

Proceedings of the Meeting of the Leeds City Council held
Civic Hall, Leeds on Wednesday, 18th November, 2009

PRESENT: The Lord Mayor Councillor Judith Elliott 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

Adam Ogilvie
David Congreve

BRAMLEY & STANNINGLEY

Angela Denise Atkinson
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

Arif Hussain
Roger Harington
Alan Taylor

GUISELEY & RAWDON

Graham Latty
Stuart Andrew
John Bale

HAREWOOD

Ann Castle
Rachael Procter
Alec Shelbrooke

HEADINGLEY

Jamie Matthews
Martin Hamilton
James John Monaghan

HORSFORTH

Christopher Townsley
Andrew Barker
Brian Cleasby

HYDE PARK & WOODHOUSE

Penny Ewens
Kabeer Hussain
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

MORLEY SOUTH

Judith Elliott
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
David Schofield
Michael Lyons

WEETWOOD

Ben Chastney
Susan Bentley
Judith Mara Chapman

WETHERBY

Gerald Wilkinson
Alan James Lamb
John Michael Procter

55 Announcements

The Lord Mayor informed the Council that the timings for this meeting would be extended by 10 minutes to take account of the time taken in the extraordinary meeting.

56 Late Item

The Lord Mayor informed Council that she had agreed to the admission of a late item of business under Council Procedure Rule 2.2(f) for reason of expeditiously securing attendance at meetings (minute 60(b) refers). The Lord Mayor also informed Council that an additional page of minutes relating to Corporate Governance and Audit Committee of the 30th September 2009 omitted from the agenda had been circulated.

57 Minutes

It was moved by Councillor J Procter, seconded by Councillor Gruen and

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 16th September 2009 be approved.

58 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 as follows:-

a) Councillor Anderson declared a personal interest in minute 62 of this meeting as Chair of the Leeds Casino Task Group.

b) Members declared personal interests in minute 63 of this meeting as follows:-

Cllr A Blackburn Mother-in-law in receipt of Social Care

Cllr A Parnham Child in secondary education in Leeds

Cllr T Leadley Member of METRO.

c) Members declared personal interests in minute 64 of this meeting as follows:-

Cllr J Bale Member, Area Children's Partnership; Member, Learning Disabilities Partnership Board

Cllr C Fox Member, Bramhope Youth Development Trust

Cllr P Harrand Member, Leeds Learning Disabilities Partnership Board; Member, Education Advisory Board for the East Moor Secure Children's Centre

Cllr V Kendall Member, Adoption Panel – Skyrack

Cllr A Lamb	Trustee, Schools Partnership Trust
Cllr G Wilkinson	Member, Children's Advisory Panel
Cllr T Murray	Chief Executive of Learning Partnerships and Non Executive Director of IGEN.
Cllr A Lowe	Chief Executive of Touchstone Leeds
Cllr M Lobley	Chair of Rewew
Cllr M Coulson	Adoption Panel – Leodis, Fostering Panel East Leeds
Cllr B Chastney	Adoption Panel - Elmete
Cllr J Jarosz	Adoption Panel - Elmete

d) Members declared personal interests in minute 65 of this meeting as follows:-

Cllr B Anderson	Chair, Leeds Initiative City Centre Management Initiative; Personal Interest – Chair, Leeds City Centre Partnership
Cllr A Carter	Leeds Initiative Economy Partnership

e) Members declared personal interests in minute 66 of this meeting as follows:-

Cllr B Anderson	Chair, Leeds City Centre Partnership
Cllr A Carter	Leeds Initiative Economy Partnership

f) Members declared personal interests in minute 68 of this meeting as follows:-

Cllr J Bale	Member, Society for the Environment
Cllr F Robinson	Member, Royal Horticultural Society
Cllr D Schofield	Member, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust; Council for the Protection of Rural England

g) Members declared personal interests in minute 69 of this meeting as follows:-

Cllr A Carter	2 tickets to Leeds Rhinos v. Manly rugby match plus refreshments
Cllr F Robinson	Leeds Rugby Club - 2 tickets to Carnegie World Club Challenge match
Cllr G Wilkinson	Leeds Rugby Club - 2 tickets to Celebration Gala Dinner at Headingley Stadium
Cllr James Lewis	Leeds Rhino's season ticket holder

