

Proceedings of the Meeting of the Leeds City Council held
Civic Hall, Leeds on Wednesday, 8th July, 2015

PRESENT: The Lord Mayor Councillor Judith Chapman in the Chair.

WARD

ADEL & WHARFEDALE

Caroline Anderson
Billy Flynn
Barry John Anderson

ALWOODLEY

Dan Cohen
Peter Mervyn Harrand
Neil Alan Buckley

ARDSLEY & ROBIN HOOD

Jack Dunn
Lisa Mulherin
Karen Renshaw

ARMLEY

James McKenna
Alice Smart
Alison Natalie Kay Lowe

BEESTON & HOLBECK

Adam Ogilvie
David Congreve
Angela Gabriel

BRAMLEY & STANNINGLEY

Julie Heselwood
Kevin Ritchie
Caroline Gruen

BURMANTOFTS & RICHMOND HILL

Asghar Khan
Ron Grahame
Maureen Ingham

WARD

CALVERLEY & FARSLEY

Amanda Carter
Andrew Carter
Rod Wood

CHAPEL ALLERTON

Mohammed Rafique
Jane Dowson
Eileen Taylor

CITY & HUNSLET

Patrick Davey
Mohammed Iqbal
Elizabeth Nash

CROSS GATES & WHINMOOR

Pauleen Grahame
Peter John Gruen
Debra Coupar

FARNLEY & WORTLEY

Ann Blackburn
Terry Wilford
David Blackburn

GARFORTH & SWILLINGTON

Mark Dobson
Stuart McKenna
Andrea McKenna

GIPTON & HAREHILLS

Arif Hussain
Kamila Maqsood
Roger Harington

GUISELEY & RAWDON

Paul John Spencer Wadsworth
Pat Latty
Graham Latty

HAREWOOD

Rachael Procter
Matthew Robinson
Ann Castle

HEADINGLEY

Neil Walshaw
Jonathon Pryor
Janette Walker

HORSFORTH

Dawn Collins
Brian Cleasby
Christopher Townsley

HYDE PARK & WOODHOUSE

Gerry Harper
Javaid Akhtar
Christine Denise Towler

KILLINGBECK & SEACROFT

Catherine Dobson
Brian Michael Selby
Graham Hyde

KIPPAX & METHLEY

James Lewis
Keith Ivor Wakefield
Mary Elizabeth Harland

KIRKSTALL

John Anthony Illingworth
Fiona Venner
Lucinda Joy Yeadon

MIDDLETON PARK

Judith Blake
Kim Groves
Paul Anthony Truswell

MOORTOWN

Rebecca Charlwood
Sharon Hamilton
Alex Sobel

MORLEY NORTH

Robert Gettings
Thomas Leadley
Robert Finnigan

MORLEY SOUTH

Neil Dawson
Shirley Varley
Judith Elliott

OTLEY & YEADON

Colin Campbell

Sandy Edward Charles Lay

PUDSEY

Richard Alwyn Lewis
Mick Coulson
Josephine Patricia Jarosz

ROTHWELL

Karen Bruce
Barry Stewart Golton
David Nagle

ROUNDHAY

Christine Macniven
Ghulam Hussain
Bill Urry

TEMPLE NEWSAM

Helen Hayden
Michael Lyons

WEETWOOD

Susan Bentley
Judith Mara Chapman
Jonathan Bentley

WETHERBY

Alan James Lamb
John Michael Procter
Gerald Wilkinson

17 Announcements

- a) The Lord Mayor reminded those present that the meeting was to be webcast.
- b) The Lord Mayor informed Council that she would be hosting an afternoon tea on Monday 3rd August 2015 in aid of her chosen Charity.
- c) The Lord Mayor congratulated the following who were honoured in the Queen's Birthday Honours List:-

Sir Gary Verity,	Knighthood
Richard Matthew Jeavons,	CBE
Peter Roberts,	CBE
Roger Marsh,	OBE
Robert Mark Greenhill Semple,	OBE
Jennifer Lizzie Ngulube,	MBE
Robert Anthony Smith TD DL	MBE
Robin Clayton,	BEM
Dr Peter John Hine,	BEM

- d) The Lord Mayor and those present remembered those who lost their lives and suffered terrible injuries in the London terrorist attacks 10 years ago on 7 July 2005.
- e) The Lord Mayor referred to the terrible events in Tunisia and offered her sympathy to those affected by the events.

