



Proceedings of the Meeting of the Leeds City Council held at the
Civic Hall, Leeds on Wednesday, 22nd April, 2009

PRESENT: The Lord Mayor Councillor Frank Robinson in the Chair

WARD

ADEL & WHARFEDALE

Barry John Anderson
John Leslie Carter
Clive Fox

ALWOODLEY

Ronald David Feldman
Ruth Feldman
Peter Mervyn Harrand

ARDSLEY & ROBIN HOOD

Karen Renshaw
Jack Dunn

ARMLEY

Alison Natalie Kay Lowe
James McKenna
Janet Harper

BEESTON & HOLBECK

Angela Gabriel
Adam Ogilvie
David Congreve

BRAMLEY & STANNINGLEY

Ted Hanley
Neil Taggart

BURMANTOFTS & RICHMOND HILL

Ralph Pryke
David Hollingsworth

WARD

CALVERLEY & FARSLEY

Andrew Carter
Joseph William Marjoram
Frank Robinson

CHAPEL ALLERTON

Eileen Taylor
Jane Dowson

CITY & HUNSLET

Elizabeth Nash
Patrick Davey
Mohammed Iqbal

CROSS GATES & WHINMOOR

Suzi Armitage
Pauleen Grahame
Peter John Gruen

FARNLEY & WORTLEY

David Blackburn
Ann Blackburn
Luke Russell

GARFORTH & SWILLINGTON

Andrea McKenna
Mark Dobson
Thomas Murray

GIPTON & HAREHILLS

Alan Leonard Taylor
Arif Hussain
Roger Harington

GUISELEY & RAWDON

Graham Latty
Stuart Andrew
John Bale

HAREWOOD

Ann Castle
Rachael Procter
Alec Shelbrooke

HEADINGLEY

Jamie Matthews
James John Monaghan
Martin Hamilton

HORSFORTH

Brian Cleasby

HYDE PARK & WOODHOUSE

Penny Ewens
Kabear Hussain
Linda Valerie Rhodes-Clayton

KILLINGBECK & SEACROFT

Graham Hyde
Veronica Morgan
Brian Michael Selby

KIPPAX & METHLEY

John Keith Parker
James Lewis
Keith Ivor Wakefield

KIRKSTALL

Lucinda Joy Yeadon
John Anthony Illingworth
Bernard Peter Atha

MIDDLETON PARK

Geoffrey Driver
Judith Blake
Debra Ann Coupar

MOORTOWN

Mark Daniel Harris
Brenda Lancaster
Richard Harker

MORLEY NORTH

Robert Finnigan
Robert William Gettings
Thomas Leadley

MORLEY SOUTH

Judith Elliot
Terrence Grayshon
Christopher James Beverley

OTLEY & YEADON

Graham Peter Kirkland
Colin Campbell
Ryk Downes

PUDSEY

Josephine Patricia Jarosz
Richard Alwyn Lewis
Mick Coulson

ROTHWELL

Donald Michael Wilson
Steve Smith
Barry Stewart Golton

ROUNDHAY

Matthew Lobley
Valerie Kendall
Paul Wadsworth

TEMPLE NEWSAM

William Schofield Hyde
David Schofield
Michael Lyons

WEETWOOD

Ben Chastney
Susan Bentley

WETHERBY

Gerald Wilkinson
Alan James Lamb
John Michael Procter

79 **Announcements**

- (a) The Lord Mayor announced the death of former Councillor Maggie Clay CBE and that Councillor Brett would be absent from this meeting as he was attending her funeral.
- (b) The Lord Mayor announced that Councillor Rafique was not present owing to the death of his grandmother.
- (c) The Lord Mayor and Council offered congratulations to Councillor Mulherin on the birth of a baby boy on the day of this meeting.
- (d) The Lord Mayor welcomed Councillor Schofield to his first Council meeting since his recent re-election to Council.

80 **Minutes**

It was moved by Councillor Bentley seconded by Councillor Gruen and

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Council meetings held on 25th February 2009 be approved.

