

A meeting of the Council will be held in the Civic Hall, Leeds on Wednesday, 18th November, 2009 at 1.35 pm or at the conclusion of the Extraordinary meeting called at 1.30 pm on the same day.

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 16th September 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 motion (the Chief Executive considers that this report is appropriate to be received at this meeting in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2.2(f)):-

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

Claude Bandawe
Alec Bloom MBE
Brian Wheelhouse
Tony Edwards

R BRETT

6. Questions

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

7. Recommendations of the Executive Board

That the recommendations of the Executive Board with regard to:-

- a) the approval of a virement;
- b) the approval of the Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Licensing Policy; and
- b) to amendments to the Council Business Plan 2008-2011;

as presented by the report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) be approved.

R BRETT

8. Minutes

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

R BRETT

9. White Paper Motion - Children and Young People

This Council condemns the ruling administration for their continued failure to support children and young people in our city.

J JAROSZ

10. White Paper Motion - Kirkgate Market

This Council underlines its commitment to Leeds Kirkgate Market and all markets across the city. Council further notes the progress which has been made in relation to some issues at Kirkgate Market recently, but recognises there is still a lot of work to be done.

Council also acknowledges the important role that traders play in Kirkgate Market, and resolves therefore to do everything in its power to save and preserve this vital retail asset in our city.

M DOBSON

11. White Paper Motion - Road Traffic Accidents

This Council accepts that all road traffic accidents that lead to the death or injury of pedestrians or motorists are a tragedy for families and communities. This Council notes recent tragic events on roads across Leeds, including the death of a student on Britannia Road, Morley and the injury of a mother and child in a road traffic accident on Wide Lane and pledges to explore all possibilities and financing options to reduce the potential for any such future incidents.

T GRAYSHON

12. White Paper Motion - Leeds Arena

This Council condemns the Government decision to review the business case for the Leeds City Council led Leeds Arena development.

Council welcomes the commitment made by the ruling administration to develop the scheme with or without government support and further welcomes the inward investment and regeneration this project will deliver.

A CARTER

13. White Paper Motion Submitted under the Provisions of Council Procedure Rule 3.1(d) - British Bee Population

This Council expresses its deep concern over the decline of the British bee population. Council therefore resolves to consider and look to implement the necessary and appropriate environmental steps to help protect and increase the local bee population.

Council further notes that bees are essential to the food supply not just in the UK but worldwide, and that their extinction would be catastrophic for our planet.

B SELBY

14. White Paper Motion Submitted under the Provisions of Council Procedure Rule 3.1(d) - Leeds Rhinos

This council congratulates the Leeds Rhinos rugby league team who, by defeating St Helen's, won an unprecedented third consecutive Super League championship. Council further hopes the team will carry this success forward and do the city proud by winning the World Club Challenge in 2010.

S SMITH

15. White Paper Motion Submitted under the Provisions of Council Procedure Rule 3.1(d) - Yorkshire County Cricket Club

This council congratulates Yorkshire County Cricket Club on winning the right to stage the Pakistan - Australia Test match at Headingley next July. The Council is proud that Leeds has been chosen to play host to the Pakistan Cricket Team to allow them to play Australia at a neutral venue, and believes this offers an opportunity for Yorkshire Cricket to develop its contacts with local communities.

M HAMILTON

16. White Paper Motion Submitted under the Provisions of Council Procedure Rule 3.1(d) - VAT Rates for Building Repairs and Maintenance

This Council urges the Government to adopt the recent EU directive that recommends a cut in VAT rates for building repairs and home maintenance work.

Council believes that reducing VAT to a permanent rate of 5% on home maintenance and building repairs, while bringing a significant revenue cost to the government, would be substantially mitigated by the increase in the volume of work generated as a result of the reduction in prices.

Key benefits would include:

- the creation of more jobs for small businesses;
- a reduction in the number of empty homes;
- encouraging more people to use energy efficient products;
- a reduction in fuel poverty;
- an improvement in housing standards.

This Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Chancellor of Exchequer expressing Council's support for such a move.

S ANDREW

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