

COUNCIL
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MEMBER QUESTION TIME

Questions submitted in accordance with Standing Order 12

PART 2

38. Councillor Susan Knox

Can the Portfolio Holder explain, in the light of funding secured through section 106 agreements what plans have been put in place and at which schools to accommodate the hundreds of additional children expected in Eccleshill Ward as a result of the over 700 homes currently being built in the Fagley / Harrogate Road / Moorside area?

Answer

No funds are yet due for Education purposes from the approved Fagley Quarry developments. Once received, the money will be allocated towards the expansion of Poplars Farm Primary School or the building works at Low Ash Primary School. Housing developments are generally built at a rate of approximately 40 - 50 houses per developer, per year, resulting in some of the developments in this area taking up to 8 years to be completed and occupied. Calculations indicate that housing developments yield approximately an additional 14 primary and 7.5 secondary aged children per 100 houses, across all ages. Potential additional children who may come to live in new developments are included in school forecasts in line with the DfE requirements.

Ongoing discussions will take place with schools in the area in line with construction to discuss school places for these additional children.

It is worth noting that the Government does not allow Local Authorities to open new schools, and under the current Free School Programme, the DfE only approve proposed primary schools which are 2 forms of entry or more. In order to meet our statutory duty to ensure there are sufficient school places for all children across the District, the Local Authority can only expand existing schools, using forecasts to determine where additional places are required.

39. Councillor Alun Griffiths

Can the Portfolio Holder provide an update by ward on the current number of dwellings that have been granted planning permission but are as yet not built or occupied?

Answer

We do not routinely hold information on the number of planning permissions which are not yet built or occupied. We can confirm how many homes have been granted planning permission for the period October 2017 to date; these figures are shown below but are likely to include both properties which have been built and those which have not yet been built. If you have a specific query or concern or one which relates

to a particular ward, please get in touch and I will ask officers to follow this up.

Baildon (ward 01)	193
Bingley (ward 02)	194
Bingley Rural (ward 03)	166
Bolton And Undercliffe (ward 04)	144
Bowling And Barkerend (ward 05)	179
Bradford Moor (ward 06)	159
City (ward 07)	363
Clayton And Fairweather Green (ward 08)	129
Craven (ward 09)	263
Eccleshill (ward 10)	109
Great Horton (ward 11)	230
Heaton (ward 12)	216
Idle And Thackley (ward 13)	146
Ilkley (ward 14)	336
Keighley Central (ward 15)	192
Keighley East (ward 16)	178
Keighley West (ward 17)	65
Little Horton (ward 18)	146
Manningham (ward 19)	127
Queensbury (ward 20)	96
Royds (ward 21)	87
Shipley (ward 22)	215
Thornton And Allerton (ward 23)	158
Toller (ward 24)	214
Tong (ward 25)	93
Wharfedale (ward 26)	255
Wibsey (ward 27)	162
Windhill And Wrose (ward 28)	89
Worth Valley (ward 29)	189
Wyke (ward 30)	99

40. Councillor Jeanette Sunderland

What percentage of Bradford's Children and young people have been convicted or subjected to a final warning or reprimand in every year since 2015? How many of them were looked after children, residing in children's homes or neither?

Answer

Children's Services no longer use final warnings or reprimands and case management systems have changed in between 2015 and 2019. The following information was compiled for the recent Full Joint Inspection linked to Children who are Looked After and YOT:

- The rate of children looked after in Bradford has risen in recent years; March 2019 – 1,162 and currently – 1,240 children looked after in Bradford.

- Our (YOT) percentage of young people who are children looked after has increased; Dec 2018 with total active YOT caseload of 250 - 29 were LAC; this equates to 11.6% of total cohort. In September 2019 with total active YOT caseload of 208 - 30 were LAC; this equates to 14.4% of total cohort.

However, this information only provides whole percentage of YOT/children looked after; it does not differentiate between the Out of Court Disposals and Post court or those who were residing in Children's homes.

41. Councillor Rachel Sunderland

Can the Portfolio Holder detail by ward how many parking tickets have been issued outside of the city centre since the restructuring of the Warden Service?

Answer

Since the restructure on the 01/04/19 to 22/10/19 we have issued 5,263 Penalty Charge Notices in off street locations (car parks) across the district excluding the City Centre and 18,234 PCNs on street excluding the City Centre. Unfortunately our systems are not configured to break this information down to a ward level.

42. Councillor Brendan Stubbs

Can the Portfolio holder set out what actions, over and above regular preparations around November 5th have been taken to implement the decision of Council in January to set up year round working with the Fire Services, Police and Trading Standards to tackle the menace of Anti- Social Fireworks use across the District?

