- Request the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Transport requesting that the Government's response to the consultation now be published as promised.
- Take action on inconsiderate pavement parking wherever it is found in the district within existing legislation, powers and resource.
- Request highways officers to conduct a survey amongst the elected members of this Council asking members to identify streets within their ward where nuisance pavement parking occurs.
- Request the Strategic Director of Place to bring a report to Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee within 6 months outlining the findings of this survey and details of the enforcement action that this Council proposes to take.
- Request officers to provide a comprehensive briefing note to all Councillors outlining the existing powers available to deal with pavement parking, where the responsibility lies locally and the process members can follow to address pavement parking in their own wards
- Write to the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime to ask her to ensure that West Yorkshire Police are consistently using their powers to tackle nuisance / obstruction offences. Her response should be circulated to all councillors.

11.3 - Banking Hubs

To be moved by: Councillor Alun Griffiths

To be seconded by: Councillor Brendan Stubbs

Council believes:

That access to face to face banking services and cash facilities is important for many of our residents, especially those who are vulnerable or digitally excluded, and for charities, small businesses and voluntary organisations.

That continuing Post Office and bank branch closures are making an already difficult situation progressively worse.

Council notes:

The moves towards the provision of shared “Banking Hubs” to provide banking services for customers of all banks in locations where such services are absent or threatened.

That Banking Hubs have support across the political spectrum and from current and proposed regulatory changes and advice.

Council resolves:

To support residents who are lobbying for a banking hub in their community by making appropriate representations to LINK who are responsible for assessing the need.

To identify council assets that would be suitable as the locations of Banking Hubs as part of its disposal strategy.

To explore whether “Council Contact” type services could be operated from banking hubs to increase their viability and utility to communities.

11.4 - Cost of School Uniforms

To be moved by: Councillor Aislin Naylor

To be seconded by: Councillor Jeanette Sunderland

Council notes:

a) The cost of school uniforms can put an enormous strain on family budgets and can result in children not going to a school on grounds of the affordability of the uniform.

b) Having a uniform ready the night before school is one of the "top tips" for improving school attendance.

c) The Government has issued statutory guidance which seeks to make school uniform more affordable for families.

d) Research by the School wear Association shows the average cost of a school uniform, worn for around 175 days, has declined.

e) Not wearing the correct uniform can lead to sanction.

f) The most expensive items are the branded items of school clothing such as blazers, ties trousers, skirts and physical education kit.

g) That there are community and charity projects within the Bradford District that provide school uniform support

h) Many schools already provide parents with non-logo alternatives so that they do not have to buy uniform with a logo on it, such as a school jumper or school shirt.

i) The West Yorkshire Combined Authority and the Council in

partnership with the Bradford District Credit Union is running a Uniform Savers scheme that provides a top up with a £100 payment from the scheme to supplement the parent's savings to pay for their child's school uniform.

Council believes:

- a) The cost of buying a school uniform should never be a barrier to learning or attendance.
- b) Schools should make their uniforms more affordable by reducing the number of branded items to no more than two and ensuring most items can be bought from high street retailers.
- c) Adherence to the school uniform statutory guidance should form part of the OFSTED Inspection
- d) Parents, Carers and Pupils should have right of appeal to the Department for Education should school uniform policy fail to comply with the guidance.

Council resolves:

- a) Support the #CutTheCost campaign by the Children's Society
- b) Requests the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Education requesting that she amends the guidance as follows:
 - i) Reduce the number of branded school uniform items to no more than two
 - ii) Include adherence to the statutory guidance on the cost of school uniform as part of the OFSTED framework
 - iii) Ensure that Parents, Carers and Pupils have the right of appeal to the Department of Education should a school's uniform policy fail to comply with the guidance.
 - iv) Fund schools sufficiently so that they can ensure that all parents of children on Free Schools Meals are able to access a fully subsidised uniform annually and that an enhanced Pupil Premium Grant may be used to off-set this cost.
- c) Ensure the information about how families can access school uniform support is made available on the council website, in communications with parents and other social media channels

11.5 - Anti-social use of vehicles

To be moved by: Councillor Julie Glentworth

To be seconded by: Councillor Paul Sullivan

Council notes that:

- Operation Steerside has been a resounding success, resulting in the seizure of over 2300 vehicles, the issuing of 11,500 fixed penalty notices and 520 arrests.
- Despite this, areas within Bradford District consistently rank high amongst the parts of the country with the most uninsured

drivers.

