

COUNCIL – TUESDAY, 17 October 2023

Agenda item 12 – Notices of Motion (Standing Order 17)

Amendments submitted by political groups

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12.1 Quicker, affordable and more sustainable travel for Bradford District

To be moved by: Councillor Rebecca Poulsen

To be seconded by: Councillor Bob Felstead

With the addition and deletion of appropriate words, the motion be amended to read as follows:-

This Council notes that:

- according to the 2021 census 27.6% of households in Bradford do not have access to a car.
- Bus travel is generally frequent and reliable across the city centre.
- the rural areas have higher car ownership as bus transport is less frequent, does not cover all areas and often ends early in the evening.
- this council has benefited from the Government's Active Travel Funding and Bus Services Improvement Fund that comes via the WYCA.

This Council Believes that:

- All people of Bradford district need, and deserve, a transport system that gets them from A-to-B quickly, safely and affordably.
- upgrading our transport infrastructure will provide people with greater choice about how to make their journeys.
- An enhanced partnership model with bus companies will deliver service improvements quickly to benefit all across the District.
- A workplace levy would tax people who need to travel to work and should not be considered.
- Bradford District will benefit from Government funding from the West Yorkshire Devolution deal, Government funding for a new Bradford mainline station and Government funding for Mass Transit.

This council resolves to:

- Write to WYCA and the WY Mayor to ask them to implement an enhanced partnership with bus operators to deliver service improvements quickly to benefit all across the District.
- support rolling out EV chargers across the District and encourage local employers to use their car parks to support EV usage.
- Welcome an unprecedented transport funding package from the Government to improve transport across the District.

12.2 Leeds Bradford Airport

To be moved by: Councillor Alex Ross-Shaw

Seconded by: Councillor Cunningham

That with the addition of the following words the motion be amended to read as follows:

Council notes:

Residents and councillors affected by flights from the airport are understandably concerned about the carbon impact and noise and any potential expansion of the airport's operations.

Leeds Bradford Airport has submitted five Certificate of Lawful Existing Use or Development (CLEUD) applications to Leeds City Council relating to night time flying.

Leeds City Council confirmed on 27th September that it will follow a process set out in national government legislation and guidance while dealing with the airport's CLEUD applications.

The applications, which have been published in full on Leeds Council's public access planning system, relate to whether certain aircraft movements are permitted at night. CLEUD applications involve a different decision-making process to an application for planning permission. When dealing with a CLEUD application, local planning authorities have to adhere to regulations laid down by the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

These regulations mean that CLEUD applications – which seek to confirm that an existing use of land or operational development is lawful – are not automatically subject to consultation or publication and are determined purely on the basis of relevant factual evidence assessed against a legal test.

Due to the significant public interest in the operations of the airport, the council has decided to undertake a call for evidence. This means that the council is seeking relevant factual evidence, such as flight data, flight times, flight frequency and size of aircraft, that relates to the specific operations at Leeds Bradford outlined in two of the applications.

The call for evidence relates to the two applications (23/05440/CLE and 23/05442/CLE) for which the airport has submitted flight movement data. The council is seeking further clarity from the airport on the remaining three applications, which are not included in the call for evidence.

With respect to the expansion of the airport more broadly, we need Government to create a level playing field for all regions and cities with airports and to include carbon emissions from aviation in national targets, recognising that continued growth in aviation nationally is incompatible with the climate emergency. This recognises the risk of unilateral action that simply displaces passengers from one airport and its regional economy to another. We recognise the value of our airport to the regional economy which is expected to be £460m this year, directly employing 2,100 people and indirectly supporting 4,500 jobs.

Demand for aviation is growing nationally and globally and Leeds City Council has confirmed it will continue to proactively engage with residents, interest groups, the Combined Authority, the airport and central government on aviation related policies and measures to achieve the necessary reductions in carbon.

As a council we have made great steps in reducing our own carbon emissions. Since passing our own January 2010 energy procurement motion with all-party support, we

exceeded our aim of achieving a 40% reduction in carbon emissions by 2020. We are seeking to build on this progress, including in our work as part of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority which is committed to achieving net zero by 2038.

