

Proceedings of the Meeting of the Leeds City Council held
Civic Hall, Leeds on Wednesday, 26th March, 2014

PRESENT: The Lord Mayor Councillor Thomas Murray in the Chair

WARD

ADEL & WHARFEDALE

Barry John Anderson
John Leslie Carter

ALWOODLEY

Neil Alan Buckley

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

Caroline Gruen
Ted Hanley
Neil Taggart

BURMANTOFTS & RICHMOND HILL

Maureen Ingham
Asghar Khan
Ron Grahame

WARD

CALVERLEY & FARSLEY

Andrew Carter
Joseph William Marjoram
Rod Wood

CHAPEL ALLERTON

Eileen Taylor
Mohammed Rafique
Jane Dowson

CITY & HUNSLET

Elizabeth Nash
Patrick Davey
Mohammed Iqbal

CROSS GATES & WHINMOOR

Debra Coupar
Pauleen Grahame
Peter John Gruen

FARNLEY & WORTLEY

David Blackburn
Ann Blackburn
John Hamilton Hardy

GARFORTH & SWILLINGTON

Andrea McKenna
Mark Dobson
Thomas Murray

GIPTON & HAREHILLS

Roger Harington
Arif Hussain
Kamila Maqsood

GUISELEY & RAWDON

Graham Latty
Paul John Spencer Wadsworth
Pat Latty

HAREWOOD

Ann Castle

Matthew James Robinson

HEADINGLEY

Janette Walker
Neil Walshaw
Martin Hamilton

HORSFORTH

Christopher Townsley
Dawn Collins
Brian Cleasby

HYDE PARK & WOODHOUSE

Christine Denise Towler
Gerry Harper
Javaid Akhtar

KILLINGBECK & SEACROFT

Graham Hyde
Veronica Morgan
Brian Michael Selby

KIPPAX & METHLEY

Mary Elizabeth Harland
James Lewis
Keith Ivor Wakefield

KIRKSTALL

Lucinda Joy Yeadon
John Anthony Illingworth
Bernard Peter Atha

MIDDLETON PARK

Paul Anthony Truswell
Judith Blake
Kim Groves

MOORTOWN

Alex Sobel

Sharon Hamilton

MORLEY NORTH

Robert Finnigan
Robert William Gettings
Thomas Leadley

MORLEY SOUTH

Judith Elliott
Neil Dawson
Shirley Varley

OTLEY & YEADON

Sandy Edward Charles Lay
Colin Campbell
Ryk Downes

PUDSEY

Josephine Patricia Jarosz
Richard Alwyn Lewis
Mick Coulson

ROTHWELL

David Nagle
Karen Bruce
Barry Stewart Golton

ROUNDHAY

Bill Urry
Christine Macniven
Ghulam Hussain

TEMPLE NEWSAM

Judith Cummins

Michael Lyons

WEETWOOD

Jonathan Bentley
Susan Bentley
Judith Mara Chapman

WETHERBY

Gerald Wilkinson
Alan James Lamb
John Michael Procter

111 Announcements

- a) The Lord Mayor informed Council that the following Councillors would not be seeking re-election to Council, and said a few words in respect of each Councillor and thanked them for their work over the years on behalf of the Council:-

Councillor Bernard Atha
Councillor Martin Hamilton
Councillor Neil Taggart

- b) The Lord Mayor welcomed media students from Leeds Trinity University, and informed Council that they would be filming/recording proceedings.
- c) The Lord Mayor informed Council that Councillor Charlwood had recently given birth to a baby boy.
- d) The Lord Mayor reminded all those present that the Council was been webcast.

112 Minutes

It was moved by Councillor G Harper, seconded by Councillor G Latty and

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 26th February 2014 be approved.

113 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

114 Communications

The Chief Executive informed Council that a response to a Council resolution had been received from Nick Boles MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Planning) with regard to a White Paper considered at Council in January 2014

The response had previously been circulated to all Members of Council.

115 Deputations

Four deputations were admitted to the meeting and addressed Council, as follows:-

- 1) Leeds Dance Community and the ambition to make Leeds the UK's top city for Dance
- 2) Meanwood Road Safety Campaign regarding 20 mph zones.
- 3) Leeds Student Union regarding the creation of a standing council of Student Union representatives
- 4) Morley Heritage Centre regarding a permanent location

RESOLVED - That the subject matter in respect of the deputations be referred to the Executive Board for consideration.