Answer

The Council, Police, Fire & Rescue Service meets regularly throughout the year to respond to the challenges of anti-social behaviour across the district, including bonfire night and fireworks issues, when an additional series of meetings is convened to plan response, led by West Yorkshire Police and supported by the Council's Emergency Planning Team.

Preparations for the bonfire period continue to be significant in 2019 and the work that has taken place in planning this year includes:

- Two times weekly 'operations' and 'community engagement' meetings from September up to bonfire night.
- Inputs across schools by Police Safer Schools Officers - including in the Independent sector.
- Work by West Yorkshire Trading Standards to challenge the illegal sale of fireworks
- Targeted interventions with those most at risk including joint police/council visits and, where appropriate, issue of warning letters.
- A wide range of engagement work with partners, including the Fire & Rescue Service, has helped build positive relationships with local communities who themselves challenge negative behaviour and report where appropriate.

In the immediate period leading up to bonfire night:

- Work will take place by Council Clean Teams and Environmental Enforcement Team to prevent, and where necessary, clear fly tipping.
- The Youth Service will provide outreach in identified 'at risk' locations providing 'consequence cards' to young people explaining the negative side of anti-social behaviour. This message is backed-up at established youth club sessions.
- Environmental Enforcement Officers and Police will work together, from police vehicles, to enforce on fly tipping enforcement.
- A 'community operations centre' will be established over the weekend preceding bonfire night through to bonfire night, where Council staff will coordinate community action and information alongside Police and Fire & Rescue Service colleagues.
- Increased engagement is planned with individuals at risk, including warning letters being issued to selected individuals who have been apprehended this year for dangerous use of fireworks
- A 'WhatsApp' group has been set-up specifically for councillors allowing them to share concerns and intelligence with the officers in the lead up to and on bonfire night.
- Council Teams are working to clear debris from sites which have been used previously to attack uniformed services.

Following discussion at the Anti Social Behaviour Strategic Group, the Community Safety Partnership is receiving papers on 29th October to maintain an overview of planned activity and one that considers the legislation around fireworks. This work and the feedback from partners will also support the recommended actions from Council on 15th October.

43. Councillor Jeanette Sunderland

Question to the Leader. Given the global success of World Car Free Day will the Leader commit to ensure that every ward across the District is supported in holding a Car Free Day if requested by residents?

Answer

The Network Management Duty of the Traffic Management Act 2004 states that Local Highway Authorities are to ensure the most effective use of their highway network.

Whilst we do support events where possible on the highway, closing a road to have no cars on it would be a breach of that duty – as such we can only support sites that have planned activities on them during the closure. We would need to review the scale of any planned closure, the effects on public transport and any other operational needs.

In September this year the Local Environmental Campaign Group, Climate Action Ilkley, closed the Grove, Ilkley on Sun 22nd September between noon – 5pm in support of World Car Free Day with the support of Bradford Council. Cycling events such as the tour de Yorkshire and UCI world championships have also seen road closures allowing the public to cycle on traffic free roads.

Anyone seeking a road closure for events should contact the Network Resilience

Team via the following email address; roadclosuresandevents@bradford.gov.uk.

44. Councillor Rebecca Poulsen

Could the relevant Portfolio Holder please advise colleagues of how many Vehicle Activated Signs are awaiting repair in each ward?

Answer

There have been four VA signs reported as faulty and these have been reported through the normal channels via the contact centre. We are not aware of any other signs that are currently faulty. This is out of a total of approximately 120 vehicle activated signs, covering the following Wards:

Great Horton, Queensbury, Royds, Tong, Wibsey, Wyke, Thornton and Allerton, Heaton, Manningham, City Ward, Toller, Clayton and Fairweather Green, Baildon, Bingley Rural, Ilkley, Keighley Central, Keighley East and West, Windhill and Wrose.

45. Councillor Kyle Green

Can the Leader of Council advise what Bradford council will be doing to remember the end of conflict in the Pacific in WW2, widely known as VJ-Day, on the 15th August 2020?

Answer

VJ Day will be commemorated on 15th August 2020. It will also be the 75th anniversary of VE Day and next year the early May Bank holiday will be moved from 4th May to 8th May and the Government will promote three days of commemorations to mark this occasion.

Bradford Council has signed up for the Armed Forces covenant and we will explore with Armed Forces what is being planned for these occasions.

We do commemorate important dates in the calendar to which key guests and partner agencies are invited each year. On 27th January 2020 we will commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day and on 10th July 2020 we will have an event to remember Srebrenica genocide. These events will be both held from 10am in the Banqueting Suite, City Hall. They are important milestones – 75 years since the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau and the 25th anniversary of genocide in Srebrenica.

46. Councillor Geoff Winnard

Can monthly employee sickness absence rates in 2019 be provided by pay band and directorate, across the councils directly employed workforce?

