

Report of the Assistant Director, Office of the Chief Executive to the meeting of Executive to be held on 4 February 2020.

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Consultation feedback and equality assessment on new proposals in the Council Budget for 2020-21

Summary statement:

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1. SUMMARY

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- 1.3 This report is based on feedback received at the date of submitting this report for publication on 23 January 2020. Any feedback received between this date and the consultation closing on 26 January 2020 will be provided as an addendum to the Executive meeting on 4 February 2020.

2. BACKGROUND

Best Value and the Equality Act

- 2.1 Statutory guidance on Best Value introduced in September 2011 and reaffirmed in March 2015 reminds local authorities that they are under a duty to consult service users and potential service users, local voluntary and community organisations, and small businesses. This duty applies at all stages of the commissioning cycle, including whenever authorities are considering the decommissioning of services.
- 2.2 There should also be opportunities for organisations, service users and the wider community to put forward options on how to reshape the service or project. Local authorities should assist this engagement by making available all appropriate information in line with the Government's transparency agenda.
- 2.3 The Equality Act 2010 protects people from unlawful discrimination on the basis of 'protected characteristics'. The Equality Act 2010 defines protected characteristics as age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, marriage and civil partnership, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation. The Council's approach to equalities goes beyond this, by looking at equality more broadly and taking into account the impact of our decisions on people on low income or with a low wage.
- 2.4 The 2010 Act also introduced a specific Public Sector Equality Duty which requires local authorities, in the exercise of their functions, including when making decisions, to have *due regard* to the need to:
 - eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct prohibited by the Act;
 - advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it; and

- foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.

- 2.5 In discharging this duty, local authorities not only need to understand how different people will be affected by their activities, proposals and decisions, they also need to demonstrate that they have given due regard by publishing information that shows they have consciously discharged their responsibilities as part of the decision-making process.
- 2.6 There is a range of guidance materials on the Public Sector Equality Duty from the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) to assist the bodies that are subject to the duty, to understand the duty and meet their responsibilities. This notes that a public body will only be able to comply with the general equality duty in relation to a decision, if the ultimate decision maker:
- understands the body's obligations under the general equality duty.
 - has sufficient information.
 - demonstrably takes this information fully into account throughout the decision-making process.
- 2.7 The EHRC emphasises the importance of ensuring that the duty is complied with before a decision is taken, while options are being developed and appraised, as well as at the time of the actual decision. The duty cannot be used retrospectively to justify a decision.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Supporting the 2020-21 Budget Setting Process

- 3.1 While the Council is not required under statute to produce or publish equality impact assessment (EIA) forms specifically, a local decision has previously been taken to continue to use EIA forms. Equality impacts are considered by officers and elected members as part of the development of the budget proposals, with assessments recorded through an EIA form. The forms can then assist members of the public and other interested parties to view potential equality impacts. This will show where a disproportionate impact has been identified, or where an impact affects a number of people or particularly vulnerable groups. Mitigations will have also been considered, and where these have been possible, they have also been captured on the EIA forms.
- 3.2 Case law has confirmed that in order to fulfil the duty under S149 of the Equality Act 2010, Elected Members need to have considered equality impacts and given due regard to the three aims of the equality duty as part of their decision making processes.
- 3.3 EIA forms outlining identified equality impacts on the new budget proposals, agreed by the Executive at their meeting on 2 January 2020, have been available on the Council's web site since that time at [new Budget EIAs - 2020-21 Bradford Council](#). Given the small number of new proposals in the Proposed Financial Plan, there is only one EIA and this is for Green Waste changes (7E2)
- 3.4 Following a review and assessment of the consultation feedback, EIA forms will be updated then republished at the same time as the papers for the Executive meeting the

final budget will be considered at Full Council on 20th February 2020.

