

## Agenda Item 10

### COUNCIL

Tuesday 12 December 2023

### MEMBER QUESTION TIME - PART 1

### Questions submitted in accordance with Standing Order 12

#### 1. Councillor Caroline Firth

Does the leader join me in welcoming the recent £19.8m “Levelling Up” funding for Keighley, and does she join me in praising the Bradford Council officers who put the bid together?

#### Response

It is good news that Keighley has received an offer of further funding through Round 3 of the Levelling Up Fund. The proposal was initially submitted as part of Round 2 in August 2022, but unfortunately was unsuccessful in that round. Due to the lapse of time since the bid was submitted, we are currently reviewing the contents of the bid to determine what is still deliverable in the period to March 26. We have been liaising with partners involved in the bid over the last few days and have been able to confirm to government that we intend to deliver the projects but we anticipate some changes to the proposals initially submitted due to the time lapse.

Finally, I absolutely join you in praising our officers who put the bid together. After Round 2 the MP attacked the Council claiming it was a poor quality bid so it is good the government have now acknowledged this was one of the highest quality bids from Round 2.

#### 2. Councillor Andrew Loy

Would the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning & Transport please confirm how many streets there are in Ilkley Ward and how many will be within the new 20mph zone?

#### Response

Officers are working to calculate the precise number of streets in Ilkley ward. Previous figures provided were taken from <http://ilkley.streetmapof.co.uk/>, which states there are 636 streets in Ilkley identified by the red border. However, the street list has clearly included the wider LS29 locality and not the extent of the red border as shown on the map. The information was provided in good faith and officers will provide the actual number of streets in the Ilkley ward when it is available. There are 257 streets in the Ilkley 20mph Zone.

#### 3. Councillor Matt Edwards

Does the Leader of Council agree that changes of opening hours to important services like Household Waste Centres should be communicated to councillors before they are made public?

**Response**

Yes. Officers have advised me that because this was a decision that needed speedy implementation there was a mix up with the communications which they regret.

**4. Councillor Brendan Stubbs**

In March we were told a “pre-let announcement would be made in June”, for One City Park, in October we were told an announcement would be made at the end of October. Can the Leader advise the Council if the final work has been completed, who is the first tenant and how many other tenants are awaiting final contracts?

**Response**

One City Park is the first commercial development in the city centre in 20 years and is crucial in providing high quality workspace to bring good quality jobs to the district. The final work on the building has finished and I’m pleased to say contracts have been entered into for an anchor tenant for One City Park. The timing of the announcement as to who it is, is in the gift of the tenant, not the council and we must respect their wishes not to make an announcement until they are ready to do so. The construction of the building has finished and there is firm interest from businesses in letting the rest of the space. The announcement of the first letting will support further marketing of the remaining space.

**5. Councillor Sarfraz Nazir**

Being awarded the City of Culture 2025 brought a lot of excitement and hope for the young people of Bradford, however with the news the former Chief Executive of Bradford Council, somebody who was responsible for failing the young people of the city not once but twice, having been appointed to a prominent position, can we be assured that we are not a city that rewards failure?

**Response**

The Bradford Culture Company is a separate legal entity to the Council. Appointments to the Bradford Culture Company are external appointments made by that body. The former Chief Executive of Bradford Council was instrumental in winning the bid for the City of Culture and her level of experience is sought after nationally. We are all very much looking forward to a brilliant year in 2025. The Culture Company are crafting an exciting

programme. What’s more, the district is already realising benefits and additional investment because of the designation.

**6. Councillor Caroline Firth**

I welcome the news that an Advanced Robotics and Engineering Institute in Keighley has been announced through the latest Levelling Up national competition. I understand that the intention is to use the Council's Stockbridge depot for this purpose. Can you reassure residents that this will not have a negative effect on the number of and types of services being delivered to local people?

**Response**

The Advanced Robotics and Engineering Institute will position Keighley as a national leader through provision of a state-of-the-art centre of excellence. The new building will accommodate undergraduate and postgraduate students to study robotics, advanced engineering, automation, artificial intelligence and computer science. The institute will benefit students at all levels of technical education, from secondary school age to PhD, by offering clear progression pathways in a familiar, state of the art centre of excellence.

At the time this was submitted it was proposed that this development would be situated on the Stockbridge site with a new depot provided on part of the site. The services that operated out of the site would remain the same as the redevelopment would maximise efficient use of the site. Given the length of time that has passed since the bid was submitted, we are currently reviewing the project and whether it will be delivered at Stockbridge or elsewhere in Keighley.

**7. Councillor Mohsin Hussain**

Do we have an update on the Keighley Health Hub - timescale for completion and when will the planning start?

**Response**

The Health & Wellbeing Centre in Keighley will be a fantastic addition to the town centre, providing high quality healthcare and consolidating 200 jobs into the town centre. Of course, the project was delayed by the best part of a year due to the opposition from the local MP, which delayed sign-off of the business plan from government. The project had to be mothballed until the business plan was signed, but now it is moving forward again.

The latest project timeline shows completion of the scheme by June 2027 mainly due to the need to update all of the supply chain quotes for carrying out the detailed design work and various site surveys. Planning for the scheme started after the Towns Fund bid was approved in June and has focused mainly on pre-planning applications, further exploration of commercial funding options and the preparation of an outline communications and involvement plan. Also, we are

ensuring that service provision from the development aligns with the clinical model that is emerging in relation to the new hospital at Airedale.

**8. Councillor Mohsin Hussain**

Following the attacks on Starbucks and McDonald's – what has been done to prevent further attacks?

**Response**

Such violence will not be tolerated. The Police are conducting an active investigation into the perpetrators. In order to monitor any community tensions a specific operation has been established at a West Yorkshire level and in Bradford district. We work across the system with the Police and other Local Authorities on a weekly basis to assess the level of risk and likelihood of activity in the region. We would encourage anyone with intelligence on this matter or any other potential intention to vandalise to contact the Police.

**9. Councillor Ralph Berry**

Section 17 of the Act places a general duty on all local authorities to 'safeguard and promote the welfare of children within their area who are in need'. Basically, a 'child in need' is a child who needs additional support from the local authority to meet their potential. I'd like to ask how many s17 Children Act payments have been made to Bradford Families in the last 6 months.

**Response**

There have been 2,599 Section 17 payments made in the last 6 months.

**10. Councillor Julie Glentworth**

As the new One City Park office building appears to be completed, can the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning & Transport, please update members on occupancy levels, the names of the organisations who have taken up leases and whether the building is exacerbating the problem of empty Grade 1 offices in the City Centre?