Answer

A full breakdown by pay scale group and departments is shown below for the months January 2019 to September 2019.

NB the Dept tables have been redacted to remove any very small cohorts to avoid the potential identification of individuals, therefore the percentages do not add up to 100% in every table.

Bradford Council - Percentage of Sickness taken by Pay Scale Group / Category split by Month - 2019

Pay Scale Group / Category	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	% of Current Workforce in pay scale group / category	Current staff in each pay scale group / category
Band 1 - 5	32.9%	33.0%	33.2%	34.3%	36.2%	38.1%	35.0%	32.4%	35.2%	37.9%	3076
Band 6 - 8	39.0%	38.2%	36.5%	33.1%	31.8%	31.0%	31.4%	35.2%	33.9%	26.6%	2163
SO1-PO1	12.2%	13.3%	14.2%	15.3%	13.9%	13.8%	15.0%	14.6%	13.3%	13.7%	1111
PO2 - PO6	12.3%	11.8%	11.1%	12.1%	12.7%	12.8%	14.1%	13.1%	12.7%	14.2%	1154
Special Grades & above	0.8%	0.6%	0.7%	1.1%	1.4%	1.5%	1.7%	1.5%	1.9%	2.0%	165
Senior Management	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	24
Soulbury	0.3%	0.2%	0.5%	0.4%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.6%	47
Craft Worker	1.9%	2.2%	2.8%	2.6%	2.3%	2.0%	2.5%	2.6%	2.0%	1.8%	143
Teacher	0.1%	0.2%	0.4%	0.2%	0.1%	0.4%	0.1%	0.0%	0.2%	1.2%	98
Youth Worker (JNC)	0.2%	0.4%	0.6%	0.6%	0.7%	0.3%	0.2%	0.5%	0.7%	1.7%	137
Total Staff											8118
% of Total yearly sickness to date	13.0%	12.7%	12.4%	10.8%	9.9%	9.2%	11.2%	9.9%	11.0%		

Chief Executive - Sickness per month (January - September 2019)

Month	Band 6 - 8	SO1-PO1	PO2 - PO6	Special Grades & above
January	0.0%	22.2%	55.6%	0.0%
February	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%
March	0.0%	20.7%	43.2%	18.0%
April	6.3%	0.0%	36.0%	3.6%
May	6.7%	0.0%	36.8%	0.0%
June	0.0%	4.5%	90.9%	4.5%
July	0.0%	24.7%	67.0%	8.3%
August	0.0%	26.9%	73.1%	0.0%
September	22.1%	0.0%	24.0%	41.9%
Chief Executive Total %	3.6%	12.2%	55.6%	7.9%
Total Staff in each pay scale group/ category	8	24	43	11
% of Current workforce in Pay Scale Group / category	8.8%	26.4%	47.3%	12.1%

Children's Services - Sickness per month (January - September 2019)							
Month	Pay Scale Group /Category						
	Band 1 - 5	Band 6 - 8	SO1-PO1	PO2 - PO6	Special Grades & above	Soulbury	Teacher
January	1.4%	55.0%	23.5%	16.3%	2.0%	1.2%	0.6%
February	3.9%	50.9%	23.8%	17.7%	1.7%	1.0%	1.0%
March	3.5%	46.9%	24.0%	21.2%	0.8%	1.9%	1.8%
April	1.4%	43.2%	29.5%	20.9%	2.5%	1.7%	0.7%
May	0.4%	43.7%	24.9%	24.8%	3.9%	1.7%	0.3%
June	0.2%	41.3%	28.9%	25.0%	2.8%	0.2%	1.6%
July	0.8%	39.9%	32.4%	23.5%	2.9%	0.1%	0.4%
August	0.8%	46.6%	28.4%	20.1%	4.1%	0.0%	0.0%
September	0.8%	46.4%	24.4%	23.9%	3.6%	0.0%	0.9%
Children's Services Total %	1.5%	46.3%	26.6%	21.3%	2.6%	0.9%	0.8%
Total Staff in each pay scale group/ category	58	583	370	323	32	44	98
% of Current workforce in Pay Scale Group / category	3.8%	38.4%	24.4%	21.3%	2.1%	2.9%	6.5%

