



**Welcome  
“A Neighbourhood Plan for Oxenhope”**

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- National & Local context
- An introduction to Integreat Plus
- Neighbourhood Plans
  - What are/aren't they?
  - What can be achieved?
  - What can they include?
- The timeline & process of Neighbourhood Plans
- Next steps

# Parish Council

- 8 Councillors & Clerk
  - Members are elected, unpaid, for four year term
- Meet monthly
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 19:30
- Consultee to Bradford MDC on planning
- Representative role on local issues
- Annual precept £17.25 per household

# National Context

- Austerity
- Big Society and Localism
- Shifting power away from central government to local communities & citizens
- New rights to transfer assets & services
- Neighbourhood planning

## Local Context

- Bradford Council spending reduced by over £172 million since 2011-12
- An additional £125 - £130 million by 2020
- Cuts to frontline services
- New deal (shared responsibilities)
- Possibility of service devolution

# Summary

- Challenging times
- Change inevitable
- Opportunities
  - For communities to have a stronger say, shape direction and build capacity
- Neighbourhood plan a great place to start!

**Thanks.**

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