116 Recommendations of the Executive Board - Local Flood Risk Management Strategy

It was moved by Councillor R Lewis, seconded by Councillor G Harper and

RESOLVED – That the Leeds Local Flood Risk Management Strategy be approved.

117 Recommendations of the General Purposes Committee - 2014/2015 Pay Policy Statement

It was moved by Councillor Wakefield, seconded by Councillor G Harper and

RESOLVED - That the Pay Policy Statement 2014/15 as set out at Appendix 1 to the report be approved.

118 Recommendations of the General Purposes Committee - Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

It was moved by Councillor Wakefield, seconded by Councillor G Harper and

RESOLVED -

- a) That Council reconfirms its support for the establishment of a Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Yorkshire and the Humber) in relation to NHS England's new review of Congenital Heart Disease services;
- b) That Council delegates relevant functions, as set out in Appendix 1 of the submitted report to the General Purposes Committee, that shall be exercisable by the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Yorkshire and the Humber), subject to such terms and conditions therein; and ;
- c) That Council asks the Scrutiny Board (Health and Wellbeing and Adult Social Care) to nominate a member from within its membership to sit on the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Yorkshire and the Humber) in relation to the new review of Congenital Heart Disease services and, upon nomination, agrees to appoint such member to the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Yorkshire and the Humber).

119 Recommendations of the Standards and Conduct Committee - Annual Report

It was moved by Councillor Nash, seconded by Councillor Selby and

RESOLVED - That the annual report of the Standards and Conduct Committee, as presented by the City Solicitor, be received.

120 Report on Appointments and Nominations to the West Yorkshire Combined Authority

It was moved by Councillor Wakefield, seconded by Councillor G Harper and

RESOLVED -

- a) To appoint the following to the West Yorkshire Combined Authority with effect from 1 April 2014:

	Labour	Conservative	Liberal Democrat
WYCA member	Cllr K Wakefield	Cllr Andrew Carter	

WYCA substitute member	Cllr J Blake	The substitute Conservative Party member will be appointed by another Constituents Council	Cllr Stewart Golton (as substitute for the Liberal Democrat Member of the CA appointed by Calderdale MBC)
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- b) That the following nominations for co-optees to the committees of the WYCA be recommended and that authority be delegated to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Group Leaders, to make any additional nominations to the West Yorkshire Combined Authority:

Committee	Labour	Conservative	Liberal Democrat
Transport Committee ¹ (4 Members)	Cllr James Lewis Cllr Michael Lyons Cllr Kim Groves	Cllr Andrew Carter	
West Yorkshire and York Investment Committee (1 member – suggested cabinet member for regeneration)	Cllr Richard Lewis (Executive Member with responsibility for regeneration)		
Governance and Audit Committee (1 member – Chair of Audit committee)	Cllr Ghulam Hussain		
Overview and Scrutiny Committee (3 members)	Leader's nominee (to be confirmed) Leader's nominee (to be confirmed)	Leader's nominee (to be confirmed)	

¹ These Members will also comprise the Leeds District Engagement Sub Committee of the Transport Committee.

121 Report on Leeds Award

It was moved by Councillor Wakefield, seconded by Councillor G Harper and

RESOLVED - That the recommendations of the Leeds Award Panel to nominate Mrs Jean Johnson and Professor Emeritus Monty Losowsky to receive the Leeds Award, as presented by the report of the City Solicitor, be approved.

122 Questions

Q1 Councillor A Carter to the Executive Member (Development and the Economy):-

Is the Executive Board Member for Development and the Economy able to inform the Council how much funding Leeds will receive from the two government funding allocations (one from the Secretary of State for Transport and one from the Chancellor of the Exchequer) to carry out extra road repairs?

The Executive Member (Development and the Economy) replied.

Q2 Councillor Golton to the Leader of Council:-

Does the Leader of Council agree that the council must consider proposals such as an increment freeze, cuts to mileage payments, ending pay protection and altering the redeployment process in order to retain essential council services in a period of prolonged austerity?

The Leader of Council replied.