Corporate Resources - Sickness per month (January - September 2019)						
Month	Pay Scale Group /Category					
	Band 1 - 5	Band 6 - 8	SO1-PO1	PO2 - PO6	Special Grades & above	Craft Worker
January	42.3%	30.8%	9.6%	8.1%	1.0%	8.2%
February	37.2%	35.4%	8.4%	10.8%	0.6%	7.1%
March	39.8%	34.0%	9.1%	7.8%	0.5%	8.7%
April	44.4%	27.8%	8.1%	11.6%	0.0%	8.1%
May	47.9%	26.2%	10.4%	7.9%	0.0%	7.1%
June	52.9%	27.5%	7.9%	7.5%	0.0%	4.2%
July	48.9%	27.5%	5.8%	9.3%	0.2%	8.3%
August	44.2%	28.6%	6.2%	10.3%	0.0%	10.2%
September	51.3%	24.3%	7.7%	9.5%	2.8%	4.3%
Corporate Resources Total %	44.9%	29.4%	8.2%	9.2%	0.6%	7.4%
Total Staff in each pay scale group/ category	1374	438	201	301	42	107
% of Current workforce in Pay Scale Group / category	55.6%	17.7%	8.1%	12.2%	1.7%	4.3%

Health & Wellbeing - Sickness per month (January - September 2019)

Month	Pay Scale Group /Category				
	Band 1 - 5	Band 6 - 8	S01-PO1	PO2 - PO6	Special Grades & above
January	44.1%	29.4%	10.3%	15.8%	0.4%
February	47.3%	23.3%	15.7%	13.5%	0.2%
March	45.0%	26.8%	16.6%	11.3%	0.3%
April	45.7%	27.2%	16.3%	10.9%	0.0%
May	47.7%	28.4%	11.2%	11.3%	1.3%
June	50.9%	27.0%	7.7%	12.5%	2.0%
July	42.2%	29.5%	11.4%	14.7%	2.2%
August	38.6%	35.6%	12.7%	13.1%	0.0%
September	39.7%	32.8%	14.4%	13.0%	0.1%
Health & Wellbeing Total %	44.5%	28.9%	12.9%	13.1%	0.7%
Total Staff in each pay scale group/ category	599	332	197	215	27
% of Current workforce in Pay Scale Group / category	43.6%	24.2%	14.3%	15.6%	2.0%

Place - Sickness per month (January - September 2019)

Month	Pay Scale Group /Category						
	Band 1 - 5	Band 6 - 8	S01-PO1	PO2 - PO6	Special Grades & above	Craft Worker	Youth Worker (JNC)
January	45.0%	37.8%	5.7%	10.0%	0.2%	0.6%	0.8%
February	44.2%	38.7%	6.8%	7.4%	0.2%	1.7%	1.1%
March	44.8%	35.8%	9.4%	5.9%	0.0%	2.3%	1.7%
April	45.2%	32.8%	10.9%	6.8%	0.6%	1.6%	2.0%
May	48.1%	29.7%	10.3%	7.9%	0.2%	1.8%	2.0%
June	47.6%	28.6%	11.3%	7.0%	1.3%	3.3%	1.0%
July	50.9%	28.6%	8.8%	7.7%	1.1%	2.4%	0.6%
August	50.5%	28.2%	8.3%	7.9%	1.3%	2.0%	1.8%
September	48.5%	31.5%	7.4%	6.3%	1.0%	3.3%	2.0%
Place Total %	47.0%	32.9%	8.6%	7.4%	0.6%	2.1%	1.4%
Total Staff in each pay scale group/ category	1036	734	283	230	35	36	132
% of Current workforce in Pay Scale Group / category	41.6%	29.5%	11.4%	9.2%	1.4%	1.4%	5.3%

West Yorkshire Pension Fund - Sickness per month (January - September 2019)

Month	Band 6 - 8	S01-PO1	PO2 - PO6	Special Grades & above
January	60.8%	31.0%	8.2%	0.0%
February	55.8%	39.8%	4.4%	0.0%
March	52.6%	23.0%	11.5%	12.9%
April	59.5%	8.3%	8.4%	23.8%
May	42.0%	15.1%	12.7%	22.7%
June	58.3%	7.1%	10.9%	0.0%
July	84.2%	7.7%	0.0%	8.1%
August	65.3%	28.1%	5.0%	0.0%
September	39.9%	37.1%	21.9%	0.0%
West Yorkshire Pension Fund Total %	55.3%	26.4%	9.9%	6.8%
Total Staff in each pay scale group/ category	68	36	42	18
% of Current workforce in Pay Scale Group / category	39.8%	21.1%	24.6%	10.5%

47. Councillor Rebecca Poulsen

Could the relevant Portfolio Holder please advise colleagues of the amount of funding the Council has provided for Welcome to Yorkshire over the last 3 years?

Answer

The amount of funding provided by the Council for the last 3 completed accounting years amounts to a total of £141,821.48. This includes Bradford's subscription costs to Welcome to Yorkshire in years when that was not paid from the regional Business Rates Pool. It also includes the costs for a specific time-limited agreement between Visit Bradford and Welcome to Yorkshire which was designed to increase the profile of Bradford District as a destination; maximise the value of visitor expenditure from the domestic and international market; encourage all visitors to stay longer and spend more; raise the profile of cycling in the Bradford District; and maximise the interest of cycling in the district.