Council stood in silent tribute.

18 Minutes

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

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 21st May 2015 be approved subject to the addition of Cllr Caroline Anderson's surname into the attendance.

19 Declarations of Interest

There were no member declarations of interest, however the Lord Mayor reported that with regard to Item 6 (amendments to the Constitution)(minute 23 refers) , both the Chief Executive and the City Solicitor were declaring personal interests in the decision as it concerned changes to the disciplinary procedures affecting both the Head of Paid Service and the Monitoring Officer.

20 Communications

The Chief Executive informed Council that responses to Council resolutions had been received from the Rt Hon Nicky Morgan MP, Secretary of State for Education and the Rt Hon Alistair Burt MP, Minister of State for Community and Social Care in respect of 2 White Paper resolutions passed by the Council in April 2015 and that the responses have previously been circulated to all Members of Council.

21 Deputations

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

- 1) A660 Joint Council regarding the route for the proposed trolleybus scheme.
- 2) Fair Access to Schools Group regarding the provision of school places in Leeds.

- 3) Friends of Redhall playing Fields regarding the future use of the playing fields.

RESOLVED – That the subject matter in respect of deputations 1, and 3 be referred to the Director of City Development for consideration in consultation with the relevant Executive Member and that the subject matter in respect of deputation 2 be referred to the Director of Children’s Services for consideration in consultation with the relevant Executive Member.

22 Recommendations of the Executive Board - Children and Young People's Plan 2015-19

It was moved by Councillor Yeadon seconded by Councillor Charlwood and

RESOLVED – That the draft Children and Young People’s Plan 2015-19 be approved for dissemination and publication.

23 Recommendations of the General Purposes Committee - Amendments to the Constitution following the introduction of the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2015

It was moved by Councillor Blake seconded by Councillor Charlwood and

RESOLVED –

- 1 That the amendments to the Employment Committee Terms of Reference as set out at Appendix A to the submitted report be approved.
- 2 That the amendments to the Officer Employment Procedure Rules as set out at Appendix B to the submitted report with the additional wording shown at paragraph 2.2 (c) of that Appendix to reflect the changes suggested by the General Purposes Committee be approved.
- 3 That a panel be established to comprise of a minimum of two Independent Persons with the Terms of Reference as set out in Appendix C to the submitted report.

24 Report on Appointments

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

RESOLVED – That the appointments made by the City Solicitor in consultation with Group Whips and set out in paragraph 1.2 of the report be noted as follows;

- Councillor Jarosz to replace Councillor Dawson on Scrutiny Board (Strategy and Resources)
- Councillor C Dobson to replace Councillor Khan on Scrutiny Board (Strategy and Resources)
- Councillor Dawson to replace Councillor Jarosz on Scrutiny Board (Children’s Services)
- Councillor Khan to replace Councillor Akhtar on Scrutiny Board (Environment and Housing)
- Councillor A McKenna to replace Councillor C Dobson on Plans Panel North and East
- Councillor Walshaw to replace Councillor Davey on City Plans Panel
- Councillor Ingham to replace Councillor C Dobson on Licensing Committee

- Councillor S Bentley to replace 'whips nominee' on Scrutiny Board (Strategy and Resources)
- Councillor C Campbell to replace 'whips nominee' on Scrutiny Board (Citizen and Communities)
- Councillor Selby to replace Councillor Harington on Scrutiny Board (Adult Social Services, Public Health and NHS)
- Councillor Harington to replace Councillor Selby on Scrutiny Board (City Development)
- Councillor Hamilton to replace Councillor Hyde on the Housing Advisory Board

25 Report on the Outer North East Community Committee

It was moved by Councillor Wilkinson, seconded by Councillor Buckley and

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

26 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.

