



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.

B LANCASTER

Chief Executive

Civic Hall
Leeds
LS1 1UR

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



Proceedings of the Meeting of the Leeds City Council held at the Civic Hall, Leeds on Wednesday, 25th February, 2009

PRESENT: The Lord Mayor Councillor Frank Robinson 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
Adam Ogilvie
David Congreve

BRAMLEY & STANNINGLEY

Ted Hanley
Neil Taggart

BURMANTOFTS & RICHMOND HILL

Ralph Pryke
Richard Brett
David Hollingsworth

WARD

CALVERLEY & FARSLEY

Andrew Carter
Joseph William Marjoram
Frank Robinson

CHAPEL ALLERTON

Eileen Taylor
Mohammed Rafique
Jane Dowson

CITY & HUNSLET

Elizabeth Nash
Patrick Davey
Mohammed Iqbal

CROSS GATES & WHINMOOR

Suzi Armitage
Pauleen Grahame
Peter John Gruen

FARNLEY & WORTLEY

David Blackburn
Ann Blackburn
Andy Parnham

GARFORTH & SWILLINGTON

Andrea McKenna
Mark Dobson
Thomas Murray

GIPTON & HAREHILLS

Alan Leonard Taylor
Arif Hussain
Roger Harington

GUISELEY & RAWDON

Graham Latty
Stuart Andrew

HAREWOOD

Ann Castle
Rachael Procter
Alec Shelbrooke

HEADINGLEY

Jamie Matthews
James John Monaghan
Martin Hamilton

HORSFORTH

Christopher Townsley
Andrew Barker
Brian Cleasby

HYDE PARK & WOODHOUSE

Penny Ewens

Linda Valerie Rhodes-Clayton

KILLINGBECK & SEACROFT

Graham Hyde
Veronica Morgan
Brian Michael Selby

KIPPAX & METHLEY

John Keith Parker
James Lewis
Keith Ivor Wakefield

KIRKSTALL

Lucinda Joy Yeadon
John Anthony Illingworth
Bernard Peter Atha

MIDDLETON PARK

Geoffrey Driver
Judith Blake
Debra Ann Coupar

MOORTOWN

Mark Daniel Harris
Brenda Lancaster
Richard Harker

MORLEY NORTH

Robert Finnigan
Robert William Gettings
Thomas Leadley

MORLEY SOUTH

Judith Elliot
Terrence Grayshon
Christopher James Beverley

OTLEY & YEADON

Graham Peter Kirkland
Colin Campbell
Ryk Downes

PUDSEY

Josephine Patricia Jarosz
Richard Alwyn Lewis
Mick Coulson

ROTHWELL

Donald Michael Wilson
Steve Smith
Barry Stewart Golton

ROUNDHAY

Matthew Lobley
Valerie Kendall
Paul Wadsworth

TEMPLE NEWSAM

William Schofield Hyde

Michael Lyons

WEETWOOD

Ben Chastney
Susan Bentley
Judith Mara Chapman

WETHERBY

Gerald Wilkinson
Alan James Lamb
John Michael Procter

72 Announcement

The Lord Mayor offered thanks to those who had assisted with fund raising for Red Heart Day on 13th February 2009.

73 Minutes

It was moved by Councillor Bentley seconded by Councillor Gruen and

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Council meetings held on 28th January 2009 be approved.

74 Declarations of Interest

The Lord Mayor announced that a list of written declarations submitted by Members was 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 in relation to minute 75 of this meeting as follows:

Personal interests were received from

- | | |
|-----------------|---|
| Cllr B Anderson | - Director of West North West Homes
- Owner of 30 Dale Park Walk, Cookridge, Leeds, LS16 7PS
- Trinity Primary School Governor
- Chair of Leeds Initiative City Centre Management Initiative |
| Cllr S Andrew | - Owner of 25 Belmont Grove, Rawdon
- Owner of 26 Town Street, Guiseley, Leeds, LS20 9DT |
| Cllr Armitage | - 3 Baileys Lane, Leeds, LS14 6PN |
| Cllr Atha | - 25 Moseley Wood Crost, Leeds, LS16 7JJ |
| Cllr Atkinson | - 67 Valley Road, Leeds, LS13 1EU |
| Cllr J Bale | - Owner of 14 Balmoral Way, Yeadon, Leeds, LS19 7WF
- Member of the strategy board for the Independent Living Project
- Member of the Learning Disability Partnership Board |
| Cllr A Barker | - Resides, 1 Broadgate Rise, Horsforth
- Governor of Horsforth Featherbank Infants |
| Cllr Bentley | - Owner 51 Alwoodley Lane
- Governor Lawnswood High, Iveson Primary and Ireland Wood Children's Centre |
| Cllr Beverley | - 68 Common Lane, East Ardsley, WF3 2ED |

- Cllr A Blackburn - Joint owner of 9 Cobden Grove, Leeds, LS12 5PA
- Cllr D Blackburn - Owner of 9 Cobden Grove , Leeds, LS12 5PA
 - Governor of Lower Wortley Primary School
 - Governor of Whingate Primary School
 - Mother in receipt of Social Care
 - Member of Roseville Enterprises Advisory Board
- Cllr J Blake - Woodview, Billams Hill, Otley, Leeds, LS21 2DZ
- Cllr R Brett - Joint Owner of 991 Scott Hall Road, Leeds LS17 6HJ
 - Member of Management Committee of Burmantofts Senior Action
- Cllr C Campbell - Own or have interest in 11 Prince Henry Road, 23 Harecroft Road, Otley
 - Governor of Queensway Primary
- Cllr A Carter - Owner of 15 Clarke Street, Calverley, Pudsey LS28 5NH (Including land at the rear)
 - School Governor at Westroyd Infants School and Farsley Springbank Junior School
 - Member of Leeds Initiative
- Cllr J L Carter - Owner of 25 Oaklands Avenue, Adel, Leeds, LS16 8NB
 - Vice Chair of the West Yorkshire Police Authority
 - Member of Safer Leeds
 - School Governor at Adel Primary School
- Cllr A Castle - Owner of 9 St John's Court, Thorner, Leeds, LS14 3AX
 - School Governor at Scholes Primary School
- Cllr Chapman - Owner Apt 1 Gledhow Manor, 350 Gledhow Lane, LS7 4NH
 - Part Owner 17 Brackenhurst Drive LS17
 - Governor Lawnswood Primary School
 - Weetwood Primary School
 - Board Director WNW Almo
 - Member of Sinai Synagogue Roman Avenue Leeds
- Cllr B Chastney - 46 Carisbrooke Road, Leeds LS16
 - Governor of Ireland Wood Primary
- Cllr Cleasby - House adapted for mother in law
 - Owner: 11 Carr Lane, Rawdon.
 - Governor Westbrooke Lane and Horsforth School
 - Member Fostering Panel.
 - Member LBIA Consultative Committee

- Cllr D Congreve - 209 Town Street, Middleton, Leeds, LS10 3SN
- Cllr Coulson - 23a The Towers, Off Hill Top Road, Leeds, LS12 3SQ
- Cllr Coupar - 14 Morrith Avenue, Leeds, LS15 7EP
- Member of the Roseville Enterprises Board of Management
- Cllr P Davey - 3 Meadow Garth, Leeds, LS16 9DY
- 56 Church Lane, Leeds LS15 8BD
- Cllr Dobson - 6 Ninelands Lane, Leeds, LS25 2BY
- 37c Stocks Rise, Leeds, LS14
- 24 Beech Grove Avenue, Leeds, LS25 1EF
- Cllr Dowson - 6 Wharfe Crescent, Pool-in-Wharfedale, Leeds, LS21 2EJ
- Governor of Hilcrest Primary School and Bracken Edge Primary School
- Cllr R Downes - Resident of Chapel House, Manor Gardens, Pool-in-Wharfedale
- Governor at Ashfield Primary and Nursery, Prince Henry's Grammer, Rufford Park Primary Foundation
Governor Prince Henry, Otley
- Cllr Driver - 13 Ashwood Villas, Leeds, LS6 2EJ
- Cllr Dunn - 14 Middleton Park Mount, Leeds, LS10 4BB
- Cllr Elliott - Thornfield, 109 Rein Road, Tingley, Wakefield, WF3 1JQ
- Cllr Ewens - 3 Holmwood Drive, Leeds LS6
- Central Leeds Federation of Schools North West SILC
- Cllr R Feldman - Owner of 41 Primley Park Crescent, Leeds, LS17 7HY
- Cllr R D Feldman - Owner of 41 Primley Park Crescent, Leeds, LS17 7HY
- School Governor at Brodetsky Primary School and Allerton High School
- Cllr R Finnigan - Governor of Bruntcliffe and Churwell Schools
- Director of Aire Valley Homes
- Cllr C Fox - Owner of 99 Breary Lane East, Bramhope, Nr Leeds, LS16 9EU
- Member of Arthington Parish Council
- Member of Bramhope Parish Council
- Member of the Roseville Enterprises Ltd Board of Management
- Cllr Gabriel - 234 Cross Flatts Grove, Leeds, LS11 7BW
- 12 Wooler Avenue, Leeds, LS11

Cllr Gettings	- Springfield House, 1 Church Street, Gildersome, LS27 7AE
Cllr S Golton	- 5 Farrer Lane, Oulton - Governor of Oulton and Royds School
Cllr Grahame	- 41 Swardale Green, Leeds, LS14 5HJ
Cllr Grayshon	- The Flat, 97a Queen Street, Morley, LS27 8DW
Cllr P Gruen	- Hawthorn House, 474 Shadwell Lane, Leeds, LS17 8BA
Cllr Hamilton	- 1 Lydgate Street, Leeds LS28 - Governor of Shire Oak Primary
Cllr Hanley	- 66 Newlay Grove, Horsforth, Leeds, LS18 4LH
Cllr Harington	- 21 Spencer PLace, Leeds, LS7 4DQ
Cllr Harker	- 3 The Cross, Bramhope, LS16 9AX - NW SILC - Governor of Moortown Primary School
Cllr Harper	- 2a Back Lane, Farsley, Leeds, LS28 5EU
Cllr P Harrand	- Owner of 8 Overdale Avenue, Leeds, LS17 8TE - Member of the West Yorkshire Fire Authority - Member Harewood Parish Council - Member of Leeds Learning Disabilities Partnership Board
Cllr M Harris	- owner of 25, Gledhow Wood Avenue, 95 Gledow Park Grove and part owner of 17 Brackenhurst Drive - Member of Sinai Synagogue Roman Avenue, LS8 - Governor of Roundhay School
Cllr Hollingsworth	- Resides, 11 The Grove, Swillington - Governor of Brownhill Primary and Shakespeare Primary
Cllr A Hussain	- 66 Easterly Road, Leeds, LS8 3AN - 13 Brompton Grove, Leeds, LS11 - 58 Bayswater Crescent, Leeds. LS58 5QQ - 11 Kelper Road LS8 - 7 Trafford Avenue LS9 - 9 Winfield Road LS9 - 64 Easterly Road LS8 - 7 Kitchener Avenue, LS9
Cllr K Hussain	- 4 Beck Road, Leeds LS8 4EJ
Cllr G Hyde	- 21 Wilfred Avenue LS15 7SP