- Despite previous motions to council regarding the anti-social use of motor vehicles, including off-road vehicles and the illegal use of electric scooters, some elected members continue to receive large numbers of complaints from residents, regarding issues including illegally loud exhaust pipes, road racing and absolute disregard for other motorists, particularly motorcyclists and also pedestrians and cyclists.
- The anti-social use of vehicles is not spread uniformly across the district, with the quality of the lives of residents of urban areas such as Keighley and the City being more blighted than in rural areas.
- An increase in patrols took place to highlight five years of Operation Steerside.

Council resolves:

- To request that the Chief Executive task appropriate officers to continue the good work with partners such as West Yorkshire Police and undertake a consultation exercise with residents to identify key problem spots and further effective mitigation and alleviation measures.
- To request that the Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Committee review the findings.

11.6 - Care Leaver Covenant

To be moved by: Cllr Sue Duffy

To be seconded by: Cllr Sarah Ferriby

As councillors, employees and partners we all have a Corporate Parenting responsibility for ensuring that we provide the best possible outcomes for Children and Young People in the care of the Local Authority, and this includes our young people who are in the process of leaving care and becoming independent.

The young people who are leaving our care have the right to expect the support that any good parent would provide to their children as they move forward into adulthood.

As sons and daughters or as parents ourselves, we have relied on the support of our families as we have navigated independence. Can you imagine what it must be like to be alone with no one to turn to? It is our duty as corporate parents to ensure our care leavers receive the best possible support to fulfil their potential and lead productive and stable lives.

We already provide a good level of support to our Care Leavers:

- Free gym membership.
- Exemption from Council Tax up to 25 years of age.
- Care Leavers as a Protected Characteristic.
- Home set up support.
- Staying Put provision.

But we can always do more. We believe that through demonstrating our commitment to the Care Leaver Covenant this will enable us to work proactively with our partners to encourage their sign up to the covenant and through our collective work further develop our support to our young care leavers to ensure that:

- Care leavers are better prepared and supported to live independently.
- Care leavers have improved access to employment, education and training.
- Care leavers experience stability in their lives and feel safe and secure.
- Care leavers have improved access to health and emotional support.
- Care leavers achieve financial stability.

Therefore, the Council resolves to:

- Sign up to the Care Leaver Covenant
- Work with our Children in Care and Care experienced young people to develop opportunities to ensure all of the above are further developed
- Work with our partners to enable the development of the Care Leavers support offer across departments and organisations
- Ensure the inclusion of the Care Leaver Covenant in our social value contracting.

11.7 - Delivering for the people of the Bradford District

To be moved by: Cllr Susan Hinchcliffe

To be seconded by: Cllr Imran Khan

Council notes:

Bradford district is a place of opportunity at the heart of the North. Our district has immense potential. Because of our financial challenges, it's vital that we also continue to work with Government to create economic growth for our district. Together with our residents, businesses and partner organisations we will achieve great things in the coming year. The regeneration of the district is gathering pace. This will bring new jobs and opportunities.

In the past year, working with partners, amongst other achievements we have also:

- Secured a Government commitment for a new city centre train station to get Bradford on the mainline

- Delivered Grade A office space at One City Park with an anchor tenant announced
- Begun delivery of key Towns Fund schemes in Keighley and Shipley
- Become one of only three Strategic Place Partnerships in the UK to develop plans for high quality new housing with Homes England

In the next year the Bradford District will build on this regeneration progress and:

- Open landmark regeneration schemes ahead of being UK City of Culture 2025 – attracting an influx of visitors and investment into the district
- Host Yorkshire Day in Bradford on 1st August 2025 – following in the footsteps of Keighley’s successful hosting in 2022
- Complete the once-in-a-generation transformation of a cleaner, greener city centre
- Deliver significant investments with partners in Keighley and Shipley
- Showcase the opportunities the whole district offers to investors at UKREIFF 2024

All the while implementing our plan to achieve financial sustainability as an effective and efficient council for our residents and lobbying Government for fairer funding for councils.

