

A meeting of the Council will be held in the Civic Hall, Leeds on Wednesday, 13th July, 2011 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 26th May 2011.

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 Chief Executive considers that these reports are appropriate to be received at this meeting in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2.2(f)):-

- a) That the report of the City Solicitor on appointments be approved.

J LEWIS

- b) That the report of the Chief Officer, Democratic and Central Services presenting the Scrutiny Boards' Annual report to Council, prepared in accordance with Article 6 of the Constitution, be approved.

K WAKEFIELD

- c) That the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel, as presented by the report of the Chief Officer, Democratic and Central Services, be approved and that the City Solicitor be authorised to make any consequential changes to the Members' Allowances Scheme.

J LEWIS

6. Questions

To deal with questions in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11

7. Recommendations of the Executive Board

- a) That the Natural Resources and Waste Development Plan Document : Formal Submission be approved.

K WAKEFIELD

- b) That the Children and Young People's Plan 2011/15 be approved.

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- c) That the Vision for Leeds 2011 to 2030, City Priority Plan 2011 to 2015 and the Council Business Plan 2011 to 2015 be approved.

K WAKEFIELD

8. Recommendations of the Standards Committee

That the Annual report of the Standards Committee be received and noted in accordance with the recommendations of the report of the City Solicitor.

B SELBY

9. Minutes

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

10. White Paper Motion - Residential Care Homes

In light of the present financial challenges faced by Southern Cross Care Providers, concerns raised about private sector care standards in a private care hospital exposed by a recent Panorama programme and the Dilnot Commission on funding of care and support which is to report its recommendations next month, this Council agrees to withdraw its proposals to consider closing its residential care homes across the City Council area.

R FINNIGAN

11. White Paper Motion - Welfare Reforms

This council condemns the scale and severity of proposed Government welfare reforms, along with the speed with which they are being introduced.

Council notes with concern that these proposals risk denying vital support to those seeking a more independent life and will result in a welfare system that is unable to stabilise the lives of vulnerable people at times of economic or personal change.

Council further notes that these reforms risk increasing pressure on homelessness services and undermining wider efforts to establish stable, sustainable local communities.

Council requests that the Chief Executive writes to the Welfare Bill's sponsor Iain Duncan-Smith (Secretary of State for Work and Pensions) to call for ministers to establish a sustainable system that protects those in need and promotes meaningful employment opportunities.

B ATHA

12. White Paper Motion - Trade Union Facilities

This Council understands and recognises the valuable role played by Trades Unions in ensuring effective industrial relations and reaffirms the principle of providing reasonable support to Trades Unions including time off for stewards for this purpose.

However, this council believes that given the current state of the public finances taxpayer subsidy of full time Trade Union officials should now be brought to an end. The £417,000 annual cost to taxpayers in Leeds for 15 full time convenors is now unjustifiable both in terms of the massive budget pressure faced by Leeds City Council and the programme of cuts to frontline services currently being undertaken by the Labour administration.

This Council also notes the wider context of the huge donations that Trade Unions are able to offer to the Labour Party.

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13. White Paper Motion - City of Sanctuary

Council notes that City of Sanctuary is a national movement to build a culture of hospitality for people seeking sanctuary in the UK. Its goal is to create a network of towns and cities throughout the UK which are proud to be places of safety and which include people seeking sanctuary fully in the life of their communities.

This council welcomes the extensive work already done by the Leeds City of Sanctuary group towards gaining formal City of Sanctuary status for Leeds.

This Council therefore recognises the contribution of asylum-seekers and refugees to the City of Leeds and is committed to welcoming and including them in our activities and supports Leeds becoming a recognised 'City of Sanctuary' for refugees and asylum-seekers.

J MATTHEWS

Chief Executive

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