81 **Declarations of Interest**

The Lord Mayor announced that a list of written declarations submitted by Members was on deposit in the public galleries and had been circulated to each Member's place in the Chamber.

Following an invitation to declare further individual interests, declarations in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct were made as follows:

- (a) Members declared personal interests in minute 85 of this meeting as follows:

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| B Anderson | - Member, Leeds Initiative Climate Change |
| | - Member, Investigation of Air Pollution Standing Conference |
| | - Director, Green Leeds |
| | - Member, National Society for Clean Air Divisional Council |
| J Bale | - Member, Society for the Environment |
| S Smith | - Member of Leeds Initiative Climate Change |
| | - Former Member of Greenpeace |

- (b) Members declared personal interests in minute 91 of this meeting as follows:

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| R Harker | - Governor of Moortown Primary School |
| B Anderson | - Member, Regional Planning Board |
| | - Member, Regional Planning Forum |
| J Bale | - Member, National Trust |
| A Carter | - Member, Affordable Housing Strategic Partnership |
| | - Member, Strategic Housing Board |

- J L Carter - Member, Affordable Housing Strategic Partnership
- C Fox - Member, Public Rights of Way Forum
- Member, Bramhope Village Property Trust
- W Hyde - Trustee, Wade's Charity
- V Kendall - Member, Roundhay Planning Forum
- J Procter - Country Landowners' Association
- F Robinson - Member, Joint Countryside Forum
- Member, National Trust
- S Bentley - Green Leeds
- C Campbell - Leeds Architecture and Design Initiative
- J Chapman - Council Housing Investment Review- Consultation Group
- Director of WNW Homes Leeds
- B Chastney - Council Housing Investment Review- Consultation Group
- S Golton - Director of Aire Valley Homes
- Oulton Society
- D Hollingsworth - Neighbourhood Renewal Board-Aire Valley
- Director of ENE Homes
- Council Housing Investment Review- Consultation Group
- G Kirkland - Member of Chevin Housing and Harewood Housing Society
- Family Member registered blind
- R Pryke - Member of ALMO Area Panel Inner East 1
- P Wadsworth - Member, Roundhay Planning Forum

(c) Members declared personal interests in minute 90 of this meeting as follows:

- G Wilkinson - Shire View Centre for Visually Impaired 10th anniversary buffet
- P Harrand - North Regional Centre for Sensory Support
- R Downes - Aireborough Voluntary Services for Elderly People with Disabilities
- G Kirkland - Member of Chevin Housing and Harewood Housing Society
- Family member registered blind

(d) Members declared personal interests in minute 89 of this meeting as follows:

- G Driver - ALMO Board Member
- P Gruen - ALMO Board Member
- A Blackburn - Director of Leeds West North West Homes
- G Hyde - ALMO Board Member
- A Lowe - ALMO Board Member
- B Anderson - Director, WNW Homes Leeds
- Member, Holt Park Tenant Compact
- A Carter - Member, ALMO West Outer Area Panel
- C Fox - Member, ALMO North West Outer Area Panel

- A Lamb - Members, ALMO North East Outer Area Panel
- G Latty - Member, ALMO North West Outer Area Panel
- M Lobley - Director, Renew
- P Wadsworth - Director, ENE Homes Leeds
- G Wilkinson - Director, ENE Homes Leeds
- J Chapman - Council Housing Investment Review-
Consultation Group
- Director of WNW Homes Leeds
- S Golton - Director of Aire Valley Homes
- Oulton Society
- M Harris - Leeds Ahead Board
- Leeds Community Foundation
- D Hollingsworth - Neighbourhood Renewal Board-Aire Valley
- Director of ENE Homes Leeds
- Council Housing Investment Review-
Consultation Group
- G Kirkland - Member of Chevin Housing and Harewood
Housing Society
- Family member registered blind
- R Pryke - Member ALMO Area Panel Inner East 1
- L Rhodes-Clayton - Council tenant – 237 St Wilfrids Avenue, LS8
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- D Wilson - Roseville Enterprises Board of Management
- Carlton Village Residents Association

(e) Members declared personal interests in minute 92 of this meeting as follows:

