

Our ambition and approach

Our Ambition is for Leeds to be the best city and Leeds City Council to be the best council in the UK: fair, open and welcoming with an economy that is both prosperous and sustainable so all our communities are successful.

Our Approach is to adopt a new leadership style of **civic enterprise**, where the council becomes more enterprising, businesses and partners become more civic, and citizens become more actively engaged in the work of the city.

Our best council outcomes

- Improve the quality of life for our residents, particularly for those who are vulnerable or in poverty;
- Make it easier for people to do business with us; and
- Achieve the savings and efficiencies required to continue to deliver frontline services.

Our best council objectives and priorities for 2013 to 2017

Supporting communities and tackling poverty – *involving people in shaping their city and tackling the challenges of poverty, deprivation and inequality*

With a focus on:

- Supporting healthy lifestyles and getting people active
- Tackling domestic violence and abuse
- Helping people out of financial hardship and into work
- Strengthening local accountability and being more responsive to the needs of local communities
- Providing accessible and integrated services

Promoting sustainable & inclusive economic growth – *improving the economic wellbeing of local people and businesses*

With a focus on:

- Meeting the skills needs of business to support growth
- Boosting the local economy
- Maximising housing growth to meet the needs of the city in line with the Core Strategy
- Providing a good and efficient transport and digital infrastructure
- Developing a low carbon, resilient energy infrastructure for the city
- Playing our full role within the combined authority and city region to make the most of devolution opportunities
- Maximising the impact of our cultural infrastructure

Building a child-friendly city – *improving outcomes for children and families.*

With a focus on:

- Ensuring the best start in life
- Reducing the number of looked after children
- Improving school attendance
- Reducing NEETs
- Raising educational standards
- Ensuring sufficiency of school places

Delivery of the Better Lives programme – *helping local people with care and support needs to enjoy better lives.*

With a focus on:

- Helping people to stay living at home
- Joining up health and social care services
- Providing choice by creating the right housing, care and support
- Promoting and supporting enterprise in the care market to increase capacity and choice

Dealing effectively with the city's waste – *minimising waste in a growing city.*

With a focus on:

- Ensuring a safe, efficient and reliable waste collection service
- Providing a long-term solution for disposing of our waste
- Increasing recycling and reducing the use of landfill

Becoming a more efficient and enterprising council – *improving our organisational design, developing our people and working with partners to effect change.*

With a focus on:

- Getting services right first time and improving customer satisfaction
- Improving how we're organised and making the best use of our assets
- Creating flexibility and the right capacity and skills in our workforce
- Becoming more enterprising
- Generating income for the council

Our values: underpinning all that we do

Working as a team for Leeds

Being open, honest and trusted

Working with communities

Treating people fairly

Spending money wisely