

**A meeting of the Council will be held in the Civic Hall, Leeds on Wednesday, 15th July, 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 21<sup>st</sup> May 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 reports as follows (the Monitoring Officer considers that these reports are appropriate to be received at this meeting in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2.2(f)):-

- a) That the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel, as presented by the report of the Chief Democratic Services Officer, be approved and that the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) be authorised to make any consequential changes to the Members' Allowances Scheme.

**R BRETT**

- b) That the Scrutiny Board's Annual Report to Council, prepared in accordance with Article 6 of the Constitution, be approved.

**R BRETT**

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

**J PROCTER**

- d) That the report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) on amendments to the officer delegation scheme (executive functions) in accordance with Executive Procedure Rule 1.4 be noted

**J PROCTER**

**6. Questions**

To deal with questions in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11.

**7. Recommendations of the Executive Board**

- a) That the Health and Wellbeing Partnership Plan 2009 to 2012 be approved.

**R BRETT**

- b) That the Children and Young People's Plan 2009/14 be approved.

**R BRETT**

- c) That the draft of the Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Licensing Policy be approved for the purposes of consultation.

**R BRETT**

**8. Recommendations of the Standards Committee**

That the annual report of the Standards Committee be received in accordance with the recommendations of the the report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance).

**C CAMPBELL**

**9. General Purposes Committee**

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

**A CARTER**

(Report to follow.)

**10. Recommendations of the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee**

That the annual report of the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee be received in accordance with the recommendations of the report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance).

**J BALE**

**11. Minutes**

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

**R BRETT**

## **12. White Paper Motion - Waste Collection Services**

That this Council condemns the recent service changes imposed on tax payers in this city. This Council believes the citizens of Leeds are entitled to Council services that will be delivered on time and meet the highest possible standards.

Specifically this council commits itself to a Leeds Waste Pledge which promises that:

1. All bins will be collected on the day promised.
2. There will always be a weekly ordinary waste collection.
3. Every household will have a recycling waste collection.

This Council believes if the ruling administration are fining residents £75 for leaving their wheelie bins on the street, then it is also appropriate for residents to be refunded if their bins are not collected.

**J LEWIS**

## **13. White Paper Motion - Post-16 Home to College Transport**

This Council believes that taking away free transport for post 16 school and college students would have disastrous consequences for young people, as it would seriously damage this Council's ability to fulfil our commitment to the new 14-19 agenda. Furthermore it would limit choice and punish hardest those who most need our help. Therefore this Council resolves that travel to school or college will remain free in this city.

**J DOWSON**

## **14. White Paper Motion - Neighbourhood Wardens**

That this Council agrees that the Neighbourhood Wardens do an excellent and essential job in the local areas which they currently cover and calls upon the Executive Member for Neighbourhoods and Housing to ensure that warden coverage remains in these areas.

**A BLACKBURN**

## **15. White Paper Motion - New Generation Transport**

That this Council reiterates its view that Leeds deserves a first class transport system and welcomes the Regional Transport Board's proposed investment in 'New Generation Transport' which represents a key element of such a system, along with improved commuter rail and bus services.

Council therefore supports the NGT proposals drawn up for Leeds and welcomes, as a starting point, the consultation exercise currently being undertaken by the West Yorkshire Integrated Transport Authority. This Council believes that such proper public and political consultation should be undertaken for all major transport proposals affecting Leeds.

Any major transport project in Leeds is dependent on Government support therefore this Council calls upon Leeds' MPs to campaign vigorously to ensure NGT will get the necessary funding from this and all future Governments.

Furthermore, this Council reiterates its all party commitment to the NGT project at both city and regional level.

#### **R DOWNES**

**16. White Paper Motion submitted under the Provisions of Council Procedure Rule 3.1 (d) - Bus Services in Leeds**

That this Council condemns the recent decision by First Bus to cut bus services to communities throughout the city and resolves to do everything within its power to ensure that those services are reinstated.

Council welcomes the announcement by Metro that they intend to provide temporary funding to protect some of these services on a trial basis from mid-July and also the moves by Geldard Coaches, TLC Travel and Harrogate Coach Travel to protect other threatened routes.

This Council further resolves to explore all possible funding avenues to ensure that a fit for purpose 21<sup>st</sup> century bus service is provided to the residents of Leeds, with or without the support of First Bus.

#### **A SHELBROOKE**

**17. White Paper Motion submitted under the Provisions of Council Procedure Rule 3.1 (d) - Use of Notional Income from Savings in Calculating Council Tax Benefits**

That this Council is concerned that despite the reduction in interest earned on savings that the Government continues to use a notional income from savings, which historically has been greater than that earned, when considering Council Tax Benefits.

This Council calls on the Chief Executive of Leeds City Council to write to the Government requesting that the notional income from savings is brought into line with prevailing interest rates to enable more people to claim Council Tax Benefits and help reduce poverty in this City.

#### **S BENTLEY**

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