- B Anderson - Chair, Leeds City Centre Partnership
- A Carter - Chamber of Commerce

(f) Members declared personal interests in minute 93 of this meeting as follows:

- B Anderson - Chair, Leeds Initiative Skills and Economy
Partnership
- Chair, Leeds City Centre Partnership
- Director, WNW Homes Leeds
- Board Member, Leeds Enterprise Growth
Initiative
- J Bale - Member, Sir Ian Dixon Trust
- Trustee, Chartered Institute of Building
- A Carter - Chamber of Commerce
- Leeds Initiative Economy Partnership
- Chair, Leeds Initiative –Going Up a League
Board
- Leeds Initiative Board
- Member, LGA Regeneration and Transport
Board
- Member, LGA Urban Commission
- Member, ALMO Outer West Area Panel
- C Fox - Member, ALMO North West Outer Area Panel

- A Lamb - Member, ALMO North East Outer Area Panel
- G Latty - Member, ALMO North West Outer Area Panel
- M Lobley - Director, Renew
- F Robinson - Leeds Chamber of Commerce and Industry –
Dinner at the Queen’s Hotel
- P Wadsworth - Director, ENE Homes Leeds
- G Wilkinson - Director, ENE Homes Leeds

(g) Members declared personal interests in minute 94 of this meeting as follows:

- G Hyde - Son-in-law in the army
- J Jarosz - Son in the army
- R Feldman - Association of Jewish ex-servicemen
- W Hyde - Reserve Forces and Cadets Association for
Yorkshire and Humberside
- Vice President, Leeds Group of the Royal
British Legion
- G Latty - Member, Royal British Legion
- G Wilkinson - Buffet and Cocktails with SSAFA Forces Help
Rifles TA and Cadets Yorkshire Champagne
Reception
- B Lancaster - Supportive member of Normandy Veterans
association, has family members with military
links
- B Cleasby - A veteran
- P Ewens - A veteran

82 Deputations

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

- 1 The ‘All Means All’ Group of People with High Support Needs Regarding the ‘Changing Places Campaign’ with Regard to Toilet Accessibility
- 2 The GMB Trade Union on Behalf of the Private Hire Association with Regard to the Council’s Proposals to Reduce the Permissible Age for Private Hire Vehicles
- 3 The ‘Hands Off Our Homes’ Group Regarding Their Campaign Against Vacant Housing in Leeds
- 4 Woodbridge Tenants and Residents Association Regarding the Condition of the Properties on the Estate

RESOLVED –That the subject matter of the deputations be referred to the Executive Board for consideration.

83 Report - Appointments to Joint Authorities

It was moved by Councillor Bentley seconded by Councillor J Procter and

RESOLVED - That the report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) regarding Appointments to joint authorities be approved

84 Questions

1 Councillor Grahame to the Chair of the Scrutiny Board (Central and Corporate)

Would the Chair of the Central and Corporate Scrutiny Board care to comment on the call in meeting held on April 9th concerning the Budget Action Plan and Staffing Issues?

The Chair of the Scrutiny Board (Central and Corporate) replied

2 Councillor Cleasby to the Executive Member (Learning)

Given recent revelations regarding the funding crisis affecting the Learning and Skills Council nationally what implications does their loss of budget control have for further education in Leeds?

The Executive Member (Learning) replied

3 Councillor Anderson to the Leader of Council

Does the Leader of Council agree that to promote the economic success of the City Centre adequate parking needs to be available?

The Leader of Council replied

4 Councillor Wakefield to the Deputy Leader of Council

Could the Deputy Leader of Council confirm which parties are official members of his administration?

The Executive Member (Children's Services) replied on behalf of the Deputy Leader of Council

5 Councillor Dowson to the Executive Member (Children's Services)

Would the Executive Board Member for Children's Services agree with me that it is important to be accurate and honest with the public?

The Executive Member (Children's Services) replied

6 Councillor Pryke to the Executive Member (Central and Corporate)

Would the Executive Board member for Central and Corporate agree that introducing individual registration rather than household registration for the electoral roll, would be a major step forward in combating electoral fraud?