**Response**

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One City Park is the newest Grade A Office building in the City Centre and whilst the generic office market is oversupplied there is interest in it due to its prime location and quality – both of which are attractive to occupiers.

**11. Councillor Nazam Azam**

I'd like to thank my ward colleagues for their effective campaigning and the portfolio holder for his cooperation in getting the pelican crossing which will

improve safety on Horton Grange Road. Can the portfolio holder confirm the costings related to the replacement of the zebra to a pelican crossing?

### **Response**

Thank you to City ward councillors for the input in developing the right scheme for this location. I'm pleased we were able to deliver this much-needed project using our Strategic Road Safety Pot, which was created for projects such as these where the budget exceeded the local Area Committee pot. The total scheme cost for the conversion of the zebra crossing to a Pelican crossing was carried out for £88,000. This budget includes expenditure on:

- Consultations
- Legal Processes/advertisements
- Civil engineering construction
- Signal installation
- Carriageway surfacing including road closures
- Signs and road markings
- Street lighting

### **12. Councillor Ian Parsons**

Eccleshill Councillors have been working closely with Parking Services to reduce illegal parking in Eccleshill, particularly on Stony Lane which is near an accident hotspot. We have seen some positive results, but we need to see much more action. Would the Executive agree that it would be helpful if Councillors received feedback on the number of parking services staff active in our wards and also an update on the number of tickets issued, at appropriate intervals?

### **Response**

We deploy Council Wardens across the district focusing on parking hotspots, schools, main gateways and where we have received complaints. Our admin recording systems are not configured in such a way to collect data for specific wards or neighbourhoods. The car registration number is the primary data collection method.

Mobile Council Wardens are tasked daily in the Bradford East area who focus on hotspot areas such as this. Quite often the number of Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) issued does not reflect the number of visits we make, the presence of

Wardens acts as a deterrent. We continue to respond to community concerns to improve road safety. We are happy to undertake some additional focused work in this area and share our findings based on community and Cllr requests.

### **13. Councillor Martin Love**

Shipley ward councillors were naturally delighted to hear from officers that the tennis courts in Northcliffe Park were to be refurbished. We were less than happy to find out, via a rumour circulating among our residents, that the well-used free facility is now to be charged for. Can the portfolio holder please tell us what the charges to use the courts will be and why this information wasn't communicated to ward members when the original announcement was made?



### **Response**

The Lawn Tennis Association approached the Council with an offer to fund refurbishment of tennis courts at 10 parks sites at no cost to the Council. A key element of the offer is to allow the courts to be used for extended coaching activity leading to wider participation levels beyond the immediate local tennis community and those already engaged in playing tennis to include a more diverse and inclusive audience. In order to allow a structured and effective approach to coaching provision, there is the need to manage access to some of the courts through a booking system and gate controls. The two of six, recently refurbished tennis courts at Northcliffe will remain open with unrestricted access. A booking fee/ charging element on the refurbished courts will both fund coaching sessions and provide a sinking fund to ensure sustainability of the courts and is part of the grant conditions being applied nationally by the LTA to all the park courts they are refurbishing. Final details of the charging and coaching elements are still in development and members will be updated as proposals are negotiated. The Council is currently seeking to recognise the Bradford Leisure Card within the proposed charging regime, as used by our sports facilities across the district, to ensure equitable and extended access for economically disadvantaged residents.

### **14. Councillor Ian Parsons**

Bradford is the City of Culture in 2025. Eccleshill village and surrounds are currently being evaluated for Conservation Area status. Should Eccleshill be successful we would be the 60th Conservation Area awarded in Bradford District. Does the leader agree with me that the heritage of Bradford is a key part of our Districts identity, and as such should be protected for future generations? And if so, will the leader support Eccleshill Village in becoming the 60th Conservation Area in the District?

### **Response**

I agree that the heritage of Bradford is a vital component of our district's identity and preserving it for future generations is of paramount importance. The evaluation of designation of Eccleshill Village as a conservation area in Bradford District, is a component of safeguarding our cultural and historical legacy.

As we anticipate Bradford becoming the City of Culture in 2025, acknowledging and protecting our heritage becomes even more crucial. The Council is pleased to assess the heritage significance of Eccleshill Village. Existing designations not only ensure the protection of our heritage but also fosters a sense of pride and identity among our communities.

In response to public interest in the designation of a part of Eccleshill as a conservation area, the Planning Service is preparing a draft conservation area character appraisal, on which it will undertake a public consultation exercise. A decision would ultimately go to a planning committee for approval. Cllrs Parsons and Hayden have been instrumental in strongly promoting Eccleshill's heritage, I thank them for their work and support their endeavours.

### **15. Councillor Aneela Ahmed**

Rising social care costs are the most common issue affecting local authorities at the moment with the Macalister review saying £2.6bn is needed for children's services alone. Is there work going on to press the government to address this chronic underfunding?

**Response**

The Local Authority is working closely with the Children's Trust, the DfE (Department for Education) and DLUHC (Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities) to raise awareness of the particular financial challenges that are being faced in Bradford in respect of Children's Social Care.

On a national level, the ADCS (Association of Directors of Children's Services) is actively engaging with the Government to impress upon them the need to urgently review how Local Authorities are funded to deliver statutory services for Children & Young People. There is a particular focus and drive to encourage the Government to implement changes associated with Agency social workers, as well as capping the independent residential sector fees and their profit margins. Both are referenced in the Macalister Review but Government action has thus far not been forthcoming.

**16. Councillor Debbie Davies**

Following the recent incident of a collapsed wall in Baildon which thankfully didn't injure anyone but did block a major road for a few days, can the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning & Transport, please confirm whether there are there any plans to upgrade risk assessment procedures, as there are numerous similar walls across the district that could be at risk of collapse particularly following heavy rainfall?

### **Response**

The collapsed wall in Baildon is a privately owned wall and, despite being adjacent to the Baildon Road, was not one which the Council was responsible for maintaining.

Retaining walls which are the Council's responsibility are subject to a programme of annual visual inspections by a qualified structural engineer with more detailed, principal inspections, being carried out every six years. This inspection regime allows for effective monitoring and planning of maintenance works and is considered suitable to ensure that risks of potential failure of the structure are identified early.

The question as to whether the Council plans to upgrade its risk assessment procedures must therefore be considered within the context of two scenarios (i.e., where the maintenance of a structure is the responsibility of a private third-party or where it is the Council's responsibility). In the case of Council assets, the arrangements which currently exist are deemed sufficient to ensure that the Council can carry out its own maintenance responsibilities. In the case of privately owned assets this is a more complex issue, as it relies on third parties to take ownership and action.

