

A meeting of the Council will be held in the Civic Hall, Leeds on Wednesday, 22nd April, 2009 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 Council Meeting held on 25th February 2009.

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 the following report admitted to the agenda by the Chief Executive under Council Procedure Rule 2.2(f):

- (a) That the report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) on appointments be approved.

S BENTLEY

6. Questions

To deal with questions in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11

7. Recommendations of the Executive Board

That Council approve the Leeds Climate Change Strategy in accordance with the recommendation of the Executive Board as presented in the report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance).

A CARTER

8. Recommendations of the General Purposes Committee

That the report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) on a recommendation of the General Purposes Committee with regard to changes in the membership of the Standards Committee be approved.

A CARTER

9. Minutes

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

A CARTER

10. White Paper Motion - Potential Impact of New Housing on Green Belt and Greenfield Sites

That this Council notes the recent admission by the Housing Minister that her Government's housing target, to build 3 million affordable new homes by 2020, is unattainable under the present economic conditions and whilst the circumstances surrounding this admission are regrettable, this Council welcomes this acknowledgement of economic reality and believes that these ill thought out targets represent a very real threat to the Green Belt in Leeds.

Given this background Council expresses its concern at the comments made by the planning inspector dealing with Leeds City Council's successful appeal against proposed Greenfield developments in Oulton. The inspector's comments once again appear to raise the possibility of Government backed planning inspectors forcing through Greenfield development at the expense of Brownfield inner city regeneration aims.

This Council finds the disparity between the Housing Minister's statement and that of the Government's Planning Inspectorate to be both unhelpful and confusing and resolves to resist all efforts to allow Greenfield and Green Belt development in Leeds.

A CARTER

11. White Paper Motion - Extension of the Higher Rate Mobility Component to Blind People

That this Council welcomes the announcement of the extension of the higher rate mobility component to blind people from 2011 and congratulates all groups and individuals who successfully campaigned for this change.

R FINNIGAN

12. White Paper Motion - Changes to Lettings Policy

That this Council recognises the adverse impact that anti-social tenants can have on communities and the very real misery that can be caused. Therefore Council welcomes the changes to letting's policy agreed by Executive Board in October

2008; following a review of the Choice Based Lettings System.

However, this Council believes that this review did not do enough to protect the rights, freedoms and cohesion of existing tenants and their communities. Therefore Council instructs the Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing to bring a paper to a future Executive Board meeting to address these concerns.

R LEWIS

13. White Paper Motion - Leeds Kirkgate Market

That this Council underlines its commitment to the Leeds Kirkgate Market. Furthermore this Council condemns the current administration for its lack of support and promotion of the market and for the way the market has been managed. Council resolves therefore to do everything it can to support the current traders and encourage people to visit the market and consider opening new businesses there.

K WAKEFIELD

14. White Paper Motion Submitted Under the Provisions of Council Procedure Rule 3.1(d) - The Current Economic Recession

That this Council expresses its concern at the effect the worst recession in post war British history has had on the City of Leeds which has led to:

- Increasing unemployment and decreasing growth in the city
- Business closures
- A collapse in the housing market both in terms of new builds and house sales
- Stalling regeneration projects
- Major city centre developments put on hold
- Falling Council Revenues

Council notes the role played by the government in the ongoing recession, characterised by economic mismanagement, irresponsibility and a refusal to apologise to the public, and further regrets the disparity in funding between Leeds and other core cities which could have been used to support business and jobs leaving Leeds £1 billion worse off every 4 years in comparison to Liverpool or Manchester.

This Council will invite all MPs and representatives of the business community to a round table conference to discuss these most important issues which affect the residents of Leeds.

This Council is working towards reducing the effects of the recession by:

- Introducing a rapid payments scheme for smaller businesses
- Purchasing houses from builders to enable work to continue on the EASEL scheme
- Setting up a Council Wide Apprenticeship Scheme for up to 250 apprentices
- Introducing the lowest Council Tax rise for 14 years
- Making a commitment to pass on the full benefit of the recent council house rent reduction to council tenants.

This Council resolves to continue to do all it can to help the people of Leeds through

these difficult economic times and place Leeds in the best possible position to recover when the recession ends.

M LOBLEY

**15. White Paper Submitted Under the Provision of Council Procedure Rule 3.1(d)
- Armed Forces Day**

That this Council welcomes Armed Forces Day on the 27th June 2009, in particular plans to hold an event in Leeds in conjunction with veterans organisations and pledges its support to such an event. Council also recognises the support of Adult Social Services in setting up a regional veterans forum.

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NOTE – The order in which White Paper motions will be debated will be determined by Whips prior to the meeting