Cumulative Equality Impacts on the 2020-21 Budget Proposals

- 3.5 The equality impact of proposals that have been agreed in previous years for this budget has been included in the impact papers for previous budgets (a link to these are in the Background Documents list for this paper). Four additional Council 2020-21 budget proposals were agreed for consultation by Executive at its meeting of the 2 January 2020 (these are included in Appendix B). Only one of these, Green waste collection and disposal – increase in prices of £3 in 2020-21 (7E2) has been identified as having a potential low equality impact for people on low income/low wage.

Consultation Process

- 3.6 The consultation programme for the budget proposals for 2020-21 is part of an open, on going conversation between the Council and citizens, voluntary and community sector, businesses, Council employees and Trade Unions about the future of local services.
- 3.7 As outlined in the Financial Plan Update that went to Executive on the 2 January 2020. The consultation comprised of a survey enabling individuals and organisations to comment on the proposals of their choosing. Responses could be provided online or by writing to the Council using the Freepost address.
- 3.8 Social media (Twitter and Facebook) and Council's app was also used to promote the consultation. An easier-to-read version of the budget information was also made available. There have also been regular posts promoting the consultation through the Council's corporate social media accounts and Stay Connected e-mail newsletters for residents.
- 3.9 The consultation programme on the new proposals opened with the publication of the report the 'Proposed financial plan updated 2020-21' on 16 December 2019 which the Executive approved for consultation on 2 January 2020. This process was delayed due to the pre-election period in advance of the recent General Election.
- 3.10 To engage with the business community, we have presented the overall Financial Plan as outlined on the 2 January 2020 to the Chambers of Commerce and the Economic Partnership meeting. We are also running an exercise to consult with young people across the district on the budget and senior staff have attended a meeting with the Voluntary and Community Sector to discuss relevant measures.
- 3.11 Engagement and consultation is an on going process and there will be further specific consultation with service users and other interested parties on specific proposals as appropriate following the approval of the budget at the Council meeting on 20 February 2020.

Consultation – Number of Responses

- 3.12 At the time of writing, the Council has received 105 comments on the proposals in the Financial Plan update. Of this, 71 were in relation to the Green Waste proposal (7E2).

A further three have been received on council tax cuts and a further 31 comments have been made on either proposals that are not included in the consultation or are comments not related to any specific proposal. These comments were received from the online questionnaire, postal questionnaire, letters, emails and response to the green waste service survey 2019.

- 3.13 Monitoring of the corporate social media accounts and the budget microsite has shown over 800 unique individuals have accessed the online budget consultation pages at the time this report was written. There were not any social media comments on specific budget proposals, but there were a number of comments made about the following issues:

- the overall level of Council Tax,
- PCN charges and road safety,
- the number of councillors, and
- the focus of activity in Bradford City Centre compared with the wider district.

- 3.14 The proposal generating most comments through the survey and letters/emails received were:

Proposal	Number of responses
Green Waste (7E2)	71

- 3.15 Most of the comments with a bearing on the green waste Proposals have come from a wider consultation on the green waste service. Notably the green waste survey conducted in early December 2019.
- 3.16 A small number of proposals received fewer than five comments. This includes a small number of comments about those on low incomes/wages ability to pay an increased Council Tax rate and a small number of comments on the wider strategic measures including supporting the Council's action on climate emergency.
- 3.17 Section 7.6 describes the engagement and consultation that has taken place with Trades Unions.
- 3.18 Appendix A summarises the responses we have had to date.
- 3.19 Full Council of 15 October 2019 referred a petition they had received about the Libraries and Museums Service to Council Executive of the 5 November 2019. At their meeting of the 5 November 2019, Executive determined that the petition would be considered as part of the Budget Consultation report and the petitioners would be invited to the meeting. The petition, signed by 1269 citizens, calls on the Council to reconsider its decision in regards to changes to the Libraries, Museums and Galleries budget. The petition is provided at Appendix A Consultation feedback (service and equalities) and Libraries and Museums petition.

