



Proceedings of the Meeting of the Leeds City Council held  
at the Civic Hall, Leeds on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2006

**PRESENT:** The Lord Mayor Councillor William Schofield Hyde in the Chair

**WARD**

**ADEL & WHARFEDALE**

Barry John Anderson  
John Leslie Carter  
Clive Fox

**ALWOODLEY**

Ronald David Feldman  
Ruth Feldman  
Peter Mervyn Harrand

**ARDSLEY & ROBIN HOOD**

Karen Renshaw  
Jack Dunn  
Lisa Mulherin

**ARMLEY**

Alison Natalie Kay Lowe  
James McKenna  
Janet Harper

**BEESTON & HOLBECK**

Angela Gabriel

**BRAMLEY & STANNINGLEY**

Angela Denise Atkinson  
Ted Hanley  
Neil Taggart

**BURMANTOFTS & RICHMOND HILL**

Ralph Pryke  
Richard Brett  
David Hollingsworth

**WARD**

**CALVERLEY & FARSLEY**

Andrew Carter  
Amanda Lesley Carter  
Frank Robinson

**CHAPEL ALLERTON**

Sharon Hamilton  
Mohammed Rafique  
Jane Dowson

**CITY & HUNSLET**

Elizabeth Nash  
Patrick Davey

**CROSSGATES & WHINMOOR**

Pauleen Grahame  
Peter John Gruen

**FARNLEY & WORTLEY**

David Blackburn  
Ann Blackburn  
Claire Nash

**GARFORTH & SWILLINGTON**

Andrea Harrison  
Mark Russell Phillips  
Thomas Murray

**GIPTON & HAREHILLS**

Alan Leonard Taylor  
Roger Harington

**GUISELEY & RAWDON**

Graham Latty  
Stuart Andrew  
John Bale

**HAREWOOD**

Ann Castle  
Rachael Procter  
Alec Shelbrooke

**HEADINGLEY**

David Morton  
James John Monaghan  
Martin Hamilton

**HORSFORTH**

Christopher Townsley  
Brian Cleasby  
Andrew Barker

**HYDE PARK & WOODHOUSE**

Penny Ewens  
  
Linda Valerie Rhodes-Clayton

**KILLINGBECK & SEACROFT**

Graham Hyde  
Michael James Davey  
Brian Michael Selby

**KIPPAX & METHLEY**

John Keith Parker  
James Lewis  
Keith Ivor Wakefield

**KIRKSTALL**

Elizabeth M Minkin  
John Anthony Illingworth  
Bernard Peter Atha

**MIDDLETON PARK**

Geoffrey Driver  
Judith Blake  
Stuart Bruce

**MOORTOWN**

Mark Daniel Harris  
Brenda Lancaster  
Richard Harker

**MORLEY NORTH**

Robert Finnigan  
Stewart McArdle  
Thomas Leadley

**MORLEY SOUTH**

Judith Elliott  
  
Gareth Edward Beevers

**OTLEY & YEADON**

Graham Peter Kirkland  
Colin Campbell  
Richard Downes

**PUDSEY**

Josephine Patricia Jarosz  
Richard Alwyn Lewis  
Mick Coulson

**ROTHWELL**

Donald Michael Wilson  
Steve Smith  
Mitchell Galdas

**ROUNDHAY**

Matthew Lobleby  
Valerie Kendall  
Paul Wadsworth

**TEMPLE NEWSAM**

David Schofield  
Michael Lyons

**WEETWOOD**

Brian David Timothy Jennings  
Susan Bentley  
Barry Stewart Golton

**WETHERBY**

Gerald Wilkinson  
Andrew Millard  
John Michael Procter

## 79 Announcements

- (a) The Lord Mayor reported the death of Lord Merlyn Rees, former MP and Freeman of the City, that of Mrs Christine Congreve, wife of Councillor Congreve and that of Mr Peter Langham, a former sergeant at mace.