Council resolves to:

- Ensure district councillors are kept informed of the progress of the CLEUD applications.
- Ask Leeds Bradford Airport to meet with district councillors, town and parish councils and residents urgently regarding the impact of the airport on the community.
- Ask officers to seek technical views and any evidence from services including environmental health on the airport's applications; and to consider whether we have appropriate factual evidence to submit within the scope of Leeds City Council's call for evidence as defined in national legislation and guidance.
- Work with the Mayor of West Yorkshire at pace to deliver plans for the 2038 net zero target including the decarbonisation of transport.

12.2 Leeds – Bradford airport

To be moved by: Councillor Debbie Davies

To be seconded by: Councillor Mike Pollard

With the addition and deletion of appropriate words, the motion be amended to read as follows:

Council notes that:

- Leeds Bradford airport provides much needed local jobs, helps to boost the local economy and improves local transport connectivity in the West Yorkshire region.
- The airport is allowed to operate flights 24 hours a day but from 11pm to 7am only the quietest jets are permitted to operate.
- The Chief Executive of Leeds Bradford airport wrote to all councillors to clarify their future plans and details can be found openly on their website for members of the public to read.

Council resolves to:

- Support any changes to the operation of Leeds Bradford airport going through the correct process.

12.4 Providing a specialised and accessible menopause service in the Bradford District

To be moved by: Councillor Sarah Ferriby
Seconded by: Councillor Julie Humphreys

Council notes that:

Age UK reports that 1 in 4 women will have severe menopause symptoms that impact on their day to day lives. This means that symptoms of perimenopause and menopause could potentially affect approx. 18,000 women in the relevant age range across the District. As a current “hot topic” on TV and in the media, women are reporting how symptoms of menopause are causing some women to leave work, suffer relationship breakdowns and in extreme cases have severe mental health issues.

Whilst Leeds has a specialist menopause clinic, there is little specialist provision for the treatment of menopause across the Bradford District and patients rely on GP and Gynaecology & Obstetrics services for education and treatment.

Women across our district have reported receiving inappropriate treatment or limited advice in managing their symptoms. The closest specialist clinic is in Meanwood, Leeds and is so popular it now has a 2 – 3 year waiting list for Leeds patients. Therefore, being oversubscribed, it is no longer able to accept referrals from Bradford GPs leaving Bradford patients with little alternative provision unless they can afford to pay privately, leading to health inequality in our District.

There is some NHS provision to provide specific menopause training and improve education for clinicians within primary care in the Bradford District with plans to extend this to pharmacists and physician associates. The NHS has its own guidance for their line managers to offer support to NHS staff and employment policies and guidance is now being introduced by many other large employers.

Popularity of the Bingley menopause support group, set up online last year on a voluntary basis by an NHS nurse who herself suffered severe symptoms, has grown so much it now has 672 members and the group is now starting to meet face to face.

A considerable amount of work has been done across council departments to develop menopause awareness and support for our staff, leading to our application for Menopause Friendly Employer accreditation jointly with partners across the Integrated Care Board (ICB), with a decision expected soon. In recent years the Council has developed and launched:

- a menopause policy
- a menopause staff network that was established through the Women’s Voices staff network
- Celebrating World Menopause Day

Our Women’s Voice Staff Network along with support from our employee health and wellbeing team have been leading the way and championing menopause support across the Council and joining up across the West Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership and Bradford District and Craven Health and Care Partnership.

Our women’s staff network and monthly support group’s work has also led to the creation of a new menopause awareness training package, initially designed for council managers but then rolled out for all staff as part of the Respect allyship programme. This has been

made into a permanent training resource on the Evolve system and in-person sessions will begin soon as part of World Menopause Day.

Our HR service has provided menopause guidance for managers which is consistent with the new training.

