



## BEST CITY • BEST COUNCIL

*Tackling poverty and reducing inequalities*

Our vision is for Leeds to be the best city in the UK: one that is compassionate with a strong economy, that tackles poverty and reduces the inequalities that still exist. We want Leeds to be a city that is fair and sustainable, ambitious, fun and creative for all. We will continue to work with others to achieve better outcomes for the city through a combination of innovation and efficiencies.

Everyone who works for Leeds City Council plays a vital role in shaping our amazing city. Our day-to-day jobs may be very different but they all contribute to improving life in Leeds and creating a strong economy and compassionate city.

We are pleased to share our priorities for 2016/17 in this plan and also look at how we all need to work to achieve our ambitions.

We shared our vision for the future of Leeds City Council in the Best Council Plan 2015-2020: a more enterprising council, working with partners and businesses who are more civic; and a more engaged public. Our overall approach is still guided by this vision and closely aligned with the budget that has been agreed. Significant progress has been made towards these ambitions, using a civic enterprise approach, but more needs to be done – and against a challenging backdrop.

*We know that 2016/17 will bring continued reductions in our funding and that this will continue to 2020.*

Leeds has a growing and ageing population with increasingly complex needs; some communities are not benefiting from the economic growth the city has experienced and welfare changes could make the inequality gap bigger.

*That is one reality but it is certainly not the full story. The full story is about our ambition, and our growing confidence and resilience as a council, a city and a region.*

We are determined to keep building a strong economy and working compassionately to tackle poverty and disadvantage. This includes improving the health of the poorest fastest; working to become a child friendly city, investing in our young people; and building on the scale and diversity of the Leeds economy through business investment and expansion.

Maintaining provision of the good quality, efficient services that communities in the city need is essential, while finding new ways of delivering the best for Leeds. Innovative approaches developed with service users, citizens and partners are already changing relationships and shifting responsibilities, with positive results. We encourage everyone to find those big and small ideas which will improve outcomes faster and reduce costs.

We recognise that we are again asking for a lot from our colleagues. We would like to share our heartfelt thanks for all your efforts so far, and for the hard work that will be needed in the year ahead.



**Cllr Judith Blake**  
Leader of  
Leeds City  
Council



**Tom Riordan**  
Chief Executive of  
Leeds City  
Council



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### AMBITIONS

Leeds... A Strong Economy and a Compassionate City • Leeds City Council... An Efficient and Enterprising Organisation

### 2016/17 PRIORITIES

*What we and our partners are doing in 2016/17 to improve outcomes*

- 1 Supporting economic growth and access to economic opportunities
- 2 Keeping people safe from harm
- 3 Supporting communities, raising aspirations
- 4 Improving educational achievement and closing achievement gaps
- 5 Providing skills programmes and employment support
- 6 Helping people adjust to welfare changes
- 7 Providing enough homes of a high standard in all sectors
- 8 Keeping the streets clean and improving road safety
- 9 Supporting children to have the best start in life
- 10 Preventing people dying early
- 11 Promoting physical activity
- 12 Building capacity for individuals to withstand or recover from illness
- 13 Supporting healthy ageing
- 14 Enabling carers to continue their caring role and careers
- 15 Improving air quality
- 16 Helping deliver a well-connected transport system
- 17 Providing an inclusive, accessible range of transport options
- 18 Hosting world class events in Leeds
- 19 Supporting a resilient, inclusive, cultural and creative sector
- 20 Enhancing the quality of our public realm and green spaces

We want everyone in Leeds to...

- Be safe and feel safe
- Enjoy happy, healthy, active lives
- Live with dignity and stay independent for as long as possible
- Do well at all levels of learning and have the skills they need for life
- Earn enough to support themselves and their families
- Live in good quality, affordable homes within clean and well cared for places
- Move around a well-planned city easily
- Enjoy greater access to green spaces, leisure and the arts

OUTCOMES

### 20 FOR 2020

*How we are measuring progress in achieving better outcomes: 20 key indicators*

- 1 Number of children looked after
- 2 Number of domestic violence and abuse incidents with repeat victims
- 3 Number of recorded nuisance and damage related incidents
- 4 Percentage of adult population active for 30 mins once per week
- 5 Obesity levels at age 11
- 6 Number of Air Quality Management Areas
- 7 Total number of bed weeks in residential and nursing care homes for older people / working age adults supported by the local authority
- 8 Proportion of people who use social care services who say that these services have made them feel safe and secure
- 9 Primary and secondary school attendance
- 10 Percentage of young people NEET (not in education /employment/training) / not known
- 11 Percentage of adults in Leeds who have all 5 basic digital skills
- 12 Percentage of Leeds households in receipt of a welfare benefit and in work
- 13 Business rate growth
- 14 Jobs growth
- 15 Housing growth target
- 16 Energy and thermal efficiency performance of houses
- 17 Percentage of waste recycled
- 18 Access to employment by public transport
- 19 Percentage of city centre travel by sustainable modes (bus, train, cycling, walking)
- 20 Overall satisfaction with cultural provision in Leeds

### BREAKTHROUGH PROJECTS

*How we are delivering our 2016/17 priorities: a set of 8 cross-cutting projects*