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

- 4.1 The financial impact of decisions arising from the consultation will be considered at the

Executive meeting on 4 February 2020 and will be evaluated and incorporated into the final budget proposals from Executive to Council on 20 February 2020.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

- 5.1 Equality assessments have been carried out on the initial proposals and will continue to be updated alongside mitigations being considered.

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

- 6.1 S149 of the Equality Act 2010 (the Public Sector Equality Duty) provides as follows:

(1) A public authority must, in the exercise of its functions have due regard to the need to;

- a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Equality Act 2010
- b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it
- c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it

(3) Having due regard to the need to advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to;

- a) remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic;
- b) take steps to meet the needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- c) encourage persons who share a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

(4) The steps involved in meeting the needs of disabled persons that are different from the needs of persons who are not disabled include, in particular, steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities.

(5) Having due regard to the need to foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to;

- a) tackle prejudice, and
- b) promote understanding.

(6) Compliance with the duties in this section may involve treating some persons more favourably than others; but that is not to be taken as permitting conduct that would otherwise be prohibited by or under this Act.

- 6.2 The Council must ensure that it has sufficient information to enable it to identify whether

a proposal, if implemented, would disproportionately affect particular groups with relevant protected characteristics and if so whether any such adverse impact can be avoided or mitigated.

- 6.3 The courts have established a number of principles which the Council should take into account in making decisions:
- the duty means that the potential impact of a decision on people with different protected characteristics must always be taken into account as a mandatory relevant consideration
 - where large numbers of vulnerable people, many of whom share a protected characteristic, are affected, consideration of the matters set out in the duty must be very high
 - even if the number of people affected by a particular decision may be small, the seriousness or the extent of discrimination may be great. The weight given to the aims of the duty is not necessarily less when the number of people affected is small.
- 6.4 There is also a duty on all Best Value authorities to consult when making changes to services or ending service provision.
- 6.5 In addition to these specific legal duties, the Council has put out its proposals for public consultation and accordingly must have regard to the responses before making budget decisions.
- 6.6 In summary, it is necessary to ensure that Executive have comprehensive information when considering the recommendations to make to Council on a budget for 2020-2021. Case law has confirmed that, in order to fulfil the duty under S149 Equality Act 2010, Elected Members need to read in full the EIA forms and consultation feedback as it is a legal requirement that Elected Members have regard to all the relevant information and accordingly Elected Members are referred to all the information in this report including appendices and to the equality assessments: [Budget EIAs - 2020-21 | Bradford Council](#)

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

Where specific equality and diversity issues have been raised as a result of consultation, they are considered in the appendices of this report and through the equality impact assessment forms (EIAs).

Consideration of the cumulative impact of proposals, especially where these are considered to be high for a specific protected group and across several proposals, is vital when final decisions on service changes are made. Particular consideration should also be given to the fact that people may exhibit more than one protected characteristic.

The equality impact of proposals that have been agreed in previous years for this budget has been included in the impact papers for previous budgets (a link to these are in the Background Documents list for this paper). Four additional Council 2020-21 budget proposals were agreed for consultation by Executive at its meeting of the 2 January 2020 (these are included in Appendix B). Only one of these, Green waste collection and disposal – increase in prices of £3 in 2020-21 (7E2) has been identified

as having a potential low equality impact for people on low income/low wage.

7.2. SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

None

7.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

None

7.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

The Council has a legal obligation under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to consider any community safety implications of its decisions.

7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

None

7.6 TRADE UNION

This is the first time since 2011 that the Council has not had to issue a section 188 notice as a consequence of the likely impact of the budget proposals on job losses/FTE reductions.

The Leader has met with and briefed the trade unions at a high level in the morning on the 16th December 2019. There has also been an OJC1 meeting on the 6th January 2020 where the trade unions were taken through the budget proposals as part of the consultation.

Consultation with the trade unions is on going until Executive decides, following the workforce and public consultation, on the proposals.

