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BOROUGH COUNCIL OF CALDERDALE TOWN HALL, HALIFAX

COUNCIL MEETING 30th January 2019

Members of the Council

You are hereby summoned to attend a **MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**, which will be held at the Town Hall, Halifax on **WEDNESDAY, THE 30TH DAY OF JANUARY 2019** at 1800 hours, when it is proposed to transact the following business:-

1. Minutes of the Council held on 21st November 2018 to be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor ([enclosed](#)).
2. Members' Interests (*To remind Members of the need to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests or other interests they might have in relation to the items included on this Summons*).
3. To receive the Mayor's or Chief Executive's announcements (if any).
4. To receive petitions, if any, presented by Members of the Council.
5. To answer questions asked by members of the public under Council Procedure Rule 12.

6. To consider the recommendations of Cabinet on the following matters:
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| (a) | Capital and Investment Strategy | Minute Number
95//B82
(enclosed) |
| (b) | Capital Programme Monitoring 2018/19 to 2021/22 | Minute Number
99/B85
(enclosed) |
| (c) (E) | Development of a New District Centre, Mixenden | Minute Number
103/B89
(enclosed) |
7. To consider the recommendation of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee on the following matter:
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| (a) | Compliance Testing of Vehicles at Six Year
Anniversary of First Registration | Minute Number
37/L24
(enclosed) |
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8. To consider the recommendation of the Standards Committee on the following matter:
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| (a) | Members Allowances Scheme for the Year 1 st
April 2019 to 31 st March 2020 | Minute Number
13/15 |
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9. To receive a report from the Leader of the Council on the work of the [West Yorkshire Combined Authority](#).
10. To receive reports from the Leader and Cabinet Members on the discharge of their roles and responsibilities since the last meeting of the Council:
- Councillor T Swift – [Leader](#)
Councillor B Collins – [Deputy Leader and Regeneration and Economic Strategy](#)
Councillor Scullion – [Resources, Performance and Business Change](#)
Councillor Shoukat – [Public Health and Inequalities](#)
Councillor Sutherland – [Planning, Housing and Environment](#)
Councillor M K Swift – [Children and Young People's Services](#)
Councillor Metcalfe – [Adults, Health and Social Care](#)
Councillor Press – [Communities and Neighbourhood Services](#)
- (Each Member has a maximum of five minutes in which to make their report. In the absence of a Cabinet Member, the Leader will present the report. Any Member of the Council may ask a question, or comment on any current issue. Maximum time is 60 minutes overall for questions).*
11. To appoint Members and Substitute Members (as necessary) to serve on Scrutiny Boards/Panels and Council Committees.
12. To appoint Representatives (as necessary) to serve on [Outside Bodies](#).

13. To answer questions asked by Members of the Council under Council Procedure Rule 13.
14. To consider the following Motions under Council Procedure Rule 14:

(Maximum of 1 motion per party group, maximum 40 minutes per motion, and an overall maximum of 90 minutes for all motions, if out of time it is the proposer's discretion whether to move to the vote or carry the motion over to next meeting).

(a) Motion submitted by Councillor Parsons-Hulse

SUPPORTING SCHOOLS TO IMPLEMENT THE KEY RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S ADVICE: MENTAL HEALTH AND BEHAVIOUR IN SCHOOLS

This Council welcomes the growing recognition of the importance of promoting mental wellbeing and addressing poor mental health in children and young people. The Council recognises that early intervention can often prevent problems escalating for children and young people and that schools are one place where problems can be identified and appropriate responses identified.

The Council notes that:

In August 2017 the Department of Education published *Supporting Mental Health in Schools and Colleges – Quantitative Survey*. This reported that it is estimated that one in ten children and young people between 5-16 years have a diagnosable mental health disorder – the equivalent of three children in every classroom across the country. This figure includes 8% of children of primary school age (5 to 10), and rises to 12% among young people of secondary school age (11 to 16).

In November 2018 the Department for Education updated this advice for school staff entitled 'Mental Health and Behaviour in Schools' on:

- Schools' responsibilities in relation to mental health;
- Creating a whole school culture;
- Understanding the link between mental health and behavior;
- Providing support and collaborative working with other agencies and professionals.

It also provides links to sources of further support and guidance.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/755135/Mental_health_and_behaviour_in_schools_.pdf

Recent statements from Government have called for more work to be done on supporting young people with mental health difficulties in schools, including this as an assessed component of future inspection regimes.

Council welcomes:

- The measures in the updated Local Transformation Plan (LTP) approved by the Health and Wellbeing Board in October 2018, including steps to improve early intervention. Particularly the support through training, on line resources, networking, and the detail of the range of support available to schools.
- The statement in the 2018 Budget that Government will provide funding for schools-based mental health support teams and specialist crisis teams for young people.

The Council recognises that schools and colleges have an important role in ensuring positive mental health and supporting young people with mental health difficulties and welcomes the commitment of our schools to provide support to children, young people across Calderdale.