Cllr Keith Parker Trustee of Leeds Rhino's
Cllr Chris Townsley Season ticket holder at Leeds Rhinos

h) Members declared personal interests in minute 66 of this meeting as follows:-

Cllr B Anderson Attendance at the Ashes Test Match at
Headingley on 7th August 2009

Cllr A Carter Invitation to attend, with guest, the one day
international cricket match at Headingley
Carnegie Stadium (including lunch and afternoon
tea); Complimentary ticket for the 2nd NPower
Test match, tea and biscuits and lunch;
Complimentary entrance ticket, parking and
refreshments - attendance at one day
international; Entrance ticket for Ashes Test
Match, lunch and light refreshments for myself
and a guest

Cllr F Robinson Yorkshire County Cricket Club - England vs
South Africa match and dinner; Yorkshire County
Cricket Club - Opening season lunch at YCCC
Headingley

Cllr D Schofield Member of Yorkshire County Cricket Club

Cllr G Wilkinson Yorkshire County Cricket Club

Cllr Chris Townsley Yorkshire County Cricket Club Indoor Cricket
School management committee

Cllr Martin Hamilton Member of the Yorkshire County Cricket Club

Cllr R D Feldman Member of the Yorkshire County Cricket Club

i) Members declared personal interests in minute 71 of this meeting as follows:-

Cllr J Bale Member, Sir Ian Dixon Trust; Personal Interest –
Member, Chartered Institute of Building

Cllr F Robinson Attendance at Association of Plumbing and
Heating – Drinks reception and gala dinner.
Federation of Master Builders – Leeds – Dinner
dance at Marriot Hotel

j) Councillor J Marjoram declared a personal and prejudicial interest in minute
71 of this meeting as a self-employed landlord, developer, kitchen and
bathroom fitter.

59 Deputations

There were no deputations admitted to the meeting.

60 Reports

a) Leeds Award

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

RESOLVED – That the nominations for the receipt of the Leeds Award be approved and that the Lord Mayor be requested to undertake an appropriate ceremony.

Claude Bandawe
Alec Bloom MBE
Brian Wheelhouse
Tony Edwards

b) Appointments

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

RESOLVED – That the report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) be approved.

61 Questions

1) Councillor Wakefield to the Leader of Council

Can the Leader of Council provide an update on the court case at London's High Court regarding the validity of the authority's delegated powers between 2004 and early 2008?

The Leader of Council replied.

2) Councillor Bentley to the Leader of Council.

Would the Leader of Council inform Council on the current situation regarding the strike in Streetscene Services?

The Leader of Council replied.

3) Councillor Wadsworth to the Executive Member (Development and Regeneration)

Can the Executive Board Member for City Development & Regeneration provide an update on the Council's Next Generation Transport (NGT) bid?

The Executive Member (Development and Regeneration) replied.

4) Councillor Harington to the Executive Member (Environmental Services).

Can the Executive Board member for Environmental Services offer his personal guarantee that tackling climate change is high on the Council's agenda?

The Executive Member (Environmental Services) replied.

5) Councillor D Blackburn to the Executive Member (Adult Social Care).

Would the Executive Member for Adult Social Care like to comment on the current situation regarding Roseville Enterprises?

The Executive Member (Adult Social Care) replied

- 6) Councillor R Lewis to the Executive Member (Development and Regeneration).

Can the Executive Board member for City Development please outline how many unresolved Council planning cases there are in the city?

The Executive Member (Development and Regeneration) replied.

- 7) Councillor Cleasby to the Leader of Council.

Would the Leader of Council outline what actions have been taken to improve the circulation of Taxis in Leeds City Centre?

The Leader of Council replied.

- 8) Councillor Andrew to the Deputy Leader of Council.

Could the Deputy Leader of Council provide details on the estimated amount of wasted European Regional Development Funding (ERDF) this government has overseen in recent years?

The Deputy Leader of Council replied.

- 9) Councillor Blake to the Leader of Council.

Can the leader of Council offer his cast iron guarantee to members that tax payers' money is being well spent by his administration?

The Leader of Council replied.

- 10) Councillor D Blackburn to the Executive Member (Environmental Services).

Could the Executive Member for Environmental Services tell Council what additional costs have been incurred in the areas under his portfolio due to the bin strike?

The Executive Member (Environmental Services) replied.

