

Proceedings of the Meeting of the Leeds City Council held Civic Hall, Leeds on Wednesday, 10th September, 2014

**PRESENT:** The Lord Mayor Councillor David Congreve in the Chair

**WARD** 

**ADEL & WHARFEDALE** 

Billy Flynn Barry John Anderson John Leslie Carter

**ALWOODLEY** 

Peter Mervyn Harrand Neil Alan Buckley Dan Cohen

**ARDSLEY & ROBIN HOOD** 

Lisa Mulherin Karen Renshaw Jack Dunn

**ARMLEY** 

Alice Smart
Alison Natalie Kay Lowe
James McKenna

**BEESTON & HOLBECK** 

David Congreve Angela Gabriel Adam Ogilvie

**BRAMLEY & STANNINGLEY** 

Kevin Ritchie Caroline Gruen Ted Hanley

**BURMANTOFTS & RICHMOND HILL** 

Ron Grahame Maureen Ingham Asghar Khan **WARD** 

**CALVERLEY & FARSLEY** 

Rod Wood Andrew Carter Joseph William Marjoram

**CHAPEL ALLERTON** 

Eileen Taylor Mohammed Rafique Jane Dowson

**CITY & HUNSLET** 

Mohammed Iqbal Elizabeth Nash Patrick Davey

**CROSS GATES & WHINMOOR** 

Peter John Gruen Debra Coupar Pauleen Grahame

**FARNLEY & WORTLEY** 

Terry Wilford David Blackburn Ann Blackburn

**GARFORTH & SWILLINGTON** 

Stuart McKenna Andrea McKenna Mark Dobson

**GIPTON & HAREHILLS** 

Kamila Maqsood Roger Harington Arif Hussain

## **GUISELEY & RAWDON**

Pat Latty
Graham Latty

Paul John Spencer Wadsworth

## **HAREWOOD**

Matthew Robinson Ann Castle Rachael Procter

#### **HEADINGLEY**

Jonathon Pryor Janette Walker Neil Walshaw

## **HORSFORTH**

Brian Cleasby Christopher Townsley Dawn Collins

#### **HYDE PARK & WOODHOUSE**

Javaid Akhtar Christine Denise Towler Gerry Harper

#### **KILLINGBECK & SEACROFT**

Brian Michael Selby Graham Hyde Veronica Morgan

## **KIPPAX & METHLEY**

Keith Ivor Wakefield Mary Elizabeth Harland James Lewis

## **KIRKSTALL**

Fiona Venner Lucinda Joy Yeadon John Anthony Illingworth

## MIDDLETON PARK

Kim Groves
Paul Anthony Truswell
Judith Blake

### **MOORTOWN**

Sharon Hamilton Alex Sobel Rebecca Charlwood

#### **MORLEY NORTH**

Thomas Leadley

Robert William Gettings

## **MORLEY SOUTH**

Shirley Varley Judith Elliott Neil Dawson

## **OTLEY & YEADON**

Ryk Downes Sandy Edward Charles Lay Colin Campbell

## **PUDSEY**

Mick Coulson Josephine Patricia Jarosz Richard Alwyn Lewis

#### **ROTHWELL**

Barry Stewart Golton David Nagle Karen Bruce

#### **ROUNDHAY**

Ghulam Hussain Bill Urry Christine Macniven

# **TEMPLE NEWSAM**

Michael Lyons Judith Cummins Katherine Mitchell

## **WEETWOOD**

Judith Mara Chapman Jonathan Bentley Susan Bentley

## **WETHERBY**

John Michael Procter Gerald Wilkinson Alan James Lamb

#### 35 Announcements

- a) The Lord Mayor congratulated the 23 Leeds athletes on their success at the recent Commonwealth Games.
- b) The Lord Mayor congratulated the Leeds Rhinos on winning the 2014 Challenge Cup.
- c) The Lord Mayor reported that John Kearsley had retired on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2014.
- d) The Lord Mayor reported the recent death of former Lady Mayoress Mrs Gwen Landers who was Lady Mayoress in 1960/61.
- e) The Lord Mayor reminded Members that the Memorial Service for Ann Maguire would take place on 29 September at Leeds Town Hall.