7.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

As implementation plans are developed for the delivery of budget decisions, following 20 February 2020, ward impacts will be further addressed.

7.8 IMPLICATIONS FOR CORPORATE PARENTING

There are no issues in relation to corporate parenting.

7.9 ISSUES ARISING FROM PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESMENT

There are no impacts arising from this report on data protection and information security matters. Feedback from the consultation is anonymous. If any personal details were to be provided, they would not be published, and be securely held.

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

None

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1** That in accordance with Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, the Executive has regard to the information contained in this report, appendices and equality assessments when considering the recommendations to make to the Council on budget proposals for 2020-21 on 20 February 2020.

10. APPENDICES

- Appendix A –Consultation feedback (service and equalities) and Libraries and Museums petition
- Appendix B – List of budget proposals agreed for consultation

11. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Report to Executive on 4 December 2018: Proposed Financial Plan 2019-20 and 2020-21 – document Z with accompanying appendices

<https://bradford.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=143&MId=6826&Ver=4>

Equality Impact Assessments (for budget proposals 2019-20 and 2020-21)

<https://www.bradford.gov.uk/your-council/council-budgets-and-spending/budget-eias-2019-20/>

[Report to Executive of 5 February 2019: Consultation feedback and equality assessment for the 2019-20 Council budget and proposals for the 2020-21 Council budget, Item 80](#)

[Equality Impact Assessment for new budget proposal for consultation agreed by Executive 2 January 2020](#) Green Waste Service – £3 increase in charge (7E2)

[Report to Executive of 2 January 2020: Proposed Financial Plan Update 2020-21 - Item 5](#)

Appendix A – Consultation feedback (service and equalities) and Libraries and Museums petition

Consultation feedback

(Where proposals have received no comment through the consultation, these have not been included in the table below.)

Proposal	Issues raised
Green Waste	<p>The majority of comments about Green Waste charges have been drawn from comments made by respondents to the Green Waste Service Survey conducted in December 2019.</p> <p>Of those that made comments in response to the Green Waste Survey, 71 commented on charges for the service as follows:</p> <p>27 respondents said the charge for the service was too high. However, 14 respondents said the cost was about right.</p> <p>Four respondents said that we should consider providing discounts for certain groups (e.g. pensioners).</p> <p>26 respondents said that the service should be free of charge.</p> <p>A number of people also said that if the charges increased, they would stop subscribing to the service</p>
Council Tax Increases	<p>Two respondents said that they were concerned about being able to pay. E.g.” Having to pay more council tax i’m already on benefits and cannot afford another increase as my budget is stretched as it is, unable to find a suitable disabled property and have been waiting over 4 years now with incommunities and still nothing.”</p> <p>A respondent said we should “ Review the situation for people on benefits this is not a what I chose to be on, if I could I would work and get out of this situation but some help needs to be given to people to help cope.” Or “provide no Change for the unemployed”</p>
Climate Emergency	<p>We received a small number of responses (3) These are largely supportive of the proposals and are asking whether we should go further.</p>