The Council undertakes work with schools and has already encouraged them to develop many recommendations included in the above guidance, through primary and secondary health and wellbeing networks. Also through the co-production of school-level health and wellbeing action plans informed by results from the local electronic health needs assessment (eHNA) pupil survey.

The Council notes work already undertaken:

- All schools have been made aware of the early intervention self-help strategies available in Calderdale, the Open Minds website for children and young people and online counselling from KOOTH.com.
- We encourage schools to engage with the Youth Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training programme and are aware of 93 staff across all our secondary schools, and a further 131 staff across 89 primary and independent schools who have completed this programme.
- We offer a free local training package delivered by Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) and Healthy Minds providing training on a range of mental health issues to staff and students.
- All schools have access to CAMHS through referral into the First Point of Contact and this service offers support and advice to schools and a range of evidence based interventions to children and young people.
- Noah's Ark has been commissioned to deliver a pilot project, Therapeutic Interventions in Secondary Schools (THISS), in 11 self-selected secondary schools. This is jointly funded by the LTP and by schools. If this project is successful in achieving improvements in outcomes for KS3 students, in relation to their mental health, behaviour, attendance and attainment, it is envisaged that schools will opt to continue to fund themselves.

The Council should continue to work with partners including Calderdale's Clinical Commissioning Group, our providers and the voluntary sector to support schools implement further elements of this guidance as appropriate and identify services that children and young people can access and approaches that schools may adopt when their students are experiencing mental ill health or emotional difficulties.

This should include considering creative arts therapy services which are evidence-based, “trauma informed” and have an “attachment friendly approach” which will support children and young people who are non-verbal or withdrawn and might not be able to access other services.

Council therefore resolves to:

(a) Ask Cabinet to work with other stakeholders, through the Health and Wellbeing Board, to clarify and strengthen our offer of support to schools.

(b) Ask the Health and Wellbeing Board to consider the progress made in this area as part of the Transformation Plan when it meets on 10 October 2019.

(c) Ask the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board to report progress to Council when it meets on 20 November 2019.

(b) Motion submitted by Councillor Sutherland

CLIMATE EMERGENCY

The United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change have warned that we have 12 years to make the necessary changes to limit a rise in global temperatures to 1.5c. Failure to act will see a marked increase in sea levels and flooding, extreme and abrupt changes to weather patterns, crop failures, extinctions of plant, insect and animal species and global economic disruption and crisis. The increased frequency and intensity of extreme weather events that we have experienced locally highlight why this is such an important issue for Calderdale Council to respond to.

At the Global Climate Talks in Poland last December the UK along with over 200 nations agreed action on climate change with a much greater role strongly implied for Local and Regional Authorities like Calderdale Council in assisting Governments to achieve their carbon emission savings.

This Council therefore:

- Declares a Climate Emergency;
- Notes that the Council and Borough are on course to meet their 2020 CO2 reduction target of 40%;
- Notes that our current targets are inadequate to respond to the challenge of keeping global temperature rises below 1.5c.

This Council Requests that:

(a) the Cabinet set up a Calderdale Climate Change Committee to respond to this challenge, that meets in public with wide representation including from all party groups;

(b) the Cabinet through this Committee sets a new target and action plan for Calderdale to be carbon neutral;

(c) resolves to work with other local authorities and West Yorkshire Combined Authority on carbon reduction projects to ensure the UK is able to deliver on its climate commitments; and

(d) Council calls on the Government to provide the resources and powers so that Calderdale can make its contribution to the UK's Carbon Reduction targets.

15. Comments on the work of Scrutiny Boards, Panels and Committees and Questions without notice to the Chairs of Scrutiny Boards, Panels and Committees

Councillor Evans – Chair, Children and Young People Scrutiny Board

Councillor Leigh – Chair, Place Scrutiny Board

Councillor Bellenger – Chair, Strategy and Performance Scrutiny Board

Councillor Blagbrough – Chair, Adults, Health and Social Care Scrutiny Board

Councillor Mrs Carter – Chair, Flooding Scrutiny Panel

Councillor Baines MBE – Chair, Audit Committee

Councillor Lambert – Chair, Governance and Business Committee

Councillor Thornber – Chair, Licensing and Regulatory Committee

Councillor Sweeney – Chair, Planning Committee

Councillor T Swift – Chair, Health and Wellbeing Board

Councillor T Swift - Chair, Calderdale Flood Recovery and Resilience Programme Board

(Any Member of the Council may comment on, or ask the Chair of a Scrutiny Board/Panel or a Committee a question about, the discharge of the Board/Panel/Committee's role and responsibilities since the last meeting of the Council. In the absence of a Chair, the question may be asked to the Deputy Chair. The maximum period for comments to be made or questions to be asked under this item is thirty minutes).

Head of Legal and Democratic Services
22nd January 2019

NOTE: Where a Minute is marked (E) the item was considered with the public excluded from the meeting on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt/confidential information.