

Proceedings of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Leeds City Council held
Civic Hall, Leeds on Wednesday, 8th November, 2017

PRESENT: The Lord Mayor Councillor Jane Dowson in the Chair.

WARD

ADEL & WHARFEDALE

Barry John Anderson
Caroline Anderson
Billy Flynn

ALWOODLEY

Neil Alan Buckley
Dan Cohen
Peter Mervyn Harrand

ARDSLEY & ROBIN HOOD

Karen Renshaw
Jack Dunn
Lisa Mulherin

ARMLEY

Alison Natalie Kay Lowe
James McKenna
Alice Smart

BEESTON & HOLBECK

Angela Gabriel
Adam Ogilvie
David Congreve

BRAMLEY & STANNINGLEY

Caroline Gruen
Julie Heselwood
Kevin Ritchie

BURMANTOFTS & RICHMOND HILL

Denise Ragan
Asghar Khan
Ron Grahame

WARD

CALVERLEY & FARSLEY

Andrew Carter
Amanda Carter
Rod Wood

CHAPEL ALLERTON

Eileen Taylor
Mohammed Rafique
Jane Dowson

CITY & HUNSLET

Elizabeth Nash
Patrick Davey
Mohammed Iqbal

CROSS GATES & WHINMOOR

Pauleen Grahame
Peter John Gruen

FARNLEY & WORTLEY

David Blackburn
Ann Blackburn

GARFORTH & SWILLINGTON

Sarah Field
Mark Dobson
Stuart McKenna

GIPTON & HAREHILLS

Salma Arif
Arif Hussain

GUISELEY & RAWDON

Graham Latty

Pat Latty

HAREWOOD

Ryan Stephenson

Matthew James Robinson

HEADINGLEY

Alison Garthwaite

Neil Walshaw

Jonathon Pryor

HORSFORTH

Christopher Townsley

Dawn Collins

Brian Cleasby

HYDE PARK & WOODHOUSE

Christine Denise Towler

Gerry Harper

Javaid Akhtar

KILLINGBECK & SEACROFT

Graham Hyde

Catherine Dobson

Brian Michael Selby

KIPPAX & METHLEY

Mary Elizabeth Harland

James Lewis

Keith Ivor Wakefield

KIRKSTALL

Lucinda Joy Yeadon

John Anthony Illingworth

Fiona Elizabeth Venner

MIDDLETON PARK

Paul Anthony Truswell

Judith Blake

Kim Groves

MOORTOWN

Alex Sobel

Rebecca Charlwood

Sharon Hamilton

MORLEY NORTH

Robert Finnigan

Robert Gettings

Thomas Leadley

MORLEY SOUTH

Judith Elliott

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

Eleanor Tunnicliffe

Christine Macniven

Ghulam Hussain

TEMPLE NEWSAM

Debra Coupar

Helen Hayden

Michael Lyons

WEETWOOD

Jonathan Bentley

Susan Bentley

WETHERBY

Gerald Wilkinson

Alan James Lamb

John Michael Procter

43 Procedural Motion - Suspension of Council Procedure Rule 3.4

It was moved by Councillor Ogilvie, seconded by Councillor Harland that under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule (CPR) 22.1 (Suspension of CPRs), that CPR 3.4 (Time Limits for Business) be suspended to provide for at least 3 Labour Group Members and 1 Green Group Member to speak in the debate on the White Paper Motion in the name of Councillor Andrew Carter.

Upon being put to the vote it was

RESOLVED – That Council Procedure Rule 3.4 (Time Limits for Business) be suspended to provide for at least 3 Labour Group Members and 1 Green Group Member to speak in the debate on the White Paper Motion in the name of Councillor Andrew Carter.

44 Procedural Motion - Suspension of Council Procedure Rules 3.4

It was moved by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Buckley that under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule (CPR) 22.1 (Suspension of CPRs), that CPR 3.4 (Time Limits for Business) be suspended to provide for all speakers listed on the order paper to speak on the White Paper Motion in the name of Councillor Andrew Carter.

Upon being put to the vote the motion was lost.