- Cllr W Hyde - Owner of 8 Kirkfield View, Colton, Leeds, LS15 9DX
- Governor of Temple Moor High School and Colton Primary School
- Cllr Illingworth - 37 Kirkwood Way, Leeds, LS16 7EU
- Cllr Iqbal - 23 Copgrove Road, Leeds, LS8 2SP
- 52, Headingley Mount, Leeds, LS6
- 54 Headingley Mount, Leeds, LS6
- 56 Headingley Mount, Leeds, LS6
- 11a Roundhay Mount, Leeds, LS8
- 14 Roundhay Mount, Leeds, LS8
- 31 Roundhay Mount, Leeds, LS8
- 4 Roundhay Grove, Leeds, LS8
- 74 Headingley Avenue, Leeds, LS6
- 13 Manor Drive, Leeds, LS6
- 16 Manor Drive, Leeds, LS6
- 25 Norwood Place, Leeds, LS6
- 13 Norwood Road, Leeds, LS6
- 65 Headingley Lane, Leeds, LS6
- 18 Autumn Avenue, Leeds, LS6
- 5 Royal Park View, Leeds, LS6
- 9 Milan Road, Leeds, LS8
- 4 Berkeley Street, Leeds, LS8
- 537 Harrogate Road, Leeds, LS17 9NA
- Cllr Jarosz - 11 Radcliffe Lane, Pudsey, Leeds, LS28 8AB
- Cllr Kendall - Owner of 5 Woodlea Square, LS6 4SW
- Member of the Strategy Board for the Independent Living Project
- Governor of Roundhay High School
- Cllr Kirkland - Resides: Westholme Westgate Otley, LS21 3AT
- Cllr Lamb - 36 Westway, LS25 1DB
- Fox & Hounds, Walton
- Member of Wetherby Town Council
- School Governor - Wetherby High School, Ninelands Lane Primary School and Strawberry Fields Primary School
- Trustee of the Schools Partnership Trust
- Cllr Lancaster - Owner of 21 Cross Bentley Lane, Leeds LS6 4AS
- Vice Chair Governor of Carr Manor High School
- Vice Chair of Meanwood Elderly Neighbourhood Action Pre-School Learning Alliance
- Cllr Latty - Owner of 110 Harrogate Road, LS19 6ND
- Cllr J Lewis - 41 Leeds, Road, Kippax, Leeds, LS25 7HG

- Cllr R Lewis - 121 Roker Lane, Pudsey, Leeds, LS28 9NB
- Cllr Lobley - Owner of 5 Parkwood Court, LS8 1JU
- Cllr Lowe - 6 Athlone Terrance, Leeds, LS12 1UA
- Cllr Lyons - 12 Mayfield Road, Leeds, LS15 7SH
- Cllr Marjoram - Owner of 11 Woodhall Road, LS28 5WL
- Cllr Matthews - 82 Royal Park Road, Headingley
- Spring Bank Primary
- Cllr A Mckenna - 24 Victoria Park Avenue, Leeds, LS5 3DG
- Trustee of Relate Leeds
- Cllr J Mckenna - 24 Victoria Park Avenue, Leeds, LS5 3DG
- Governor of Christ the King and West Leeds SILC
- Cllr Monaghan - Flat 21, Merchants House, 66 North Street
- Cllr V Morgan - 38 Town Street Leeds LS10
- Cllr Mulherin - 8 Sandfield Garth, Leeds, LS6 4JL
- Cllr T Murray - 11 Hodgson Crescent, Leeds, LS17 8PG
- Chief Executive Officer of Learning Partnerships
- Cllr Nash - Hark to Rover Cottages, 92 Morris Lane, Leeds, LS5 3EN
- Cllr Ogilvie - 125 7BN Cross Flatts Grove, Leeds, LS11
- Cllr Parker - 6 Lyndale, Kippax, Leeds, LS25
- Cllr A Parnham - Joint owner of 63 Stanningley Road, LS12 3NW
- Cllr J Procter - Owner of Tithe House, LS17 9DX
- The Estate Office, Hill Top Farm, The Ginnel Bardsey,
Leeds, LS17 9DU
- Cllr R Procter - Owner of Tithe House, LS17 9DX
- Cllr Pryke - St Aidan's Vicarage, Elford Place West, LS8
- Central Leeds Federation of Schools
- Ebor Garden's Primary
- Cllr Rafique - 67 Upland Crescent, Leeds, LS8 2TB
- 43 Burley Lodge Road, Leeds, LS6
- 26 Bayswater Crescent, Leeds, LS8
- 25 Bayswater Crescent, Leeds, LS8
- 17 Baldoran Terrace, Leeds, LS8
- Employee of Education Leeds (Personal and prejudicial)
(See note in minute 75)

- Cllr Renshaw - 32 Casson Avenue, Wakefield, WF3 2EG
- Cllr Rhodes-Clayton - 237 St Wilfred's Avenue, LS8 3PS
- Cllr Robinson - Owner of 19 Sunnybank Lane, Bradford, BD3 7DG
- Cllr Selby - 4 Primley Park Road, Leeds, LS17 7HS
- Cllr Shelbrooke - Owner of 20 Prospect Terrace, LS25 4DJ
- Governor of East Garforth Primary School
- Cllr S Smith - 129 Holmsley Lane, Woodlesford Leeds LS26 85B
- Oulton Primary School
- Cllr Taggart - 20 Marlowe Court, Garforth, Leeds, LS25 1PR
- Cllr A Taylor - Governor Harehills Primary
- Member of management cttee
- Action for Gipton Elderly
- Cllr E Taylor - 6 St Martins Crescent, Leeds, LS7 3LH
- Cllr Townsley - Owner 98 Newlathes Road, Horsforth
- Governor of Specialist Science College Horsforth, Leeds
- Governor Horsforth School College
- Cllr Wadsworth - Owner of 27 Lingfield Road, LS17
- Director of East North East Homes
- Governor of Allerton Grange High School and Gledhow Primary School
- Member of Leeds Initiative
- Cllr Wakefield - 35 Beech Grove Avenue, Leeds, LS25 1EF
- Cllr Wilkinson - Owner of 29 Harewood Mews, LS17 9LY
- Director of East North East Homes
- Member of Wetherby Town Council
- Governor of Lady Hastings Primary School
- Cllr Wilson - Board of Governor at Rothwell Haigh Road Infants School and Rothwell Primary
- Roseville Board
- Owner 7 The Paddock, Rothwell, Leeds
- Cllr Yeadon - 2 Vesper Place, Leeds, LS5 3JR

A further declaration (Councillor A Blackburn) is referred to in minute 75.

75 Budget

It was moved by Councillor A Carter seconded by Councillor Brett

(i) Revenue Budget

- (a) That the Revenue Estimates Budget for 2009/10 totalling £556,808,000, as detailed and explained in the submitted report and accompanying papers be approved including a 2.9% increase in the Leeds element of the Council Tax.
- (b) That with respect to the Housing Revenue Account the following be approved:
 - (i) the budget at the average rent increase figure of 6.2%
 - (ii) an increase in the charges for garage rents to £5.89 per week
 - (iii) that service charges be depooled in 2009/10, but then increased in line with the average rent rises
 - (iv) that the Residential Housing Officer service charge to tenants in the East North East and Aire Valley ALMO areas for 2009/10 onwards be abolished
- (c) That the proposed revisions to the Budget and Policy Framework rules as detailed in Appendix 3 to the submitted report be approved

(ii) Council Tax

- 1. That it be noted that at the meeting on 28th January 2009, Council agreed the following amounts for the year 2009/10, in accordance with regulations made under Sections 33(5) and 34(4) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:-
 - a) 235,314 being the amount calculated by the Council, in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992 (as amended) as its Council Tax base for the year.

(b)

PARISH	TAXBASE
Aberford and District	782
Allerton Bywater	1,298
Alwoodley	3,676
Arthington	294
Austhorpe	26
Bardsey cum Rigton	1,162
Barwick in Elmet and Scholes	2,023
Boston Spa	1,862
Bramham cum Oglethorpe	720
Bramhope and Carlton	1,812
Clifford	759
Collingham with Linton	1,654

Drighlington	1,899
Gildersome	1,961
Great and Little Preston	490
Harewood	1,818
Horsforth	6,939
East Keswick	583
Kippax	3,089
Ledsham	94
Ledston	160
Micklefield	554
Morley	9,774
Otley	4,913
Pool in Wharfedale	969
Scarcroft	676
Shadwell	948
Swillington	1,072
Thorner	752
Thorp Arch	360
Walton	122
Wetherby	4,627
Wothersome	8

being the amounts calculated by the Council in accordance with Regulation 6 of the Regulations, as the amounts of its Council Tax base for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

2 That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2009/10 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:-

- a) £1,987,030,535.51 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(2)(a) to (e) of the Act.
- b) £1,428,815,000 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(3)(a) to (c) of the Act.
- c) £558,215,535.51 being the amount by which the aggregate at 2(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 2(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 32(4) of the Act, as its budget requirement for the year.
- d) £298,995,682 being the aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its general fund in respect of redistributed Non-Domestic Rates and Revenue Support Grant, increased by the amount which the Council estimates will be transferred from its Collection Fund into its

General Fund under Section 97(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 and reduced by the amount which the Council estimates will be transferred from its Collection Fund to its General Fund pursuant to the Collection Fund (Community Charges) (England) Directions 1994.

- e) £1,101.591293 being the amount at 2(c) above, less the amount at 2.(d) above, all divided by the amount at 1(a) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 33(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year.
- f) £1,407,535.51 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.
- g) £1,095.61 being the amount at 2(e) above, less the result given by dividing the amount at 2(f) above by the amount at 1.(a) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special item relates.
- h)

Parish	Band D £ p
Aberford and District	1,105.84
Allerton Bywater	1,115.06
Alwoodley	1,105.60
Arthington	1,102.41
Bardsey cum Rigton	1,118.33
Barwick in Elmet and Scholes	1,114.39
Boston Spa	1,114.41
Bramham cum Oglethorpe	1,120.61
Bramhope and Carlton	1,131.59
Clifford	1,121.96
Collingham with Linton	1,126.75
Drighlington	1,105.92
Gildersome	1,106.32
Great and Little Preston	1,110.92
Harewood	1,096.16
Horsforth	1,110.16
East Keswick	1,122.20
Kippax	1,110.26

Ledsham	1,121.67
Ledston	1,115.61
Micklefield	1,158.16
Morley	1,113.52
Otley	1,154.99
Pool in Wharfedale	1,127.76
Scarcroft	1,111.88
Shadwell	1,127.26
Swillington	1,118.00
Thorner	1,131.51
Thorp Arch	1,116.44
Walton	1,132.50
Wetherby	1,144.96

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 2(g) above the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the amount at 1(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

i)