27 Report on Scrutiny Annual Report

It was moved by Councillor J Lewis, seconded by Councillor Charlwood and

RESOLVED – That the report of the City Solicitor, presenting the Scrutiny Boards' Annual report to Council, prepared in accordance with Article 6 of the Constitution, be received and noted.

28 Questions

Q1 Councillor A Carter to the Leader of Council :-

Will the Leader of Council tell me whether she believes the original letter sent out on behalf of Leeds City Council to people in receipt of the single person's council tax benefits was appropriate or acceptable?

The Leader of Council replied.

Q2 Councillor J Bentley to the Executive Member (Environmental Protection and Community Safety):-

Can the Executive Member for Environmental Protection and Community Safety please advise council on the estimated number of deaths believed to have been caused by poor air quality in Leeds since the July Council meeting last year?

The Executive Member (for Environmental Protection and Community Safety) replied.

Q3 Councillor Jarosz to the Executive Member (Health, Wellbeing and Adults) :-

Would the Executive Member for Health, Wellbeing and Adults like to comment on the Chancellor's recent announcement regarding Public Health funding?

The Executive Member (Health, Wellbeing and Adults) replied.

Q4 Councillor Leadley to the Executive Member (Regeneration, Transport and Planning):-

Following the return of planning to his portfolio, does the Executive Board Member for (Regeneration, Transport and Planning) believe that the LDF Core Strategy target to build 74,000 new homes in Leeds is a reasonable reflection either of need or of likely achievement?

The Executive Member (Regeneration, Transport and Planning) replied.

Q5 Councillor Renshaw to the Executive Member (Communities):-

Would the Executive Member for Communities comment on efforts to tackle food poverty in the city?

The Executive Member (Communities) replied.

Q6 Councillor A Carter to the Leader of Council:-

Will the Leader of Council please tell me what steps she is taking to bring about a standard set of terms and conditions across the Combined Authority area for issuing of private hire vehicle and taxi licences?

The Leader of Council replied.

Q7 Councillor Cleasby to the Executive Member (Children and Families):-

Could the Executive Member for Children please confirm what steps are being taken to avoid a shortage of school places across the city next year?

The Executive Member (Children and Families) 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 Towler to the Executive Member (Employment, Enterprise and Opportunity):-

Q9 Councillor Harper to the Executive Member (Regeneration, Transport and Planning):-

Q10 Councillor Robinson to the Executive Member (Resources and Strategy):-

Q11 Councillor J Bentley to the Executive Member (Regeneration, Transport and Planning).

Q12 Councillor Nagle to the Executive Member (Environmental Protection and Community Safety) replied.

Q13 Councillor Harington to the Executive Member (Children and Families).

Q14 Councillor B Anderson to the Executive Member (Regeneration, Transport and Planning).

- Q15 Councillor Campbell to the Executive Member (Environmental Protection and Community Safety)
- Q16 Councillor B Anderson to the Executive Member (Children and Families).
- Q17 Councillor S Bentley to the Executive Member (Regeneration, Transport and Planning).
- Q18 Councillor Robinson to the Executive Member (Regeneration, Transport and Planning).
- Q19 Councillor B Anderson to the Executive Member (Resources and Strategy).
- Q20 Councillor B Anderson to the Leader of Council.
- Q21 Councillor B Anderson to the Executive Member (Employment, Enterprise and Opportunity)
- Q22 Councillor Lamb to the Executive Member (Communities).

29 Minutes

It was moved by Councillor Blake, seconded by Councillor Charlwood 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.

At the conclusion of this item Council adjourned from 16.30 to 17.00.