On the requisition of Councillors Campbell and Buckley the voting on the procedural motion was recorded as follows;

YES – 34

B Anderson, C Anderson, J Bentley, S Bentley, A Blackburn, D Blackburn, Buckley, Campbell, Andrew Carter, Amanda Carter, Cleasby, Cohen, Collins, C Dobson, M Dobson, Downes, Elliott, Field, Finnigan, Flynn, Gettings, Golton, Harrand, Lamb, G Latty, P Latty, Lay, Leadley, J Procter, Robinson, Stephenson, Townsley, Wilkinson and Wood

NO – 54

Akhtar, Arif, Blake, Bruce, Charlwood, Congreve, Coulson, Coupar, Davey, Dunn, Gabriel, Garthwaite, P Grahame, R Grahame, Groves, C Gruen, P Gruen, Hamilton, Harland, Harper, Hayden, Heselwood, A Hussain, G Hussain, Hyde, Illingworth, Iqbal, Jarosz, Khan, J Lewis, R Lewis, Lyons, Lowe, Macniven, J McKenna, S McKenna, Mulherin, Nagle, Nash, Ogilvie, Pryor, Rafique, Ragan, Renshaw, Ritchie, Selby, Smart, E Taylor, Towler, Tunnicliffe, Venner, Wakefield, Walshaw and Yeadon

ABSTAIN – 0

45 Procedural Motion - Suspension of Council Procedure Rule 10.1

It was moved by Councillor Ogilvie, seconded by Councillor G Latty that under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule (CPR) 22.1 (Suspension of CPRs), that CPR 10.1 (Deputations) be suspended to allow the consideration of a deputation at this extraordinary meeting.

Upon being put to the vote it was

RESOLVED – That Council Procedure Rule 10.1 (Deputations) be suspended to allow the consideration of a deputation at this extraordinary meeting.

46 Deputation

The deputation of residents from Wordsworth Drive/Sugar Hill Closer was admitted to the meeting and addressed Council and it was;

RESOLVED – That the subject matter in respect of the deputation be referred to the Director of City Development for consideration in consultation with the relevant Executive Member.

47 White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Andrew Carter) - Site Allocations Plan

It was moved by Councillor Andrew Carter, seconded by Councillor J Procter that this Council has no confidence in the ability of the ruling administration of Leeds City Council to deliver a coherent and sound Site Allocations Plan at the reconvened examination process.

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

Delete “This Council” in line one and replace with:

“Given the recent consultation document on housing numbers from DCLG and the interim findings of the council’s own review of housing numbers, this council recognises that the core strategy housing targets were wildly inaccurate and therefore”

Delete “ and sound” in line two and replace with:

“, sound and defensible”

A second amendment was moved by Councillor Leadley, seconded by Councillor Finnigan

Delete all after “This Council” and insert the following:

“is not confident that the ruling administration of Leeds City Council is willing to set aside fully its long-held housing targets, to allow a coherent and sound Site Allocation Plan to be delivered at next year’s re-convened examination. It instructs the Director of City Development to ensure that a fresh start is made, to allow new housing targets to be matched to a thorough review of housing sites, to reflect the needs of our citizens, not the hollow aspirations and ambitions of land-speculators, bureaucrats, and politicians.”

A third amendment was moved by Councillor R Lewis, seconded by Councillor C Gruen

Remove all after “This Council” and replace with:

“has no confidence in the Conservative government to deliver coherent planning policy or meet the housing needs of the country.

“Council notes Conservative government policy has created the perverse situation where it is both failing to provide the housing needed by the people of Leeds and weakening the protection of the city’s green belt and is therefore utterly dysfunctional.

“Council is concerned the government’s consultation document, ‘Planning for the right homes in the right places’, puts forward a top down, one-size-fits all approach that doesn’t reflect local needs, fails to take account of the need for employment land, and does nothing but add to the disgraceful state of national planning and housing policy.

“This Council questions why government abolished top-down targets in 2011, only to reinstate them in 2017, and why government has failed to force developers to build much needed new homes once they have secured planning permission.

“Council calls once again for a complete overhaul of the National Planning Policy Framework so that the housing desperately needed by the citizens of Leeds can be delivered while balancing the impact of development on existing communities.”

A fourth amendment was moved by Councillor M Dobson, seconded by Councillor Field

Delete all after “This Council” and insert the following:

“believes that the production of a workable Site Allocation Plan and its acceptance by Central Government is essential to allow Leeds City Council to sensibly manage our housing growth, protect the unique nature of our towns and villages, and ensure our green space is maintained for current and future citizens of Leeds.