Where the Council is advised of a potential issue with a privately owned wall it initially triages the details of the concern and if necessary, arranges for a special inspection (SI) to be undertaken by one of its structural engineers. We have recently updated our Scheme of Delegation for Highways and Transportation matters to provide a mechanism for transitioning between serving a notice to require repairs and enforcing those requirements. This change will be implemented in the New Year when the new scheme becomes operational.

### **17. Councillor Liz Rowe**

Is the district hosting plenty of Christmas events this year to bring much needed cheer to families?

### **Response**

I would like to thank Cllr Rowe for her question and I can confirm that there are many events taking place across the district for a range of interests and activities over the festive season for everyone to enjoy. I have included a list

which includes over 34 free family activities happening across the district from Shipley to Holme Wood offering everything from craft, music, dance and theatre.



Organisati on/Artist Name	Activty	Description	Start Date	End Date	Website
Summat Creative/ Shipley Town Council	Shipley Christmas Lights	To celebrate the lighting up of the town's festive lights and large Christmas tree, a day of free entertainment for visitors and residents will take place between 10.00am – 4.45pm	25/11/23	Lights Until January	shipleytownc ouncil.gov.uk /2023/10/25/ shipley- christmas- lights-switch- on-event- details/
Saltaire Inspired	The Saltaire Living Advent Calendar	The Saltaire Living Advent Calendar has been a feature of our village since 2006. For 2023, 57 windows will open in the run up to Christmas, with 15 businesses and community buildings illuminated from 1st December, then at least one new window being 'opened' each evening until 24th December. Windows are illuminated from 4pm – 10.30pm each evening, and all remain lit until the 1st of January.	01/12/23	01/01/24	saltaireinspir ed.org.uk/ev ents/living- advent- calendar/
Letty McHugh	Joy In Unexpected Places	Joy in Unexpected Places celebrates the sometimes overlooked beauty of Keighley through light installations created by local artist Letty McHugh.	01/12/23	Until January 2024	<a href="http://www.visitbradford.com/whats-on/joy-in-unexpected-places-bd-is-lit-p2030641">www.visitbra dford.com/wh ats-on/joy-in- unexpected- places-bd-is- lit-p2030641</a>
Same Difference Arts	Robin Hood Community Performances	Same Difference Arts will perform an accessible and inclusive Christmas Show, Robin Hood, for free in two local community spaces that have limited arts or cultural provisions currently. Also touring other Christmas themed shows.	02/12/23	19/12/23	<a href="https://www.same-difference-arts.com">https://www.s amedifferenc earts.com</a>

BCB 106.6fm	Festive Focus on BCB 106.6fm	Monday-Friday 5.45-6pm. A roundup of events and activities taking place around Christmas across the district	04/12/2-23	22/12/23	<a href="http://www.bcbradio.co.uk/">www.bcbradio.co.uk/</a>
Mind The Gap	Community Open Day	MTG Studios on Patent Street, 3-7pm – a community open day with food around 5pm, all welcome!	06/12/23	06/12/23	<a href="http://www.mind-the-gap.org.uk/">www.mind-the-gap.org.uk/</a>
Bronte Parsonage	Christmas By Candlelight - Late Night opening	<p>Experience Haworth Stop by and explore the Museum by candlelight before a spot of late-night shopping in Haworth, as Main Street remains open until 8pm to mark the start of Christmas in Haworth. Visit the Christmas in Haworth website to explore what's on.</p> <p>The Museum will remain open until 7pm, showcasing the quiet magic of Haworth Parsonage dressed for the festive season. The Museum shop will also be open, where you can browse our beautiful range of books, gifts and festive decorations. Every purchase supports the collection in our care. Parsonage by candlelight - 05:00pm - 07:00pm.</p>	07/12/23	07/12/23	<a href="https://www.bronte.org.uk/whats-on/1340/christmas-by-candlelight-late-night-opening/6888">https://www.bronte.org.uk/whats-on/1340/christmas-by-candlelight-late-night-opening/6888</a>

	Holme Wood Christmas Festival	Programme description - Ho Ho Ho Holme Wooooooooood! The Holme Wood Christmas Festival is back. Join events including a Christmas Fair, Santa's Elves Workshop, Cinema Night and Rudolph Rave. Come and get festively excited with us!	7/8/10/11 12/20/24 December	24/12/23	<a href="http://www.visitbradford.com/whats-on/holmewood-christmas-festival-p2067461">www.visitbradford.com/whats-on/holmewood-christmas-festival-p2067461</a>
St Georges Hall	Kate Rusby at Christmas	With a brand new Christmas album, Kate Rusby rounds off 2023 and celebrates her 50th birthday in style with a Christmas tour full of warmth, sparkles and festive music from her new and previous Christmas albums.	08/12/23	08/12/23	<a href="https://www.bradford-theatres.co.uk/whats-on/kate-rusby-at-christmas">https://www.bradford-theatres.co.uk/whats-on/kate-rusby-at-christmas</a>
Bronte Parsonage	Christmas By Candlelight - treasures	In this intimate event, you will experience a rare glimpse behind the scenes at the Museum Library, getting a closer look at some of the most precious treasures from the collection, personally selected by curator Sarah Laycock. Date: Friday 8 December 6.30pm – 8pm Tickets: £50 per person  With almost 20 years' experience working with the Brontë Parsonage Museum, Sarah will share personal insight into the chosen items and reveal the secrets of working with our world-class Designated collection.	08/12/23	08/12/23	<a href="#">Christmas By Candlelight: Brontë Treasures   Bronte Parsonage Museum</a>

Dance United	Holme Wood Christmas Festival	<p>Dance United Yorkshire are bringing two groups of dancers, one aged 4-7 and the other aged 8-11,</p> <p>to St Christopher's Hall on Friday 8th December between 4-7pm.</p>	08/12/23	08/12/23	<a href="https://www.visitbradford.com">Holmewood Christmas Festival - Christmas Event in Bradford, Bradford - Bradford (visitbradford.com)</a>
Alhambra Theatre	Cinderella	<p>You shall go to the ball this Christmas with Bradford panto legend, Billy Pearce, as the loveable Buttons, Emmerdale star Samantha Giles as The Wicked Stepmother and celebrity baker and Strictly Come Dancing finalist John Whaite as Dandini. Dale Mathurin will play Prince Charming and Yorkshire local Sarah Pearson will perform as the title role of Cinderella.</p> <p>Packed with all of the traditional ingredients Bradford audiences expect, our spectacular family pantomime Cinderella features laugh-out-loud comedy, stunning scenery, beautiful costumes and plenty of boos and hisses.</p>	09/12/23	21/01/24	<a href="https://www.bradford-theatres.co.uk/whats-on/cinderella">https://www.bradford-theatres.co.uk/whats-on/cinderella</a>
Keighley Creative	Free Christmas Arts and Crafts Workshop	<p>Free Christmas Arts and Crafts Workshop- Making festive framed pictures at Keighley Market. Saturday 9th December 11am-3pm</p>	09/12/23	09/12/23	<a href="https://keighleycreative.org/whats-on">https://keighleycreative.org/whats-on</a>