Council stood in silent tribute.

- (b) The Lord Mayor congratulated Councillor M Iqbal on being selected as Lord Mayor Elect.
- (c) The Lord Mayor reported that the Chief Executive was on sick leave following an operation and that he had sent best wishes for an early recovery to Mr Rogerson on behalf of the Council.

## 80 Minutes

It was moved by Councillor J Procter seconded by Councillor Gruen and

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2005 be approved.

## 81 Declarations of Interest

The Lord Mayor announced that a list of written declarations submitted by members was on display in the ante-room, on deposit in the public galleries and had been circulated to each member's place in the Chamber.

Following an invitation to declare further individual interests, declarations in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct were made as follows:

- (a) Councillors Wilkinson, Campbell, Kirkland, Finnigan, Leadley, Elliott, Beevers, McArdle and Lancaster declared personal interests in minute 83(a) of this meeting as members of Town or Parish Councils.
- (b) Councillor Schofield declared a personal and prejudicial interest in minute 84 of this meeting as a Director of Leeds Co-operative Society.
- (c) Councillor Gabriel declared a personal and prejudicial interest in minute 85 of this meeting as an employee and staff side member of Leeds Mental Health NHS Trust.
- (d) The following members declared personal interests in minute 85 of this meeting as indicated:

Councillor S Hamilton – Employee of Leeds NHS Trust  
Councillors Wakefield and Harington – Members of East Leeds PCT  
Councillor Ogilvie and Smith – Members of South Leeds PCT  
Councillor McKenna and Harper – Members of West Leeds PCT

- (e) Councillors Dowson, Dunn, Hanley, Harington, G Hyde, R D Feldman, Wilson, Downes, Latty, Robinson, Townsley, Wilkinson and

Hollingsworth declared personal and prejudicial interests in minute 86 of this meeting as members of the Licensing Committee and Councillor Mrs Feldman as the wife of a member of the Licensing Committee.

- (f) Councillors Gruen, Driver, Cleasby, Fox, C Nash and Downes declared that, as members of the School Organisation Committee, it was their intention to leave the meeting during consideration of the amendment referred to in minute 88 below in order to avoid any perception of predetermination of the decision of the School Organisation Committee on the same matter.
- (g) The following members declared personal interests in individual minutes contained in the agenda for this meeting:  
  
Councillor Leadley in minute 53 on page 307 as chair of Lee Fair Committee  
  
Councillor Brett in minute 174 on page 213 as a Board member of South Leeds Homes
- (h) Councillors Brett, R Lewis and J L Carter declared personal interests in minute 90 of this meeting as members of the West Yorkshire Police Authority
- (i) Councillor Monaghan declared a personal interest in minute 91 of the meeting as a member of the Dark Skies Association.

## **82 Deputations**

Two deputations were admitted to the meeting and addressed Council as follows:

- 1 Pupils of Garforth Community College on matters referred to in the 'Mayor for the Day' manifesto.
- 2 Representatives of the governing body of Great Preston Primary School regarding the financing of a one site primary school.

**RESOLVED** – That the subject matter of deputation 1 be referred to the Leader for consideration and that of deputation 2 to the Executive Board.

## **83 Reports**

Reports admitted to the agenda in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2.2(f) were considered as follows:

- (a) Calculation of the Council Tax Base for 2006/07 for the Purposes of Calculating the Council Tax

It was moved by Councillor A Carter seconded by Councillor M Hamilton and

**RESOLVED** - That in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) Regulations 1992 (as amended), the amount calculated by the Council as its Council Tax Base for the year 2006/2007 shall be 228,329 and for each parish as listed below:

Aberford and District	766
Allerton Bywater	1,116
Arthington	293
Austhorpe	26
Bardsey cum Rigton	1,141
Barwick in Elmet and Scholes	1,994
Boston Spa	1,826
Bramham cum Oglethorpe	705
Bramhope and Carlton	1,777
Clifford	722
Collingham with Linton	1,636
Drighlington	1,795
Gildersome	1,933
Great and Little Preston	466
Harewood	1,819
Horsforth	6,796
East Keswick	584
Kippax	3,043
Ledsham	90
Ledston	152
Micklefield	542
Morley	9,493
Otley	4,828
Pool in Wharfedale	958
Scarcroft	675
Shadwell	950
Swillington	1,053
Thorner	737
Thorp Arch	348
Walton	113
Wetherby	4,563
Wothersome	8

(b) Appointments

It was moved by Councillor M Hamilton seconded by Councillor Gruen and

**RESOLVED** – That the report of the Director of Legal and Democratic Services on an appointment by the Council be approved.

(c) Amendment to the Constitution

It was moved by Councillor M Hamilton seconded by Councillor Gruen and

**RESOLVED** – That the report of the Director of Legal and Democratic Services on an amendment to the Constitution be approved.

## 83 Questions

- 1 Councillor Wakefield to the Executive Member (Central and Corporate)

Will the Executive Board member for Corporate Services please tell me how many agency staff are currently employed by the authority?

The Executive Member (Central and Corporate replied)
- 2 Councillor Monaghan to the Executive Member (Leisure)

Following the recent success of the Kaiser Chiefs and the positive international attention this has brought the city, can the Executive Board member for Leisure tell us what the Council is doing to support musical talent in Leeds?

The Executive Member (Leisure) replied
- 3 Councillor Millard to the Executive Member (City Services)

Would the Executive Board Member for City Services please advise what steps he is taking to encourage suitable recycling facilities to be located throughout the City, especially on public and large open spaces such as supermarket car parks?

The Executive Member (City Services) replied
- 4 Councillor Finnigan to the Executive Member (Learning)

Can the Executive Board member for Education please confirm if consideration is being given to introducing a programme to eliminate the use of temporary buildings in secondary schools in the Leeds area?

The Executive Member (Learning) replied
- 5 Councillor Harrison to the Executive Member (Social Care and Health)

Will the Executive Board Member for Social Care please confirm that he has no plans to close any council run day centres for older people or for those with learning difficulties?

The Executive Member (Social Care and Health) replied
- 6 Councillor Hollingsworth to the Leader of Council

Would the Executive Member for Development please inform Council when construction of the East Leeds link road will commence?

The Leader of Council replied

- 7 Councillor Anderson to the Executive Member (Narrowing the Gap)

Does the Executive Member with responsibility for "Narrowing The Gap" agree with me that reducing Fuel Poverty and improving Energy efficiency for the 14.3% of vulnerable households in the city is one of his principle objectives and bearing in mind the problems with the Warm Front Grant Scheme problems, would he care to advise me of the initiatives he is planning throughout the City?

The Executive Member (Narrowing the Gap) replied

- 8 Councillor C Nash to the Executive Member (Neighbourhoods and Housing)

Would the Executive Member for Neighbourhoods and Housing advise me what funding mechanisms he feels both the ALMOs and the private rented sector, in particular, could gain access to in order to address fuel poverty and energy efficiency in the City?

The Executive Member (Neighbourhoods and Housing) replied

- 9 Councillor Finnigan to the Executive Member (Neighbourhoods and Housing)

Can the Executive Board member responsible for Housing confirm the level of negative subsidy that each Leeds Council tenant has to pay for the year 2005 to 2006?

The Executive Member (Neighbourhoods and Housing) replied

- 10 Councillor Harington to the Executive Member (Leisure)

Will the Executive Board Member for Leisure please tell Council how elected members are being involved in the consultation exercise for the proposals for a new concert venue?