Case	Other comments received	Issue raised
1	<p>Any more planned money being spent on council buildings upgrades.</p> <p>Over the last few years millions has being upgrading council buildings while you cut services you could have kept the services at their pre cut levels and not spent the money on things that helped you the council.</p> <p>Spend zero on council offices etc upgrades and use the entire budget on things for the people of Bradford. Sack whoever has allowed the Odean building fiasco to carry on as long as it has.</p>	Upgrading Council buildings
2	<p>I would like clarification about how the 2% social care precept is going to be spent.</p> <p>I cannot see where the extra money is going to be spent on social care as you have marked down and increase of £21m. for children's services, but to my mind this is not social care. The only monies I see being spent are £1.6.m on demographic pressures in adult social care. How is this going to make a difference to all the people out there who need extra help to live well. Remember your LIVE WELL AND AT HOME policy for disabled and older people.</p>	2% social care precept
3	Wasting millions on vanity projects. Stop city if culture bid.	City of Culture bid
4	<p>This council is totally inept and all the councillors should be sacked.</p> <p>Get rid of all labour councillors.</p>	
9	<p>The disproportionate amount of money spent in Bradford.</p> <p>All areas away from the city of Bradford suffer from underfunding. Stop the relentless diversion of funds into the city itself</p>	
10	<p>Cuts. I fully accept that this current government has deliberately starved local authorities of cash under austerity. I applaud waste reduction and avoiding duplication but cumulative cuts have left us to the bone.</p> <p>Eroding of soft targets/easier cuts eg libraries and museums. Worried about the academisation of our schools has reduced local accountability. I still reel from the Kings Science fiasco.</p> <p>This is really hard. Some salaries are grotesque and really hard to justify. Avoid getting Serco and Capita involved at all costs.</p>	Libraries and museums
11	<p>I have an issue is of huge concern in the local area. Rubbish is dumped on a daily a basis. I am concerned that if the cuts to street cleaning are made then the area with become even more of an health hazard.</p> <p>I feel that more should be done to catch people dumping rubbish! The council wardens should patrol the area to offer a deterrent!</p>	Litter picking and flying tipping
12	I see a lot of proposals affecting the city but not so many affecting the surrounding towns that pay into the pot. As someone in Ilkley who is watching the place deteriorate I'm not seeing why I am paying you more to deliver me nothing.	Spending on the City Centre
13	<p>Think monies should be spent on more essential services. We already failed at capital of culture, why waste more money?</p> <p>Spend on essential services.</p>	City of Culture bid
15	<p>There is no mention of any increases for top executives. Shareholders are able to voice their opinions at AGMs - who is responsible for deciding on executive pay and is there any control system.</p> <p>If there is no control system and the review is completely independent then there is no suggestion. If not I suggest implementation of such a system.</p>	increase in executive pay
16	<p>THE TWO PROPOSALS RELATING TO HEALTH AND OBESITY AND THE MENTAL HEALTH PROVISION.</p> <p>WHY ARE HEALTH AND WELLBEING AND OBESITY PROVISION SEPARATE AND MENTAL HEALTH ALLOWED LESS IN THE BUDGET THAN THESE TWO.</p> <p>COMBINE THE FIRST TWO AND LOWER THE COMBINED BUDGET AND INCREASE THE MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET.</p>	Health and obesity
17	Bins. Sticky labels on bins what day/ which bin (recycling/ waste?). Unmarried women in this day& age!! Not necessarily. Keeping young bad drivers off roads (big fines).	Nothing for the lazy
18	<p>The current planning restrictions on change of use to a takeaways A5 should be extended throughout the City save for designated city centre areas.</p> <p>A freeze on takeaway development would limit access to fast food and relieve those areas afflicted by fast food ribbon development of anti-social behaviour, street litter and flytipping.</p>	Health and obesity
19	That there won't be any quiet places for children and young adults to study. I work in a noisy school and feel they need quiet, me as well!	Cuts to libraries