Council resolves:

- Via the Health and Wellbeing Board, make representations to Bradford District & Craven Integrated Care Board and other appropriate partners to review current menopause services across the district. This should include consideration of a specialist menopause referral unit to ensure women have access to advice and education on the range of treatment possibilities, including alternative therapies such as diet and exercise, so that women can be fully informed to enable them to manage their own menopause giving patient choice leading to improved related health and wellbeing outcomes within the District.
- To liaise with all stakeholders to facilitate the creation of more menopause support groups and related information and awareness events across the district, including those in harder to reach communities.
- Ask officers to consider sharing our staff training toolkit of menopause support with other employers in the district to help more women share in this model of good practice.

12.5 Street lighting

To be moved by: Councillor Alex Ross-Shaw

Seconded by: Councillor Abdul Jabar

That with the addition of the following words the motion be amended to read as follows:

Council notes that:

- The Smart Street Lighting Project is already saving energy and reducing costs. The programme represents a £45m investment in street lighting infrastructure across the district and will see over 56,000 bulbs and over 15,000 lighting columns replaced. This will reduce energy consumption by two thirds and reduce carbon emissions by thousands of tonnes.
- Like many councils, Bradford Council employs a widely used approach of dimming some of their streetlights for some time during the hours of darkness. This approach is refined based on footfall and traffic usage.
- Light pollution during the hours of darkness is harmful to wildlife in every ecosystem and is a key contributor to the unprecedented global decline in insect numbers which scientists are referring to as the “insect apocalypse”. The selection of lighting used for the project was carefully considered for any potential impact on the local environment in consultation with the Council’s Biodiversity Officer.
- Some streetlights need to be on overnight for safety reasons.

Council resolves:

- To complete the Smart Street Lighting Project, maximising financial and carbon savings, as quickly as possible
- Take a report to the Regeneration & Environment Scrutiny Committee outlining progress on the programme and the Council’s approach to overnight dimming, allowing members to feedback comments for officers to consider.

12.6 Trade Unions

To be moved by Cllr Susan Hinchcliffe

Seconded by Cllr Imran Khan

That with the addition of the following words the motion be amended to read as follows:

Council notes that:

The Council strives to be an excellent employer of its approximately 7,300 staff. Our partnership working with the Trade Unions plays a vital role in ensuring a healthy and productive workplace in which organisational and staff needs are met as efficiently as possible.

Trade Unions are an important part of managing industrial relations. If we didn't have Trade Unions, we'd have to invent them.

Over six million people in the UK are members of Trade Unions.

Our work with the Trade Unions saves the council considerable amounts of money because it is the most cost-effective way to manage the workplace.

Trade Unions have made clear that they recognise the unprecedented constraints on council finances due to more than a decade of government austerity. They have repeatedly asked government to fund pay awards so that hardworking council staff can be retained and rewarded.

The latest annual Service Excellence Awards on 12th October demonstrated again the brilliance of our staff who are public service heroes and go to incredible lengths to serve the public, despite the incredibly challenging circumstances the council and country finds itself in.

In several years since 2010 there were real terms wage reductions in the public sector through pay freezes or rises limited to 1%. Trade Unions therefore campaign for improved pay and conditions on behalf of their members who have experienced several challenging years of upward pressure on workloads and downward pressure on pay, reflected in the recruitment and retention challenges seen across large parts of the public sector.

Council resolves to:

- Continue to fully participate in the Regional Employers Forum which feeds into the national pay bargaining structure.
- Repeat our calls on government to reform local government finance, including for government to fully fund the pay increases that council staff earn and deserve.
- Continue to work constructively with the Trade Unions as a responsible employer that recognises that our people are our most important asset.

12.7 Local government finance

To be moved by: Councillor Martin Love

To be seconded by: Councillor Matt Edwards

Council notes:

Councils across the country are reaching breaking point in their finances due to a perfect storm of Conservative government austerity cuts, inflation and rising demands for children's and adults' social care.

Bradford Council has had to find over £350m in per year cuts and savings since 2010 with a cumulative impact of over £2bn.

The Local Government Association has identified a funding gap of £3 billion in the funding of local authorities over the next two years just for services to stand still.