	Band A £ p	Band B £ p	Band C £ p	Band D £ p	Band E £ p	Band F £ p	Band G £ p	Band H £ p
LEEDS EXCEPT PARTS BELOW:	730.41	852.14	973.88	1,095.61	1,339.08	1,582.55	1,826.02	2,191.22
Parish of:								
Aberford and District	737.23	860.10	982.97	1,105.84	1,351.58	1,597.32	1,843.07	2,211.68
Allerton Bywater	743.37	867.27	991.16	1,115.06	1,362.85	1,610.64	1,858.43	2,230.12
Alwoodley	737.07	859.91	982.76	1,105.60	1,351.29	1,596.98	1,842.67	2,211.20
Arthington	734.94	857.43	979.92	1,102.41	1,347.39	1,592.37	1,837.35	2,204.82
Bardsey cum Rigton	745.55	869.81	994.07	1,118.33	1,366.85	1,615.37	1,863.88	2,236.66
Barwick in Elmet and Scholes	742.93	866.75	990.57	1,114.39	1,362.03	1,609.67	1,857.32	2,228.78
Boston Spa	742.94	866.76	990.59	1,114.41	1,362.06	1,609.70	1,857.35	2,228.82
Bramham cum Oglethorpe	747.07	871.59	996.10	1,120.61	1,369.63	1,618.66	1,867.68	2,241.22
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	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p
LEEDS EXCEPT PARTS BELOW:	849.55	991.13	1,132.72	1,274.31	1,557.49	1,840.68	2,123.86	2,548.63
Parish of:								
Aberford and District	856.37	999.09	1,141.81	1,284.54	1,569.99	1,855.45	2,140.91	2,569.09
Allerton Bywater	862.51	1,006.26	1,150.00	1,293.76	1,581.26	1,868.77	2,156.27	2,587.53
Alwoodley	856.21	998.90	1,141.60	1,284.30	1,569.70	1,855.11	2,140.51	2,568.61
Arthington	854.08	996.42	1,138.76	1,281.11	1,565.80	1,850.50	2,135.19	2,562.23
Bardsey cum Rigton	864.69	1,008.80	1,152.91	1,297.03	1,585.26	1,873.50	2,161.72	2,594.07
Barwick in Elmet and Scholes	862.07	1,005.74	1,149.41	1,293.09	1,580.44	1,867.80	2,155.16	2,586.19
Boston Spa	862.08	1,005.75	1,149.43	1,293.11	1,580.47	1,867.83	2,155.19	2,586.23
Bramham cum Oglethorpe	866.21	1,010.58	1,154.94	1,299.31	1,588.04	1,876.79	2,165.52	2,598.63
Bramhope and Carlton	873.53	1,019.12	1,164.70	1,310.29	1,601.46	1,892.65	2,183.82	2,620.59
Clifford	867.11	1,011.63	1,156.14	1,300.66	1,589.69	1,878.74	2,167.77	2,601.33
Collingham with Linton	870.31	1,015.35	1,160.40	1,305.45	1,595.55	1,885.66	2,175.76	2,610.91
Drighlington	856.42	999.15	1,141.88	1,284.62	1,570.09	1,855.57	2,141.04	2,569.25
Gildersome	856.69	999.46	1,142.24	1,285.02	1,570.58	1,856.15	2,141.71	2,570.05
Great and Little Preston	859.75	1,003.04	1,146.32	1,289.62	1,576.20	1,862.79	2,149.37	2,579.25
Harewood	849.91	991.56	1,133.20	1,274.86	1,558.16	1,841.47	2,124.77	2,549.73
Horsforth	859.25	1,002.45	1,145.65	1,288.86	1,575.27	1,861.69	2,148.11	2,577.73
East Keswick	867.27	1,011.81	1,156.35	1,300.90	1,589.99	1,879.09	2,168.17	2,601.81
Kippax	859.31	1,002.53	1,145.74	1,288.96	1,575.39	1,861.84	2,148.27	2,577.93
Ledsham	866.92	1,011.40	1,155.88	1,300.37	1,589.34	1,878.32	2,167.29	2,600.75
Ledston	862.88	1,006.69	1,150.49	1,294.31	1,581.93	1,869.57	2,157.19	2,588.63
Micklefield	891.25	1,039.78	1,188.32	1,336.86	1,633.94	1,931.03	2,228.11	2,673.73
Morley	861.49	1,005.06	1,148.64	1,292.22	1,579.38	1,866.55	2,153.71	2,584.45
Otley	889.13	1,037.32	1,185.50	1,333.69	1,630.06	1,926.45	2,222.82	2,667.39
Pool in Wharfedale	870.98	1,016.14	1,161.29	1,306.46	1,596.78	1,887.12	2,177.44	2,612.93
Scarcroft	860.39	1,003.79	1,147.18	1,290.58	1,577.37	1,864.18	2,150.97	2,581.17
Shadwell	870.65	1,015.75	1,160.85	1,305.96	1,596.17	1,886.39	2,176.61	2,611.93
Swillington	864.47	1,008.55	1,152.62	1,296.70	1,584.85	1,873.02	2,161.17	2,593.41
Thornier	873.48	1,019.05	1,164.63	1,310.21	1,601.37	1,892.53	2,183.69	2,620.43
Thorp Arch	863.43	1,007.33	1,151.23	1,295.14	1,582.95	1,870.77	2,158.57	2,590.29
Walton	874.14	1,019.82	1,165.51	1,311.20	1,602.58	1,893.96	2,185.34	2,622.41
Wetherby	882.45	1,029.51	1,176.58	1,323.66	1,617.81	1,911.96	2,206.11	2,647.33

- 5 That the schedule of instalments for 2009/10 for payments to the principal authorities out of the Collection Fund be determined as set out in Appendix II of the submitted report.

(iii) Capital Programme 2008-2012

- (a) That the capital programme, as attached to the submitted report be approved and that the list of schemes shown at Appendix H be reserved until additional resources become available;
- (b) That Executive Board be authorised to approve in year amendments to the capital programme including transfers from and to the reserved programme in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules;
- (c) That the updated capital approval delegations in Financial Procedure Rules shown in Appendix I to the report be approved;
- (d) That the list of land and property sites shown in Appendix F to the report as sites that are currently proposed to be disposed of to generate capital receipts to support this capital programme, be noted;
- (e) That the Minimum Revenue Provision policy for 2008/09 be amended as set out in paragraph 5.3.2 of the report;

- (f) That the proposed Minimum Revenue Provision policies for 2009/10, as set out in paragraph 5.3.3 and explained in Appendix G to the report be approved.

(iv) Treasury Management Strategy 2009/2010

- (a) That the borrowing limits for 2008/09, 2009/10, 2010/11 and 2011/12 be as set out in section 3.4 of the submitted report.
- (b) That the treasury management indicators for 2008/09, 2009/10, 2010/11 and 2011/12 be as set out in section 3.5 of the report
- (c) That the investment limits for 2008/09, 2009/10, 2010/11 and 2011/12 be as set out in section 3.6 of the report
- (d) That the Treasury Management Policy Statement be reaffirmed and amendments to section 7 of the statement entitled “Approved Instruments and Organisations for Investments” as detailed at appendix C to the submitted report be noted.

An amendment was moved by Councillor Wakefield seconded by Councillor Blake.

- (1) In 4 (i), after the words “be approved” add:

“subject to amendments to the Council’s estimates for 2009/10 as set out below:

- (a) an increase in the Adult Social Care budget of £2,081,000
- (b) an increase in the Environment and Neighbourhoods budget of £553,000
- (c) an increase in the City Development budget of £302,000
- (d) a decrease in the Children’s Services budget of £589,000
- (e) a decrease in the Strategic Services budget of £1,920,000
- (f) a decrease in the Central and Corporate budget of £427,000

A second amendment was moved by Councillor D Blackburn seconded by Councillor A Blackburn.

1. In 4 (i), after “£556.808m” substitute “£558.058m” and after the words “be approved” add:

“subject to amendments to the Council’s estimates for 2009/10 as set out below:

- (a) an increase in the Children's Services budget of £1,080,000
- (b) an increase in the Adult Social Care budget of £1,850,000
- (c) a decrease in the City Development budget of £450,000
- (d) a decrease in the Environment and Neighbourhoods budget of £480,000
- (e) a decrease in the Central and Corporate budget of £750,000

2. In 4 (ii) 2 (a) delete "£1,987,030,535.51" and substitute "£1,988,830,535.51"

3. In 4 (ii) 2 (b) delete "£1,428,815,000" and substitute "£1,429,365,000"

4. In 4 (ii) 2 (c) delete "£558,215,535.51" and substitute "£559,465,535.51"

5. In 4 (ii) 2 (e) delete "£1,101.591293" and substitute "£1,106.903344"

6. In 4 (ii) 2 (g) delete "£1,095.61" and substitute "£1,100.92"

7. That subject to the approval of 1 to 6 above, consequential amendments be made to 4 (ii) 2(h) and 4 (ii) 2 (i)

8. In 5 (iii) (a) after the words "be approved", add:

"subject to an increase in the Environment and Neighbourhoods Capital Programme of £1,000,000, and a corresponding increase in unsupported borrowing of £1,000,000."

Both the amendment and the second amendment were declared lost and upon the motion being put to the vote it was

RESOLVED

(i) Revenue Budget

- (a) That the Revenue Estimates Budget for 2009/10 totalling £556,808,000, as detailed and explained in the submitted report and accompanying papers be approved including a 2.9% increase in the Leeds element of the Council Tax.
- (b) That with respect to the Housing Revenue Account the following be approved:
 - (i) the budget at the average rent increase figure of 6.2%
 - (ii) an increase in the charges for garage rents to £5.89 per week
 - (iii) that service charges be depooled in 2009/10, but then increased in line with the average rent rises
 - (iv) that the Residential Housing Officer service charge to tenants in the East North East and Aire Valley ALMO areas for 2009/10 onwards be abolished

- (c) That the proposed revisions to the Budget and Policy Framework rules as detailed in Appendix 3 to the submitted report be approved

(ii) Council Tax

1. That it be noted that at the meeting on 28th January 2009, Council agreed the following amounts for the year 2009/10, in accordance with regulations made under Sections 33(5) and 34(4) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:-

- a) 235,314 being the amount calculated by the Council, in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992 (as amended) as its Council Tax base for the year.

b)

PARISH	TAXBASE
Aberford and District	782
Allerton Bywater	1,298
Alwoodley	3,676
Arthington	294
Austhorpe	26
Bardsey cum Rigton	1,162
Barwick in Elmet and Scholes	2,023
Boston Spa	1,862
Bramham cum Oglethorpe	720
Bramhope and Carlton	1,812
Clifford	759
Collingham with Linton	1,654
Drighlington	1,899
Gildersome	1,961
Great and Little Preston	490
Harewood	1,818
Horsforth	6,939
East Keswick	583
Kippax	3,089
Ledsham	94
Ledston	160
Micklefield	554
Morley	9,774
Otley	4,913
Pool in Wharfedale	969
Scarcroft	676
Shadwell	948
Swillington	1,072
Thorner	752
Thorp Arch	360
Walton	122
Wetherby	4,627
Wothersome	8

being the amounts calculated by the Council in accordance with Regulation 6 of the Regulations, as the amounts of its Council Tax base for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