	<p>The children and myself use the Bingley Swimming pool. I need to go for health reasons and it's handy. The new one would be too far away and Shipley is often overcrowded. They should re-open the toilets in Shipley and in Bingley because the money spent on these would be worthwhile. People would be able to go to the toilet more easily, for instance the elderly. "Hanging on" causes more health problems, for instance digestive problems. The money spent on these would ease the burden on the NHS. Also people would feel that you care more. People would be happier and there would be less mental health problems. I would happily volunteer to clean or something.</p> <p>Keep swimming pools open, hospitals and toilets. The country should be proud of these, it would also bring more tourists as people would be happier here. There would be more of a sense of community because, let's face it, who doesn't have a natter in the loos sometimes? or is that just me! They have closed the swimming pool at the school where I work and I presume the children have lessons at Bingley, like we did (I only work in the canteen so I don't know!). Swimming decreases obesity and helps the heart and lungs etc, don't want to bore you.</p>	Cuts to swimming pools
20	This is not a priority. The money could be used to provide more social housin,g or more funding for social services,or more funding for schools. More help for youth services in the more rural parts of Bradford such as Burley in Wharfedale which is suffering from a lot of vandalism.	City of Culture bid
21	My concerns are for fly tipping, more fines should be imposed and power given to take property to cover the fines	Fly tipping
22	<p>The "Climate Emergency" is a con. It is certainly a threat to people on lower incomes, as "green measures" are aimed at transferring wealth from them to the Davos set. Please do not fall for this, Bradford.</p> <p>The aspiration to "listen to" the views of children is absurd. I am all for a child friendly environment, but the implication that their views should be taken into account in formulating policy is a road to disaster.</p> <p>Environmental concerns should start on a local level: cleaning up the appalling mess on the streets in certain areas. Offering people incentives to recycle, rather than relying on penalties. Encouraging local participation, as in Wibsey Park, where local volunteers have done a lot to improve the facilities there.</p>	Climate emergency
23	<p>Museums, arts, libraries, galleries, entertainment are some of the most important things for mental well-being - do not take them away.</p> <p>Stop funding on the Odeon, let commercial private operators do that and deliver museums/galleries/arts.</p>	Libraries and museums
25	<p>Mentions are made about money being given to improve facilities in Bradford, Keighley, Shipley but no mention is made about Ilkley. Ilkley is the "playground" for these areas but at present is being allowed to decline so that in 10 years time it will probably be in need of major financial input.</p> <p>Improve the maintenance of pathways, pavements to maintain safety and attractiveness of the town. Keep business rates low enough for smaller businesses to be able to stay in Ilkley. Use the money garnered from the parking scheme to go back into Ilkley services such as cleaning gutters, new litter bins, park maintenance etc</p>	District funding
26	<p>There is nothing really mentioned in here for the residents of Bradford on a low level. For the average household in relation to housing needs, benefits, grants, waste management, support services etc.</p> <p>Expansion of 20mph Zones - £140,000 Focused on schools and promoting road safety, clean air, lower emissions cycling and walking. Will we actually see this happening. I live on Westminster Road where there is a primary school and over the last few months a couple of incidents have occurred where vehicles have hit children or near misses because vehicles come speeding down the road and drivers are not paying due care and attention when reversing out etc. To date i have not seen anything to support making this road safer for children. Also there is nothing in the proposal to do with the Youth of today to try and get them off the street and support them in educational institutions of some sort. Nothing about making sure they do not fall in a life of crime.</p> <p>I dont believe traffic calming measure such as speed bumps has reduced vehicles driving fast etc. However, having islands on either side of the road so vehicles have to slow to manoeuvre them have been seen as a more better way of improving this. I believe having bollards that are raised during school hour times in the road preventing vehicles from parking directing outside the school will increase safety significantly.</p>	Housing Benefits Grants Waste management Support services
27	<p>Safe, clean and active communities, particularly road safety.</p> <p>That not enough resources are being committed to road safety issues, like road driving and parking behaviour.</p> <p>Commit to more out of normal hours time - 14 hour days - to patrolling those streets in areas where abuse of sensible and caring standards and values are flagrant, and with illegal activity.</p>	Road safety
28	<p>I am concerned at the disparity of funding for towns outside of the city centre.</p> <p>Whilst the city centre is getting over £100m, large towns like shipley and keighlewy are having to fight over a measly £300,000.</p> <p>The council should stop prioritizing bradford centre at the expense of the surrounding towns. Many towns are crumbling whilse the city centre gets endless amounts of investment and infostructure.</p>	District funding