The Executive Member (Leisure) replied

At the conclusion of Question Time the following remained unanswered and it was noted that under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 11.6 written responses would be sent to each member of Council:

- 11 Councillor M Hamilton to the Executive Member (Central and Corporate)  
12 Councillor Lowe to the Executive Member (City Services)  
13 Councillor Gruen to the Executive Member (Learning)

## **84 Recommendations of the Executive Board**

It was moved by Councillor A Carter seconded by Councillor Harris and

- 85 RESOLVED** - That the recommendations of the Executive Board as detailed in the report of the Director of Legal and Democratic Services be approved  
**Recommendations of the Scrutiny Board (Health and Wellbeing)**

It was moved by Councillor Lancaster seconded by Councillor Bentley and

**RESOLVED** - That the report of the Director of Legal and Democratic Services on the enquiry into fire safety standards of Leeds Mental Health Teaching NHS Trust's PFI buildings be approved

(The member referred to in minute 81(c) above, having declared a personal and prejudicial interest, left the meeting during consideration of this item)

- 86 Recommendations of the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee**

It was moved by Councillor A Carter seconded by Councillor M Harris and

**RESOLVED** - That the recommendations of the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee as detailed in the report of the Director of Legal and Democratic Services be approved

(The members referred to in minute 81(e), having declared personal and prejudicial interests, left the meeting during consideration of this item)

- 87 Recommendation of the North East Inner Area Committee**

It was moved by Councillor Lancaster seconded by Councillor Harker and

**RESOLVED** - That the recommendations of the North East Inner Area Committee as detailed in the report of the Director of Legal and Democratic Services be approved

- 88 Minutes**

It was moved by Councillor A Carter seconded by Councillor M Hamilton

That the minutes submitted to Council in accordance with the Council Procedure Rule 2.2(l) be received.

Under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 14.9 leave of Council was given for Councillor Atha to alter the amendment in his name to correct the minute reference therein.

It was seconded by Councillor Minkin.

To add the following words at the end of item 11:

“but to ask the Executive Board to reconsider the decision in relation to the Primary Review – Far Headingley – Outcome of Consultation contained in minute 149 on page 207”



Under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 14.10, with the consent of the seconder and of the Council, Councillor Harker withdrew the second amendment in his name.

The amendment was lost and upon the motion being put to the vote it was:

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes submitted to Council in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2.2(l) be received.

(Council Procedure Rule 4 providing for the winding up of business was applied prior to all notified comments on the minutes having been debated).

On the requisition of Councillors Taggart and Hanley the voting on the amendment was recorded as follows:

### **YES**

Atha, Atkinson, Blake, Bruce, Coulson, M Davey, P Davey, Dowson, Dunn, Gabriel, Grahame, S Hamilton, Hanley, Harington, Harper, Harrison, G Hyde, Illingworth, Jarosz, J Lewis, R Lewis, Lowe, Lyons, McKenna, Minkin, Mulherin, Murray, E Nash, Parker, Rafique, Renshaw, Selby, Taggart, Wakefield

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### **NO**

Anderson, Andrew, Bale, Barker, Beevers, Bentley, A Blackburn, D Blackburn, Brett, Campbell, A Carter, J L Carter, Mrs A Carter, Castle, Elliott, Ewens, Mrs R Feldman, R D Feldman, Finnigan, Galdas, Golton, M Hamilton, Harker, Harrand, Harris, Hollingsworth, Jennings, Kendall, Kirkland, Lancaster Latty, Leadley, Lobley, McArdle, Millard, Monaghan, Morton, C Nash, Phillips, J Procter, R Procter, Pryke, Rhodes-Clayton, Robinson, Schofield, Shelbrooke, Smith, Taylor, Townsley, Wadsworth, Wilkinson, Wilson

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(Subsequent to the recording of the vote leave of Council was given to Councillor Harker to correct the record in respect of his vote from 'Abstain' to 'No')

(During the discussion and voting on the amendment the Councillors referred to in minute 81(f) left the meeting)

## **89 Suspension of Council Procedure Rule**

During the debate under minute 88 above it was moved by Councillor Hanley seconded by Councillor Selby