- 2 That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2009/10 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:-
- a) £1,987,030,535.51 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(2)(a) to (e) of the Act.
 - b) £1,428,815,000 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(3)(a) to (c) of the Act.
 - c) £558,215,535.51 being the amount by which the aggregate at 2(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 2(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 32(4) of the Act, as its budget requirement for the year.
 - d) £298,995,682 being the aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its general fund in respect of redistributed Non-Domestic Rates and Revenue Support Grant, increased by the amount which the Council estimates will be transferred from its Collection Fund into its General Fund under Section 97(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 and reduced by the amount which the Council estimates will be transferred from its Collection Fund to its General Fund pursuant to the Collection Fund (Community Charges) (England) Directions 1994.
 - e) £1,101.591293 being the amount at 2(c) above, less the amount at 2(d) above, all divided by the amount at 1(a) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 33(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year.
 - f) £1,407,535.51 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.
 - g) £1,095.61 being the amount at 2(e) above, less the result given by dividing the amount at 2(f) above by the amount at 1.(a) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance

with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special item relates.

h)

Parish	Band D £ p
Aberford and District	1,105.84
Allerton Bywater	1,115.06
Alwoodley	1,105.60
Arthington	1,102.41
Bardsey cum Rigton	1,118.33
Barwick in Elmet and Scholes	1,114.39
Boston Spa	1,114.41
Bramham cum Oglethorpe	1,120.61
Bramhope and Carlton	1,131.59
Clifford	1,121.96
Collingham with Linton	1,126.75
Drighlington	1,105.92
Gildersome	1,106.32
Great and Little Preston	1,110.92
Harewood	1,096.16
Horsforth	1,110.16
East Keswick	1,122.20
Kippax	1,110.26
Ledsham	1,121.67
Ledston	1,115.61
Micklefield	1,158.16
Morley	1,113.52
Otley	1,154.99
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Swillington	1,118.00
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being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 2(g) above the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the amount at 1(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its Council Tax for the

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West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority	34.255269	39.964481	45.673693	51.382904	62.801327	74.219750	85.638174	102.765808

- 4 That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 2(i) and 3 above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of council tax for the year 2009/10 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below.

	Band A £ p	Band B £ p	Band C £ p	Band D £ p	Band E £ p	Band F £ p	Band G £ p	Band H £ p
LEEDS EXCEPT PARTS BELOW:	849.55	991.13	1,132.72	1,274.31	1,557.49	1,840.68	2,123.86	2,548.63
Parish of:								
Aberford and District	856.37	999.09	1,141.81	1,284.54	1,569.99	1,855.45	2,140.91	2,569.09
Allerton Bywater	862.51	1,006.26	1,150.00	1,293.76	1,581.26	1,868.77	2,156.27	2,587.53
Alwoodley	856.21	998.90	1,141.60	1,284.30	1,569.70	1,855.11	2,140.51	2,568.61
Arthington	854.08	996.42	1,138.76	1,281.11	1,565.80	1,850.50	2,135.19	2,562.23
Bardsey cum Rigton	864.69	1,008.80	1,152.91	1,297.03	1,585.26	1,873.50	2,161.72	2,594.07
Barwick in Elmet and Scholes	862.07	1,005.74	1,149.41	1,293.09	1,580.44	1,867.80	2,155.16	2,586.19
Boston Spa	862.08	1,005.75	1,149.43	1,293.11	1,580.47	1,867.83	2,155.19	2,586.23
Bramham cum Oglethorpe	866.21	1,010.58	1,154.94	1,299.31	1,588.04	1,876.79	2,165.52	2,598.63
Bramhope and Carlton	873.53	1,019.12	1,164.70	1,310.29	1,601.46	1,892.65	2,183.82	2,620.59
Clifford	867.11	1,011.63	1,156.14	1,300.66	1,589.69	1,878.74	2,167.77	2,601.33
Collingham with Linton	870.31	1,015.35	1,160.40	1,305.45	1,595.55	1,885.66	2,175.76	2,610.91
Drighlington	856.42	999.15	1,141.88	1,284.62	1,570.09	1,855.57	2,141.04	2,569.25
Gildersome	856.69	999.46	1,142.24	1,285.02	1,570.58	1,856.15	2,141.71	2,570.05
Great and Little Preston	859.75	1,003.04	1,146.32	1,289.62	1,576.20	1,862.79	2,149.37	2,579.25
Harewood	849.91	991.56	1,133.20	1,274.86	1,558.16	1,841.47	2,124.77	2,549.73
Horsforth	859.25	1,002.45	1,145.65	1,288.86	1,575.27	1,861.69	2,148.11	2,577.73
East Keswick	867.27	1,011.81	1,156.35	1,300.90	1,589.99	1,879.09	2,168.17	2,601.81
Kippax	859.31	1,002.53	1,145.74	1,288.96	1,575.39	1,861.84	2,148.27	2,577.93
Ledsham	866.92	1,011.40	1,155.88	1,300.37	1,589.34	1,878.32	2,167.29	2,600.75
Ledston	862.88	1,006.69	1,150.49	1,294.31	1,581.93	1,869.57	2,157.19	2,588.63
Micklefield	891.25	1,039.78	1,188.32	1,336.86	1,633.94	1,931.03	2,228.11	2,673.73
Morley	861.49	1,005.06	1,148.64	1,292.22	1,579.38	1,866.55	2,153.71	2,584.45
Otley	889.13	1,037.32	1,185.50	1,333.69	1,630.06	1,926.45	2,222.82	2,667.39
Pool in Wharfedale	870.98	1,016.14	1,161.29	1,306.46	1,596.78	1,887.12	2,177.44	2,612.93
Scarcroft	860.39	1,003.79	1,147.18	1,290.58	1,577.37	1,864.18	2,150.97	2,581.17
Shadwell	870.65	1,015.75	1,160.85	1,305.96	1,596.17	1,886.39	2,176.61	2,611.93
Swillington	864.47	1,008.55	1,152.62	1,296.70	1,584.85	1,873.02	2,161.17	2,593.41
Thorner	873.48	1,019.05	1,164.63	1,310.21	1,601.37	1,892.53	2,183.69	2,620.43
Thorp Arch	863.43	1,007.33	1,151.23	1,295.14	1,582.95	1,870.77	2,158.57	2,590.29
Walton	874.14	1,019.82	1,165.51	1,311.20	1,602.58	1,893.96	2,185.34	2,622.41
Wetherby	882.45	1,029.51	1,176.58	1,323.66	1,617.81	1,911.96	2,206.11	2,647.33

- 5 That the schedule of instalments for 2009/10 for payments to the principal authorities out of the Collection Fund be determined as set out in Appendix II of the submitted report.

(iii) Capital Programme 2008-2012

- (a) That the capital programme, as attached to the submitted report be approved and that the list of schemes shown at Appendix H be reserved until additional resources become available;

- (b) That Executive Board be authorised to approve in year amendments to the capital programme including transfers from and to the reserved programme in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules;
- (c) That the updated capital approval delegations in Financial Procedure Rules shown in Appendix I to the report be approved;
- (d) That the list of land and property sites shown in Appendix F to the report as sites that are currently proposed to be disposed of to generate capital receipts to support this capital programme, be noted;
- (e) That the Minimum Revenue Provision policy for 2008/09 be amended as set out in paragraph 5.3.2 of the report;
- (f) That the proposed Minimum Revenue Provision policies for 2009/10, as set out in paragraph 5.3.3 and explained in Appendix G to the report be approved.

(iv) Treasury Management Strategy 2009/2010

- (a) That the borrowing limits for 2008/09, 2009/10, 2010/11 and 2011/12 be as set out in section 3.4 of the submitted report.
- (b) That the treasury management indicators for 2008/09, 2009/10, 2010/11 and 2011/12 be as set out in section 3.5 of the report
- (c) That the investment limits for 2008/09, 2009/10, 2010/11 and 2011/12 be as set out in section 3.6 of the report
- (d) That the Treasury Management Policy Statement be reaffirmed and amendments to section 7 of the statement entitled “Approved Instruments and Organisations for Investments” as detailed at appendix C to the submitted report be noted.

(During the course of the debate Councillor A Blackburn declared a personal interest; her mother in law being in receipt of social care).

(Councillor Rafique had declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the first amendment as an employee of Education Leeds and absented himself from the meeting until the vote was taken on the second amendment).

On the requisition of Councillors Gruen and Taggart the voting on the amendment in the name of Councillor Wakefield was recorded as follows:

YES

Armitage, Atha, Blake, Congreve, Coulson, Coupar, Davey, Dobson, Dowson, Driver, Dunn, Gabriel, Grahame, Gruen, Hanley, Harington, Harper, A Hussain, G Hyde, Illingworth, Iqbal, Jarosz, J Lewis, R Lewis, Lowe, Lyons, A McKenna, J McKenna, Morgan, Mulherin, Murray, Nash, Ogilvie, Parker, Renshaw, Selby, Taggart, E Taylor, Wakefield and Yeadon,

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NO

Anderson, Andrew, Barker, Bentley, Beverley, Brett, Campbell, A Carter, J L Carter, Castle, Chapman, Chastney, Cleasby, Downes, Elliot, Ewens, Mrs R Feldman, R D Feldman, Finnigan, Fox, Gettings, Golton, Grayshon, Hamilton, Harker, Harrand, Harris, Hollingsworth, W Hyde, Kendall, Kirkland, Lamb, Lancaster, Latty, Leadley, Lobley, Marjoram, Matthews, Monaghan, J Procter, R Procter, Pryke, Rhodes-Clayton, Shelbrooke, Smith, A Taylor, Townsley, Wadsworth, Wilkinson and Wilson

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ABSTAIN

A Blackburn, D Blackburn and A Parnham.

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On the requisition of Councillors D and A Blackburn the voting on the amendment in the name of Councillor D Blackburn was recorded as follows:

YES

A Blackburn, D Blackburn and A Parnham

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NO

Anderson, Andrew, Armitage, Atha, Barker, Bentley, Beverley, Blake, Brett, Campbell, A Carter, J L Carter, Castle, Chapman, Chastney, Cleasby, Congreve, Coulson, Coupar, Davey, Dobson, Downes, Dowson, Driver, Dunn, Elliot, Ewens, Mrs R Feldman, R D Feldman, Finnigan, Fox, Gabriel, Gettings, Golton, Grahame, Grayshon, Gruen, Hamilton, Hanley, Harington, Harker, Harper, Harrand, Harris, Hollingsworth, A Hussain, G Hyde, W Hyde, Illingworth, Iqbal, Jarosz, Kendall, Kirkland, Lamb, Lancaster, Latty, Leadley, J Lewis, R Lewis, Lobley, Lowe, Lyons, Marjoram, Matthews, A McKenna,

J McKenna, Monaghan, Morgan, Mulherin, Murray, Nash, Ogilvie, K Parker, J Procter, R Procter, Pryke, Rafique, Renshaw, Rhodes-Clayton, Selby, Shelbrooke, Smith, Taggart, A Taylor, E Taylor, Townsley, Wadsworth, Wakefield, Wilkinson, Wilson and Yeadon

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On the requisition of Councillors Gruen and Taggart the voting on the motion was recorded as follows:

YES

Anderson, Andrew, Barker, Bentley, Brett, Campbell, A Carter, J L Carter, Castle, Chapman, Chastney, Cleasby, Downes, Elliot, Ewens, Mrs R Feldman, R D Feldman, Finnigan, Fox, Gettings, Golton, Grayshon, Hamilton, Harker, Harrand, Harris, Hollingsworth, Hyde W, Kendall, Kirkland, Lamb, Lancaster, Latty, Leadley, Lobley, Marjoram, Matthews, Monaghan, J Procter, R Procter, Pryke, Rhodes-Clayton, Shelbrooke, Smith, A Taylor, Townsley, Wadsworth, Wilkinson and Wilson

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NO

Armitage, Atha, Beverley, Blake, Congreve, Coulson, Coupar, Davey, Dobson, Dowson, Driver, Dunn, Gabriel, Grahame, Gruen, Hanley, Harington, Harper, A Hussain, G Hyde, Illingworth, Iqbal, Jarosz, J Lewis, R Lewis, Lowe, Lyons, A McKenna, J McKenna, Morgan, Mulherin, Murray, Nash, Ogilvie, K Parker, Rafique, Renshaw, Selby, Taggart, E Taylor, Wakefield and Yeadon

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ABSTAIN

A Blackburn, D Blackburn and A Parnham

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76 Suspension of Council Procedure Rules

Prior to the conclusion of the debate under minute 75 above it was moved by Councillor J Procter seconded by Councillor Hamilton and

RESOLVED – That under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 22.1 Procedure Rule 3.1(b) be suspended to allow the business under items 5 and 6 on the Summons to be dealt with prior to the conclusion of the meeting.