The Executive Member (Children's Services) replied on behalf of the Executive Member (Central and Corporate)

7 Councillor Lobley to the Leader of Council

Would the Leader of Council join me in urging the Government to confirm its commitment to extending high speed rail link proposals to Leeds?

The Leader of Council replied.

8 Councillor J Lewis to the Deputy Leader of Council

Does the Deputy Leader of Council stand by his comments that an important part of good leadership is being a change agent?

The Executive Member (Children's Services) replied on behalf of the Deputy Leader of Council

9 Councillor Blake to the Executive Member (Central and Corporate)

Can Councillor Brett explain what steps he has taken to reduce wasteful spending since he became Executive Member for the Central and Corporate portfolio?

The Executive Member (Children's Services) replied on behalf of the Executive Member (Central and Corporate)

10 Councillor Hamilton to the Executive Member (Central and Corporate)

Would the Executive Board member for Central and Corporate care to comment on the key local issues he sees affecting the residents of Leeds at the current time?

The Executive Member (Children's Services) replied on behalf of the Executive Member (Central and Corporate)

11 Councillor Gruen to the Executive Member (Adult Health and Social Care)

Could the Executive Member for Adult Social Services reassure members of council that the standard of care shown on the BBC's Panorama programme of April 9th is not the level of care that older people in Leeds experience?

The Executive Member (Adult Health and Social Care) 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 responses would be sent to each member of Council.

- 12 Councillor Lyons to the Executive Member (Environmental Services)
- 13 Councillor Lancaster to the Executive Member (Adult Health and Social Care)
- 14 Councillor Illingworth to the Executive Member (Central and Corporate)
- 15 Councillor Illingworth to the Executive Member (City Development and Regeneration)
- 16 Councillor A Taylor to the Executive Member (City Development and Regeneration)
- 17 Councillor Downes to the Executive Member (Environmental Services)

85 Recommendations of the Executive Board

It was moved by Councillor A Carter seconded by Councillor Smith and

RESOLVED - That Council approve the Leeds Climate Change Strategy in accordance with the recommendation of the Executive Board as presented in the report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance)

86 Recommendations of the General Purposes Committee

It was moved by Councillor A Carter seconded by Councillor Bentley and

RESOLVED - That the report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) on a recommendation of the General Purposes Committee with regard to membership of the Standards Committee be approved

87 Minutes

It was moved by Councillor A Carter seconded by Councillor Bentley and

RESOLVED – That the minutes submitted to Council in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2.2(o) be received.

(During the debate on this item Councillor Lancaster declared a personal interest as a member of the West Yorkshire Police Authority)

88 Motion to Suspend Council Procedure Rules

During the debate under minute 87 above it was moved by Councillor Gruen seconded by Councillor Taggart

That under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 22.1, Procedure Rule 3.1 be suspended to allow the debate on the minutes to continue until all comments to the conclusion of the Adult Health and Social Care Portfolio have been heard.

Upon being put to the vote the motion was declared lost

On the requisition of Councillors Gruen and Taggart the voting on the motion to suspend was recorded as follows:

YES

Armitage, Atha, Beverley, Blake, Congreve, Coulson, Coupar, Davey, Dobson, Dowson, Driver, Dunn, Gabriel, Grahame, Gruen, Hanley, Harington, Harper, A Hussain, G Hyde, Illingworth, Iqbal, Jarosz, J Lewis, R Lewis, Lowe, Lyons, A McKenna, J McKenna, Morgan, Mulherin, Murray, Nash, Ogilvie, Parker, Renshaw, Selby, Taggart, E Taylor, Wakefield, Yeadon

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NO

Anderson, Andrew, Bale, Bentley, A Blackburn, D Blackburn, Campbell, A Carter, J L Carter, Castle, Chastney, Cleasby, Downes, Elliot, Ewens, Mrs R Feldman, R D Feldman, Finnigan, Fox, Gettings, Golton, Grayshon, Hamilton, Harker, Harrand, Hollingsworth, K Hussain, W Hyde, Kendall, Kirkland, Lamb, Lancaster, Latty, Leadley, Lobley, Matthews, Monaghan, Parnhan, J Procter, R Procter, Pryke, Rhodes-Clayton, Schofield, Shelbrooke, Smith, A Taylor, Wadsworth, Wilkinson, Wilson