Outcomes from this investment included Welcome to Yorkshire increasing Saltaire and Ilkley content, hosting of the Y18 Yorkshire on Show event, having a feature article in Y magazine and developing Bradford District-specific cycling and eating out content on their Yorkshire.com website, as well as enhanced host city and finish town pages for Bradford and Ilkley in relation to the 2017 and 2018 Tours de Yorkshire respectively. They also provided boosted social media posts promoting the district and cycling and museums-focused e-newsletters.

48. Councillor Jackie Whiteley

Could the relevant Portfolio Holder confirm the number of the parents who have requested an appeal against decisions regarding free school transport, during the last four municipal years, broken down by the number of first stage appeals, those that went to second stage and the relevant Wards, along with details of how many were successful?

Answer

The number of parents who have requested an appeal against decisions regarding free school transport is held for the last 2 years only and is presented below:

Ward	STAGE 1 APPEALS					MEMBER APPEALS				
	Approved	Cancelled	Deferred	Rejected	Total	Approved	Postponed	Re-assessment Needed	Rejected	Total
Baildon (ward 01)	1			2	3				2	2
Bingley (ward 02)				3	3	2				2
Bingley Rural (ward 03)	2			18	20	6	2		8	16
Bolton And Undercliffe (ward 04)	3			3	6					
Bowling And Barkerend (ward 05)	6			14	20	5	1		4	10
Bradford Moor (ward 06)	2			8	10		2		1	3
City (ward 07)	1		1	28	30	2	1		5	8
Clayton And Fairweather Green (ward 08)				12	12	2	1		4	7
Craven (ward 09)	2			7	9	1			2	3
Eccleshill (ward 10)	1			14	15	1			1	2
Great Horton (ward 11)	5			20	25	2	1		4	7
Heaton (ward 12)				17	17				3	3
Idle And Thackley (ward 13)				3	3					
Ilkley (ward 14)				3	3					
Keighley Central (ward 15)	2		1	12	15	4	1			5
Keighley East (ward 16)	1			13	14				1	1
Keighley West (ward 17)	2		1	9	12				4	4
Little Horton (ward 18)	5			18	23				2	2
Manningham (ward 19)	1			16	17	3			5	8
Queensbury (ward 20)				4	4					
Royds (ward 21)	1			12	13	2				2

Shipley (ward 22)				2	2				1	1
Thornton And Allerton (ward 23)				11	11			1	2	3
Toller (ward 24)				8	8	1	3		1	5
Tong (ward 25)	3			11	14	2	1		1	4
Wharfedale (ward 26)	1	2		44	47	20	4		15	39
Wibsey (ward 27)	1			14	15	1			2	3
Windhill And Wrose (ward 28)				6	6	1				1
Worth Valley (ward 29)	2			11	13	1	1		1	3
Wyke (ward 30)	1			4	5					
Total	43	2	3	347	395	56	18	1	69	144

49. Councillor Debbie Davies

How much do you estimate was lost to the Bradford economy by the prolonged closure of the mirror pool during the spring/summer period?

Answer

Following a major flood in the plant room on the 14th April the Mirror Pool was non-operational for a period 15 weeks. In order to get the pool up and running by the 1st August, time was required to enable drying out, electrical testing, investigations, appointment of contractors, and then the repair works and system testing.

Although we were devastated by the damage to the equipment and not being able to have our iconic water feature operating, we were heartened by how much it was missed by the public and the importance it has for so many people.

We tried to ensure that the Mirror Pool closure did not impact on the summer's major festival events by providing alternative activities for children. We were able to take advantage of the flexible nature of the space and created an urban beach for two weeks during the shutdown. This proved to be a real pull for families and a great alternative free attraction. Prior to the installation of the beach a giant inflatable slide and fairground rides were provided during weekends and the Easter holidays to help mitigate the disappointment of families expecting to find the pool operating.

The economic impact has been calculated using historic footfall statistics and an assumed percentage of visits being people spending time in City Park due to the presence of the Mirror Pool being operational. We have estimated that approximately 24,000 visits that were lost due to the Mirror Pool closure. This figure has been calculated based on the average 14,000 visits a day to City Park. When calculating an economic impact figure we have assumed that just 1.5% of those visits are people spending time in City Park due to the presence of the Mirror Pool being operational. This generates a figure of 24,000 visits that were lost due to the Mirror Pool Closure.