On the requisition of Councillors Gruen and Taggart the voting on the motion to suspend was recorded as follows:-

YES

Anderson, Andrew, Barker, Bentley, Beverley, Brett, Campbell, A Carter, J L Carter, Castle, Chapman, Chastney, Cleasby, Downes, Elliot, Ewens, Mrs R Feldman, R D Feldman, Finnigan, Fox, Gettings, Golton, Grayshon, Hamilton, Harker, Harrand, Harris, Hollingsworth, Hyde W, Kendall, Kirkland, Lamb, Lancaster, Latty, Leadley, Lobley, Marjoram, Matthews, Monaghan, J Procter, R Procter, Pryke, Rhodes-Clayton, Shelbrooke, Smith, A Taylor, Townsley, Wadsworth, Wilkinson and Wilson,

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NO

Armitage, Atha, A Blackburn, D Blackburn, Blake, Congreve, Coulson, Coupar, Davey, Dobson, Dowson, Driver, Dunn, Gabriel, Grahame, Gruen, Hanley, Harington, Harper, A Hussain, G Hyde, Illingworth, Iqbal, Jarosz, J Lewis, R Lewis, Lowe, Lyons, A McKenna, J McKenna, Morgan, Mulherin, Murray, Nash, Ogilvie, K Parker, Parnham, Renshaw, Selby, Taggart, E Taylor, Wakefield and Yeadon,

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77 **Reports**

(a) Appointments

It was moved by Councillor Bentley seconded by Councillor Gruen and

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

(b) Amendments to the Executive Scheme of Delegation

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

RESOLVED – That the amendments made to the executive scheme of delegation by the Leader on 4th February 2009 as detailed in the report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) be noted.

78 **Recommendations of the General Purposes Committee**

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

RESOLVED – That the recommendations of the General Purposes Committee as detailed in the report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) be approved.

(The four recommendations contained in the report were each put to the vote and carried).

Council rose at 5.25 pm.

(The item to receive the minutes fell at the conclusion of the meeting).



Originator: Ian Walton

Tel: 2474350

Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance)

Council

Date: 22nd April 2009

Subject: Appointments

Electoral Wards Affected:

Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To agree changes to appointments to outside bodies as a consequence of recent changes to the political composition of the Council .

2.0 Background Information

- 2.1 Appointments to certain outside bodies are reserved to Council and are agreed at the Annual meeting in accordance with proportionality rules of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.
- 2.2 In recent weeks the Liberal Democrat Group and Conservative Group have each increased their membership by one. A consequence of these changes is that the proportionality calculation under the terms of Section 15 of the Act has changed in relation to the appointments made to the West Yorkshire Passenger Transport Authority and the West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority.
- 2.3 The current calculation shows a decrease in the entitlement of the Labour Group by one place on each authority and the introduction of an entitlement to one place on each authority for the Morley Borough Independent Group.

3.0 Recommendations

- 3.1 That the West Yorkshire Passenger Transport and Fire and Rescue Authorities be each given notice of the termination of the appointment of one Labour representative on each authority and be notified of the appointment of one Morley Borough Independent member on each.

- 3.2 That the notifications be in accordance with nominations from the relevant Whips which will be sought in advance of the submission of this report to Council.

Background Documents

Local Government and Housing Act 1989
Annual Meeting of Council papers 2008



Originator: Ian Walton

Tel: 247 4350

Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance)

Council

Date: 22nd April 2009

Subject: Recommendations of the Executive Board

Electoral Wards Affected:

Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 To present to Council a recommendation of the Executive Board that formal approval be given to the Leeds Climate Change Strategy.

2.0 Background Information

2.1 The attached report was considered by the Executive Board on 1st April 2009 when the Board agreed the Leeds Climate Change Strategy, as attached to the report, for submission to full Council for formal approval (minute 251 refers).

3.0 Recommendation to Council

3.1 That the Leeds Climate Change Strategy: Vision for Action, as agreed by the Executive Board on 1st April 2009, be approved.

Background Documents

Report to the Executive Board.

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Report of the Director of City Development

To: Executive Board

Date: 1 April 2009

Subject: Climate Change Strategy

Electoral Wards Affected:

All

Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

Eligible for Call In

Not Eligible for Call In
(Details contained in the re

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The *Leeds Climate Change Strategy: Vision for Action* is a city-wide strategy focused on carbon reduction and climate adaptation and aims to fulfill the Council's commitment in the Nottingham Declaration.
2. Given due consideration to the outcomes of consultation, the current uncertainty in the economy, availability of resources within the Council and the outcome of external funding bids, the attached *Leeds Climate Change Strategy: Vision for Action* is recommended for publication. Comments are welcomed prior to Full Council approval.
3. Publishing this document allows the Council to communicate priorities to city partners without committing the Council to additional resources.
4. The *Leeds Climate Change Strategy: Vision for Action* is closely aligned to existing Council policy and helps advance commitments in the Leeds Strategic Plan and the Council Business Plan.

1.0 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 To give the Executive Board the opportunity to comment on the *Leeds Climate Change Strategy: Vision for Action* prior to submission to Full Council for formal approval.

2.0 Background information

- 2.1 The *Leeds Climate Change Strategy: Vision for Action* is a city-wide strategy focused on carbon reduction and climate adaptation and aims to fulfill the Council's commitment in the Nottingham Declaration.
- 2.2 Strategy development has been led by the Climate Change Strategy Group, chaired by Cllr Smith, and supported by eight themed groups. A consultation between February and April 2008 supplemented by close work with key partners through the Low Carbon Cities Programme has further refined the form and focus of the strategy.
- 2.3 The strategy has been discussed, amended and signed off by City Development Leadership Team, City Development Scrutiny, CLT and LMT. The strategy is due to go to Full Council for formal approval on 23rd April.

3.0 Proposed strategy

- 3.1 Given due consideration to the outcomes of consultation, the current uncertainty in the economy, availability of resources within the Council and the outcome of external funding bids, the attached *Leeds Climate Change Strategy: Vision for Action* is recommended for publication. **Please see attached draft of the *Leeds Climate Change Strategy: Vision for Action*.**
- 3.2 Publishing this document allows the Council to communicate priorities to city partners and moves from strategy development to strategy delivery phase. It does not commit the Council to additional resources, but allows flexibility to bid for external resources and reallocate resources internally as opportunities arise to take forwards specific priorities.
- 3.3 When the strategy is published in May 2009, it will be important to provide concrete examples of progress to demonstrate the Council's willingness to take action in this area. Specific examples could include:
- Publishing the Sustainable Design & Construction SPD;
 - Developing the bid for a City Centre based ESCo (Energy Services Company);
 - Formally bringing climate change adaptation within the scope of the Council's environmental management system.

4.0 Implications for Council policy and governance

- 4.1 The *Leeds Climate Change Strategy: Vision for Action* is closely aligned to existing Council policy and has well developed governance arrangements.
- 4.2 The principal council policies (Leeds Strategic Plan and Council Business Plan 2008-11) now prioritise climate change. There are a number of new National Indicators including 185, 186 and 188 concerned with reducing carbon emissions and adapting to climate change.

- 4.3 The Leeds Strategic Plan prioritises NI185 and NI188 and commits the Council and its partners to:
- *Reduce ecological footprint through responding to environmental and climate change.*
 - *Reduce emissions from public sector buildings, operations and service delivery, and encourage others to do so.*
 - *Undertake actions to improve our resilience to current and future climate change..*
- 4.4 The Council Business Plan prioritises NI185 and commits the Council to take “significant steps to reduce our carbon emissions” with specific commitments to:
- *ensure all new buildings and refurbished buildings (where possible) commissioned by the council meet Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method (BREEAM) excellent standards with maximum energy credits;*
 - *invest strategically in energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies to reduce CO₂ emissions from the existing estate;*
 - *reduce our overall office floorspace eg by the delivery of a corporate document records facility; and*
 - *explore new ways of working that are more flexible and efficient to reduce CO₂ emissions, particularly from travel.*
- 4.5 The governance arrangements currently in place with the Leeds Initiative to establish this strategy will need to be amended to now focus on delivery. Discussions with the Deputy Director of the Leeds Initiative have already taken place and a new governance model developed, based on securing participation from key partners across the city.

5.0 Legal and resource implications

- 5.1 There are no immediate legal or resource implications arising from the *Leeds Climate Change Strategy: Vision for Action*.

6.0 Recommendations

- 6.1 That the Executive Board agree the *Leeds Climate Change Strategy: Vision for Action* prior to it being submitted to Full Council for formal approval.

Background Papers

The following documents have been instrumental in guiding the final form of the *Leeds Climate Change Strategy: Vision for Action*:

- Consultation draft of the Leeds Climate Change Strategy (Leeds Initiative, 2008, <http://www.leedsinitiative.org/environment/page.aspx?id=942>)
- Vision for Leeds (Leeds Initiative, 2004)
- Leeds Strategic Plan 2008-11 (Leeds Initiative, 2008)
- Council Business Plan 2008-11 (Leeds City Council, 2008)

- UK Climate Change Strategy (Defra, 2005)
- Energy White Paper (DTi, 2006)
- Mayor's CO₂ Plan (GLA, 2007)
- Nottingham Declaration Toolkit (www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/nottingham)

Leeds Climate Change Strategy: Vision for Action

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Foreword

Climate change will affect how we live. Our way of life here in Leeds, relies on a temperate climate. Not too hot. Not too cold. Not too wet and not too dry. Climate change will alter this, threatening the health of our citizens, damaging our natural environment and disrupting the supply chain that our local economy relies on.

The scientific consensus has become firmer and more worrying. These turbulent economic times have emphasised how globally connected life in Leeds now is. Local quality of life is dependent on global quality of life. More than ever it is clear that a resource efficient and climate resilient city will not only be a better place to live, it will also be more competitive and better able to ride out economic shocks in future.