Cllr Sir Stephen Houghton, Chair of the Specialist Interest Group of Municipal Authorities (Sigoma), said the funding system is "completely broken". He called on government to provide additional in-year funding for the biggest pressure, children's services.

The independent Macalister Review found that £2.6bn should be invested over five years, including £1bn over the first two years, to overhaul the children's social care system nationally. The government subsequently allocated just £200m over two years.

An official report by the Competition and Markets Authority last year found the UK has a dysfunctional market for children's social care in which local authorities are forced to pay excessive fees for private services and an overhaul is needed to ensure better value services.

Sigoma research has found that the top 10% of England's most deprived councils have received cuts almost three times as high as the richest 10%. Bradford has received cuts of around 28% compared to Surrey's 8%.

We have robust controls in place to ensure effective financial management of the council through these exceptionally challenging times.

Officers have been challenged to review all spending and identify opportunities to further reduce costs and generate income given the unprecedented situation in which councils find themselves.

Cipfa are doing a review of this council's and the Children and Families Trust's finances which we welcome. Any recommendations coming from the review will be actioned.

The Leader is writing to the Chancellor setting out our ask in advance of his Autumn Statement, which must provide significant new funding for local government and deliver long-awaited reform of how that funding is distributed.

Council resolves to:

Continue our work to further reduce spending through a range of measures.

Task officers to provide an asset disposal plan. This will identify council-owned land and assets that may be deemed surplus to requirements in order to raise funds. This to be done in consultation with elected members for the affected ward.

Task officers to continue working closely with the Bradford Children and Families Trust and the DfE to ensure its budget is prudent and sustainable and enables the Trust to deliver on its vital improvement plan as part of the council's wider work.

Take the difficult decisions necessary in the upcoming council budget to further reduce the funding gap.

Ask government to urgently implement the Macalister Review.

Ask government to stop the profiteering of private providers for children's placements.

Ask government to implement the long-awaited fairer funding model for local government to link council funding to social need.

12.7 Local government finance

To be moved by: Councillor Mike Pollard

To be seconded by: Councillor Rebecca Poulsen

With the addition and deletion of appropriate words, the motion be amended to read as follows: -

Council notes:

- It is entirely true to state that Bradford Council, like all others throughout the country has had to identify a challenging level of savings for over a decade. It is also probably true to state, as the Labour Controlling Group on Bradford MDC do regularly, that the implementation of the government's much delayed Fair Funding Formula would increase the council's spending capacity.
- However, it is regrettable but factual to state that Northamptonshire, Croydon, Thurrock, Woking, Slough and most topically and significantly Birmingham, had to issue s.114 notices as a result of the failings of their own political and paid service leadership. There were some gargantuan failings by some members and some officers.
- Whether an approach to Government for a 'Capitalisation Direction' to give 'exceptional financial support' is made under the provisions of Sections 16(2)(b) and 20 of the Local Government Act 2003, or a Section 114 Notice is required, when the Q2 Financial Position Statement, Chancellor's Autumn Statement and the December Local Government Provisional Settlement, all go towards making matters finally clearer, it is also factual to state that Bradford MDC is also hurtling down the road to imminent financial collapse and this is also a catastrophic failure of its own making.
- Further, it is a statement of mathematically demonstrable fact, that the failings in the council's management of its Children's Services, leading to them being handed over to the Children & Families Trust, is the reason that this council is on the brink of effective bankruptcy.
- Incessant finger pointing towards national budget constraints is a disingenuous attempt to abdicate responsibility, by trying to camouflage Bradford Council's failings in and amongst the problems of council's who are struggling through no fault of their own.

Council resolves:

- To continue to press for the early implementation of the Fair Funding Formula.
- To accept responsibility for the council's financial woes, resulting directly from the provision of inadequate services for vulnerable children.

12.8 Better public transport in West Yorkshire

To be moved by: Councillor Matt Edwards

To be seconded by: Councillor Celia Hickson

Council notes:

That the Bradford district and West Yorkshire have had poor public transport connectivity for too long.

