

A meeting of the Council will be held in the Civic Hall, Leeds on Wednesday, 16th November, 2011 at 1.45 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 14th September 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 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 report of the Director of Resources on amendments to the officer delegation scheme (executive functions), Executive Member portfolios in accordance with Executive Procedure Rule 1.4 and other consequential amendments be noted.

K WAKEFIELD

- b) That the report of the City Solicitor seeking suspension of Council Procedure Rules to allow the format of the State of the City Council meeting to be different to that of an ordinary Council meeting be approved.

J LEWIS

6. Questions

To deal with questions in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11

7. Minutes

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

8. White Paper Motion - Waste Solution Referendum

This council believes that the current administration should stand by its commitment to hold a referendum on their preferred waste solution option of an incinerator at Cross Green. Council therefore requests the relevant Executive Board member to make the necessary arrangements to hold a referendum on this issue.

R PRYKE

9. White Paper Motion - NHS

This council remains deeply concerned about the scale of change proposed in the Government's Health and Social Care Bill and the potential impact on NHS patients and their families in Leeds of a massive reorganisation coupled with current funding cuts.

Council further notes the prolonged anxiety and instability these proposals have already caused NHS staff, patients and stakeholders. This Council believes that implementing the proposed reforms risks diminishing access to locally and regionally-based services, reducing accountability and increasing bureaucracy.

The reduction in weighting of health inequalities in the NHS funding formula presents a worrying reflection of national priorities and a very real concern in a city where life expectancy is 12 years higher in our wealthiest suburbs than it is in the most deprived areas.

This Council believes access to health services free at the point of need should be a right not a privilege and therefore commits to doing all it can to protect NHS services in Leeds.

Council further believes that patients receive the best care when services integrate and staff work effectively together. Proposals to introduce significant competition and fragmentation into the service threaten to undermine this principle and risk patient care.

Council requests that the Chief Executive writes to the Secretary of State for Health and Leeds MPs on Council's behalf urging them to prioritise the protection of vital regional health services and to reducing persistent health inequalities. Council further requests that within that Letter the Prime Minister is asked to fulfil his promise to enhance NHS funding in real terms, to maintain waiting time targets and to stop top down reorganisations.

L YEADON

10. White Paper Motion - Feed in Tariffs

This Council believes that the nonsensical proposals from Central Government to cut the Feed In Tariff by half from 12th December 2011 will have a disastrous effect on efforts to reduce CO₂ levels and fuel poverty in our city.

Council further believes that such a change as this at short notice will not only mean that schemes like Leeds City Council's proposals to fit solar panels to 5,000 Council homes will no longer be viable, but will result in a major loss of employment in the renewables sector.

Council therefore requests that:

- 1) The Chief Executive be asked to write to the Minister expressing our concerns.
- 2) That all Leeds MPs be contacted to ask them for their support in this matter.
- 3) That a Cross Party delegation be organised to lobby the Minister.
- 4) That an early report go to the Executive Board on possible ways the Council's Solar PV scheme can be saved.

D BLACKBURN

11. White Paper Motion - East Leeds Housing and Regeneration Board

"This Council condemns the way in which responsibilities held by the Council regarding regeneration in East Leeds were proposed to be guided by a body with no democratic legitimacy. This Council believes such an unconstitutional move would have undermined transparency but also, by virtue of the body's make up, held conflicting interests which might have compromised the Council's legal position with regard to planning law.

"This Council calls on the Chief Executive of the Council to investigate the process which led to the formation of the East Leeds Housing and Regeneration Board and to provide a full report to Executive Board with recommendations for constitutional changes to prevent any similar activity occurring in the future."

A CARTER

12. White Paper Motion - Council Procedure Rule 3.1(d) - BBC Cuts

This Council recognises the valuable role of local radio and the reporting of regional current affairs. Council therefore expresses its regret at the anticipated erosion of these services as a result of the recently announced BBC cuts.

Council asks the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Culture, Olympics, Media and Sport, the BBC Director General and the Chair of the BBC Governors. Within that correspondence the Chief Executive is asked to highlight the importance of these regional services, and to reflect particular concern about the anticipated loss of 11 posts at Radio Leeds, and a total of 29 posts across Leeds, Sheffield and York.

K WAKEFIELD

13. White Paper Motion - Council Procedure Rule 3.1(d) - Military Covenants

This Council recognises and remembers the sacrifices made by the Armed Services community.

Leeds City Council believes that the Armed Forces community, including serving personnel, veterans and their families, should not be disadvantaged, by virtue of what they do, when accessing public services.

This Council therefore commits to a Community Covenant which will strengthen the partnership between Leeds City Council and the Armed Forces, encourage the integration of military and civilian communities, explore options for giving members of the Armed Forces higher priority for housing, and promote a wider understanding of issues affecting the Armed Forces community.

Council requests that the Chief Executive produces a report, in consultation with local military representatives, for consideration by the Executive Board, which outlines proposals for the establishment of a Leeds Community Covenant.

M LYONS

14. White Paper Motion - Council Procedure Rule 3.1(d) - Leeds Rhinos

This council congratulates the Leeds Rhinos rugby league team who, by defeating St Helens, won an unprecedented fourth Super League championship in five years. Council further wishes the team more success in the World Club Challenge in 2012.

This Council will provide Leeds Rhinos with a Civic celebration worthy of their achievements at a suitable time for all parties.

K PARKER

15. White Paper Motion - Council Procedure Rule 3.1(d) - Sir Jimmy Saville

“This Council expresses its sadness at the death of Sir Jimmy Savile and wishes to convey its deep condolences to his family and friends.

“Council recognises the huge contribution that Sir Jimmy made to charity, raising more than £40 million over his lifetime, as well as his inimitable contribution to broadcasting over a long and successful career.

Council resolves to ensure there is a fitting tribute to Sir Jimmy that reflects the scale of his achievements and the high regard in which he was held by people in his home town of Leeds, the UK, and around the world.”

A CARTER

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