Using an established methodology developed by the consultancy firm Ekosgen, we estimate the economic impact of these lost visitors over the closure period to be in the region of £225,000. However some of the loss was mitigated by the urban beach

that operated from 12th to 27th July and attracted an estimated 8,000 visitors who spent around £75,000. So the overall loss to the city centre economy during the closure was around £150,000. This estimated impact does however need to be balanced against many years where it has helped generate millions for our economy.

Due to extent of the damage caused to the plant it will be necessary for the full schedule of repairs, replacements and upgrades to the system to be undertaken into the New Year. Any further shut down of the system will be during the winter period when visitor numbers are at their lowest. There are periods every year when the pool is off due to cold weather and it is hoped that a closedown at this time will not adversely impact on any of our businesses and visitors.

50. Councillor Rebecca Poulsen

How many library opening hours have been lost over the last year by early closing / late opening for each library and what were the reasons for the closures?

Answer

The total amount of library hours lost by early closing/late opening for the period 1st October 2018 - 30th September 2019 was 443.50 hours (1.34% of total opening hours). A detailed breakdown for each library will be provided to the Elected Member that has raised this question.

The reasons for closures include staff illness, building issues, vacancies and volunteer shortages. Closures only occur when all other avenues have been explored for example asking staff to change rota or take on extra hours, and all casuals contacted as to their availability to cover the hours required.

51. Councillor Dale Smith

Will the Leader of Council instruct Secretariat to issue electronic invitations to diaries for all members of committees for their respective meetings?

Answer

All requests received from Members to have electronic meeting invitations sent to their Outlook calendars have been complied with by the Committee Secretariat and so will any future requests. Some Members though use a different means of keeping their diary and may wish to maintain a diary in their preferred way. Consultation will be undertaken with the political group whips to seek their group's views and any request for electronic meeting invitations will be implemented.

52. Councillor Chris Herd

Would the relevant Portfolio Holder confirm what will be done, further to the closure of the Haworth Tourist Information Centre, in order to promote the village and what monies will be used to fund this?

Answer

Visit Bradford (the Council's Tourism Service) continues to promote the whole of Bradford district, which includes Haworth. This includes printed material such as the Haworth Discover Guide and the district wide Visitor Guide. These guides are available for all businesses in Haworth and there is a Visitor Information Point in Bronte Parsonage Museum and soon to be one at KWVR Station.

Visit Haworth is part of the Visit Bradford online platforms and Haworth has its own webpages on the site. Other social media platforms include Instagram, Twitter and Facebook.

All Visitor attractions and accommodation in Haworth are promoted.

Visit Bradford will hold the 2nd Tourism Forum in 2020 with local businesses and partners.

The Visit Bradford budget is used to promote tourism across the district including Haworth.

53. Councillor Jackie Whiteley

As The Telegraph and Argos has reported that 1 in 10 children in Bradford is excluded from school, please can the Portfolio Holder state the ages of the children excluded in the last 5 years, how many of these children were readmitted into education and of those who left school permanently, how many achieved GCSEs?

Answer

Children's Services do not hold information requested above. Children are excluded for short periods of time in accordance with a school's Behaviour Policy for what the school has categorised as unacceptable behaviour. Most schools use various kinds of 'inclusion' before exclusion is used to deal with behaviour issues however in some cases the seriousness of the behaviour requires exclusion or even permanent exclusion in accordance with the school's behaviour policy.

Children from every age group are excluded both fixed term and permanently. Any child on a fixed term exclusion must be reintegrated by the school in accordance with guidance. Any child or young person permanently excluded is returned to education on the 6th day of the permanent exclusion, to a Pupil Referral Unit.

54. Councillor Rebecca Poulsen

Would the relevant Portfolio Holder confirm how much extra income has the Council received by removing the free 30minute parking at Gas Street Car Park in Haworth?

Answer

The 30 minute free parking was removed from Gas Street on 28/02/17. Whilst we can't separate the impact of the removal of the 30 minute free parking from any wider factors, using the 2016/17 income levels as a 'benchmark' income increased by £1,912 in 2017/18 and by £1,306 in 2018/19. As we are in the middle of a financial year and only have income levels to August 2019, information from the current financial year (whole year effect) can't be provided until April/May 2020 but income projections would suggest that a similar increase will be obtained this financial year.

55. Councillor Debbie Davies

Can the Leader of the Council please confirm whether the Council has in place any targets regarding the percentage of revenue the Council spends with local firms and are these targets being met?

Answer

In Quarter 1 2019 /2020 43% or £49.8m of Council third party spend (revenue and capital) was spent with local suppliers. This was an increase of 3.3% or £4.2m on the same period in 2018 / 2019. In monetary terms the annual amount spent locally has remained relatively stable since 2016 / 2017, between £186m and £192m. In the same period the Council's third party spend (revenue and capital) has increased by approximately £30m.