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(Due to an error a vote was recorded for Councillor Mulherin who was not present at the meeting)

(The meeting was suspended at 5.00 pm and resumed at 5.20 pm)

89 **White Paper Motion - Changes to Lettings Policy**

Under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 14.10, with the consent of the seconder, leave of Council was given to Councillor R Lewis to amend the motion in his name by the deletion of the word "instructs" in the second paragraph of the motion and its replacement with the word "requests".

It was moved by Councillor R Lewis seconded by Councillor J McKenna and

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY - That this Council recognises the adverse impact that anti-social tenants can have on communities and the very real misery that can be caused. Therefore Council welcomes the changes to letting's policy agreed by Executive Board in October 2008; following a review of the Choice Based Lettings System.

However, this Council believes that this review did not do enough to protect the rights, freedoms and cohesion of existing tenants and their communities. Therefore Council requests the Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing to bring a paper to a future Executive Board meeting to address these concerns.

90 White Paper Motion - Extension of the Higher Rate Mobility Component to Blind People

It was moved by Councillor Finnigan seconded by Councillor Parnham and

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY – That this Council welcomes the announcement of the extension of the higher rate mobility component to blind people from 2011 and congratulates all groups and individuals who successfully campaigned for this change.

91 White Paper Motion - Potential Impact of New Housing on Green Belt and Greenfield Sites

Under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 14.10, with the consent of the seconder, leave of Council was given to Councillor A Carter to amend the motion in his name by the deletion of the words “Government backed” in the second paragraph, by the deletion of the word “Government’s” in the third paragraph and by the deletion of “resist all efforts to allow Greenfield and Green Belt development in Leeds” and replacement with “lobby Government not to allow inappropriate Greenfield and Green Belt development in Leeds”.

Under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 14.11 leave of Council was given to Councillor Blake to withdraw the amendment in her name.

It was moved by Councillor A Carter seconded by Councillor Golton and

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY - That this Council notes the recent admission by the Housing Minister that her Government’s housing target, to build 3 million affordable new homes by 2020, is unattainable under the present economic conditions and whilst the circumstances surrounding this admission are regrettable, this Council welcomes this acknowledgement of economic reality and believes that these ill thought out targets represent a very real threat to the Green Belt in Leeds.

Given this background Council expresses its concern at the comments made by the planning inspector dealing with Leeds City Council’s successful appeal against proposed Greenfield developments in Oulton. The inspector’s comments once again appear to raise the possibility of planning inspectors forcing through Greenfield development at the expense of Brownfield inner city regeneration aims.

This Council finds the disparity between the Housing Minister’s statement and that of the Planning Inspectorate to be both unhelpful and confusing and resolves to lobby Government not to allow inappropriate Greenfield and Green Belt development in Leeds.

(The provisions of Council Procedure Rule 3.1(d) were applied at the conclusion of the vote on this motion)

92 White Paper Motion - Leeds Kirkgate Market

Under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 14.11, with the consent of the seconder, leave of Council was given to Councillor Wakefield to withdraw the motion in his name.

93 White Paper Motion Submitted Under the Provisions of Council Procedure Rule 3.1(d) - The Current Economic Recession
Under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 14.11, with the consent of the seconder, leave of Council was given to Councillor Lobley to withdraw the motion in his name.

94 White Paper Submitted Under the Provision of Council Procedure Rule 3.1(d) - Armed Forces Day
It was moved by Councillor Lancaster seconded by Councillor Grayshon and

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY – That this Council welcomes Armed Forces Day on the 27th June 2009, in particular plans to hold an event in Leeds in conjunction with veterans organisations and pledges its support to such an event. Council also recognises the support of Adult Social Services in setting up a regional veterans forum.

Council rose at 7.05 pm