St Georges Hall	Great Yorkshire Chorus	<p>Great Yorkshire Chorus returns to St George's Hall. Enjoy an evening of sparkling Christmas favourites as over 150 performers take to the stage.</p> <p>Start your festive season with this wonderful concert from the Yorkshire Wind Orchestra and Great Yorkshire Chorus. Enjoy an evening of sparkling Christmas favourites as over 150 performers take to the stage.</p> <p>A magical evening to get into the spirit of the season with beautiful carols and Christmas classics</p>	09/12/23	09/12/23	<a href="https://www.bradford-theatres.co.uk/whats-on/great-yorkshire-chorus-a-christmas-festival">https://www.bradford-theatres.co.uk/whats-on/great-yorkshire-chorus-a-christmas-festival</a>
Bronte Parsonage	Scribble Saturday	<p>Poet and environmental artist Winston Plowes often finds inspiration in the changing seasons, and the unique offerings they bring.</p> <p>Join Winston at his wintery nature table to explore nature's seasonal treasures and learn a little about how the Brontës wrote about winter.</p> <p>Winston will help you spin your ideas into words, to create a collaborative poem which will be published on the Museum's website!</p> <p>This is a drop-in activity programmed as part of the Museum's 'Year of the Wild' celebrating the theme of nature in the Brontës' life and works.</p>	09/12/23	09/12/23	<a href="#">Scribble Saturday   Bronte Parsonage Museum</a>



		<p>Date: Saturday 9 December, 11am - 3pm</p> <p>This activity will take place upstairs at the Brontë Parsonage Museum.</p> <p>Free with entry to the Museum. No need to book. All ages welcome.</p>			
Bloomin Buds Theatre/Rockwell Centre	Rockwell Christmas Fayre	Rockwell Christmas Fayre	09/12/23	09/12/23	<a href="#">Rockwell Centre   Bradford   Facebook</a>
Bronte Parsonage	Festive Ornament Embroidery workshops	<p>Decorations are going up and Christmas cheer is in the air! Join us for a festive morning of embroidery, as you'll learn to embroider, applique and stitch your own vintage ornament inspired by Haworth Parsonage.</p> <p>Led by embroidery experts Davinder and Caroline Madaher, this workshop is sure to get you in the festive mood as you learn new skills to create your very own Brontë Bauble.</p> <p>Date: Saturday 9 December, 10am-1pm Tickets: £25 per person</p>	09/12/23	09/12/23	<a href="#">Festive Ornament Embroidery Workshop   Bronte Parsonage Museum</a>
Impressions Gallery	Family Activities Creative Club	join in the fun and take part in free creative activities. These mini-making projects are especially designed for families with children aged 5 to 11 years old. Throughout the rest of the day you can also interact	09/12/2023 & 16/12/2023	16/12/23	<a href="https://www.impressions-gallery.com/whats-on/">https://www.impressions-gallery.com/whats-on/</a>





		with our drawing wall, or get busy in our colouring corner.			
Bradford industrial Museum	Christmas Lino Print Workshop At Bradford Industrial Museum	<p>Explore the process of lino printing in this one day workshop and make a set of seasonal greetings cards to take away.</p> <p>We will experiment with the lino cutting tools, exploring what marks can be made and how positive and negative designs are cut. We will cut a range of designs to make a collaborative festive 'tapestry' design, and test how these will look when printed through taking rubbings. You will be introduced to how inking and printing works, using a hand-finishing technique called burnishing. You will then design and cut your own festive image, which you will print to make greetings cards and gift tags. You will leave with a set of between 5 to 10 cards with envelopes and gift tags. Limited to just 8 spaces. Book your place on Eventbrite here.</p>	09/12/23	09/12/23	<a href="#">Christmas Lino Print Workshop at Bradford Industrial Museum - Bradford Museums &amp; Galleries</a>
St Georges Hall	A Very Musical Christmas	Leeds Musical Theatre Choir are delighted to be bringing a touch of Musical Christmas magic to St George's Hall. The choir made up of over 250 members, will perform your favourite songs from Stage and Screen along with some	10/12/23	10/12/23	<a href="https://www.bradford-theatres.co.uk/whats-on/leeds-musical-theatre-choir">https://www.bradford-theatres.co.uk/whats-on/leeds-musical-theatre-choir</a>



		wonderful Christmas arrangements too!			
Bloomin Buds Theatre/Rockwell Centre	Christmas Dinner	Christmas Dinner - 11.30am-2pm, food served at 12pm. Three course Christmas dinner for £10.00 - must book in advance, can message us on facebook to do this or pop in. HAF activity - christmas themed activities for children and a chance to meet santa 10am-2pm - priority for children on free school means - more info to be on our facebook page	14/12/23	14/12/23	<a href="#">Rockwell Centre   Bradford   Facebook   www.bloominbuds.co.uk</a>
Impressions Gallery	Time for Tea	Join us for free tea and cake at this festive, friendly, social morning in the gallery. AT 11.30am we will give a short talk about our current exhibition. Time for tea is our regular free event for over 60's. All are welcome	14/01/00	14/12/23	<a href="https://www.impressions-gallery.com/whats-on/">https://www.impressions-gallery.com/whats-on/</a>
St Georges Hall	Brighthouse and Rastrick Christmas Concert	Join the world-famous Brighthouse & Rastrick Band for their fantastic annual festive concert with all of the Christmas trimmings with yuletide greats and carols	15/12/23	15/12/23	<a href="https://www.bradford-theatres.co.uk/whats-on/brighthouse-rastrick-band-christmas-concert">https://www.bradford-theatres.co.uk/whats-on/brighthouse-rastrick-band-christmas-concert</a>
Keighley Creative	Christmas makers Fayre	Christmas Maker Faire & Open Studios. Saturday 16th December 10:30am-3:30pm	16/12/23	16/12/23	<a href="https://keighleycreative.org/whats-on">https://keighleycreative.org/whats-on</a>
Keighley Creative	Free Christmas Arts and Crafts Workshop	Free Christmas Arts and Crafts Workshop- Making Scandinavian style decorations. Saturday 16th December 11am-3pm	16/12/23	16/12/23	<a href="https://keighleycreative.org/whats-on">https://keighleycreative.org/whats-on</a>



