

A meeting of the Council will be held in the Civic Hall, Leeds on Wednesday, 10th January, 2018 at 1.00 pm

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

1 Minutes of the last Meeting 1 - 22

To approve the minutes of the Council Meetings held on 8th November 2017.

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 Recommendations of the Executive Board - Amendments to the Leeds Site Allocations Plan 23 - 320

To consider the report of the Director of City Development setting out recommendations from the Executive Board on 13 December 2017 to Full Council in respect of amendments to the Leeds Site Allocations Plan (SAP).

The report sets out an amended approach to progressing housing allocations and safeguarded land within the Leeds Site Allocations Plan through its Examination. This is necessary to ensure that the Council responsibly reflects a recent Government consultation and new evidence therein, and to ensure that Leeds has a SAP in place as quickly as practicable to provide certainty for investors and communities as part of a plan-led approach. Within this context, the DCLG consultation ('Planning for the right homes in the right places') incorporating a 'standardised methodology', suggests that the housing need in Leeds is to reduce when compared to that in the adopted Core Strategy and therefore despite being considered sound, the submission draft SAP may result in Green Belt being released for housing which is found not to be ultimately required in the longer term.

This report sets out proposed amendments to the Submission SAP for public consultation (Appendix 1 and 2) together with an updated timetable to the SAP Examination. This report follows on from reports to Development Plan Panel (DPP) on the 3rd and 21st November and approval at Executive Board on 13th December which set out the reasons for the revised approach, the methodology to be used and the changes now considered necessary to the SAP.

6 Recommendations of General Purposes Committee - Community Governance Review - Final Recommendations 321 - 378

To consider the report of the Head of Elections, Licensing and Registration setting out recommendations from the General Purposes Committee on 11 December 2017 to Full Council to agree final proposals for the community governance review.

7 Report on Appointments 379 - 382

To consider the report of the City Solicitor on appointments.

8 Report on the Calculation of the Council Tax and Business Rates Tax Bases for 2018/19 383 - 428

To consider the report of the Chief Officer - Financial Services seeking agreement to the 2018/19 council tax bases for Leeds and the parish/town councils set out in the report and providing indicative business rates shares for 2018/19 and to request Council to give delegated authority to the Chief Officer – Financial Services to finalise the shares and to submit them in the *National Non-Domestic Rates Return 1 2018-19* on or before 31st January 2018.

9 Questions

To deal with questions in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11.

10 Minutes of the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Executive Board 429 - 466

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

11 Report on Devolution 467 - 474

To consider a report of the Chief Executive updating Members on matters in the Leeds City Region LEP and the West Yorkshire Combined Authority, specifically this report provides details of the latest public combined authority meeting in December.

- 12 **White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Buckley) - Capital of Culture** 475 - 476
- This Council is deeply disappointed by the recent announcement from the European Commission that appears to prevent a UK city from being named the European Capital of Culture in 2023.
- Rather than lose the work that has already gone into this ambitious project, this Council calls for an alternative approach that would see Leeds host its very own ‘Year of Culture’ by 2023.
- Working in partnership with organisations that have already pledged in support of the Capital of Culture bid this event would showcase the cultural heritage of Leeds, deliver exciting events and projects and would highlight Leeds as a thriving and successful city capable of delivering a cultural showpiece all of its own.
- 13 **White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor R Lewis) - Rail Networks in Public Ownership** 477 - 478
- “This Council believes modern, responsive and attractive rail and bus networks demand their operators are properly accountable to the passengers and communities they serve.
- This Council therefore confirms its support for the rail network to return to public ownership. Council believes this would end the scandal of the use of public money to bail out private companies which have repeatedly failed to fulfil their financial obligations to the public purse, as reported recently with Stagecoach on the East Coast Mainline.
- The East Coast Mainline is particularly important to Leeds as it provides the gateway to city’s economy with Leeds station being one of, if not the, busiest stations on the Mainline.
- Council believes bus services, not just in Leeds but across the country, would improve with increased public accountability, so Council welcomes the commitment from the Secretary of State for Transport calling for councils to consider putting forward proposals for bus franchising arrangements in their areas.
- Council therefore calls on the Secretary of State to return the East Coast Mainline to public ownership without delay; and Council requests the Chief Executive works with the council’s partners to develop proposals as soon as possible for bus franchising in Leeds to present to the Secretary of State.”
- 14 **White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Downes) - Children's Services** 479 - 480

This council notes with concern worsening trends in a number of areas of children’s services including:

- Low educational attainment, with Leeds the second worst council in the worst performing region in England for reading, writing and maths among primary aged children and persistent gaps in attainment for children receiving free school meals and with English as an additional language
- Worsening Ofsted results, in which the number of primary schools that have received a worse score in their 2017 assessment is three times higher than the number that have improved
- Continued reliance on external providers for residential care and independent foster care agencies, which are currently projected to overspend by £1.2 million
- Reduced senior management capacity to improve services

This council is deeply concerned at the effect this decline in service quality is having on vulnerable children and young people in the city.

This Council lacks confidence in the current policies in place to deal with these issues and calls for the creation of an independent cross-party commission to investigate these issues and develop sustainable solutions for the city that will halt the decline in support for our most vulnerable children and help create the infrastructure needed to place the service on a stable footing.

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