Q3 Councillor Hanley(in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11.1c) to the Executive Member (Adult Social Care) :-

Please can the Executive Member update council on how Adult Social Care is coping with the issues identified by Age UK's recent "Crisis in Care" report?

(Adult Social Care) replied.

Q4 Councillor S Hamilton to the Executive Member (Environment):-

Can the Executive Member for Environment and Parks comment on the value and importance of the changes made to refuse collections over the past two years?

The Executive Member (Environment) replied.

Q5 Councillor Wadsworth to the Executive Member (Environment):-

Given the increases in the number of families who cannot afford to bury their relatives, why has the Executive Board Member for the Environment again increased burial charges?

The Executive Member (Environment) replied.

Q6 Councillor J Bentley to the Executive Member (Neighbourhoods, Planning and Support Services):-

Is the Executive Member for Neighbourhoods, Planning and Support Services satisfied that the out of hours service is providing a quality response to the tenants of Housing Leeds?

The Executive Member (Neighbourhoods, Planning and Support Services) replied.

Q7 Councillor Iqbal to the Executive Member (Development and the Economy):-

Can the Executive Member please update members on the actions taken by the council to reinforce its significant role in aiding the city's economic recovery?

The Executive Member (Development and the Economy) replied.

Q8 Councillor Maqsood to the Executive Member (Children's Services):-

Does the Executive Member for Children's Services have any comment on the impact of changes to the Careers Service?

The Executive Member (Children's Services) replied.

Q9 Councillor Anderson to the Executive Member (Neighbourhoods, Planning and Support Services):-

Given the Council's intention to deliver in excess of 50 new gypsy and traveller pitches through the Core Strategy, when will the Executive Board Member consult Leeds residents about the location of these new sites?

The Executive Member (Neighbourhoods, Planning and Support Services) replied.

Q10 Councillor S Bentley to the Executive Member (Children's Services):-

Does the Executive Member for Children's Services agree with the Shadow Secretary of State for Education's comments about academies advertising for unqualified teachers?

This question was withdrawn.

Q11 Councillor Congreve to the Executive Member Executive Member (Neighbourhoods, Planning and Support Services):-

Will the Executive Member responsible for planning please update Council on the "Leeds Standard for housing"?

The Executive Member (Neighbourhoods, Planning and Support 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 answers would be sent to each Member of Council:-

Q12 Councillor Selby to the Executive Member (Health and Well-being)

Q13 Councillor Lamb to the Executive Member (Children's Services)

- Q14 Councillor Cleasby to the Executive Member (Neighbourhoods, Planning and Support Services)
- Q15 Councillor A Khan to the Executive Member (Leisure and Skills)
- Q16 Councillor Wadsworth to the Executive Member (Environment)
- Q17 Councillor Cleasby to the Executive Member (Neighbourhoods, Planning and Support Services)
- Q18 Councillor Anderson to the Executive Member (Development and the Economy)
- Q19 Councillor Lamb to the Executive Member (Adult Social Care)

123 Minutes

It was moved by Councillor Wakefield, seconded by Councillor G Harper that the minutes be received in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2.2(i).

RESOLVED – That the minutes be received in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2.2(i)

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

124 Back Bench Community Concerns

Council heard the following Community Concerns;

- 1)Councillor Dawson - Closure of the Kodak site in Morley with the loss of 210 jobs.
- 2)Councillor Walker - Responding to trees falling from private property across the public highway.
- 3)Councillor Downes – Allocation of policing resources in Otley and Yeadon ward
- 4)Councillor A Blackburn – Housing repairs
- 5)Councillor Finnigan – The Council decision making process and how they impact upon Morley.
- 6)Councillor P Latty - Concerns about the configuration of the Station Hotel Junction in Guiseley and Rawdon ward and the possible impacts on pedestrian safety.

During the consideration of Community Concerns, the meeting was suspended at 4.55 pm and resumed at 5.25 pm

125 White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor A Carter) - Planning

Prior to discussion on this matter Councillor A Carter reported that this would be the last ordinary meeting of Council chaired by the current Lord mayor and thanked him for his efforts throughout the current Municipal Year.

Under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 14.9(a), leave of Council was given to alter the wording of the motion in the name of Councillor Andrew Carter to subsume the amendment in the name of Councillor Cleasby.