St Georges Hall	Christmas at the Movies	Join the acclaimed 70-piece Studio Orchestra as they take you on a magical journey through some of the best loved festive films of all time, including: Love Actually, The Nightmare Before Christmas, Elf, The Polar Express, Home Alone, The Holiday, Harry Potter, It's A Wonderful Life and many more.	16/12/23	16/12/23	<a href="https://www.bradford-theatres.co.uk/whats-on/christmas-at-the-movies">https://www.bradford-theatres.co.uk/whats-on/christmas-at-the-movies</a>
Cliffe Castle Museum	A Cliffe Castle Christmas	join us at Cliffe Castle as we celebrate Christmas. There's something for everyone with live music, market stalls, family crafts and more across the different dates. And of course, we'll be joined by a very special guest each day... Santa himself! Please note that tickets for Santa's Grotto are priced at £10 each which includes a gift and certificate. All proceeds go to Keighley Lions. Whilst a very limited number of tickets will be available on the day, booking via the following link is strongly recommended to avoid disappointment: <a href="http://www.keighleylions.org.uk/shop/p/santas-grotto-ticket-cliffe-castle">www.keighleylions.org.uk/shop/p/santas-grotto-ticket-cliffe-castle</a>	17/12/23	17/12/23	<a href="https://www.bradford-theatres.co.uk/whats-on/christmas-at-the-movies">A Cliffe Castle Christmas - Bradford Museums &amp; Galleries</a>
Kings Hall	Positively Christmas	A charity Cabaret for Jacqui's Million that will get your Christmas off to a 'positively' flying start.  With all the songs you love, Winter Wonderland, Let It Snow, Let it Snow, When a Child is Born, All I Want for Christmas is	17/12/23	17/12/23	<a href="https://www.bradford-theatres.co.uk/whats-on/positively-christmas">https://www.bradford-theatres.co.uk/whats-on/positively-christmas</a>



		<p>You, Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas &amp; many more!</p> <p>Come along and enjoy the festivities with the Jingle Bell Rock!</p>			
Bradford Youth Players	Christmas Cracker Showcase	(an evening of Christmas-themed performances – singing, dancing and acting - by our young people) at Fountains Church, Bradford	19/12/23	19/12/23	<a href="http://www.bradfordyouthplayers.co.uk">www.bradfordyouthplayers.co.uk</a>
Agape Christian Centre	Arts and Crafts Making	The project is targeted at children and young persons between 5-16 years who are interested but targeted at those of African descent in Bradford. Arts such as knitting, pottery, bead and hair making are an integral part of the African culture. This project aims to expose the young minds to these arts though they are far away from Africa and hopefully ignite the fire of creativity in them.	19/12/23	22/12/23	<a href="https://www.children@aicccchurch.org">https://www.children@aicccchurch.org</a>
Bloomin Buds/Rockwell Centre	HAF Activity	HAF activity - christmas themed activities for children and a chance to meet santa 10am-2pm - priority for children on free school means - more info to be on our facebook page	20/12/23	23/12/23	<a href="#">Rockwell Centre   Bradford   Facebook / www.bloominbuds.co.uk</a>

Bowling Hall Museum and Library	Family Christmas at Bowling Hall	<p>Bolling Hall Museum &amp; Library 11AM - 3PM Join us to Deck the Halls! Make a traditional Peg Doll toy to take home, ice a gingerbread biscuit and decorate a wooden bauble to add to the beautiful Christmas tree.</p> <p>The Crickmore Crew will be singing traditional Christmas songs throughout the day, helping us enjoy the festive season atmosphere of this wonderful historic home!</p> <p>For large groups, please e-mail <a href="mailto:miroslava.zarkov@bradford.gov.uk">miroslava.zarkov@bradford.gov.uk</a> to book a space, others just drop-in.</p>	20/12/23	20/12/23	<p style="text-align: right;"><a href="#">Family Christmas at Bolling Hall - Bradford Museums &amp; Galleries</a></p>
Bloomin Buds Theatre/Rockwell Centre	Christmas Give Away	christmas toy giveaway, come to collect a present for your child, no questions asked for free. 10am-2pm whilst stocks last	23/12/23	22/12/23	<p style="text-align: right;"><a href="#">Rockwell Centre   Bradford   Facebook</a></p>

**18. Councillor Jeanette Sunderland**

Can the Portfolio Holder advise how many households with children are on the Housing List waiting for a suitable family home?

**Response**

Of the 19,960 active applications on Bradford Council's housing list on 4 December 2023, we have 8,670 households with children looking for a suitable home.

**19. Councillor Liz Rowe**

Does the portfolio holder join me in welcoming the opening of the enterprise hub at Shipley library and can he give a summary of the kind of services it will offer?

## **Response**

Yes, I very much welcome the launch of the Enterprise Hub at Shipley Library, which Cllr Alex Ross-Shaw attended and opened on behalf of the Shipley Towns Fund, which provided the funding. The new facility will offer resources and advice to local businesses and start-ups, and the space will also be used for meetings and co-working. There will be an on-site dedicated business information advisor who will be able to offer advice and guidance as well as training local library staff to assist. There will be advice sessions, workshops and events both live and streamed, and the opportunity for local entrepreneurs to exhibit their products. A particular strength of the offer is access to a specialist database to help with market research, as well as intellectual property advice.

## **20. Councillor Paul Godwin**

It was good to hear that the council's Landscape, Design & Conservation Team has won a couple of national awards. Will the portfolio holder explain what work has been rewarded in this way?

## **Response**

It was great to see our Landscape team win national awards and it was richly deserved for their work across the district. The Landscape, Design & Conservation Team has received the Landscape Institute Award 2023 for Excellence in Public Health and Wellbeing, and the Landscape Institute President's Award for the Best Landscape Scheme of the Year.

The award for Excellence in Public Health and Wellbeing celebrates landscape projects that seek to maximise the positive impact of place on human health and wellbeing, and recognises the body of work the Landscape, Design & Conservation Team have been delivering in recent years. The President of the Landscape Institute selects one piece of work from the winners of all the individual award categories for the presentation of the President's Award for the Best Landscape Scheme of the Year.