At the conclusion of question time, the following questions remained unanswered and it was noted that under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 11.6, written responses would be sent to each member of Council.

- 11 Councillor Gruen to the Executive Member (Neighbourhoods & Housing).

- 12 Councillor Chapman to the Executive Member (Learning).

- 13 Councillor Anderson to the Deputy Leader of Council.

- 14 Councillor Yeadon to the Leader of Council

- 15 Councillor Taggart to the Leader of Council

- 16 Councillor Hamilton to the Leader of Council
- 17 Councillor Lyons to the Executive Member (Environmental Services)
- 18 Councillor Grahame to the Leader of Council
- 19 Councillor Bentley to the Executive Member (Learning)
- 20 Councillor Driver to the Executive Member (Development and Regeneration)
- 21 Councillor Wakefield to the Leader of Council
- 22 Councillor Campbell to the Executive Member (Development and Regeneration)
- 23 Councillor Illingworth to the Executive Member (Development and Regeneration)
- 24 Councillor Matthews to the Executive Member (Environmental Services)

62 Recommendations of the Executive Board

a) Financial Health Monitoring 2009/10 – Half Year Report

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

RESOLVED – That a virement in the sum of £1,500,000 from debt charge savings to fund the early leavers initiative, in accordance with the recommendations of the report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) be approved.

b) The Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Licensing Policy

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

RESOLVED – That Council approve that the proposed response to the consultation exercise, as contained in appendix 2 to the report to the Executive Board on 4th November 2009, be approved as the Council's response to matters raised in consultation and that the revised draft Statement of Gambling Policy, as set out in appendix 1 to the report, be approved as the final Policy under the Gambling Act 2005 in accordance with the recommendations of the report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance).

c) The Council Business Plan 2008-11 – Mid-Term Review and Refresh

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

RESOLVED – That Council approves the amendments to the Council Business Plan 2008-11, as detailed in the report to the Executive Board on 4th November 2009 and authorises the Chief Executive to review and update any performance targets for the final year of the plan in accordance with the recommendations of the report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance).

63 Minutes

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

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

Council Procedure Rule 4 providing for the winding up of business was applied prior to all notified comments on the minutes having been debated.

In summing up, the Leader of Council reported that this would be the last meeting of Council attended by Dave Page, Deputy Chief Executive and, on behalf of the Council, wished him a long and happy retirement.

The meeting was suspended at 5:05 pm and resumed at 5:35 pm.

64 White Paper Motion - Children and Young People

It was moved by Councillor Jarosz, seconded by Councillor Mulherin that

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

An amendment was moved by Councillor Golton, seconded by Councillor W Hyde to delete all after 'This Council' and replace with:-

'remains determined to fulfil the objectives set out in the two WP resolutions adopted earlier this year regarding Children's Services. This Council is committed to continuous improvement in all services for Children & Young People, as set out in the Children and Young People's plan revised and adopted by the Executive Board on 17th June 2009.

The amendment was carried and, upon being put as the substantive motion, it was

RESOLVED – That this Council remains determined to fulfil the objectives set out in the two WP resolutions adopted earlier this year regarding Children's Services. This Council is committed to continuous improvement in all services for Children & Young People, as set out in the Children and Young People's plan revised and adopted by the Executive Board on 17th June 2009.

During the discussion on this item, Councillor Lobley declared a personal interest as the Chair of Renew.

(The provisions of Council Procedure Rule 3.1(d) were applied at the conclusion of the vote on the motion.)

65 White Paper Motion - Leeds Arena

Under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 14.11, with the consent of the seconder, leave of Council was given to withdraw the motion in the name of Councillor A Carter.

66 White Paper Motion - Kirkgate Market

Under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 14.11, with the consent of the seconder, leave of Council was given to withdraw the motion in the name of Councillor Dobson.

67 White Paper Motion - Road Traffic Accidents

It was moved by Councillor Grayshon, seconded by Councillor Finnigan and

RESOLVED – That 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.

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

It was moved by Councillor Selby, seconded by Councillor D Blackburn and

RESOLVED – That 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.

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

It was moved by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Lancaster and

RESOLVED – That 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.

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

It was moved by Councillor Hamilton, seconded by Councillor Leadley and

RESOLVED – That 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.

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

It was moved by Councillor Andrew, seconded by Councillor J Procter and

RESOLVED – That 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.

Council rose at 7.25 pm.