#### 36 Minutes

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

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the meetings held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2014 be approved.

## 37 Declarations of Interest

There were no Disclosable Pecuniary Interests made during the meeting however Councillor Cleasby declared that his daughter was an allotment holder in respect of minute 39, 44 and 45.

#### 38 Communications

- a) The Chief Executive informed Council that he had received a large amount of correspondence congratulating the Council for organising and hosting the Tour de France Grand Depart on the 5<sup>th</sup> July 2014, and that was available to Members should they wish to see it.
- b) The Chief Executive also informed Council that a response to a Council resolution has been received from Earl Howe, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Quality with regard to a White Paper in respect of the NHS considered at Council in July 2014 and that the response has previously been circulated to all Members of Council.

#### 39 Deputations

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

- 1) Feed Leeds regarding a new food strategy for Leeds
- 2) Leeds Suicide Prevention Group regarding prevention and support.
- 3) The Have a Voice(Children in Care) Council regarding 'the promise'
- 4) Leeds and District Gardeners Federation regarding allotments in Leeds

**RESOLVED –** That the subject matter in respect of deputation 1 and 2 be referred to the Director of Public Health for consideration in consultation with the relevant Executive Member ,that the subject matter in respect of deputation 3 be referred to the Director of Children's Services for consideration in consultation with the relevant

Executive Member and that the subject matter in respect of deputation 4 be referred to the Director of Environment and Housing for consideration in consultation with the relevant Executive Member.

# 40 Report on Appointments

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

#### **RESOLVED -**

That the appointment referred to in paragraph 4 of the report be approved, namely that Councillor Illingworth be appointed to replace Councillor Truswell on Scrutiny Board(Housing & Regeneration) and Councillor A McKenna be appointed to replace Councillor S McKenna on the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee.

# 41 Report - Area Committee Annual Report

It was moved by Councillor P Gruen, seconded by Councillor Nash and

**RESOLVED** – That the report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Citizens and Communities) presenting to Council the Area Committees' Annual report for 2013/14 be received and that the work now being progressed to further improve the effectiveness, profile and community engagement role of Community Committees be agreed.

## 42 Report on the Outer North East Community Committee

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

**RESOLVED –** That the report on the work of the Outer North East Community Committee be noted.

## 43 Report on the Outer East Community Committee

It was moved by Councillor A McKenna, seconded by Councillor Harland and

**RESOLVED** – That the report on the work of the Outer East Community Committee be noted.

### 44 Questions

Q1 Councillor Wadsworth to the Executive Member (Cleaner, Stronger and Safer Communities):-

Will the Executive Board Member for Cleaner, Stronger and Safer Communities inform Council how much Leeds City Council paid in legal costs associated with the recent judicial review carried out by allotment holders and associations in Leeds?

The Executive Member (Cleaner, Stronger and Safer Communities) replied.

# Q2 Councillor J Bentley to the Leader of Council :-

Could the Leader of Council explain how his administration can justify the subsidies provided to Trade Unions by Leeds City Council in light of those Trade Unions failing to engage in constructive dialogue over Terms and Conditions of employment as outlined in the Deputy Chief Executives letter to staff?

The Leader of Council replied.

Q3 Councillor K Ritchie to the Executive Member (Digital & Creative Technologies ,Culture and Skills):-

Can the Executive Member with responsibility for sport comment on the important role played by Leeds in Team England's success at the Glasgow Commonwealth Games?

The Executive Member (Digital & Creative Technologies ,Culture and Skills) replied.

Q4 Councillor J McKenna to the Executive Member (Adult Social Care):-

Please can the Executive Member for Adult Social Care update Council on the bid for Big Lottery Funding to tackle loneliness and social isolation among older people in the city?

The Executive Member (Adult Social Care) replied.