Collaborations have enabled the Landscape Design & Conservation Team to work with and for Bradford Institute for Health Research, Better Start Bradford and the lottery funded Better Place Project, JU:MP (Join Us: Move. Play.) led by Active Bradford and funded by Sport England, Well Bradford, Bradford Moor PASS and Making Space for Girls. Within the Council, colleagues in Public Health, Planning and Highways, have worked with the Landscape Design & Conservation Team on the shared vision for a health inspired landscape around the District.

Projects representative of this body of work include Kashmir Play Park (formerly known as Scotchman Road Play Park), Attock Park Community Garden and Toddler Play Area, Windhill Recreation Ground, Horton Park Play Area, Fagley Playspace, Bowling Park Play Area, Pitty Beck, Beech Grove Greenway, Church Green Dementia Garden in Keighley, and the Bradford Institute of Health Research Garden.



The Council has joined several European research projects to grow our knowledge base and share experiences in creating blue green infrastructure that supports public health and well-being. Interreg BEGIN (Blue Green Infrastructures through Social Innovation) looked at how cities can improve climate resilience with blue green infrastructure involving stakeholders and has grown to consider how the same intervention can also create better public health and wellbeing outcomes. URBACT Healthy Cities Action Planning network aimed to deepen the relationship between health and the urban environment, planning actions that focus on improving the population's health, and the multiplicity of possible approaches to tackle the issue including green areas, mobility, social cohesion or promotion of sports.

The Landscape, Design & Conservation Team will continue to deliver the insights learnt into the positive impact of place on human health and wellbeing in current and future blue green infrastructure, public realm and placemaking projects.

**21. Councillor Paul Godwin**

Will the Portfolio Holder join with me in wishing the Keighley Town Centre Business Improvement District team well in their ballot? If successful how much investment would the BID bring to Keighley?

**Response**

I'm delighted to say that on the 2 December Keighley Business Improvement District (BID) announced that the ballot of 300 business premises in Keighley Town Centre had resulted in a yes vote and that the BID would now enter a second five year delivery term.

In this period, the BID will generate up to £900,000 from the levy and, to maximise impact, will also explore opportunities to secure grant funding and private sector investment.

With this funding, Keighley BID will deliver a plan over the next five years, supporting over 600 businesses and making the town centre area a better place to do business, creating a positive, vibrant experience for people who visit, work and live in the town centre.

The proposed activity will focus on promoting the town centre and encouraging people to shop local. Keighley BID will deliver new improvement projects to create a safer, greener and cleaner town centre environment for consumers and businesses.

**22. Councillor Mike Pollard**

Would the Portfolio Holder for Children & Families clarify, if the 'Newton Model' was as claimed, not actually used to project revenue budget requirements for the Bradford Children's and Families Trust Budget, what was the process that took place with regard to the establishment of the manifestly unrealistic contract sum model for the first year of operation of the Trust, were both parties content to 'sign

off that process and if not, why did the Council not refuse to sign off a budget which it already knew at that point to be undeliverable?

**Response**

I can confirm that the Newton model was not utilised to inform the budget projections to determine the contract sum between the local authority and the council. Newtons has been more recently engaged by the Children's Trust and one of their Directors sits on the Board so has intimate knowledge of the Trust's operations.

When developing the contract before the establishment of the Trust a demand projection model tool was used that was developed by an external provider commissioned by the DfE. The model provided data to determine the trajectory of children moving in and out of the Care system to enable work on the development of a Contract Sum for the Trust. In addition, the projected outturn position for Children's Services at the end of the 22/23 financial year also informed the Contract Sum negotiations.

The above work, alongside detailed dialogue and discussions with the Children's Trust and the DfE, enabled agreement to be reached on the Contract Sum.

The demand projections for the numbers of children in care has generally been accurate. Data shows that the number of children in care has broadly been slightly lower than the month-on-month projections. The areas where there have been differences has been mainly in respect of the placement projections whereby there has been an increased reliance on external fostering and residential placements needing to be used. Unfortunately, the unprecedented increase in placement fees in the independent residential sector has contributed substantially to the financial pressures faced by the Trust.

In addition to the increase in placement fees, there have been ongoing additional cost pressures incurred by the trust through the recruitment of agency staff.

It is to be noted that there is now a recruitment strategy in place which is designed at addressing this by recruiting permanent social workers.

The local authority is supporting the trust with this strategy as appropriate.

**23. Councillor Matt Edwards**

Residents in Tong Village are incredibly frustrated by the increased amount of anti-social behaviour linked to dangerous and inconsiderate driving (and parking) along Tong Lane, especially close to the junction with Westgate Hill Street. The council has a PSPO to tackle 'anti-social use of vehicles in Bradford' so what are the Safer Bradford team doing to enforce the PSPO on Tong Lane?

**Response**

Enforcement of the PSPO is being delivered by Bradford Council and West Yorkshire Police 'Steerside', NPT and Road Policing Teams. If vehicle users are stopped by the Police for breach of PSPO then a 'Notice of Offence' will be issued and sent to Bradford Council to determine whether it is appropriate to issue a Fixed Penalty Notice. The issuing of the fixed penalty can be contested in court.

Bradford Council also enforce the PSPO retrospectively, by submission of dash cam and CCTV footage. If any residents wish to submit any dash cam or CCTV footage they can email us on. [safer.communities@bradford.gov.uk](mailto:safer.communities@bradford.gov.uk)

A broad range of Neighbourhoods services Teams including the safer team and Area Office teams are working closely with residents and businesses using a preventative approach. Local businesses have assured us that they have put measures in place to reduce the problems highlighted including providing customers with information about the nuisance caused to the local community and the risks to livestock in the surrounding rural setting we continue to monitor this.

We have explored a range of crime prevention and target hardening measures and put these in place where appropriate. We will continue working with residents and businesses in the area to mitigate the problem.

#### **24. Councillor Nazam Azam**

The police and councils across the country need considerably more funding to tackle the scourge of antisocial behaviour. The announcement of the Safer Streets Fund was therefore welcome. Can the portfolio holder tell me how much the district receives from this fund and how we plan to spend it?