Council resolves to:

- Mandate the Chief Executive and the officer team to develop a continuous and robust cycle of transformation and budget management
- Support the Children’s Trust to achieve the success that we all want to see for the children of the district
- Continue to lobby government for a fair and sustainable funding deal that matches the level of need and opportunity we represent
- Support the City of Culture Trust to deliver an outstanding year for the whole nation in 2025
- Task the Strategic Director of Place to work with the business community on a growth plan to develop the next generation of quality jobs
- Work at pace with the Department for Transport and West Yorkshire Combined Authority to deliver our new station, mass transit and transport connectivity ambitions.

11.8 - Bradford Council calls for end to violence, making way for Peace

To be moved by: Cllr Susan Hinchcliffe

To be seconded by: Cllr Imran Khan

Bradford Council notes:

- 1) The clear will of Bradford Council, expressed at the 12th December Full Council meeting, to support the Labour Group motion entitled “This Council calls for an immediate and lasting ceasefire in Gaza.” This detailed 27 resolutions including:
 - Demanding an immediate and permanent ceasefire
 - Release of all hostages
 - Advocating for a two state solution with a safe and secure Israel and a safe and secure Palestine
 - The immediate recognition of an independent and viable State of Palestine as part of a two-state solution.
 - Condemnation of the collective punishment of Palestinian civilians by the Israeli Government which has meant 1.9 million people have been displaced. Condemnation of the terrorist attacks by Hamas against civilians in Israel
 - Immediate, urgent, humanitarian aid to Gazans and funding to help them restore water, food, electricity and homes
 - That the UK Government takes steps to ensure that arms and military equipment either designed or built in whole or in part in the UK is not used in acts that amount to war crimes under international law.
 - Reaffirmation that those responsible for crimes and war crimes under international law must be held accountable through whatever means possible
 - Reaffirmation that the taking of civilian hostages is a war crime.
- 2) Since then the International Court of Justice delivered an interim ruling in January in response to the application of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide in the Gaza Strip.
- 3) World leaders have failed to end the horror and to bring about an immediate and lasting ceasefire.
- 4) Islamophobic and antisemitic language used over recent weeks by senior national politicians in the UK is damaging our country and its cohesion.

We resolve to:

Call on the international community to:

- Repeat our demand for an immediate ceasefire now – the death toll now stands at 30,000 people, 21,000 of them children and women.
- Release all the hostages immediately.
- Make sure that a ground offensive by the Israeli military on Rafah, now the largest refugee camp in the world, DOES NOT HAPPEN. Most of those in the camp are women and children and over one million people are starving. Any ground invasion

will be utterly unsustainable for human life. If they do not die from violence, they will die from hunger and disease.

- Provide immediate, unhindered, humanitarian support that people can access safely.
- Support the principles set out in the EDM motion in the House of Commons, entitled International Court of Justice ruling on Gaza and the UK's duties under the Genocide Convention, which "notes the ruling of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) on 26 January 2024, which found that it is plausible that Israel's ongoing attacks on the Palestinian people in Gaza are in breach of the Genocide Convention" and calls on the UK Government to support the provisional measures ordered by the court.
- Furthermore, in this EDM, act on the ICJ provisional measures, including ordering the Israeli Government and its military to prevent acts against Palestinians in Gaza prohibited by Article II of the Genocide Convention, such as killings of Palestinians in Gaza, as well as ordering the Israeli Government to prevent and punish incitement to genocide and to enable the provision of urgently needed basic services and humanitarian assistance to the people of Gaza; and supporting the ICJ call for the immediate and unconditional release of the hostages
- Insist Israel take stronger action and put a stop to settler violence in the West Bank. Too often, we see commitments made and undertakings given, but not followed through.

In Bradford district:

- We condemn the violence witnessed at a fast food shop in Bradford. Such an attack against a business is disgraceful. Such intimidation and bullying has no place here in Bradford district.
- We condemn those who use Islamophobic or Antisemitic language and tropes. Bradford does not tolerate such Culture Wars and we must condemn those who seek to divide us.
- We remember that words can wound. Councillors may not be international peace negotiators but we have a responsibility in our community of Bradford district to treat everyone with respect.
- Recommit ourselves as a City of Sanctuary to demonstrate whoever you are, wherever you are from, you will always find a welcome here in Bradford.
- Encourage our young people to consider studies in Peace at Bradford University so they can be the new peacebuilders in a fractured world where our generation has so badly failed.
- Remember that at this time of year in particular with Ramadan (c11th March) Easter Sunday (31st March) and Passover (beginning 22nd April) we should respect all our faith communities and support them in their prayers for an immediate end to conflict and lasting Peace.

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