

A meeting of the City Council will be held in the Council Chamber at the Civic Hall on Wednesday 14th September 2005 at 2.00 p.m.

Members of the Council are invited to attend and transact the following business:

- 1 **TO** confirm the minutes of the Extraordinary and Ordinary Council Meetings held on 20th July 2005

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- 2 **TO** receive any declarations of interest from Members
- 3 **TO** receive such communications as the Lord Mayor, the Leader, Members of the Executive Board or the Chief Executive consider appropriate
- 4 **TO** receive deputations (if any) in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10.
- 5 **TO** consider reports as follows (the Monitoring Officer considers that these reports are appropriate to be received at this meeting in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2.2(f):
 - (a) The report of the Director of Legal and Democratic Services on appointments by Council

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- (b) The report of the Independent Remuneration Panel regarding proposed amendments to the Members' Allowance Scheme

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- 6 **TO** deal with questions in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11
- 7 **TO** consider the report of the Director of Legal and Democratic Services on recommendations of the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee

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- 8 **TO** receive the minutes in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2.2(l)

M HARRIS

9 **THAT** this Council recommends that the Executive Board designate the area shown on the attached map as the West Leeds Country Park and Green Gateway and further resolves to :-

- (1) Support the various voluntary groups already acting as environmental stewards in the area.
- (2) Progress the arrangement of green linkages throughout the area.
- (3) Instruct all relevant departments of the Council to ensure Members are informed with reference to developments or issues which impact on the designated area.
- (4) To work to improve and maintain all the areas of green space within the designated area.

A CARTER

10 **THAT** this Council recommends that the Executive Board considers the commission and erection of a suitable monument to commemorate the suffering and service of the Leeds 'Pals' during the 1914/18 War.

This Council further instructs the Chief Executive to bring a suitable report to the Executive Board of this Council, outlining the options for the commissioning of this statue and the timescale involved.

A CARTER

11 **THAT** this Council condemns the Government's decision to make no final decision on the future of Supertram.

Council notes that although representatives of the Council and METRO met with the Parliamentary Under-Secretary for State, Derek Twigg MP, on the 26th July no decision on the future of Supertram has yet been taken by the Department of Transport. Council therefore calls on all those with an interest in ensuring Leeds has an effective transport system for the 21st century to continue lobbying the Government to take a positive decision on Supertram.

The lack of a decision and the uncertainty that this causes is immensely damaging to the Leeds economy and is therefore completely inexcusable.

M HARRIS

12 **THAT** that this Council agrees that the administration's new policy for short breaks and holidays should be deferred until assurances have been received that full and adequate alternatives for those older people and others who are no longer eligible for support under the new policy are in place.

K WAKEFIELD

- 13** **THAT** this Council notes the damaging effect that passive smoking can have on people's health and believes that Leeds City Council should be leading the way in creating a smoke free environment in public places.

As a major influencer in the city, the Council requests the next meeting of the Executive Board to consider, a report proposing the designation of appropriate Council buildings, including the Civic Hall as smoke free. This report should also identify the necessary consultation and notice requirements, the extent of Council buildings to which such designation should apply and a timetable for introducing such designation.'

P GRUEN

- 14** **THAT** Council notes that it appears that individual councillors are not, by virtue of their office 'interested parties' as defined by the Licensing Act 2003 in respect of applications for licences for premises within their Wards. Accordingly their ability to make representations is limited.

Council further notes that the Council's Constitution which follows the Model Constitution produced by the government provides that the role and function of all Councillors includes 'to represent their communities and bring their views into the Council's decision making process, i.e. become the advocate of and for their communities' and 'to contribute to the good governance of the area and actively encourage community participation and citizen involvement in decision making'.

Council considers that the Licensing Act 2003 undermines and undervalues the democratic role of councillors and is against the public interest.

Council instructs the Chief Executive to relay its view to the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport.

T LEADLEY

- 15** **THAT** this Council supports the resolution passed unanimously by the Environment and Economic Development Committee of Otley Town Council on the 4th July 2005 relating to the ranger service on Otley Chevin.

This Council is not persuaded that an effective ranger service can be delivered from a central point in Leeds and agrees to request that the Executive Board reinstate a dedicated ranger service on Otley Chevin to the level (including weekend cover) which existed prior to the review.

N TAGGART

- 16** **THAT** this Council urges Education Leeds to undertake an immediate review of admission levels at Temple Moor High School. Council also notes the urgent need for immediate additional support and intervention by Education Leeds to address standards of attainment in the East Leeds area

M LYONS

Chief Executive