Council accepts that withdrawing the current Site Allocation Plan would be folly, but commits to urgently enter into meaningful cross-party dialogue to reach a collective position on housing numbers to present to the Inspector when the hearing reconvenes.

Concurrent with this, Council instructs the Director of City Development to urgently review anomalies that the Housing Market Characteristic Areas have thrown up across the city so as to ensure parity and fairness of distribution in any revision to the Site Allocation Plan.

To avoid speculative developers looking to exploit any delay in the process, Council clearly and unequivocally commits to bringing forward revisions to the submitted Site Allocation Plan at the earliest opportunity that produce a demonstrable five year land supply while addressing the issues of housing numbers and anomalies around the Housing Market Characteristic Areas.”

The amendments in the name of Councillors Campbell, Leadley and M Dobson were declared lost.

The amendment in the name of Councillor R Lewis was carried and upon being put to the vote it was

RESOLVED – That this Council has no confidence in the Conservative government to deliver coherent planning policy or meet the housing needs of the country.

Council notes Conservative government policy has created the perverse situation where it is both failing to provide the housing needed by the people of Leeds and weakening the protection of the city’s green belt and is therefore utterly dysfunctional.

Council is concerned the government’s consultation document, ‘Planning for the right homes in the right places’, puts forward a top down, one-size-fits all approach that

doesn't reflect local needs, fails to take account of the need for employment land, and does nothing but add to the disgraceful state of national planning and housing policy.

This Council questions why government abolished top-down targets in 2011, only to reinstate them in 2017, and why government has failed to force developers to build much needed new homes once they have secured planning permission.

Council calls once again for a complete overhaul of the National Planning Policy Framework so that the housing desperately needed by the citizens of Leeds can be delivered while balancing the impact of development on existing communities."

On the requisition of Councillors G Latty and Cohen the voting on Councillor Campbell's amendment was recorded as follows;

YES – 31

B Anderson, C Anderson, J Bentley, S Bentley, A Blackburn, D Blackburn, Buckley, Campbell, Andrew Carter, Amanda Carter, Cleasby, Cohen, Collins, Downes, Elliott, Finnigan, Flynn, Gettings, Golton, Harrand, Lamb, G Latty, P Latty, Lay, Leadley, J Procter, Robinson, Stephenson, Townsley, Wilkinson and Wood

NO – 56

Akhtar, Arif, Blake, Bruce, Charlwood, Congreve, Coulson, Coupar, Davey, Dunn, Gabriel, Garthwaite, P Grahame, R Grahame, Groves, C Gruen, P Gruen, Hamilton, Harland, Harper, Hayden, Heselwood, A Hussain, G Hussain, Hyde, Illingworth, Iqbal, Jarosz, Khan, J Lewis, R Lewis, Lyons, Lowe, Macniven, J McKenna, S McKenna, Mulherin, Nagle, Nash, Ogilvie, Pryor, Rafique, Ragan, Renshaw, Ritchie, Selby, Smart, Sobel, E Taylor, Towler, Truswell, Tunnicliffe, Venner, Wakefield, Walshaw and Yeadon

ABSTAIN – 3

C Dobson, M Dobson and Field

On the requisition of Councillors G Latty and Cohen the voting on Councillor Leadley's amendment was recorded as follows;

YES – 31

B Anderson, C Anderson, J Bentley, S Bentley, A Blackburn, D Blackburn, Buckley, Campbell, Andrew Carter, Amanda Carter, Cleasby, Cohen, Collins, Downes, Elliott, Finnigan, Flynn, Gettings, Golton, Harrand, Lamb, G Latty, P Latty, Lay, Leadley, J Procter, Robinson, Stephenson, Townsley, Wilkinson and Wood

NO – 56

Akhtar, Arif, Blake, Bruce, Charlwood, Congreve, Coulson, Coupar, Davey, Dunn, Gabriel, Garthwaite, P Grahame, R Grahame, Groves, C Gruen, P Gruen, Hamilton, Harland, Harper, Hayden, Heselwood, A Hussain, G Hussain, Hyde, Illingworth, Iqbal, Jarosz, Khan, J Lewis, R Lewis, Lyons, Lowe, Macniven, J McKenna, S McKenna, Mulherin, Nagle, Nash, Ogilvie, Pryor, Rafique, Ragan, Renshaw, Ritchie, Selby, Smart, Sobel, E Taylor, Towler, Truswell, Tunnicliffe, Venner, Wakefield, Walshaw and Yeadon

