

Agenda for a meeting of the Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held on Tuesday, 3 October 2023 at 5.00 pm in Committee Room 1 - City Hall, Bradford

Members of the Committee – Councillors

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A. PROCEDURAL ITEMS

1. ALTERNATE MEMBERS (Standing Order 34)

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

2. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Members Code of Conduct – Part 4A of the Constitution)

To receive disclosures of interests from members and co-opted members on matters to be considered at the meeting. The disclosure must include the nature of the interest.

An interest must also be disclosed in the meeting when it becomes apparent to the member during the meeting.

Notes:

(1) *Members must consider their interests, and act according to the following:*

Type of Interest	You must:
<i>Disclosable Pecuniary Interests</i>	<i>Disclose the interest; not participate in the discussion or vote; and leave the meeting <u>unless</u> you have a dispensation.</i>
<i>Other Registrable Interests (Directly Related)</i> OR <i>Non-Registrable Interests (Directly Related)</i>	<i>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.</i>
<i>Other Registrable Interests (Affects)</i> OR <i>Non-Registrable Interests (Affects)</i>	<i>Disclose the interest; remain in the meeting, participate and vote <u>unless</u> the matter affects the financial interest or well-being</i> <i>(a) to a greater extent than it affects the financial interests of a majority of inhabitants of the affected ward, and</i> <i>(b) a reasonable member of the public knowing all the facts would believe that it would affect your view of the wider public</i>

interest; in which case speak on the item only if the public are also allowed to speak but otherwise do not participate in the discussion or vote; and leave the meeting unless you have a dispensation.

- (2) *Disclosable pecuniary interests relate to the Member concerned or their spouse/partner.*
- (3) *Members in arrears of Council Tax by more than two months must not vote in decisions on, or which might affect, budget calculations, and must disclose at the meeting that this restriction applies to them. A failure to comply with these requirements is a criminal offence under section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.*
- (4) *Officers must disclose interests in accordance with Council Standing Order 44.*

3. MINUTES

Recommended –

That the minutes of the meeting held on 5 September 2023 be signed as a correct record (previously circulated).

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

4. REFERRALS TO THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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

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

The following referral has been made:

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

Making our neighbourhoods and green spaces nature friendly.

The Council notes that:

Reduced mowing in carefully planned areas of green spaces as part of 'No Mow May' has been one example of a range of activities we are undertaking to improve the local environment for residents, boost biodiversity and tackle the climate emergency.

A growing body of research shows there are substantial positive effects from this nature-friendly approach, such as increasing plants and

insects to benefit the food chain; extending and connecting nature-friendly areas creates an important mosaic of habitats especially in urban and semi-urban areas; and a reduction in pesticides supports a healthier environment for plants and all living things.

The benefits to mental and physical health of greater biodiversity and a more pleasant living environment for us all cannot be overstated.

There are potential economic as well as social and environmental benefits from adopting a more nature-friendly approach and shifting to low carbon technologies.

Making the whole district more nature-friendly is also a matter of social justice as part of our work to tackle health inequalities, because national research shows that the least privileged communities are impacted the most by environmental harm and a lack of access to nature and green spaces.

Nature-friendly measures the council is undertaking with partners include but are not limited to:

- Reduced mowing to better meet the needs of people and nature.
- Planted a tree for every child – the creation of new woodland, school trees and 40 school orchards (blossom for pollinators).
- Encouraging nature and play opportunities on the doorstep of new housing and commercial developments.
- New wildflower strips and meadow development.
- A shift to herbaceous planting in the city centre.
- The conversion of conifer plantation woodlands to semi-natural woodlands at St Ives.
- Ilkley Moor restoration.
- Reduced use of glyphosate.
- Measures to clean up the air we all breathe.
- Working with businesses and partners in the Bradford District Sustainable Development Partnership

Council therefore resolves to:

- Declare a biodiversity emergency – this will help to harness the collective powers of partners across the district and accelerate our efforts
- Task officers with developing a Bradford Parks Strategy with widespread stakeholder consultation, including the aims of: deepening our partnerships with Friends groups; formalising our approach to improving biodiversity and environmental renewal; recognising its strong links to residents' physical and mental wellbeing; and supporting new jobs and opportunities for residents and businesses through the emergent clean growth economy.
- **Request officers present a report to Regeneration and**

Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee assessing the impact to date of the measures we are taking and setting out new ideas and options for future activities to build on our progress.

5. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

(Access to Information Procedure Rules – Part 3B of the Constitution)

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If that request is refused, there is a right of appeal to this meeting.

Please contact the officer shown below in advance of the meeting if you wish to appeal.

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

B. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ACTIVITIES

6. TRANSPORT DELIVERY PLAN

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The report of the Strategic Director, Place will be submitted to the Committee and provides an update on the outcome of the delivery programme for the Highways and Transportation teams' capital work programmes during the 2022/23 financial year.

An indication of the forward programme of capital works is also provided against emerging and existing funding streams and Council priorities including details of any funding bids which have been submitted.

Recommended –

That progress on the transport programmes across both the programmes described in this report be noted.

(John Davis – 07970 596213)

7. SKILLS FOR WORK - UPDATE REPORT

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The report of the Assistant Director, Office of the Chief Executive (**Document “N”**) will be submitted to the Committee to provide an update on Skills for Work - the Council's delivery arm for Apprenticeships, and Adult, Family and Community learning, including details of learner participation, achievements, and future plans.

Recommended –

1. That the report be noted including the challenges posed by the pandemic to the service, and the significant progress made with recovery.
2. That the continued success of SfW's Apprenticeships programme across the District, and the progress made in recovering Adult and Community Learning provision in 2022/23 to date.
3. That the Committee promote and support the Community and Family learning provision available in localities to stimulate residents' engagement with the programme
4. That Members consider current delivery data and community settings (Appendix 4) and facilitate appropriate connections to additional venues and/or community groups that may increase the reach of the service within disadvantaged communities.

(Phil Hunter – 07896 727653)

8. DARLEY STREET MARKET - UPDATE REPORT

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The report of the Strategic Director, Place (**Document "O"**) will be submitted to update the Committee on the current progress of the Darley Street Market development scheme.

Recommended –

1. That the report be noted.
2. That Members make a further visit to Darley Street Market to be organised in February/March 2024, prior to the opening of the market to the public.

(Colin Wolstenholme – 01274 432243)

9. WORK PROGRAMME

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The report of the Chair of the Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee (**Document "P"**) will be submitted to Members and presents the Committee's Work Programme for 2023/24.

Recommended –

That the Work Programme continues to be reviewed regularly

during the year.

(Caroline – Coombes – 07970 413828)

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