#### **Response**

Bradford received a £185,000 Safer Streets fund from the Home Office via the West Yorkshire Combined Authority and is targeted towards reducing Anti-Social Behaviour, Violence against Women and Girls and Neighbourhood crime in the district. Bradfords funding supports Safer Bradford (Bradford Community Safety Partnership) priorities. These include projects tackling nuisance motorbikes and quad bikes, safety of women and girls, anti-social behaviour hotspots, safety in the city centre and the nighttime economy. The district will, in addition, also benefit from a share of the wider West Yorkshire Police funding pot for forensic marking and target hardening. Individual projects supported by the fund are as follows:

- Enhanced CCTV capability – enhance the local authority’s capability to respond more dynamically to issues or concerns exploring flexible camera opportunities and mobile capability including drones and body cam.
- CCTV based Night-time Support Unit – Much greater utilisation of our substantial CCTV capacity in the city centre and enables a multi-service response, including the provision of extra staffing capacity in the CCTV room, dedicated to issues in the city centre and the nighttime economy.
- Police Targeted Patrols in response to off road bikes – Targeted patrols in the highest demand areas alongside engagement and education.
- OnTrak Community Initiative – An educational programme covering road safety, levels of social responsibility, consequences of crime and ASB

and the impact this has on themselves and the wider the community it will allow young people to build trust and open up about issues impacting on them and their behaviour in a safe environment. Targeting the areas with the highest Off-Road Bike ASB.

- Operation Soundwood – Enhanced Visibility to tackle ASB to utilise ASB interventions to create a safer NTE– Using ASB PSPO legislation to tackle the concern of students around the University, Addressing the concerns raised by
- female Students in relation to the harassment by men from vehicles. Utilising plan vehicles and high visibility patrols.
- Neighbourhood Management Days of Action – Targeted operations run in relation to the anti-social use of motor vehicles and areas of high anti-social behaviour and Neighbourhood crime. Increased Police resource, targeted engagement and education around crime prevention and the development of community intelligence.
- Bradford East NPT and Bradford City – Community Foundation – PCSOs working with the Foundations team Peer Action Collective (PAC) team working together to engage with primary schools from Bradford East to foster positive relationships, promote safety awareness, and empower young minds to become responsible citizens. Delivering interactive workshops, educational sessions, and fun activities around crucial topics like online safety, anti-bullying, knife crime, ASB, healthy relationships and the importance of respecting one another.

## **25. Councillor Julie Humphreys**

Can the Leader advise what the Household Support Fund delivers in the district and whether the Government is likely to continue the fund next year?

### **Response**

In Bradford, funding has been allocated to support the following:

- Payments to low income household to assist with food and fuel bills
- Food provision through voluntary sector and food banks
- Support to groups such as carers, care leavers, foster carers and new parents
- Emergency fuel top ups for those on meters
- Help to buy essential household goods

Full details are published on our website [Household costs | Bradford Council](#)

Our fear is that the government will not provide any more funding for our most disadvantaged residents. They have not committed to HSF funding from April 2024, their current statement is:

*The Government has provided over £2 billion in funding for the Household Support Fund since October 2021. The current Household Support Fund runs from April 2023 until the end of March 2024. No further decisions have been taken on the Household Support Fund, and the government continues to keep all its existing programmes under review in the usual way.*

We feel that the funding is still very much needed in the district to support those most affected by the cost-of-living crisis and will be doing what we can to lobby Government to continue this funding stream and give us adequate notice so we can plan and prepare for 2024/25.

**26. Councillor Tariq Hussain**

Following on from our motion at the last full council to tackle nuisance fireworks and the work done around Bonfire Night. Will the portfolio holder give an update on how the Bonfire Night period passed this year?

**Response**

The Bonfire Period in 2023 continued the trend in recent years of reducing instances of crime and anti-social behaviour. Calls to the Police for anti-social behaviour reduced, as were the number of attacks on Fire Service staff. Bonfire Night, though busy, was quieter than recent years. However, it must be reiterated that levels of disorder, in general, remain at unacceptable levels.

As in previous years, the Council Neighbourhood Services teams including co-ordination from Safer Communities Team, Area Offices, Council Youth Services, our communities, elected members, and voluntary groups worked alongside blue light services providing a significant partnership response. This helped to educate and build resilience, challenge negative behaviours and, where necessary, take appropriate enforcement action. Local community volunteers, co-ordinated through the area office teams, were engaged in pre-emptive and proactive actions that minimised problems and controlled incidents before they got out of hand, especially in hot spot areas. This led to a number of potential incidents being minimised or avoided completely.

The Council's Anti-Social Behaviour Team was actively involved in undertaking prevention work with those most vulnerable to becoming involved in anti-social or dangerous behaviour. Several hundred community volunteers were enlisted across the district, including a mix of residents, business representatives, voluntary groups and faith leaders.

In the weeks running up to Bonfire Night Clean Teams from both the Council and Incommunities shifted hundreds of tonnes of waste that presented a danger if set alight. This work included the checking of bonfires that were being built and dismantling those which remained a danger to the public.

On the 4th and 5th November, the Youth Service deployed up to 80 staff each night working across all 5 constituencies in teams of 3-4 workers. This involved the majority of the service in street-based work responding to calls for service to engage groups of youngsters and the remainder in youth centre-based work. This work was pre-empted with centre-based education/awareness inputs on the danger of fireworks, illegal fires and anti-social behaviour during the period running up to Bonfire Night.



**27. Councillor Aneela Ahmed**

Does the portfolio holder join me in welcoming the government u-turn on its plan to shut train station ticket offices?

**Response**

I do welcome the Government U-Turn on the plan to close most railway station ticket offices in England, including six of the seven ticket offices in Bradford District. The Council responded to the Transport Focus consultation on behalf of residents and visitors to the District, noting that ticket offices are well used by many and most crucially perform a critical function for those who need assistance with their journey and may be unfamiliar with the rail network. Data we have seen showed that ticket offices in Bradford were very busy in most of the hours they were open and were indeed the only way to purchase some rail products. The Council also supported the Combined Authority's response to the consultation. The retention of ticket offices will ensure that passengers can continue to access valued advice on fares and purchase local multi-modal and national products, including with cash.

**28. Councillor Rebecca Poulsen**

Would the Portfolio Holder for Healthy People and Places please advise why Councillors were not advised that HWRC's were to be closed on Mondays and why was it thought that a good time to introduce the pilot was in the run up to Christmas and New Year, when much waste is generated?

**Response**

Officers have advised me that because this was a decision that needed speedy implementation there was a mix up with the communications, which they acknowledge should have been done in a more timely manner. Annually, the winter months (November to February) tend to be the quietest for visits and the data we hold, backs this up. HWRCs are already closed on Bank Holidays and open as normal for the rest of the Christmas break so the change to Mondays at Christmas time has no different impact on services.

**29. Councillor Rizwana Jamil**

As we move into the final 12 months of preparation can the portfolio holder tell me how the plans are progressing for our district's year as UK City of Culture 2025 and what great things our residents can look forward to.

**Response**

The plans for delivering the UK City of Culture programme during 2025 are progressing well and according to programme. Preparations can be split between those that are being made by the council and those that are being made by the Bradford Culture Company Ltd (Bradford 2025) the independent organisation who will deliver the programme of events during 2025.

