

A meeting of the Council will be held in the Civic Hall, Leeds on Wednesday, 2nd July, 2008 at 1.30 pm

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

1. Minutes

To confirm the minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on 22nd May 2008.

2. Declarations of Interest

To receive any declarations of interest from Members

3. Communications

To receive such communications as the Lord Mayor, the Leader, Members of the Executive Board or the Chief Executive consider appropriate

4. Deputations

To receive deputations in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10

5. Reports

To consider reports as follows (the Chief Executive considers that these reports are appropriate to be received at this meeting in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2.2(f)):

- (a) That the following nominations for receipt of the Leeds Award be approved and that the Lord Mayor be requested to undertake an appropriate award ceremony:

Sir Jimmy Saville OBE
Mr Stanley Cundle
Stuart Firth
Sheila Miller
Kim Milner
Dawn Newsome

R BRETT

- (b) That the Scrutiny Boards' Annual Report to Council prepared in accordance with Article 6 of the Constitution be approved

J PROCTER

- (c) That the report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) on appointments be noted

J PROCTER

6. Questions

To deal with questions in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11

7. Recommendations of the Executive Board

That reports be approved as follows:

- a) The report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) on recommendations of the Executive Board in relation to the Safer Leeds Partnership Plan
- b) The report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Planning, Policy and Improvement) on recommendations of the Executive Board in relation to the Council Business Plan
- c) The report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Planning, Policy and Improvement) on recommendations of the Executive Board in relation to the Leeds Strategic Plan

R BRETT

8. Recommendations of the Standards Committee

That the report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance), on the recommendation of the Standards Committee that the annual report of the Committee be received, be approved.

C CAMPBELL

9. Recommendations of the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee

That the report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance), on the recommendation of the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee that the annual report of the committee be received, be approved

J BALE

10. Minutes

To receive the minutes in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2.2(m)

R BRETT

11. White Paper Motion - Unacceptable High Levels of Truancy

This Council condemns the Conservative and Liberal Democrat coalition for the current unacceptably high levels of unauthorised absence in many schools in Leeds and is appalled that two of the three schools with the worst records for truancy in England are in Leeds.

Recognising that high levels of truancy have an enormous impact on outcomes for young people and their communities, council therefore instructs the Conservative and Liberal Democrat administration to make tackling truancy a key priority, so that levels of unauthorised absence in Leeds schools are substantially reduced.

In addition, Council requests that the Executive Board members for Learning and Environment and Neighbourhoods work together and investigate the links between high levels of truancy, low educational performance, and incidents of crime and anti social behaviour, and report their findings to the Executive Board this autumn.

L MULHERIN

12. White Paper Motion - Control of Lap Dancing Clubs

This Council welcomes the moves by Roberta Blackman-Woods MP and the Licensing Minister Gerry Sutcliffe to give local authorities more power to control the number of lap-dancing clubs within their boundaries, and urges Leeds City Council to support these proposed changes

J BLAKE

13. White Paper Motion - Fish Migration

Council notes that prior to the Industrial Revolution the local rivers were famous for their fish, and that recent improvements in water quality have resulted in salmon re-colonising the lower reaches of the River Aire. Unfortunately further fish migration to potential spawning grounds in the Yorkshire Dales is impeded, principally by Knostrop Weir and by other smaller weirs in the Kirkstall Valley.

Council considers that it would add considerably to Leeds reputation if salmon were often seen to jump the local weirs, and that this could bring economic and environmental benefits to the entire city.

Council therefore instructs the Chief Executive to report on the possible inclusion of fish passes around major weirs in the relevant Area Action Plans, to investigate the opportunities for joint funding, and also to prepare a fishing and fish conservation policy for consideration by Executive Board.

J ILLINGWORTH

14. White Paper Motion - Unacceptable High Levels of Child Poverty and Lower Life Expectancy

This Council notes the Government's recent changes to the tax system hitting the poorest in society, the unacceptably high levels of child poverty and lower life expectancy in the most deprived areas of Leeds and the high level of demand for social housing in the city.

This Council calls for the government to devote resources from the WNF for Leeds

R BRETT

15. White Paper Motion Submitted Under the Provisions of Council Procedure Rule 3.1(d) - Plastic Carrier Bags

This Council recognises the growing public concern about the environmental damage caused by Britain's use of an estimated 13 billion single use plastic carrier bags every year. This Council therefore calls on the government to act on its pledge to legislate to end the provision of free plastic bags.

Council further resolves to minimise its own use and promotion of plastic bags, including investigating promoting the use of bags for life in our own outlets and promoting the use of domestic green bins for the disposal of plastic bags.

Council resolves to take a lead in reducing free bag provision by launching a Leeds-wide campaign to gain voluntary agreement between the Council, business, and other interested parties to end the practice of providing free plastic bags within the City.

R BRETT

Chief Executive

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