Under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 13.2(d) and 14.10 and with the consent of the seconder, leave of Council was given to Councillor Cleasby to withdraw the amendment in his name.

It was moved by Councillor A Carter, seconded by Councillor Campbell that this Council reaffirms its opposition to a developer led approach to planning policy.

This Council believes that a brown field first approach to development is the right one and further believes that new housing should be prioritised in regeneration areas and areas where there is clear unmet housing need.

This Council calls on the administration to act on the following issues:

- Evidence a robust 5 year land supply in Leeds
- Note and implement the recent planning guidance 'Making the planning system work more efficiently and effectively' regarding infrastructure constraints when assessing site suitability
- Further note the planning guidance with regard to brownfield land, developer profits and previous developer records on unimplemented planning permissions
- Take action to ensure that housing is not delivered in areas of flood risk
- Commit to continuing protection of the Greenbelt in Leeds
- Take note of recent ministerial advice that suggests that phasing of new housing development is not centrally prescribed by Government
- Affirm its commitment to neighbourhood planning and allocate adequate resources to help residents to speedily produce and adopt plans for their communities

This Council believes that housing numbers should not be seen in isolation as simply a positive for growth and a mechanism to address unmet need. These are important, but due consideration has to be given to infrastructure. Otherwise, in Leeds, this will likely result in over-subscribed schools, massively congested roads and key services stretched to breaking point.

This Council believes that new housing should be genuinely sustainable and this means delivering the infrastructure to support it before it is built.

An amendment was moved by Councillor P Gruen, seconded by Councillor J McKenna

This Council reaffirms its opposition to a developer led approach to planning policy.

Deleted all after and replace with:

This Council reiterates its belief that a brown field first approach to development is the right one and further believes that new housing should be prioritised in regeneration areas and areas where there is clear unmet housing need.

This Council believes that whilst communities accept the need for new housing they also believe this should be affordable housing in the right places. This is indicated in the policy agreed by Council at its meeting on 15 January 2014, including a clear brownfield first policy which prioritises the use of previously developed land wherever

possible, whilst at the same time committing to continuous protection of the Green Belt.

This is in strong contrast to Central Government's National Planning Policy Framework which in reality puts a 5 year land supply before all other interests. Council also recognises the general climate of extreme financial pressures being placed on local authorities by Central Government including the inadequacy of the new CIL/S106 framework to meet the essential community requirements arising from new developments.

This Council will continue to champion a democratic and sustainable approach in our Core Strategy. Such an approach will be based on these principles:

1. That new development must be supported by the early implementation of infrastructure necessary to sustain the local community.
2. Developers indicating their willingness to build sustainable new housing in Leeds by building on sites with existing planning permission.
3. The implementation of the Council's brownfield land strategy (February 2014)
4. Consideration be given to developers' previous delivery records and developer profit as per recent national guidance.
5. National government looking again at the impact of the requirements for the 5 year land supply, including whether this leads to a lack of local democratic control in planning decision making, especially on the retention of greenfield and Green Belt land.

Council requests that the Chief Executive writes to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, local MPs, local town and parish councils and Neighbourhood Planning Forums to indicate its desire for genuine partnership in housing and infrastructure growth.

The amendment in the name of Councillor P Gruen was carried and upon being put to the vote, it was

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126 White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Downes) - Leeds Bradford International Airport

It was moved by Councillor Downes, seconded by Councillor Cleasby and

RESOLVED – That this Council recognises the long term benefits Leeds Bradford International Airport brings to the local and regional economy and fully supports the city region's proposed infrastructure improvements to improve both its accessibility and connectivity.