For its part, the council has created a District Readiness Board of senior officers who, through the work of four subgroups, are developing and delivering a range of workstreams to ensure that the district is prepared well in advance, 26



to welcome a significant number of additional visitors from across the UK and further afield. Amongst the many programmes of work that are being undertaken, are the following:

- Review of all signage, street furniture and cleansing regimes along key routes into and within the District, in order to ensure that they are prepared for 'dressing' with banners, flags and other signage that will promote the year of culture in addition to the regular services undertaken to keep Bradford clean and well-promoted
- Preparation for additional meetings of the council's Safety Advisory Group (SAG) in relation to the events that will take place as part of the UK City of Culture Year
- Co-ordination of all infrastructure and public realm works (such as Transforming Cities Programme, installation of District Heating Network by a third-party contractor, in order to ensure that works do not compromise delivery of City of Culture 2025
- Ensuring an appropriate welcome at all boundary points across the District that recognises the national UK City of Culture status that has been bestowed upon Bradford District

Bradford 2025 is in the process of putting together its programme of events for the year of culture, elements of which will be announced in stages throughout 2024 with the full programme announced later in the year.

As is expected of all incumbent UK City of Culture title-holders, Bradford 2025 will roll out an evolved brand identity in early 2024, in order to differentiate the bid phase from the celebration year itself.

Bradford 2025 continues to secure additional resources from national partners and private sponsorship to deliver the programme of events and continue to work with the Council to identify key venues / locations, particularly for the larger national flagship events that are expected to be hosted within the Bradford District during 2025.

During 2024 the pace of preparation will increase significantly, and measures are in place by the Culture Company to keep elected members and Bradford's communities up to date as we head towards 2025, including opportunities to volunteer during the year itself.

Residents can look forward to seeing a range of fantastic events during 2025, with each ward within the District hosting events at some part of the year. They will enjoy seeing Bradford's rich history and diversity being celebrated and also seeing Bradford featuring nationally and internationally on TV and media. The year is predicted to see an increase in visitors to the district of over 3 million, bringing much needed disposable income and investment into local businesses. Ultimately, the objective is to secure growth of the cultural sector and of Bradford's economy, ensuring that all of our communities can benefit from the

year of culture and its legacy. This will include new jobs and training opportunities as well as the chance to become more involved with cultural events and activities.

**30. Councillor Caroline Whitaker**

Will the council be providing real time air pollution monitoring equipment for traffic congestion hotspots outside the Clean Air Zone?

**Response**

The Council operates seven automatic monitoring stations. In addition to Manningham Lane, Thornton Road, Mayo Avenue, Rooley Lane and Shipley Airedale Road that are located within the CAZ, there are automatic monitoring stations on Tong Street and on the Green in Keighley that are outside the CAZ. These stations monitor Nitrogen Dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) and fine / ultra-fine particulate matter (PM<sub>10</sub> / PM<sub>2.5</sub>) and have been in place for up to 17 years.

In addition to the automatic stations, the Council monitors NO<sub>2</sub> at 400 points in the district forming one of the most extensive air quality monitoring networks anywhere in the UK. Some of these sites have been required by the Government. Our monitoring data is approved by Government and published on our Breathe Better Bradford website.

Our data continues to show that villages and towns north of the CAZ have air quality levels significantly below legal limits and, in some cases, among the best in the UK. Checks have also demonstrated that there has been no displacement of traffic resulting from the CAZ.

**31. Councillor Riaz Ahmed**

Listed as a benefit of the Councils Smart Street Lighting project was the idea that the new street lighting columns could facilitate the future introduction of electric car charging. We now learn that Northern Power Grid have indicated the power for street lighting is unsuitable for EV charging. What is the Portfolio Holders Plan to ensure that people with only on-street parking are not disadvantaged by the considerable pricing differentials between those households with a domestic charging point and those without?

**Response**

With regards the tariff, the neighbourhood charge points Bradford Council has installed on the Blink Network are Council owned so we set the tariff; the current tariff is 39p/kWh which covers the operating costs of the charge point. This is one of the cheapest tariffs on the market, the average price to charge a car on the public charging network in October was 55p/kWh on a fast charger (Source Zap Map Stats).

The government has provisionally allocated up to £14,326,000 capital under the UK Government's Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) Fund, this is to fund predominantly on street charging for residents without their own off street parking, which is likely to fund in the region of 155-270 charge points in our district.

The future contract the Council enters into for the on-street LEVI scheme will ensure long-term fair customer pricing. This will be developed through a

customer pricing strategy designed in partnership with the Combined Authority and/or District Partners. This strategy will use a transparent 'open book' approach, with the preferred approach to be an agreed price margin over the base energy costs. A ceiling may be agreed at the beginning of the contract with reference to the total cost of energy. If the service provider exceeds the ceiling in a given period, clawback clauses would apply to that period. A Key Performance Indicator to ensure competitive pricing will also be incorporated, within the contract with the charge point operator.

**32. Councillor Bob Felstead**

Would the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning and Transport, confirm whether the £12m refund from the WYCA Transport Budget has any legal / ringfencing restrictions regarding its use?

**Response**

A recent meeting of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority approved the refund of certain levy payments from the West Yorkshire plus Transport Fund. These payments had been collected from the five local authorities and were judged to be £51m in excess of the currently forecasted requirements. (The Combined Authority has the legal power to refund reserves from the levy to its constituent councils, pursuant to s. 10A (1) of the 1968 Transport Act). Accordingly, a refund of this excess levy has now been made, which resulted in a receipt to Bradford of our share which amounted to £11.8m.

There is no ring-fencing on these monies. This is a return of levy payments, and it was made without any restrictions attached to the refund.

**33. Councillor Talat Sajawal**

With over £10 million having been generated via the CAZ scheme. Can the portfolio holder assure us that the money will be ring fenced and spent on building the infrastructure to support those using electric cars, with charging ports and initiatives aimed at improving air quality across the district. Also, can we have a commitment that any of this money will not be used to cover the councils overspend of £65 million.

**Response**

The gross figure mentioned does not include the costs of running the service until 2028/29. In year operation costs are £2,700,000 which has to be covered by the CAZ income. The Council is only able to spend CAZ revenue in line with Annex 3 of the Bradford Charging Scheme Order (CSO) 2022 which is compliant with Schedule 12 of the Transport Act 2000. It has to be spent on initiatives that improve air quality, nothing else. The CSO can be found on the Breathe Better Bradford website.