Q5 Councillor A Lamb to the Executive Member (Children and Families):-

Will the Executive Board Member for Children's Services assure council that she is doing everything possible to ensure value for money for the tax payer in her department?

The Executive Member (Children and Families) replied.

Q6 Councillor S Golton to the Executive Member (Cleaner, Stronger and Safer Communities):-

Could the Executive Board member for Cleaner, Stronger and Safer Communities explain why the Council is not willing to sit down with the LDAGF to resolve their differences?

The Executive Member (Cleaner, Stronger and Safer Communities) replied.

Q7 Councillor M Rafique to the Executive Member ( Cleaner, Stronger and Safer Communities):-

Can the Executive Member responsible tell us what action can be taken to reduce the number of instances of domestic violence in Leeds?

The Executive Member (Cleaner, Stronger and Safer Communities) 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:-

- Q8 Councillor Charlwood to the Executive Member(Children and Families)
- Q9 Councillor G Latty to the Executive Member(Adult Social Care)
- Q10 Councillor Golton to the Executive Member(Adult Social Care)
- Q11 Councillor Maqsood to the Executive Member (Neighbourhoods, Planning and Personnel).

- Q12 Councillor Sobel to the Executive Member (Health and Well-being).
- Q13 Councillor Robinson to the Leader of Council.
- Q14 Councillor Townsley to the Executive Member (Transport and the Economy).
- Q15 Councillor Anderson to the Executive Member (Neighbourhoods, Planning and Personnel).
- Q16 Councillor Golton to the Executive Member (Health and Well- being).
- Q17 Councillor Anderson to the Leader of Council.
- Q18 Councillor Campbell to the Executive Member (Cleaner, Stronger and Safer Communities).
- Q19 Councillor Wilkinson to the Executive Member (Cleaner, Stronger and Safer Communities).
- Q20 Councillor Cleasby to the Executive Member (Transport and the Economy).
- Q21 Councillor Robinson to the Executive Member (Neighbourhoods, Planning and Personnel).
- Q22 Councillor Campbell to the Executive Member (Transport and the Economy).
- Q23 Councillor Cleasby to the Leader of Council.

# 45 Minutes

It was moved by Councillor Wakefield, seconded by Councillor Nash 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.

## 46 Motion to Suspend Council Procedure Rules

During the debate under minute 45 above, it was moved by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor J Bentley that under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 13.2 (c) that the order of business be changed so that the reference back in the name of Councillor Golton falling within the Neighbourhoods, Planning and Personnel portfolio of the Executive Board minutes be heard first within the Executive Board minutes(prior to the Digital & Creative Technologies, Culture & Skills portfolio).

Upon being put to the vote, the motion was lost.

# 47 Back Bench Community Concerns

Council heard the following Community Concerns;

- 1)Councillor A McKenna Concerns about the GP practice in Swillington.
- 2)Councillor Venner Suicide in West Leeds.

- 3)Councillor Townsley To raise issues regarding parking around rail stations and other planned transport infrastructure.
- 4)Councillor Varley Japanese Knotwood on land in Morley South.
- 5)Councillor Collins To address concerns around changes to land designation that could lead to reduced protection for important green spaces in Horsforth (and the city), particularly land with historical and ecological significance.
- 6)Councillor A Blackburn Telecommunications cabinets on pavements in Farnley and Wortley.

During the consideration of Community Concerns, the meeting was suspended at 5.00 pm and resumed at 5.30 pm

#### 48 Roll of Honour - Councillor Clive Fox

Following the unveiling of the Roll of Honour the Lord Mayor invited Councillors A Carter, Hanley, Lay, Leadley and D Blackburn to address Council on the work of Councillor Fox.

#### 49 Announcements

- a) The Lord Mayor congratulated Councillor Dan Cohen and Mrs Cohen on the recent birth of their daughter.
- b) The Lord Mayor also congratulated Councillor Dowson on her recent marriage.
- White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor J L Carter) Tour de France It was moved by Councillor J L Carter, seconded by Councillor Wadsworth and

**RESOLVED -** That this Council extends its thanks and appreciation to all the organisers, council staff and volunteers who helped make the Tour de France Grand Depart such a wonderful success for Leeds and the region.