To deal effectively with climate change there are things we can do. We must stay positive in the knowledge that our own actions will make a difference. This strategy prioritises actions that we, the people of Leeds, can take. First, reduce our greenhouse gas emissions to help global efforts to avoid dangerous climate change. Second, prepare for the unavoidable impacts of climate change on our way of life.

We haven't used this strategy to list all the actions already underway in Leeds. Instead, we have engaged with our partners throughout Leeds and listened to what they told us in order to identify priorities for the next two years. We will take these forward together and regularly report on the progress we are making.

The speed with which climate change has moved from an academic question to a fundamental global concern is startling. When we review this strategy in 2011, I believe that we will all be startled by the results of our collective efforts in Leeds.

I have said before that no single body can hope to tackle climate change effectively.

I look forward to acting together – both now and in the future.

Cllr Steve Smith

Chair of the Climate Change Strategy Group

Vision

If we collectively make the most far-sighted decisions possible, within budgetary and technical constraints, the following scenarios could become the reality that we live in 2011, 2021 and 2050.

By 2011...

Leeds is just beginning to change. Some visible progress has been made. Our first carbon neutral homes have been built. Recycling rates are rising rapidly. More people are choosing to walk and cycle, particularly in the city centre. A climate festival captured the public's imagination and is now a regular fixture. Sales of local food are going through the roof. Biomass is replacing coal and is emerging as the fuel of choice for new rural heating systems. Climate risks are better understood and emergency services have strong plans in place to deal with extreme weather impacts on Leeds.

All of these are isolated examples; the fundamental changes are not yet visible but are far more important. A transport strategy has secured funding for a major public transport scheme. Planners and developers are co-operating to design low carbon areas, not just buildings, and the retrofitting of the existing building stock is under way. Some lower skilled residents have been successfully brought into the work force to help deliver these improvements, showing the value of encouraging 'green' businesses into Leeds. The public are getting excited about solving climate change and grass roots participation is growing. Many people have pledged to reduce their personal impact on climate change. Businesses have signed up to Carbon Action Yorkshire in droves and are being assisted to develop carbon reduction strategies; they, in turn, are helping other organisations. Feasibility studies have shown where and how to build renewable energy and community heating networks and a significant fund has been assembled to solve simple energy efficiency problems in all existing houses in Leeds.

Leeds knows that it is going green and is excited by the potential.

By 2021...

Leeds looks and feels like a different city. It's a stronger city; a more mature city. It's a city that is happy with its past achievements and looking forward to the future. Economically, Leeds is performing well with a diverse economy strengthened by the booming environmental goods and services sector. Leeds is physically bigger too: well planned and executed developments that are low or zero carbon complement the existing built environment. Greenspaces have been enhanced, linked and created and green roofs on new buildings are becoming commonplace. The massive energy efficiency drive has insulated all but a few cavity walls and lofts and new solid wall insulation is now affordable and being well used. An informed and

concerned public demands more sustainable goods and services and many businesses have profited from responding to this demand, supplying customers within the region and franchising their innovations for production and local distribution elsewhere. All organisations trade a maximum proportion of their waste stream as inputs to other processes and products. Overall ecofootprints are reducing year on year as resource consumption is reined in.

Clean, low carbon mobility underpins progress. Leeds citizens are proud of the safe, reliable and affordable public transport service. Careful re-engineering of roads means cycling and walking rates have surged. The cost of carbon is reflected in the cost of motoring and inefficient private transport is reducing, but still affordable for essential journeys. Appropriate scale renewables are much more visible across Leeds and unspectacular but essential community heating hubs are growing and linking up in densely populated areas. Recycling rates for domestic waste have exceeded 50%, significant value is now being recovered from residual waste, and waste to landfill has been reduced to less than 10%. Recent extreme weather events have tested our adaptation strategies, which are responding well. New drainage systems, better designed urban areas and new river defences are reducing the risk of flooding. New buildings are all now built to cope with climatic conditions at least 50 years ahead, as well as reducing their overall environmental impact in terms of design, construction and use.

Leeds is thriving; there is a collective confidence that together we can tackle climate change.

By 2050...

Leeds is almost unrecognisable. Within two generations, the city is in a different climatic zone: the hot summer of 2003 is considered cool now; warmer, wetter winters mean less heating but more vermin and additional risks from other organisms not previously found at 53 degrees north. Droughts, floods and high winds are far more commonplace. Society is very different yet quality of life is not greatly affected, thanks to the far-sighted decisions taken forty years ago. The built environment is well able to cope and careful planning has allowed the natural environment to adapt to the new climate. Personal working and leisure patterns have changed to reflect the prevailing weather conditions and a resource-constrained society. The economy and social life are much more locally focused with inputs and outputs covering much smaller distances than was the case in the early 21st century.

Technological innovations are all around us, affecting the way that we produce and use energy, the way that we communicate, travel and do business. Behaviours have changed too: carbon is priced into all activities and the population has responded by choosing lifestyles that allow them to live within declining carbon budgets. Leeds has been better able to cope than have many other places and

the city is becoming more multicultural as refugees from land-use and water conflicts are welcomed to the city.

Leeds is an exemplary global city, coping with life in a new climate thanks to far-sighted decisions and an ongoing focus on practical action.

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Scope and Purpose of this document

In February 2008 we published a detailed climate change strategy for consultation. Written with the help of almost 100 organisations, it contained a large amount of local evidence. The responses were largely supportive of the approach proposed for Leeds, but with many minor alterations and amendments suggested. There was a consensus that the long-term carbon emission reduction target should be higher and that we needed a clearer plan to reduce emissions from transport. We have tackled both these major issues and tried to incorporate as many of the suggestions as possible into this *Vision for Action*.

The consultation document contains valuable evidence which explains how and why we have prioritised certain issues within this *Vision for Action*. It will be retained as a source of evidence and should be read alongside this *Vision for Action*.

The *Vision for Action* summarises the key issues (see pages xyz – xyz) which need to be addressed in the short term so we can mitigate and adapt effectively. It also sets the direction and some targets for longer term action.

Mitigation means reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to a safe and stable level.	Adaptation means building climate resilience to ensure that our society and natural environments can cope with a radically different climate.
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This *Vision for Action* concentrates on city-wide issues. By that we mean actions which are the responsibility of a number of partners across the city to take forwards, not just the city council. The city council, members of the Leeds Initiative and other individuals and organisations across Leeds can all make a difference to climate change by concentrating on emissions from their estates, fleets and day-to-day activities. This *Vision for Action* will encourage partnership working to make our work more effective and to work on issues that are not limited to just one organisation.

We are also aware that Leeds is connected regionally, nationally and internationally. This means that we have to take advantage of support and investment available outside the city. We will not invent solutions for Leeds where that solution already exists elsewhere. Our interconnectedness also means that we are not entirely in control of what happens in the city. International market forces and policies can both boost and damage efforts to tackle climate change.

Ultimately, our *Vision for Action* seeks to make Leeds a place resilient to climate change with a strong low carbon economy and a high quality of life.

Context

Strategic Context

There are many important strategies, policies and plans already in place in Leeds. This strategy will need to influence many of these. The fundamental aims of the Vision for Leeds 2004-2020, to 'go up a league' and 'narrow the gap' cannot be met if we fail to address climate change. We will therefore make sure that we work closely with the most relevant strategy groups and provide evidence to support them to become more climate friendly when the plans are next revised.

The most relevant plan is the Leeds Strategic Plan. This contains one Strategic Outcome and three Improvement Priorities that the *Vision for Action* will contribute towards delivering:

"Reduced ecological footprint through responding to environmental and climate change and influencing others."

1. Reduce emissions from public sector buildings, operations and service delivery, and encourage others to do so.
2. Undertake actions to improve our resilience to current and future climate change.
3. Improve the quality and sustainability of the built and natural environment.

City-Wide Emissions

In 2006, Leeds produced almost 6.1 million tonnes of carbon dioxide. The three biggest contributors are the commercial and industrial sector (37%) domestic (30%) and transport (26%). Over the past 4 years, total emissions have declined by just 1% with falls in domestic and transport emissions offset by rising commercial and industrial emissions.

In 2007/08 Leeds City Council produced 143,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide from buildings, staff travel, fleet vehicles and street lighting. Building emissions (the majority of council emissions) have been falling steadily since the 90s.

To help to understand emissions trends and opportunities across the city, we have launched the Leeds Climate Charter to encourage Leeds based organisations to monitor and report their emissions.

City-Wide Emissions Reduction Targets

The consultation showed very clearly that a 60% emissions reduction target was considered too low to avoid dangerous climate change, given current science. Since the consultation, the Government has adopted a legally binding target in the

Climate Change Act to cut UK emissions by 80% between 1990-2050 and by at least 26% between 2005-20.

Given both these factors, we will adopt a target to also reduce emissions from Leeds by 80% between 2005 and 2050. This means cutting total emissions to no more than 1.21m tonnes of carbon dioxide, from a baseline of 6.06m tonnes, or a reduction of 107 thousand tonnes every year.

These are very tough targets. But cities around the world will face similar targets over coming years. Early action now to limit emissions increases and to make cost-effective carbon reductions will put Leeds in a strong position in future.

The UK Climate Impact Programme (UKCIP) Climate Scenarios

The Hadley Centre (part of the UK Met Office) and the Tyndall Centre have modelled scenarios of future climate change based on different levels of emissions. The UK Climate Impacts Programme (UKCIP) published this information in 2002 as the 'UKCIP02 Climate Change Scenarios'. It shows the likely changes to key climate variables for 2020, 2050 and 2080. UKCIP plans to publish new climate change projections in 2009 based on improved modelling and showing the relative probability of different impacts.

We will ensure that the new climate change projections are considered within the climate change adaptation plans for Leeds as soon as they become available.

Monitoring Climate Trends in Leeds

The former Leeds Weather Centre and the Leeds City Council weather station have been used to obtain comprehensive weather data for central Leeds for the period 1985- 2008. This data provides supporting evidence for the rising number of severe weather events that we experience in Leeds. Over recent years, river flooding, flash flooding and gales have all become more frequent. These trends all support the predictions made by UKCIP so we can be confident that longer-term forecasts are also broadly correct.

The council is now working on a Local Climate Impact Profile (LCLIP) to investigate the consequences of current severe weather events, in order to make an economic case for preventative action. The LCLIP has identified that Leeds is most vulnerable to floods and wind damage.

Key Emissions Reduction Activities

Leeds has already taken some major steps to reduce emissions across the city. We know that we must do much more in future if we are going to reduce emissions to a level that will not lead to dangerous climate change. The target of an 80% emissions reduction is so challenging that we will need all sectors (household, organisations and transport) to contribute to emissions reductions efforts. The next few pages describe what we want to happen up to 2011.

Home Energy Efficiency

Homes in Leeds are already much more energy efficient than they were in 1996. Home improvements have been supported by utility company grants, government grants and the Decent Homes programme and have been coordinated by the Fuelsavers Board. To date, efforts have focussed on simple insulation measures, mostly in less affluent neighbourhoods and fuel-poor households. To achieve greater carbon savings we need to encourage larger, more affluent households to also invest in improvements. Additionally, new technologies to insulate hard-to-treat homes and appropriate micro-renewables must be tested to prepare us for deeper emissions reductions in future.