On the requisition of Councillors J Procter and G Latty, the voting on the motion in the name of Councillor Downes was recorded as follows:-

YES - 82

Akhtar, Anderson, Atha, J Bentley, S Bentley, Blake, Bruce, Buckley, Campbell, A Carter, J L Carter, Castle, Chapman, Cleasby, Congreve, Coulson, Coupar, Cummins, Davey, Dawson, Dobson, Downes, Dowson, Dunn, Elliott, Gettings, Golton, P Grahame, R Grahame, C Gruen, P Gruen, M Hamilton, S Hamilton, Hanley, Hardy, Harington, Harland, G Harper, J Harper, Harrand, A Hussain, G Hussain, G Hyde, Illingworth, Ingham, Iqbal, Jarosz, Khan, Lamb, G Latty, P Latty, Lay, Leadley, J Lewis, R Lewis, Lyons, Marjoram, Macniven, Maqsood, A McKenna, J McKenna, Morgan, Mulherin, Nagle, Nash, Ogilvie, J Procter, Rafique, Renshaw, Robinson, Selby, Sobel, Taggart, E Taylor, Towler, Truswell, Urry, Varley, Wadsworth, Wakefield, Walker, Walshaw, Wilkinson, Wood and Yeadon.

NO - 0

ABSTAIN– 3

A Blackburn, D Blackburn and Collins.

127 White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Blake) - Children's Centres

It was moved by Councillor Blake, seconded by Councillor Harington that Council reiterates its commitment to ensure every child in Leeds enjoys the best start in life and welcomes the Administration's decision to keep all 57 children's centres open despite massive Government funding cuts.

Council further recognises the overwhelming evidence that development in the first years of life is crucial to improving social, economic, educational and health outcomes for children and young people.

Given that evidence, members commit to continue to work towards our Best city and Child Friendly ambitions, focusing in particular on ensuring that every child in Leeds is ready to learn before they start school.

In support of this approach and the clear evidence of the importance in investing wisely in Early Years, Council calls on Government to immediately:

1. Re-instate the Early Intervention Grant in full
2. Secure the financial future of Children's Centres and their multi-agency workforce
3. Provide an additional Early Years investment fund for local partnerships to access, based on the needs of local communities
4. Support the extension of the successful Families First approach to target the most vulnerable families
5. Ensure additional health capacity is identified and ring-fenced so as to provide targeted support

Council asks that the Chief Executive write to the Secretaries of State for Health and Education.

An amendment was moved by Councillor S Bentley, seconded by Councillor Campbell

Replace “despite massive government funding cuts” with “as well as the coalition government’s announcement of a £2,000 tax break for childcare, its extension of the successful troubled families initiative and the creation of a £50 million early years pupil premium for disadvantaged three and four year olds.”

Delete all after “Council” in paragraph four and replace with “resolves not to implement the administration’s proposed 9% increase in nursery fees at council children’s centres.”

The amended motion would then read:

Council reiterates its commitment to ensure every child in Leeds enjoys the best start in life and welcomes the Administration’s decision to keep all 57 children’s centres open as well as the coalition government’s announcement of a £2,000 tax break for childcare, its extension of the successful troubled families initiative and the creation of a £50 million early years pupil premium for disadvantaged three and four year olds.

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A second amendment was moved by Councillor Lamb, seconded by Councillor G Latty

Delete all after: 'Council' and replace with:

'believes that burdening the next generation of children with an unmanageable national debt provides the worst possible start in life for millions of young people in Britain. Therefore, this Council supports the Government's economic plan and welcomes the commitment by all parties to spending restraint and hopes that future generations in Leeds will benefit from this through improved economic circumstances.

Despite the difficult economic background, this Council welcomes the steps already taken by this Government to improve outcomes for young people, specifically:

1. Delivery of 15 hours of free nursery care to all 3 and 4 year olds
2. Expansion of the 15 hours free nursery provision to include 2 year olds from disadvantaged backgrounds
3. The introduction of and increases to the pupil premium
4. The Troubled Families Programme
5. Free school meals for all infant aged pupils

This Council reiterates its commitment to ensure every child in Leeds enjoys the best start in life and welcomes this government's ongoing commitment to this agenda. Council further recognises the overwhelming evidence that development in the first years of life is crucial to improving social, economic, educational and health outcomes for children and young people.

Therefore Council notes with concern the recent Executive Board report that highlighted the disappointing level of performance across a number of areas in Education but most notably in Early Years.

This Council calls on the ruling administration to stop blaming the Government for its own disappointing performance and take responsibility for the services it delivers. Council calls for a report to be brought to Executive Board detailing a robust plan to deliver improvements to Early Years provision in Leeds.'

The first amendment in the name of Councillor S Bentley and the second amendment in the name of Councillor Lamb were declared lost and upon being put to the vote, it was

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Council rose at 19.30