

A meeting of the Council will be held in the Civic Hall, Leeds on Wednesday, 11th September, 2013 at 1.30 pm

Members of the Council are invited to attend and transact the following business:

1 Minutes 1 - 12

To confirm the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 1st July 2013.

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 Report on Appointments 13 - 14

To consider the report of the City Solicitor on appointments.

G HARPER

6 Report on Leeds Award 15 - 20

To consider a report of the City Solicitor on a nomination for receipt of the Leeds Award.

K WAKEFIELD

7 Report on Council Meeting Dates 2013/2014 21 - 24

To consider the report of the City Solicitor on the date of Council Meetings 2013/2014.

G HARPER

- 8 **Area Committee Annual Report** 25 - 28

To consider a report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Citizens and Communities) presenting to Council the Area Committees' Annual Report for 2012/13 and to outline ongoing work to further improve the workings, profile and community engagement role of Area Committees and local councillors.

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- 9 **Questions**

To deal with questions in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11

- 10 **Minutes**

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

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11 **Back Bench Community Concerns**

To receive Community Concerns in respect of:-

- 1) Councillor Buckley - Proposal for a Village Green in Alwoodley Ward.
- 2) Councillor Campbell – To raise concerns about commercial waste collection procedures in Otley.
- 3) Councillor Hardy – Concerns about parking outside schools in Farnley and Wortley
- 4) Councillor Illingworth – The loss of safe community-based drinking establishments in Kirkstall.

12 **White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Lamb) - Faith School Transport**

This Council notes the disappointing Home to School Transport policy approved by the Executive Board in July 2013. Council is particularly concerned that this policy could give rise to the serious accusation that it is unfairly penalising parents and young people who wish to choose a faith based education.

This Council recognises the need to make savings to the Council's budgets to ensure the continuation of essential services to the residents of Leeds.

However, the scale of annual Leeds City Council expenditure on transport is such that the decision to focus savings on Home to School transport shows a lack of imagination and a failure to come up with flexible solutions that will save money while maintaining highly valued frontline services.

This Council instructs the Deputy Chief Executive to implement a full review of transport spending across the Council, to be informed by the Scrutiny Inquiry into Home to School Transport, and implemented before any changes to transport policy are introduced by the Children's Services Department.

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13 White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor J Bentley) - Non-Eviction Policy

This council recognises the need to help overcrowded families in council housing but believes the current government policy of reducing benefit for under-occupying tenants is ineffective, unfair and penalises the most vulnerable.

Council notes the efforts of other councils to offer greater certainty to affected tenants by guaranteeing they won't be evicted for arrears accrued as a result of under-occupying their home.

Council resolves to adopt a non-eviction policy for tenants in Leeds who have had their benefits cuts due to under-occupation, provided they have

- applied for rehousing
- applied for a discretionary housing payment
- maintained their tenancy effectively in terms of overall property condition and standards of behaviour
- not refused reasonable offers to downsize

Council requests officers to produce a report to Executive Board detailing how such a policy will be implemented in Leeds and to investigate the possibility of setting up a hardship fund to support tenants adversely affected by welfare reforms.

J BENTLEY

14 White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Wakefield) - Short Term Lenders

This Council expresses deep concern about both the proliferation of high cost, short-term lenders on our high streets and the increasing number of people becoming trapped in a cycle of long-term debt due to extortionate interest rates charged by these companies.

Members reiterate their commitment to work to tackle this problem in Leeds and welcome the recent move to block access to the websites of payday and high interest lenders via the Council network.

However, with an estimated 1 million families a month taking out payday loans, including many families in Leeds, Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Minister for Employment Relations and Consumer Affairs to lobby Government to:

- § Look again at introducing a cap on interest rates charged by high cost, short-term lenders.
- § Introduce restrictions around the practice of 'rolling over' loans given the OFT's recent findings regarding the proportion of revenue generated through charges associated with this practice.
- § Re-designate such lenders within the Town and Country Planning Act so as to require planning permission to be granted before certain establishments can be converted into pay day or high interest loan shops.

Council further requests that Leeds City Council officers produce a report for consideration by the Executive Board which explores the possibility of working with city partners to restrict the advertising of high interest or payday lenders in public spaces – for example, on billboards and in bus stops.

This Council commits to extending its current activity in order to increase awareness of the potential impact of borrowing through high cost lenders. Council also reiterates its commitment to work with partner organisations to increase the accessibility and visibility of alternative mainstream financial institutions such as the Credit Union.

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