Leeds Priorities for Action

- Support social landlords to install cost-effective energy efficiency measures into all households as quickly as possible and to trial and finance newer insulation and renewables technologies
- Develop a programme to provide appropriate energy efficiency improvements linked to Energy Performance Certificates recommendations for newly purchased properties
- Develop and implement new area-based and public/private and voluntary sector marketing approaches to make it easier for householders to choose to be energy efficient

Leeds Future Vision

By 2011, we will have made major energy efficiency improvements and will be ready to start delivering new technologies in bulk.

Transport Infrastructure and Demand Management

If the population of Leeds is to continue to grow and the economy to develop, we must find solutions to congestion. Leeds has many good schemes in place to encourage people to walk and cycle more and to use private cars less, but the infrastructure in Leeds needs to be improved if we are to take this onto the next level.

Leeds has been granted Government funding to design a solution to congestion in Leeds. Transport for Leeds (TfL) is a study being carried out by Metro and Leeds City Council, to look at congestion in Leeds and how we can tackle it through investment in better transport systems. TfL results will be used to support a possible bid to Government in 2010 for investment in the most appropriate solution for Leeds.

We are also developing a business case for New Generation Transport (NGT). NGT would mean modern, accessible, low emission vehicles providing reliable, comfortable and frequent journeys into the city centre from Park & Ride sites located on the outskirts of Leeds.

In the meantime, we will continue to work with employers to incentivise sustainable transport, promote walking and cycling and work with partners in Leeds to jointly procure low carbon vehicles.

Leeds Priorities for Action

- Use TfL results to build a strong, well supported, case for major infrastructure investment
- Work with employers to incentivise sustainable transport and to make sustainable transport information more accessible
- Continue to promote smarter choices and sustainable modes including walking and cycling as an alternative to driving
- Work closely with Cenex, DfT and other partners to investigate ways to cost-effectively procure low emissions fleet vehicles

Leeds Future Vision

By 2011, journeys by car will have decreased and we will have a plan to reduce congestion and emissions through investment in the transport network, particularly public transport, coupled with appropriate demand management.

Partnership Emission Reduction

Our consultation showed clearly that people in Leeds expect the council and Leeds Initiative partners to lead by example by reducing their emissions. The council has committed to reduce corporate CO₂ emissions in the Leeds Strategic Plan, as have a number of Leeds Initiative partners, including West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service, Leeds Partnership Foundation Trust, Leeds Voice Environment Forum and Leeds Colleges. The council has also worked closely with the Carbon Trust and the Energy Saving Trust through the Low Carbon Cities Programme to build support for city-wide carbon reductions. The council, the health sector, colleges and universities, voluntary organisations and businesses are now working together to find ways to speed up carbon reductions. This will be achieved through the use of energy efficiency and low carbon technologies, energy management, staff

engagement and procurement of low carbon goods. To show people in Leeds the scale of change that is possible, we have launched the Leeds Climate Charter which will record the total carbon dioxide emissions and reduction targets of all participants.

Leeds Priorities for Action

- Ensure high uptake of the Leeds Climate Charter by partners in order to monitor and report emissions reductions from organisations in Leeds
- Identify and act on opportunities to work together on joint carbon reduction opportunities
- Encourage staff involvement through city-wide Energy Guardians schemes
- Explore the use of prudential borrowing powers and other sources of finance to raise capital to deliver city council carbon reduction commitments in Leeds Strategic Plan

Leeds Future Vision

By 2011, it will be clear that the public and private sector in Leeds are showing leadership by working together to make significant carbon reductions.

Waste and Resource Efficiency

Direct greenhouse gas emissions from waste are relatively small. However, inefficient use of resources means that we need to produce more goods, using more resources, than if we used long-life, durable products that we recycled at the end of their lives. We also know that people in Leeds are recycling more and more every year and strongly associate recycling with positive environmental behaviour. Recycling can act as a gateway behaviour, leading people onto other actions such as home energy efficiency or cutting car use.

The Integrated Waste Strategy already contains strong targets and actions to constrain municipal waste generation, improve recycling rates and minimise landfill. We will therefore focus on maximising the emissions reductions from landfill diversion through recycling and residual waste treatment, and on engaging key industries and smaller businesses. To engage with businesses, we will work closely with business support organisations such as Resource Efficiency Yorkshire, WRAP and Envirowise.

Leeds Priorities for Action

- Help residents to recycle more of their household waste through education and the provision of enhanced recycling services
- Work in partnership with key business support organisations to deliver resource efficiency improvements within businesses across Leeds

- Within existing plans for recycling and residual waste treatment, push for maximum carbon reductions through appropriate segregation of waste and utilisation of best technology solutions

Leeds Future Vision

By 2011, we will have clear plans in place to turn waste in Leeds into valuable resources.

Business Emission Reduction

With over a third of the emissions in Leeds coming from the commercial and industrial sectors there is a pressing need to work together to reduce emissions. There are significant levels of support available for larger organisations from the Carbon Trust, Carbon Action Yorkshire and Envirowise. However, there is little climate change support for smaller businesses. Leeds Chamber provide a business-to-business service database and utility analysis service and Business Link can provide resource efficiency checks to business. Both organisations are keen to see use of their services expand so that local businesses can benefit from the greater profitability that resource efficiency brings.

Leeds Priorities for Action

- Work with Leeds Chamber, Business Link and other business support organisations to promote Leeds Climate Charter
- Promote Carbon Action Yorkshire's services to deliver carbon savings to major businesses in Leeds
- Develop a Green Directory for Leeds to provide advice to businesses on a range of low carbon activities, linked to business-to-business services

Leeds Future Vision

By 2011, major businesses will be taking action to reduce carbon emissions and smaller businesses will have appropriate support in place.

Low Carbon New Developments

Leeds has experienced continuous growth over the last 10 years. Our economy has benefited in the short-term but the lack of green buildings means that when fossil fuel costs rise, our businesses and residents feel the pinch. Leeds must plan to continue in its role as a major regional centre, with new commercial premises being built in the city to accommodate future jobs and a Government target to build 4,300 new homes every year to 2026 for new residents to live in. The challenge is to ensure that new buildings, and all the associated infrastructure, contribute to the long-term vitality of the Leeds economy with minimal impacts on the local and wider environment. This means designing the city to reduce fossil fuel energy

requirements, reduce transport demand and to cope with changing weather patterns.

To do this, we have to transform the way buildings are designed, connected, constructed, managed and used. The draft Local Development Framework (LDF) addresses this by considering the carbon impacts of location, built form and transport. The overall development pattern will seek to reduce journeys by private car. Government has recently announced that all new homes must be carbon neutral by 2016. To help develop the skills required by this policy, major developments in Leeds will be encouraged to either use on-site renewable energy or have lower CO₂ emissions than required by Building Regulations.

We are lucky in Leeds that we have some forward-thinking developers who already see the business benefits of low carbon buildings. We will work with them to help make their aspirations a reality. We will use the good examples that are coming through from these leading developers to challenge other developments to achieve higher standards.

Leeds Priorities for Action

- Develop and enforce appropriate planning policies and guidance within the LDF and Sustainable Construction Supplementary Planning Document
- Develop skills in Leeds City Council to advise developers on carbon reductions from major developments and renewables applications
- Develop plans to include holistic packages of energy efficiency and renewable energy measures in regeneration projects to achieve transformational carbon reductions

Leeds Future Vision

By 2011, some major low and zero carbon developments have been built and key developers and planning policies support low carbon development.

Low Carbon Energy Infrastructure

If we are serious about meeting long-term emissions reduction targets, we will have to reduce carbon emissions from energy needed for heating, cooling, lighting and power. This means investing now in clean, local energy generation, known as decentralised energy.

To date, we only have a few examples of decentralised energy in Leeds and most of these are small scale. The largest site is the combined heat and power (CHP) plant at Leeds General Infirmary (LGI), which has been providing heating, cooling and electricity to both the hospital and parts of the University of Leeds since the 1970s. The other large examples are the five landfill sites in Leeds that have the capacity to provide 10MW of electricity – enough for about 5,000 homes. There are also small

generators, such as the hydroelectric plant in Otley, the photovoltaic panels on Park Lane College, a mix of technologies including biomass heating at the University of Leeds and demonstrations of technologies at the Meanwood Valley Urban Farm and Skelton Grange.

Now, some developers are making low carbon energy part of mainstream developments in Leeds. These include community heating for Eastgate, Holbeck Urban Village and the Civic Quarter; large-scale renewables, including wind turbines, at various sites and the potential to generate energy from the residual waste solution. We will therefore work to support developers from the earliest stages of scheme development to ensure that the plans are appropriate for Leeds and can be successfully implemented. We will also develop planning policies that identify the parts of the city that are most appropriate for different technologies. Where possible, we will use council or Leeds Initiative partner land to help develop low carbon energy infrastructure.

Leeds Priorities for Action

- Work with Partnership for Renewables to investigate the potential for renewable electricity generation on council owned land
- Conduct a feasibility study to assess the potential to expand the LGI/University of Leeds CHP scheme to a much broader part of the city centre
- Work with Yorkshire Forward to develop a mechanism to support cost-effective major carbon reduction programmes

Leeds Future Vision

By 2011, we will have developed major renewable energy and community heating plans that significantly reduce emissions and will be ready to start building them.

Key Adaptation Activities

No matter what we do to reduce emissions, Leeds will still experience some climate change. This is because it takes between 30-40 years for the atmosphere to react to carbon dioxide that has already been released. We will take this seriously and work to understand what the likely short, medium and long-term impacts will be. We will then put in place plans to address the risks before they harm our way of life.

Risk Assessment and priority interventions

Climate change adaptation has already been recognised as a priority for Leeds. The Leeds Strategic Plan has adopted National Indicator 188 (planning to adapt to climate change) as one of our 32 priorities. This means that we are committed to working together as a city partnership to understand the key risks and to put in place a programme of cost-effective measures to reduce or cope with the risks.

We are fortunate in Leeds that we have access to essential data from our weather station and that we have already started adaptation action. Our Community Risk Registers identify seven key climate risks (major river flooding, urban flash flooding, drought, heatwaves, storms & gales, tornados and low temperatures & heavy snow) all of which, except drought, are rated as high risk. The Major Emergency Plan identifies severe weather and flooding as key risks and sets out a general approach. Flooding (from rivers and flash flooding) is the most important current climate risk. The Water Asset Management Group has already taken action to reduce gully flooding and to help households cope in particularly vulnerable places. City partners are now working with the Environment Agency to develop proposals for a city centre flood defence scheme.

We now need to understand the less obvious climate risks and the knock on effects for the city of major events. We will concentrate on health and social care, transport and utilities, the built environment and green infrastructure. For each of these sectors we will work with partners across the city to identify key risks based on UKCIP projections and develop adaptation action plans. We will also collect and develop resources that can help individuals and organisations to understand how impacts will effect them and what they can do to prepare.