That under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 22.1 Procedure Rule 3.1 be suspended to allow all comments upon the minutes to be debated. Upon being put to the vote the motion was lost

(The meeting was suspended at 5.30 pm and resumed at 6.05 pm)

**90 White Paper Motion – Proposal to Merge West Yorkshire Police Force with a Neighbouring Force**

It was moved by Councillor Lewis seconded by Councillor Wakefield That this Council opposes the proposals to merge West Yorkshire Police force with a neighbouring force and believes that such a move would reduce the service provided to the people of Leeds.

An amendment was moved by Councillor Finnigan seconded by Councillor Elliott

Delete the words “opposes the” and replace with the words “is critical of the Government’s”

After the word “force” insert (new sentence) “This Council opposes this decision”

Under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 14.9, leave of Council was given for Councillor J L Carter to alter a second amendment by replacing the word ‘cavalier’ with the words ‘ill advised’.

It was seconded by Councillor Brett

Delete all after the words “This Council opposes the proposals to merge West Yorkshire Police” and add the following:-

“Authority with any or all of their neighbouring police authorities on the grounds of :-

- 1 The Government has not thought out the implications for the governance, accountability and financial arrangements
- 2 That this Council considers the Home Secretary to be ill judged in the way he has dealt with police authorities
- 3 The proposed merger at the present time would cost an estimated increase, in the precept, of some 15 to 20%
- 4 That West Yorkshire Police has a better record than police in the surrounding areas
- 5 Such a merger may lead to an increase in crime for the people of Leeds.

This Council therefore calls on all West Yorkshire MPs to oppose a merger of the West Yorkshire Police Authority with other surrounding authorities”.

The amendment was lost, the second amendment was carried and upon being put as the substantive motion it was

**RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** - That this Council opposes the proposals to merge West Yorkshire Police Authority with any or all of their neighbouring police authorities on the grounds of:-

- 1 The Government has not thought out the implications for the governance, accountability and financial arrangements
- 2 That this Council considers the Home Secretary to be ill judged in the way he has dealt with Police Authorities
- 3 The proposed merger at the present time would cost an estimated increase, in the precept, of some 15 to 20%
- 4 That West Yorkshire Police has a better record than police in the surrounding areas
- 5 Such a merger may lead to an increase in crime for the people of Leeds

This Council therefore calls on all West Yorkshire MPs to oppose a merger of the West Yorkshire Police Authority with other surrounding authorities.

## **91 White Paper Motion – Advertising Signs on Lampposts**

It was moved by Councillor Minkin seconded by Councillor Harper

That this Council believes that the current pilot of placing advertising signs on some of the cities lampposts should be suspended in order that a system can be put in place that will enable local ward members, area committees and more importantly local people to put forward their views before any such advertising signs are placed on lampposts in their neighbourhoods.

An amendment was moved by Councillor Smith seconded by Councillor Lobley

Delete all the words after 'That this Council' and replace them with the following words:

'supports the decision of the Executive Board in May 2004 and the continuance of the present pilot of placing illuminated advertising signs on some of the city's lamp posts. This Council acknowledges that the time-frame of the pilot allows ample opportunity for thorough evaluation of the proposals and welcomes the long-term financial benefits these proposals could bring to the council tax payers of Leeds if, following the pilot, Executive Board are asked to approve the extension of the pilot.'

The amendment was carried and upon being put as the substantive motion it was

**RESOLVED** – That this Council supports the decision of the Executive Board in May 2004 and the continuance of the present pilot of placing illuminated advertising signs on some of the city's lamp posts. This Council acknowledges that the time-frame of the pilot allows ample opportunity for thorough evaluation of the proposals and welcomes the long-term financial benefits these proposals could bring to the council tax payers of Leeds if, following the pilot, Executive Board are asked to approve the extension of the pilot

(Council rose at 7.45 pm)