Corporately the Council has a target of 45% local spend. The Economic Strategy aspires to achieve 60% local spend by 2030.

56. Councillor Geoff Winnard

Could the relevant Portfolio Holder provide a detailed breakdown of the reasons why Bingley Music Live 2018, was delivered circa £300K over budget and in light of earlier commitments to deliver Bingley Music Live once again in 2020, what plans are the council making to ensure that there is a major cultural and economically important event in central Bingley during 2020?

Answer

The final position of Bingley Music Live is still subject to on-going contractual and legal processes and at this point cannot be confirmed in order to protect the commercial position of both the Council and its suppliers. It was the council's intention to bring back Bingley Music Live in 2020 however with the success of the Bingley Weekender in 2019, which we understand is already selling tickets to the 2020 event, any return of BML would create unnecessary and detrimental competition and as such plans for BML to be re-introduced are on hold to allow the Bingley Weekender space to develop in the marketplace.

Discussions are on-going with Bingley Town Council and Bingley Chamber of Trade and Commerce in respect of other events that can be staged in Bingley and what resources these might require.

57. Councillor Naveed Riaz

Would the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning & Transport provide a breakdown of successful prosecution for fly tipping by ward, so we have data about which areas / communities are most affected?

Answer

Offence Ward	FPNs Issued Oct 2018 – Sept 2019	Prosecutions & Cautions Feb 2019 – Aug 2019
BOWLING AND BARKEREND	5	1
BRADFORD MOOR	2	
CITY	2	2
CRAVEN		1
GREAT HORTON	1	2

HEATON	1	
KEIGHLEY WEST	1	1
MANNINGHAM	1	1
TONG	1	
WIBSEY	1	
WORTH VALLEY		1
TOTAL	15	9

58. Councillor Rebecca Poulsen

Would the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning & Transport confirm how many EHCAs are the council currently progressing and what is the average time to agree one?

Answer

EHCAs >= 01/01/2019	Average in Days	# of cases
20wks or less	124 days	90
Over 20 Wks	284 days	179

The 20 weeks or less row states that of the 90 EHC Plans that were completed within 20 weeks since January 2019, the average time to complete a plan was 124 days, which is 17.71 weeks. The over 20 weeks row states that 179 EHC Plans took more than 20 weeks to complete and the average time to complete these plans was 284 days (40 weeks). This information is separated in this way to account for the situation where the integrated assessment team is dealing with historical cases that are out of the 20 weeks timescale.

59. Councillor Kyle Green

Can the relevant Portfolio Holder please state what progress has been made in analysing the outcomes of the Ilkley Parking Review now that several months have elapsed since its introduction, including details of figures used to assess whether any short to medium term increase in revenues for the Council, outweigh the probable reductions in revenue and footfall for local retailers etc., coupled with the knock on reductions in Council revenues through the reductions in due course of Business Rates etc.?

Answer

Monitoring of the scheme since its introduction is ongoing and various data has been shared with ward members already, including revenue received and anticipated PCN incomes. The latest vacancy rates for Ilkley, which include the first month of the scheme, show a reduction in vacant units with over 95% of units occupied in the town centre. Early feedback from wardens patrolling the town suggest positive usage of the new disabled parking bays, an increased turnover of cars in the short stay parking areas and an increasing usage of the new taxi rank located outside Station Plaza.

Surveys for before and after scheme introduction have been conducted at three

times in the day, every day. These surveys are currently on-going. The surveys record the number of vehicles parked on any one street. Ad-hoc surveys are also taking place to determine what type of vehicles are parking (Resident/visitor/worker). Ticket information is also being recorded. As these surveys are incomplete, it would not be appropriate to provide this before any analysis has been taken.

The council has also requested bus and rail user information for both before and after scheme introduction. Early feedback suggests an increase in bus patronage since the scheme has gone live and an increase in usage from surrounding train stations though this is not accompanied by a significant increase in the amount of parking around the stations.

The North Area Team will be undertaking the appropriate analysis and will release the information once the study has been completed and been through the appropriate governance channels.

60. Councillor Russell Brown

What % of agency staff in engineering departments previously worked for the Council and are now employed at cost premium?

Answer

2% of agency staff in engineering departments previously worked for the Council.

61. Councillor Kyle Green

How much, if any, consultation feedback has been received in support of limiting visitor hours to either the Bolling Hall or Bradford Industrial Museum?

Answer

Proposals have been discussed as part of the Museums savings with changes in visitor hours at Bolling Hall and Bradford Industrial Museum, however at present these have not been introduced.

Consultation did take place with the public and staff in January 2019 and the feedback supported the proposal which was to keep all four museum sites open and there was no negative feedback at the time regarding the changes in opening hours.

The only reason such proposals are even considered is because of Government cuts to the council's budget.