Providing better, more affordable and more reliable public transport will provide alternatives to car journeys which will help our district achieve Net Zero, reduce air pollution and reduce congestion - freeing up roads for those that have no alternative.

There is now an opportunity to change this with bus, mass transit and heavy rail.

Bus

Bus services are critical to many residents' lives as one of the most affordable and accessible means of getting about for work and leisure.

Nationally the privatisation of bus services has been a failure. The Conservative government introduced legislation in 2017 banning local authority ownership of bus services. Since then, thousands of bus routes have been lost across the country as private operators have struggled to make services financially sustainable. Many of these bus services served some of the most economically deprived communities.

We strongly support the West Yorkshire Mayor's work to get buses back under public control and improve bus travel.

We welcome the Mayor's Fares scheme and the £1 flat fare recently introduced for Keighley town in partnership with Transdev.

Mass Transit

We are an active partner in the plans for a mass transit service to transform connections in our district and across West Yorkshire. The Mass Transit Vision 2040 strategy is being developed at pace, we encourage residents and businesses to get involved.

Getting Bradford district on the mainline

Our well-publicised ambitions to get Bradford on the mainline and for better rail connections across our district. The Government's welcome commitment to £2 billion investment in a city centre Bradford station and connection to the mainline.

Our long-running campaign calling on government and rail operators to introduce the six or seven trains a day to London from Shipley and Forster Square stations that they have long been promised.

The recent high-profile meeting with SELRAP (Skipton East Lancashire Rail Action Partnership) between the Leader, the Mayor of West Yorkshire and the Shadow Secretary of State for Transport.

Council resolves to:

Work with the Mayor and neighbouring local authorities to take back control of the West Yorkshire bus network.

To lobby the Government for a London style bus network with the funding from Government to match.

Retain the ambition to improve bus connections, grow the network and reduce ticket prices - focusing on areas with the lowest access to private cars.

Continue working with the Mayor and neighbouring local authorities towards the vision of West Yorkshire mass transit.

To push for an increased number of London trains to be introduced into Bradford Forster Square, and to increase the number of services between both Bradford stations and other major cities across the north of England to be delivered in time for 1st January 2025.

To work with Department of Transport and the Department for Housing, Local Government and Communities to deliver a new Bradford city centre station and to put Bradford on the mainline.

To continue to lobby Government in favour of the Colne to Skipton railway link which will free up rail capacity across the Northern part of our district and allow more direct Bradford to Lancashire services.

12.8 Better Public Transport in West Yorkshire

To be moved by: Councillor Rebecca Poulsen

To be seconded by: Councillor Bob Felstead

- With the addition and deletion of appropriate words, the motion be amended to read as follows.

Council Notes:

- Bradford District and West Yorkshire have a great opportunity to improve public transport with mass transit, rail and buses.

Bus

- Bus travel is efficient and easy to use for the majority across the District with frequent services within the City Centre.
- Rural areas have less access to bus travel particularly in an evening where services can end in the early evening.
- An enhanced partnership with the bus operators should be implemented to bring service improvements quickly across the District. Other proposals such as Franchising would take many years to implement and would cost hundreds of millions of tax-payers money.

Mass Transit

- We are an active partner in the plans for a mass transit service to transform connections in our district and across West Yorkshire.
- The Mass Transit vision 2040 strategy is being developed at pace following an initial £200 million Government funding and the recent announcement by the Prime Minister of £2.5 billion for a tram system in Leeds.

Mainline Trains

- This council has ambitions to get Bradford on the Mainline for better rail connections across our District.
- This Council welcomes the Government's commitment to £2 billion investment in a city centre Bradford Station and connection to the mainline.
- This council will continue to campaign for more trains to London from Bradford Forster Square and Skipton via Keighley.

Council resolves:

- To write to West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA) and West Yorkshire Mayor calling for an enhanced partnership with bus operators to deliver service improvements quickly to benefit all across the District,
- Work across neighbouring authorities and with WYCA on a West Yorkshire Mass Transit.
- Work with Department of Transport and the Department for Housing, Local Government and Communities to deliver a new Bradford City Centre station and to put Bradford on the mainline.