30 Motion to Suspend Council Procedure Rule

During the debate under minute 29 above, it was moved by Councillor Charlwood, seconded by Councillor Selby that under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 22.1 that Council Procedure Rule 4 1(winding up of business) and 14.1(h)(period permitted for speeches) be suspended to allow the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board to sum up on the Health and Wellbeing Board Minutes for a period of up to 4 minutes.

Upon being put to the vote, the motion was carried

31 Report on Devolution

It was moved by Councillor Blake, seconded by Councillor Wakefield and

RESOLVED – That the report of the Chief Executive updating Members on matters in respect of devolution be received.

32 White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Lamb) - School Places

It was moved by Councillor Lamb, seconded by Councillor Cohen that this Council believes that every child in the city should have the option of going to a good local school.

Council therefore regrets the situation that arose in North Leeds during this year's allocation of school places, where nearly 90 families did not receive any of their five primary school preferences.

Council welcomes the subsequent steps taken to secure more school places in the areas affected, but believes that recent events have illustrated the sheer scale of the challenge facing the city over the lack of school places. Parents and children across the city deserve nothing less than a comprehensive and far-reaching response.

Council recognises the reservations from some quarters to certain types of school governance, but believes that the authority needs to look at all viable options that could help the city meet demand for school places.

Council therefore calls on the Director of Children's Services to bring a report to Executive Board which:

- explains how the authority can take a more pragmatic approach to addressing the basic need issue, embracing the full range of options and tools available;
- reviews the systems used to plan for school places in the city and sets out what steps can be taken in the short and long terms to ensure that the authority is effectively anticipating demand, so there is no repeat of this year's problems in North Leeds.

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

Delete all after 'should have' in para 1 and replace with 'a good local school to attend.'

Insert two new paras, after para 1, to read:

"Council notes the recent report from the National Audit Office which confirmed the positive impact that Pupil Premium funding has had on narrowing the attainment gap, helping to increase standards across the city.

However, Council also recognises the challenges presented by this Government's removal of the ring-fencing from the national education budget, with the resulting increase in uncertainty around school planning that this has caused."

Delete all after 'arose in' in para 2 and replace with 'in Leeds during this year's allocation of school places, where 550 families across the city did not receive any of their five primary school preferences."

Delete para 4

Remove first bullet point.

Delete 'North' in second bullet point.

Insert two new bullet points after second bullet point, to read:

- sets out how attainment will be increased in all schools so that they all deliver the same high standard of education, reducing the need for parents to choose schools based on performance; and
- sets out the improvements planned for the communication strategy so that all parents can clearly see how attainment has improved in their local schools, reducing historic-based bias towards and against specific schools.

Revised motion would read:

This Council believes that every child in the city should have a good local school to attend.

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However, Council also recognises the challenges presented by this Government's removal of the ring-fencing from the national education budget, with the resulting increase in uncertainty around school planning that this has caused.

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- sets out the improvements planned for the communication strategy so that all parents can clearly see how attainment has improved in their local schools, reducing historic-based bias towards and against specific schools.

A second amendment was moved by Councillor Yeadon, seconded by Councillor R Lewis that

Delete all after "This Council believes that every child in the city should" and replace with:

"....be able to go to a good local school.

The progress made by schools across Leeds means that the number of primary schools judged to be Good or Outstanding is now at 90.1% putting Leeds top in the Yorkshire and Humber region. However, ensuring that we have the appropriate number of school places in the areas where they are needed is an issue we continue to address.

We have already seen great progress in tackling this challenge by proactively creating an additional 1273 places since 2010, we must continue this momentum to meet the need in future years.

Council has recognised that basic need is an issue that requires a corporate response and a cross-Council approach. This recognition is underlined by both the Cross-Party Basic Need Group which has been in place since 2012 and the Cross-Directorate Basic Need Steering Group led by the Deputy Chief Executive.