ABSTAIN – 3

C Dobson, M Dobson and Field

On the requisition of Councillors G Latty and Cohen the voting on Councillor R Lewis's amendment was recorded as follows;

YES – 56

Akhtar, Arif, Blake, Bruce, Charlwood, Congreve, Coulson, Coupar, Davey, Dunn, Gabriel, Garthwaite, P Grahame, R Grahame, Groves, C Gruen, P Gruen, Hamilton, Harland, Harper, Hayden, Heselwood, A Hussain, G Hussain, Hyde, Illingworth, Iqbal, Jarosz, Khan, J Lewis, R Lewis, Lyons, Lowe, Macniven, J McKenna, S McKenna, Mulherin, Nagle, Nash, Ogilvie, Pryor, Rafique, Ragan, Renshaw, Ritchie, Selby, Smart, Sobel, E Taylor, Towler, Truswell, Tunncliffe, Venner, Wakefield, Walshaw and Yeadon

NO – 34

B Anderson, C Anderson, J Bentley, S Bentley, A Blackburn, D Blackburn, Buckley, Campbell, Andrew Carter, Amanda Carter, Cleasby, Cohen, Collins, C Dobson, M Dobson, Downes, Elliott, Field, Finnigan, Flynn, Gettings, Golton, Harrand, Lamb, G Latty, P Latty, Lay, Leadley, J Procter, Robinson, Stephenson, Townsley, Wilkinson and Wood

ABSTAIN – 0

On the requisition of Councillors G Latty and Cohen the voting on Councillor M Dobson's amendment was recorded as follows;

YES – 7

C Dobson, M Dobson, Elliott, Field, Finnigan, Gettings and Leadley

NO – 72

Akhtar, B Anderson, C Anderson, Arif, Blake, Bruce, Buckley, Andrew Carter, Amanda Carter, Charlwood, Cohen, Congreve, Coulson, Coupar, Davey, Dunn, Flynn, Gabriel, Garthwaite, P Grahame, R Grahame, Groves, C Gruen, P Gruen, Hamilton, Harland, Harper, Harrand, Hayden, Heselwood, A Hussain, G Hussain, Hyde, Illingworth, Iqbal, Jarosz, Khan, Lamb, G Latty, P Latty, J Lewis, R Lewis, Lyons, Lowe, Macniven, J McKenna, S McKenna, Mulherin, Nagle, Nash, Ogilvie, J Procter, Pryor, Rafique, Ragan, Renshaw, Ritchie, Robinson, Selby, Smart, Sobel, Stephenson, E Taylor, Towler, Truswell, Tunncliffe, Venner, Wakefield, Walshaw, Wilkinson, Wood and Yeadon

ABSTAIN – 11

J Bentley, S Bentley, A Blackburn, D Blackburn, Campbell, Cleasby, Collins, Downes, Golton, Lay, Townsley

On the requisition of Councillors G Latty and Cohen the voting on the substantive motion in the name of Councillor R Lewis was recorded as follows;

YES – 56

Akhtar, Arif, Blake, Bruce, Charlwood, Congreve, Coulson, Coupar, Davey, Dunn, Gabriel, Garthwaite, P Grahame, R Grahame, Groves, C Gruen, P Gruen, Hamilton, Harland, Harper, Hayden, Heselwood, A Hussain, G Hussain, Hyde, Illingworth, Iqbal, Jarosz, Khan, J Lewis, R Lewis, Lyons, Lowe, Macniven, J McKenna, S McKenna, Mulherin, Nagle, Nash, Ogilvie, Pryor, Rafique, Ragan, Renshaw, Ritchie, Selby, Smart, Sobel, E Taylor, Towler, Truswell, Tunnicliffe, Venner, Wakefield, Walshaw and Yeadon

NO – 34

B Anderson, C Anderson, J Bentley, S Bentley, A Blackburn, D Blackburn, Buckley, Campbell, Andrew Carter, Amanda Carter, Cleasby, Cohen, Collins, C Dobson, M Dobson, Downes, Elliott, Field, Finnigan, Flynn, Gettings, Golton, Harrand, Lamb, G Latty, P Latty, Lay, Leadley, J Procter, Robinson, Stephenson, Townsley, Wilkinson and Wood

ABSTAIN – 0

Council rose at 11.35 am