62. Councillor David Heseltine

Can the Leader of the Council explain the huge rise in cost to communities who wish to have a BMDC supplied Christmas Tree?

Answer

The Council's supplier of Christmas Trees returned a significant and unexpected increase of £550 in the price of a 30ft tree for 2018, rising from £945 in 2017. The Council's Festival Lights Service, which manages the supply and decoration of Christmas Trees in partnership with Parks, decided to formally tender this supply

contract for 2019 to seek better prices. Only the previous supplier, Elvedan, returned the tender and the price quoted was increased to £2,590 for 2019. The cost of buying a tree, including positioning and removal has therefore increased by £1,645 since 2017. Neighbouring authorities have experienced the same levels of increase from the same supplier.

The trees are provided at cost by the Council to partners. Clearly the price has increased significantly but there is limited competition in the marketplace for the supply of such large, 30ft, trees which also need large haulage in their transportation from where they are felled.

Given the price hike the Council is considering alternatives and will talk with partners and neighbouring authorities in the new year about the way forward which will include the possibility of establishing Living Trees for decoration in future years.

63. Councillor Kyle Green

Can the relevant Portfolio Holder confirm the revenue and profit generated by Ilkley Lido for the past 5 years?

Answer

The summary of the outturn for Ilkley Lido for the period 2014-15 to 2018-19 is as detailed below:

Ilkley Lido Outturn 2014-15 to 2018-19					
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Income	- 74,478	- 60,166	- 87,226	- 74,897	- 221,929
Expenditure	78,852	64,860	102,540	84,149	83,055
Surplus (-)/Deficit (+)	4,374	4,694	15,314	9,252	- 138,874
NB:- The above figures are excluding Corporate recharges					

We have also invested £428,000 in capital spend at the Ilkley Pool and Lido site over the same period, including improvements to the roof, hot water storage and lighting. In addition, on 5th November the Council Executive approved a further £460,000 investment in the Lido’s pool tank.

64. Councillor David Heseltine

Could the relevant Portfolio Holder please advise colleagues of; the revised time scale for works at the Squire Lane Pool, the additional costs the delay is bringing to bear on the Council’s coffers and what arrangements are to be put in place to ensure facilities earmarked for closure remain open and maintained to ensure pool space is available in the district?

Answer

A revised scheme for the development at Squire Lane is currently being prepared; this scheme is intended to build upon the existing proposals for a sports facility by delivering a wider range of health, wellbeing, community and enterprise opportunities

on the site. At present the funding for the leisure provision on the site has been approved by Executive and remains in place however this will need supplementing with other funds before building works can start. With regards to Bingley Pool conversations are on-going with a community group interested in operating the facility under Community Asset Transfer arrangements.

65. Councillor Geoff Winnard

Can the Portfolio Holder provide a breakdown of full time equivalent staffing resources dedicated to street cleansing and parks in each of the areas across the district?

Answer

The total number of frontline staff is shown below. Street Cleansing resources are deployed in response to levels of litter and total length of highways.

AREA	CLEANSING	PARKS	TOTAL
CITY	11	0	11
EAST	25	14	39
WEST	24	12	36
SOUTH	20	10	30
SHIPLEY	19	12	31
KEIGHLEY	19	15	34

66. Councillor Kyle Green

What proactive steps are being taken to increase recycling rates from street bins and other non domestic refuse collection methods, particularly where the task is more challenging?

Answer

The Trade Waste Service currently offers a paper/cardboard recycling service to all of its 3500 customers. The service has recently gone through a number of changes and is in the process of developing a much more comprehensive offer in line with domestic collections.

In terms of litter bins past trials have seen the waste badly contaminated and so were not continued (e.g. dog dirt etc.). However, this was many years ago and peoples environmental awareness has significantly increased particularly with regards to recycling and managing waste. The Keighley Neighbourhood Office is currently in discussions with Cleansing about starting a trial in Ilkley in the near future.

In addition, the government is on the way to introducing a DRS (Deposit Return Scheme) for drinks containers (cans, plastic bottles and glass). The intention is to start by 2023 it is in the consumer's interest to return them to stations where the deposit is returned for a financial return. The scheme is used in other countries and estimates published show a significant reduction in littering of drinks containers (up

to 90%). Looking ahead any investment in infrastructure for street recycling with regards drinks containers at this time could be obsolete after that date. Some further information on this initiative is shown below and like the 10p charge on plastic bags could be a major game changer in the war on litter.

Consultation Outcomes and Update on DRS

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/introducing-a-deposit-return-scheme-drs-for-drinks-containers-bottles-and-cans/outcome/introducing-a-deposit-return-scheme-drs-in-england-wales-and-northern-ireland-executive-summary-and-next-steps>