We acknowledge that it took longer this year to resolve difficulties for some parents and understand the concern this has caused families. We believe that this illustrates the scale of the basic need challenge facing the city.

We welcome the steps taken to secure more school places in the areas affected, both before and after offer day and thank all schools for working with us to address this challenge and we look forward to continuing this positive dialogue in the future.

Council recognises the complexity of the basic need issue and believes it is exacerbated by Government legislation removing the ability of local authorities to open new community schools, separating local authorities from the process of opening free schools and failing to provide funding for the acquisition of land and buildings to be used for educational purposes.

We recognise the desire of many parents who wish to send their children to a local authority run community school and the constraints that the current national policy has on delivering this.

Council, therefore, supports the position of the LGA cross-party Children and Young People's Board, calling for these powers to be reinstated and calls on all Members to continue to lobby Government to give Local Authorities the power to build and open new community schools and to provide meaningful funding to allow this to take place."

Full motion will then read:

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The amendment in the name of Councillor J Bentley was declared lost.

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

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33 White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Cleasby) - Velodrome

It was moved by Councillor Cleasby, seconded by Councillor Campbell that this council notes the increased investment in cycling during recent years and congratulates those involved for the success of both the Tour de France and its continuing legacy, the Tour de Yorkshire. In particular Council congratulates Sir Gary Verity on his knighthood.

Council notes that while great achievements have been made possible, there is an opportunity to build upon these successes through the development of an Olympic standard Velodrome, to help Leeds support and develop its considerable local talent, as well as provide a venue for a wide range of both cultural and other events.

Council therefore calls on the Executive Board to instruct officers to work with partners in the Leeds City Region to identify a suitable site and funding opportunities to build a Velodrome for West Yorkshire.

An amendment was moved by Councillor Mulherin, seconded by Councillor R Lewis that

Delete all after “ on his knighthood” and replace with:

“along with all of the local authorities who came together to successfully deliver the Tour.

In order to build on these successes and ensure Leeds remains a centre for world class sporting events, Council celebrates the significant achievements of attracting the Rugby World Cup in 2015 and the ITU World Triathlon Series to the city in 2016.

Council further notes that Leeds University has a stated aspiration within its Sport Strategy to develop cycling facilities and is actively exploring how to realise this with partners, including British Cycling, at the present moment.

Council therefore calls on officers to prepare a report for Executive Board on the development of cycling facilities in Leeds, including in particular how the Council can work collaboratively with its partners, including the Sport Leeds Board, to ensure the success of world class sporting events in the city continues to be built on.”

Full Motion will then read:

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

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34 White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Blake) - Economic Success in the City

It was moved by Councillor Blake, seconded by Councillor R Lewis and

RESOLVED - That this Council notes that the Leeds economy has achieved significant economic growth in recent years, outperforming national comparators and demonstrating the hard work of businesses in Leeds as well as the success of the vision pursued by the Council since 2010 to ensure Leeds remains “open for business”, despite the challenging economic outlook nationally.

Council believes that the cost of living crisis means now, more than ever, is the time for all communities in our diverse city to share in the benefits of the city’s economic growth. Council believes that businesses in the city have a pivotal role to play to ensure this happens, through an ethical and civic approach to doing business in Leeds.

Council confirms its major priority for the year ahead is to work to transform Leeds into a compassionate, caring city where all its residents benefit from the effects of the city’s economic growth. Council will focus on creating the right conditions for the economy of Leeds to prosper, but will also work to ensure a consequence of that growth is a reduction in the inequalities that exist in Leeds.

Council therefore calls on the Chief Executive to bring forward an Executive Board report on a strategy to enable elected members on behalf of Leeds City Council to work with businesses and organisations to help communities across Leeds share in the economic success of the city, through measures that include: the Living Wage, reducing corporate tax avoidance, supporting local skills and employment initiatives, the Mindful Employer’s initiative, fully meeting planning process obligations for community infrastructure and providing affordable housing.

Council rose at 19.20