Leeds Priorities for Action

- Work with the Environment Agency and others to develop and deliver an appropriate flood defence scheme to protect Leeds city centre
- Work with partners across Leeds to deliver NI188, to identify key climate risks and priority actions
- Develop and trial a methodology for detailed vulnerability mapping of key climate risks across the city

Leeds Future Vision

By 2011, we will have developed a clear understanding of what the key climate risks are for Leeds, which parts of the city are most vulnerable, and have a clear plan to make Leeds more resilient.

Key Cross-Cutting Activities

As well as specific carbon reduction and adaptation actions, to prepare Leeds for climate change will require programmes of cross-cutting activities. The consultation was clear that partners in the city expect Leeds City Council to coordinate climate change activity across Leeds. The council can do this by providing clear and impartial information and by leading by example.

Information Collation, Coordination and Inspiration

Our research has shown that there is plenty of information on climate change, but it's not always held in the right place or in the right format. We don't want to duplicate information that is already available, instead we will provide an easy way for different audiences in Leeds to pick up useful, action-orientated information. We will do this by developing the Leeds Initiative website to become a resource centre for both individuals and organisations in the city. We will also identify opportunities for partners to work directly together on shared activities and coordinate this work.

Providing information is important, but won't win hearts and minds. We need to provide inspirational examples that people can relate to. We need to demonstrate that there are thousands of other people taking action on climate change. We need to turn climate change from simply a threat to an opportunity. We need to show that climate positive actions can be fun, not a sacrifice.

Working as a city to provide this inspiration is critical. We have already developed two resources to deliver this: the Leeds Climate Pledge and Leeds Climate Charter. The Pledge provides individuals with tips for action related to their interests and positive success stories from their peers. The Charter allows organisations to commit to take action on business critical climate change issues and will share successes between participants. Collectively, the two will clearly demonstrate that people and organisations are working to tackle climate change in Leeds. We will also deliver the climate change communications strategy and focus on developing a climate festival to celebrate positive action on climate change.

Leeds Priorities for Action

- Develop a 'Climate Change Centre of Excellence' for Leeds, hosted on the Leeds Initiative website
- Deliver a climate festival in 2010 in partnership with the community in Leeds
- Deliver the climate change communications strategy in partnership with communication outlets throughout Leeds, focusing on the Charter and Pledge

Leeds Future Vision

By 2011, we will have made important climate change information for Leeds easily available, partnership activities will be well coordinated and we will have inspired mass action to reduce emissions.

Moving to a Low Carbon Economy

The ability of Leeds businesses to cope with the threats of climate change, and to develop products and services to take advantage of the opportunities, will underpin a successful future economy. Long-term trends indicate that rising resource costs and increased environmental taxes will impact on all businesses. Environmental goods and services will be required to reduce these costs. We need to encourage

businesses to take early action to avoid costs, which will create additional demand for low carbon goods and services. The public sector can lead the way through the use of sustainable procurement. Supporting our businesses to develop these goods and services and the skills to deliver them will help to build a resilient future economy, with local demand met by local supply.

However, in Leeds we currently don't fully understand the implications of moving to a low carbon economy and the opportunities that this presents. We will therefore work through the Economy and Skills partnership to develop a better understanding of economic risks and opportunities and to identify a skills development programme. We plan to base this economic assessment on a downscaled Stern review for the city region, working in partnership with the University of Leeds.

Leeds Priorities for Action

- Complete an assessment of the economic value of the risks and opportunities from climate change in Leeds and reflect these findings in future plans
- Work with the Economy and Skills partnership to jointly understand the skills gaps and new skills required to achieve a low carbon, resilient, economy
- Encourage the use of sustainable procurement to drive demand for low carbon goods and services

Leeds Future Vision

By 2011, the economic imperative of successfully tackling climate change is clear to the Leeds business community and a skills development programme has been agreed to help develop the low carbon economy.

Monitoring and Review Process

Each year, we will provide a brief update on progress against the priorities for action contained in this *Vision for Action*. This will be conducted through the Leeds Climate Change Partnership, the Leeds Initiative strategy group with responsibility for driving this forwards. In 2011, we will assess progress towards the vision for 2011 and put in place a detailed action plan to ensure progress towards the vision for 2021.

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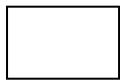
Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance)

Council

Date: 22 April 2009

Subject: Amendments to Article 9 Standards Committee Membership.

Electoral Wards Affected:



Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Purpose Of This Report

1.1 This report sets out recommendations to Council from the General Purposes Committee in relation to the Standards Committee membership.

2.0 Background Information

2.1 The General Purposes Committee is authorised to consider proposals to amend the constitution and make recommendations about this to Council.

2.2 At its meeting on 20th January 2009, the Committee met to consider the membership of the Standards Committee in relation to the numbers of Leeds City Councillors, Independent Members and Parish and Town Councillors.

3.0 Main Issues

3.1 The Head of Governance Services presented a report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) outlining issues which had been raised by both the Standards Committee and Member Management Committee relating to the current membership of the Standards Committee.

- 3.2 In particular the following points were discussed:
- the merits of 50% of the Standards Committee membership being drawn from Leeds City Council Members;
 - the merits of and difficulties in establishing a pool of Parish and Town Council Members of the Standards Committee; and
 - the need for a procedure and protocol whereby Independent Members from other Standards Committees might substitute for Independent Members on the Leeds Standards Committee.
- 3.3 The General Purposes Committee resolved to recommend that full Council amend the membership of the Standards Committee to include two additional Leeds City Councillors, one additional Independent Member and one additional Parish and Town Councillor.
- 3.4 The changes to the membership will require amendments to Article 9 of the Council's Constitution which are shown in Appendix 1 to this report.

4.0 Implications For Council Policy And Governance

- 4.1 The changes to the Standards Committee membership will require amendments to Article 9 of the Council's Constitution, as paragraph 9.3.1 of the Article outlines the membership of the Standards Committee.
- 4.2 Increasing the Membership of the Standards Committee will assist in ensuring that that the local assessment of complaints about Councillors conduct is dealt with efficiently.

5.0 Legal And Resource Implications

- 5.1 The Parish Members of the Standards Committee currently receive an allowance of £557 per annum¹. Each Independent Members currently receive an allowance of £2,310 to reflect their additional responsibilities with regard to chairing meetings of the Assessment and Review Sub-Committees.
- 5.2 Under Article 15 of the Constitution, these amendments to the Constitution must be approved by full Council, after consideration by the General Purposes Committee.
- 5.3 The Monitoring Officer can make any additional consequential amendments under her delegated authority set out in Article 15.

6.0 Conclusions

- 6.1 Increasing the Membership of the Standards Committee will assist in ensuring that that the local assessment of complaints about Councillors conduct is dealt with efficiently.
- 6.2 The changes to the Standards Committee membership will require amendments to Article 9 of the Council's Constitution, as paragraph 9.3.1 of the Article outlines the

¹ General Purposes Committee resolved that the Independent Remuneration Panel should be asked to review the allowances payable to the Parish and Town Council Members of the Standards Committee when they next review the Members' Allowances Scheme, in light of their increased activity as a result of the local assessment of Councillor conduct complaints.

membership of the Standards Committee. The amendment are shown in Appendix 1.

7.0 Recommendations

Council are recommended to resolve to:

- a) Agree the changes to the membership of the Standards Committee as set out in paragraph 3.3 above.
- d) Agree the proposed amendments to Article 9 of the Council's Constitution as shown in Appendix 1.

Background documents

Report to General Purposes Committee 20th January 2009 on the Standards Committee Membership.

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ARTICLE 9 – GOVERNANCE COMMITTEES**9.1 GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

- 9.1.1 In accordance with Article 15 the General Purposes Committee has authority to consider proposals for amending the constitution and making recommendations to full Council.

9.2 CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

- 9.2.1 Members of the Executive; and Political Group Leaders and Whips from the administration and the major opposition Group are precluded from being members of the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee.
- 9.2.2 The Chair of Standards Committee will be a non voting co-opted member of the Committee

9.3 STANDARDS COMMITTEE

The Council meeting will establish a Standards Committee.

9.3.1 Membership

The Standards Committee will be composed of:

- (a) Three Councillors other than the leader, being representatives of the three largest political groups;
- (b) A further four Councillors, with at least one being a representative from a political group not being one of the three largest
- (c) four people who are not Councillors or officers of the Council or any other body having a standards committee (an Independent Member)¹; and
- (d) three Members of a Parish Council wholly or mainly in the Council's area (a Parish Member).²

9.3.2 Independent Members

Independent Members will be entitled to vote at meetings. An Independent Member shall not be appointed to serve more than two terms.

9.3.4 Parish Members

A Parish Member must be present when matters relating to Parish Councils or their Members are being considered. The Parish Member is entitled to vote.

¹ Appointment of a new Independent Member to the Standards Committee will be made by Full Council upon the recommendation of a panel. The Panel will include the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) and the Chair of the Standards Committee.

² Whilst their term of office continues, Parish Members will remain Members of the Standards Committee unless at any such time they cease to be Members of their Parish Council (i.e. they resign, are disqualified or are not re-elected or re-appointed to the Parish Council.)

Article 9 - Governance Committees

9.3.5 Parish Councils Sub-Committee

The Standards Committee may appoint a sub-committee to exercise the general functions set out in Article 9.3 below in relation to parishes. The sub-committee will include at least one Independent Member and one Parish Member.

9.3.6 Assessment Sub-Committee

The Standards Committee shall appoint an Assessment Sub-Committee to exercise the function of assessing allegations of misconduct made against Members and determining whether the allegations should be referred to the Monitoring Officer for investigation or other action.³ The sub-committee membership will consist of one Independent Member, two Leeds City Council Members and one Town or Parish Council Member⁴.

9.3.7 Review Sub-Committee

The Standards Committee shall appoint a Review Sub-Committee to exercise the function of reviewing a decision made by the Assessment Sub-Committee that an allegation of misconduct should not be investigated.⁵ The Sub-Committee membership will consist of one Independent Member, two Leeds City Council Members and one Town or Parish Council Member⁶.

9.3.8 Chairing the Committee

The Chair of the Committee will be appointed from the Independent Members appointed to it.⁷

9.3.9 Chairing the Assessment Sub-Committee

The Chair of the Assessment Sub-Committee will be appointed from the Independent Members appointed to the Standards Committee.⁸

9.3.10 Chairing the Review Sub-Committee

The Chair of the Review Sub-Committee will be appointed from the Independent Members appointed to the Standards Committee⁹

9.3.11 FUNCTIONS

The general functions of the Standards Committee are:

- (a) promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct by Members and co-opted members; and
- (b) assisting Members and co-opted members to observe the Code of Conduct.

³ Regulation 6, Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008 No.1085/2008

⁴ The Town/ Parish Council Member only need attend if the matters being discussed by the Sub-Committee involve a Town/Parish Council Member.

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⁷ Section 53(4) Local Government Act 2000

⁸ Regulation 6, Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008 No.1085/2008

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- (c) appointing sub-committees to assess written allegations of misconduct made against Members to determine if they should be investigated, and deal with any reviews of those decisions .
- (d) determining allegations of misconduct made against Members.

9.3.12 Terms of Reference

The Terms of Reference for the Standards Committee, the Assessment Sub-Committee and the Review Sub-Committee are set out in Part 3, Section 2B of the Constitution.

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