29	<p>mental health in all areas.</p> <p>No community back up with nhs services to care for vulnerably people been discharged. also saftey on railways and lighting in the community's.</p> <p>Safety barriers on all railways safer and more lighting in community's link up community care with nhs services and ensure the teams are effective to comply the continuation of care in peoples homes.as what they are receiving in the hospital.</p>	<p>Mental health / NHS</p> <p>Safety on the railways</p>
31	<p>Mental health. I am unable to access mental health advocacy. as I am not on a section I cannot use voiceability. I have used advocates in the past from vital who have been very helpful but now voiceability have taken over and have said that I arnt entitled to advocacy as they only work with people who are on a section.</p> <p>I would like access to a mental health advocate.</p>	<p>Mental health advocacy</p>
32	<p>The Climate Emergency.</p> <p>I applaud the the current Budget's proposals in for tackling the Climate Emergency, but they do not go nearly far enough to achieve the reductions in carbon output necessary if we are to avoid increasingly catastrophic events such as those currently playing out in Australia and Jakarta, and in Yorkshire last Autumn. £1m seems woefully paltry to me when set against the economic and societal cost of not acting more decisively to combat climate change.</p> <p>I would like to see far more money put aside for improving low carbon transport, [public, commercial and private], improving the housing stock [insulation, green energy, low carbon heating]. All support for the expansion of Leeds Bradford Airport should be stopped. We need far greater staff to enforce existing regulations across the board. All Council communications, both internal and external, need to tell the truth about our current situation in order to push people to facing up to it. Of course it's 'too hard', but the alternative is much worse. And I'd like to see Queensbury tunnel opened as a shared use footpath / cycleway.</p>	<p>Climate emergency</p>
33	<p>Amongst other things, the plans for "City Village". What evidence is there to show how many people would actually wish to live in the centre of Bradford? Have the proposals been costed?</p> <p>The Council should make a concerted effort to raise more cash by taking stronger action against those residents who do not pay their Council Tax. £18 million "written off" (Telegraph and Argus report 2018). is not acceptable by any stretch of the imagination!</p>	<p>City village</p>

Petition received by Council of the 15 October 2019 and referred to Council Executive of 5 November 2019 for consideration by Executive as part of the Council 2020-21 budget consultation

The petition was signed by 1269 citizens who were asked whether they supported the following statement:

Bradford Council - stop the Cuts to Museums and Libraries -

Bradford Council have announced their intention to cut the Libraries, Museums and Galleries Service by 65%. This will result in less funding for Community Managed Libraries, unsustainable “hub” libraries with volunteers and a further loss of branch libraries and museums.

These cuts represent a clear threat to the Libraries, Museums and Galleries in the Bradford district - an act of cultural vandalism that cannot be accepted.

We call on Bradford Council to reconsider and rescind these cuts and hold proper meaningful and democratic consultation with all stakeholders on new proposals. We must ensure that our Libraries, Museums and Galleries are properly funded and protected to enable them to provide the services we need for the people of Bradford district.

Appendix B – Proposals in Financial Strategy for Consultation (Appendix E in the Budget Proposals as agreed by Executive on 2 January 2020)

New proposals open for Consultation until 26th January 2020

Ref	Proposal for Change	2020/21 £'000 Impact	Equalities impact on the Equality Duty protected characteristics & low income groups	Mitigation	EIA
7R1	Theatres –increase income and commercial activity	80	No impact identified	n/a	7R1
7R2	Economy and development –generate extra income from project work	50	No impact identified	n/a	7R2
0					
Total Better Skills, More Jobs and a Growing Economy		130			
Safe Clean Active					
7E1	Sport and Physical Activity increased income through marketing leading to additional fitness membership	50	No impact identified	n/a	7E1
7E2	Green Waste Collection & Disposal – increase in prices of £3 for 20/21.	150	This proposal is likely to have no or a low impact on everyone. The exception is people on low incomes for whom the price increase will have a greater impact. Increasing the annual charge by £3 per annum may result in the service being unaffordable to some residents.	Though considered no mitigations have yet been identified.	7E2
Total Safe Clean Active		200			
New draft proposals open for consultation		330			