12.9 Fireworks

To be moved by: Councillor Julie Glentworth

To be seconded by: Councillor Paul Sullivan

With the addition and deletion of appropriate words, the motion be amended to read as follows

Council Notes:

- Councillors and residents across the district and many others are angry and dismayed at the antisocial use of fireworks, which continue to cause distress to people and pets at all hours of day and night.
- Whilst there is no evidence to suggest that the existing powers available to the Council and the Police are being fully utilised, even since the approval of the recommendations of the 2021 cross-party Corporate Overview & Scrutiny committee review intended to curb the antisocial use of fireworks, it is recognised that action is needed at a national level because local authority powers available to deal with this issue could be more stringent and stronger.
- Council officers, councillors, fire crews, police, VCS organisations and volunteers form a superb partnership effort around Bonfire Night every year, which helped result in fewer serious incidents last year. However, fireworks remain a blight on residents' lives year-round.
- When the Conservative Group brought a motion regarding the anti-social use of fireworks to full council a year ago, Conservative members acknowledged that the former Leader of the House of Commons didn't grasp the severity of the problem in our and other regions.
- Brilliant low-noise fireworks that give spectacular displays are available for people to buy and enjoy without causing harm to their neighbours and the use of these and small fireworks would be encouraged by the introduction of tougher rules for firework use.

Council resolves:

- To liaise with similarly affected partner councils and other stakeholders such as the RSPCA etc to collectively press for private legislation to extend council powers to alleviate the problem of the anti-social use of fireworks
- To work with the aforementioned partners to organise support for a petition to parliament, which calls for a complete ban on the sale of Category 3 (as well as Category 4) fireworks to private individuals, a reduction of the maximum permitted noise level of fireworks sold to private individuals from the current 120 decibels down to 50 decibels and tougher licensing requirements and tougher punishments for offenders

12.10 Restoring public spaces and improving access to recreation in our communities.

To be moved by: Councillor Ferriby

Seconded by: Councillor Jabar

That with the addition of the following words the motion be amended to read as follows:
Public spaces have a massive impact on people. We are proud of our green spaces and parks yet 13 years of austerity means council services to maintain them are not as comprehensive as they once were.

For those who can, voluntary action, adopting/maintaining a public space or sponsoring this sort of activity has positive effects on a local area. But it is not universal. For too many residents they open their doors onto a street or neighbourhood that brings them down rather than lifts them up. This motion looks to enhance the role of the Council to improve public spaces in every neighbourhood of our district.

This Council notes:

- Local Organisations, residents and community groups put thousands of hours into their local community, adopting unloved areas, cleaning neighbourhoods and helping authorities maintain and improve many of our most loved public spaces. As part of our People Can offer, we continue to support everyone in our communities, neighbourhoods, villages and towns to find new ways to work together, with communities at the heart of this by taking a shared approach discussing challenges and finding solutions with community-led opportunities.
- The success of our investment of Covid Environmental Funding in the Environmental Task Force to improve a broad range of areas across the district. This work extended from community gardens, allotments, parks, woodlands, other open spaces, recreational grounds and tackling local environment eyesores.
- After many years of funding cuts from central government, council budgets are at breaking point. However, additional new funding streams such as CAZ, Climate Change and Public Health Small Grants are providing support to communities, groups, businesses and other partners district-wide including clean-up projects improving biodiversity, supporting community groups to start growing food and other environmental wellbeing initiatives.
- The Council Department of Place has a City of Culture 2025 readiness team that is focused on ensuring the major routes, towns and city centres are clean, repaired and ready to receive visits from across the district and beyond.
- In the absence of sufficient and sustained government funding, grant funding for public spaces and voluntary action is often shorter term and small in scale. It can come from many sources and often requires formalised groups in order to access it. This limits the scope of what and where it can be implemented.

