

An Extraordinary meeting of the City Council called under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 5(b) and (d) will be held in the Civic Hall, Leeds on Wednesday, 28th January, 2009 at 10.00 am

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

1. White Paper Motion - Performance of Adult Social Care and Children's Services

Council notes with serious concern the recent Adult Social Care Independence, Wellbeing and Choice Inspection and the Annual Performance Assessments for both the Adult Social Care and the Children's Services Departments. Council further notes that the Adult Social Care department has been judged to be inadequate and that the performance of the Children's Services department has significantly deteriorated to the extent that it is now only rated as adequate.

Council is very concerned that all three inspection reports are extremely critical of this Council's ability to safeguard vulnerable people and protect them from exploitation and abuse. Furthermore these reports call sharply into question the capacity of the current Council leadership.

This Council believes that these inspection reports show that this Administration is failing in its primary responsibility to protect people. This Council believes that the people of Leeds deserve the best and not inadequate and barely adequate services.

Council therefore resolves that:

1. In order to ensure proper accountability both the Adult Social Care and Children's Services Scrutiny Boards should not be chaired by members of the administration; putting an end to this administration's practise of scrutinising itself.
2. The Chief Executive should bring a paper to the Executive Board reviewing the effectiveness of partnership arrangements between the Adult Social Care and Children's Services Departments and the NHS, and voluntary Sector in Leeds.
3. The Executive Board member for Adult Social Care should stand down from his position with immediate effect and the leadership within the Children Services Department should immediately demonstrate that it has the competence, ability and capacity to tackle the key weaknesses within the department.

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Chief Executive