

**CITY OF BRADFORD METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COUNCIL
FULL MEETING OF COUNCIL – TUESDAY 08 DECEMBER 2020
ITEM 4: ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LORD MAYOR**

DEATH OF FORMER COUNCILLOR DAVID GRAY

Members will have been saddened to learn of the death of former Councillor David Gray, who died on 28 September 2020.

Former Councillor Gray represented the Bolton Ward from 2003 until 2004 and the ward of Bolton & Undercliffe from 2004 until 2014.

A dedicated and hard-working Councillor throughout his time with this Authority, he served as a Planning Panel member and on numerous panels for Licensing and various Appeal Panels. A volunteer fire fighter in his younger days, he later became a member of the West Yorkshire Fire Authority.

His true Yorkshire attributes of dogged determination, and a dash of stubbornness when confronted with a problem, served his constituents well and he is fondly remembered by many, especially in Bradford North.

I wrote to his widow, Lynne, and family, to express our sorrow at his passing.

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS LIST

I am delighted to report that a number of worthy local people have been recognised in Her Majesty The Queen's Birthday Honours List. It is also gratifying that this includes some unsung heroes of the Covid-19 response who, happily, remain unsung no longer.

Mrs Carol Lesley O'Brien, lately a Board Member of the Road Haulage Association, has been awarded an OBE for services to Diversity and Inclusion in the Transport Industry.

Dr Thomas Oldroyd Lawton, Consultant in Anaesthesia and Critical Care, Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, has been awarded an MBE for services to the NHS during Covid-19.

Mrs Christine Ann Bown was awarded the BEM, for services to the community in Keighley; Mrs Jane Rosemary Pratt was also awarded the BEM for services to the community in Menston.

Mrs Belinda Alison Marks, Palliative Care Clinical Lead, Bradford District Care Foundation Trust, was awarded the BEM for services to the Covid-19 response.

Mr Michael Ignotious Chin-Chan has been awarded the BEM for services to Charity during Covid-19.

Mr Matthew Turner, Operational Control Manager, Santander UK, was awarded the BEM for services to the Financial Sector and the community in Bradford during Covid-19.

I wish to place on record our gratitude for great efforts above and beyond the norm which all these recipients have exhibited for the betterment of the Bradford community.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW DEPUTY LIEUTENANTS

Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of West Yorkshire, Mr Ed Anderson, has recently appointed a number of new Deputy Lieutenants to assist him in the performance of his public duties, carried out on behalf of the Sovereign.

While not Bradford residents, I do wish to report among this cohort are Sofia Buncy, who is based at the Khidmat Centre, Bradford and manages a project concerned with the welfare of Muslim women; and also Paul Lawrence, who was a great supporter of the District during his recent term in office as High Sheriff of West Yorkshire, including acting as the Returning Officer for the Keighley and Shipley Constituencies at the December 2019 elections.

I have written to both Sofia and Paul to congratulate them on their appointment.

CAROLS FOR THE CITY

I know that many of you in this chamber would normally be joining me at Bradford Cathedral for the annual Carol Service for the City.

This year's Carols for the City carol service from Bradford Cathedral, has moved to being a live streamed service which will be broadcast on Monday 21 December at 6.00pm

Music will be provided by members of the Cathedral choir but unfortunately this year there will be no City of Bradford Brass Band.

I do hope that as many of you as possible will take the time to tune in and watch the live stream broadcast on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r8htqHqL-LQ&feature=youtu.be> on the evening to support this key event in the district's calendar.

Due to the restrictions on communal worship a limited number of places will be available to book direct on the Cathedral's on-line booking system to attend this event. No invitations will be issued by the Civic Affairs Office. If you do wish to attend the service you must book a place on line at <https://bradfordcathedral.churchsuite.co.uk/events/c7nhuqg2>

Please note that members of the congregation will be required to adhere to the Cathedral's Covid safety procedures and you will not be able to mingle with anyone outside of your household or support bubble.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

I would like to extend warm greetings of the season to all Members and Officers of the Council. I wish you a peaceful and relaxing Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

I am very grateful for the continued support given by elected Members and Officers to the Lord Mayor's Appeal.

Might I also remind you that if Father Christmas' deliveries this year in any way fail to live up to your expectations, my Lord Mayor's Appeal office will be very happy to 'recycle' your unwanted items, hopefully by way of tombolas, raffles and auctions in the New Year and the money raised will, of course, support my two very worthy causes – Child Bereavement UK and the Pot of Gold, which supports local groups and organisations with modest grants.

Please contact Emma Walker, the Lord Mayor's Appeal Co-ordinator, at emma.walker@bradford.gov.uk if you would like to make a donation – thank you.

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