This Council resolves to:

- Offer our sincere thanks to everyone who gives up their free time to volunteer, clean, clear, restore and maintain public spaces across the district.
- Continue to offer support to individuals, groups and organisations through our Neighbourhood services.
- Area Teams continue to support community groups and individuals to carry out community clean ups through existing resources.

- Ask officers to continue improving public spaces through efficient use of our reduced financial envelope, including through the City of Culture work that will enable similar activities to those undertaken by the Environmental Task Force to be delivered. In addition, Cleansing and Area based teams to continue to work alongside residents, businesses and other stakeholders to deliver environmental projects that improve the visual amenity of public spaces.
- Locality Plans and Ward Plans to highlight priorities in relation to a range of environmental improvements such as public spaces, environment, biodiversity work, air quality, growing projects and much more as part of a sustainability theme. These priorities are to be delivered with a range of partners across the system with residents and other stakeholders at the heart of many interventions.
- Ask officers to ensure community chest grants continue to be made available to community groups for this purpose.

12.10 Restoring public spaces and improving access to recreation in our communities.

To be moved by: Councillor Coates

To be seconded by: Councillor Davies

This Council Notes that:

- Public spaces have a massive impact on people. The psychological, physical and visual impact of weed-infested footpaths, broken furniture, rights of way lost to brambles and countless other examples all press negatively on residents in almost every corner of our district.
- For those who can, voluntary action, adopting/maintaining a public space or sponsoring this sort of activity has positive effects on a local area. But it is not universal. For too many residents they open their doors onto a street or neighbourhood that brings them down rather than lifts them up. This motion looks to enhance the role of the Council to improve public spaces in every neighbourhood of our district.
- Local Organisations, residents and community groups put thousands of hours into their local community, adopting unloved areas, cleaning neighbourhoods and helping authorities maintain and improve many of our most loved public spaces.
- Due to budget pressures, many of the council services responsible for looking after neighbourhoods and public spaces have been removed, reduced and in most cases now only function as a 'reactive service'.
- The Council Department of Place has a City of Culture 2025 readiness team that is focused on ensuring that all areas are clean, repaired and ready to receive visits from across the district and beyond.
- Grant funding for public spaces and voluntary action is often shorter term and small in scale it can come from many sources and often requires formalised groups in order to access it. This limits the scope of what and where it can be implemented.

This Council resolves to:

- Offer our sincere thanks to everyone who gives up their free time to volunteer, clean, clear, restore and maintain public spaces across the district.
- Continue to offer support to individuals, groups and organisations through our Neighbourhoods services.
- ensure that all ward plans reflect environmental objectives and make use of all available resources to maintain and improve public spaces.
- see that the Neighbourhoods service helps Councillors and residents to draw up 'Wards Based Environmental plans' that will bring together public space improvements, environment and biodiversity work and access to recreation.

12.11 Regarding the Recent Killing of Sikh Activist Hardeep Singh Nijjar, Safety of our Sikh Community and Human Rights Concerns in India

To be moved by Cllr Susan Hinchcliffe
Seconded by Cllr Abdul Jabar

That with the addition of the following words the motion be amended to read as follows:

This Council notes:

The significant contributions made by the Sikh community to our district. The Sikh community has enriched our cultural fabric. Their values of peace, unity and social justice resonate with our diverse community.

The terrible news of the shooting of Hardeep Singh Nijjar has resonated throughout the world. Our condolences to his family, friends and supporters.

The safety concerns nationally that the Sikh Federation have raised about safety and security.

We should always be informed first and foremost in Bradford by our Sikh community and will speak up for them on any issues of concern.

Bradford is a city of sanctuary. Over many years we have welcomed many people from all over the world to lead successful, happy lives here. Everyone has the right to live in peace and mutual respect.

This Council Resolves to:

- Ask the Leader of Council to meet with the leaders of our local Sikh community, thank them for their ongoing contribution to the success of the district and seek their views and any concerns they may have at this time.
- Always support the Bradford Sikh community to make sure their voice is heard.
- Reiterate our support for Bradford Hate Crime Alliance and encourage anyone who experiences hate crime or hate speech to report it.