# 51 White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Wakefield) - Devolution of Financial Powers

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 Wakefield to include the final paragraph of the submitted amendment in the name of Councillor Andrew Carter.

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 Andrew Carter to withdraw the amendment in his name.

It was moved by Councillor Wakefield, seconded by Councillor A Carter and

**RESOLVED -** That this Council welcomes Government recognition of our exceptionally strong case for greater devolution of financial powers as reflected in the Growth Deal agreed by Leeds City Region Local Enterprise Partnership in July 2014.

However, in order to provide long-term growth and a genuine rebalancing of the national economy, this must be the start and not the end of the further devolution of power and resources to cities and city regions.

This Council therefore commits to:

- Deliver increased jobs and drive growth through continued and sustained local investment.
- Build on our proven track record of delivering effective local outcomes through strong partnerships.

In order to enable the Leeds City Region to fulfil its economic potential Council also calls on Government to:

- Rapidly implement the Growth Deal in full and immediately engage in negotiation regarding the next round of Growth Deals.
- Commit to true devolution without any imposition of politically motivated conditions.
- Support the proposals set out by England's nine largest cities for greater financial freedoms and local control over how finance is raised and invested.
- Consult widely on the need to introduce an elected decision making body at City Region level in order to establish democratic legitimacy and public scrutiny

# White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor A Blackburn) - Police and Crime Commissioners

It was moved by Councillor A Blackburn , seconded by Councillor Campbell that this Council notes with concern the recent events in South Yorkshire with regard to the Police Commissioner for that area. This Council believes these events and the inability to be able to remove Police and Crime Commissioners in such circumstances prove that the present situation is woefully inadequate.

This Council, therefore, requests the Chief Executive to write to the Home Secretary calling for the return of properly accountable Police Committees made up of elected councillors, and for procedures to be introduced in the interim to give the Secretary of State the power to remove any Police and Crime Commissioner, if the circumstances prove it necessary.

An amendment was moved by Councillor J L Carter, seconded by G Latty

Delete all after "for that area" and insert the following:

"and calls on the South Yorkshire Police Commissioner to immediately resign.

"This Council believes the inability to be able to remove Police and Crime Commissioners in such circumstances proves that the present situation is inadequate.

"This Council, therefore, requests the Chief Executive to write to the Home Secretary asking that powers be given to the Police and Crime Panels, to be able to remove a Police and Crime Commissioner.

"Council also requests the Chief Executive to write to the South Yorkshire Police Commissioner advising him it is the view of this Council he should immediately resign."

#### Motion would read:

"This Council notes with concern the recent events in South Yorkshire with regard to the Police Commissioner for that area and calls on the South Yorkshire Police Commissioner to immediately resign.

"This Council believes the inability to be able to remove Police and Crime Commissioners in such circumstances proves that the present situation is inadequate.

"This Council, therefore, requests the Chief Executive to write to the Home Secretary asking that powers be given to the Police and Crime Panels, to be able to remove a Police and Crime Commissioner.

"Council also requests the Chief Executive to write to the South Yorkshire Police Commissioner advising him it is the view of this Council he should immediately resign."

The amendment in the name of Councillor J L Carter was carried and upon being put to the vote, it was

**RESOLVED** - That this Council notes with concern the recent events in South Yorkshire with regard to the Police Commissioner for that area and calls on the South Yorkshire Police Commissioner to immediately resign.

This Council believes the inability to be able to remove Police and Crime Commissioners in such circumstances proves that the present situation is inadequate.

This Council, therefore, requests the Chief Executive to write to the Home Secretary asking that powers be given to the Police and Crime Panels, to be able to remove a Police and Crime Commissioner.

Council also requests the Chief Executive to write to the South Yorkshire Police Commissioner advising him it is the view of this Council he should immediately resign.

Council rose at 7.35pm