

Proceedings of the Meeting of the Leeds City Council held  
Civic Hall, Leeds on Wednesday, 18th November, 2009

**PRESENT:** The Lord Mayor Councillor Judith Elliott 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  
Lisa Mulherin

**ARMLEY**

Alison Natalie Kay Lowe  
James McKenna  
Janet Harper

**BEESTON & HOLBECK**

Adam Ogilvie  
David Congreve

**BRAMLEY & STANNINGLEY**

Angela Denise Atkinson  
Ted Hanley  
Neil Taggart

**BURMANTOFTS & RICHMOND HILL**

Ralph Pryke  
Richard Brett  
David Hollingsworth

**WARD**

**CALVERLEY & FARSLEY**

Andrew Carter  
Joseph William Marjoram  
Frank Robinson

**CHAPEL ALLERTON**

Eileen Taylor  
Mohammed Rafique  
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  
Andy Parnham

**GARFORTH & SWILLINGTON**

Andrea McKenna  
Mark Dobson  
Thomas Murray

**GIPTON & HAREHILLS**

Arif Hussain  
Roger Harington  
Alan Taylor

**GUISELEY & RAWDON**

Graham Latty  
Stuart Andrew  
John Bale

**HAREWOOD**

Ann Castle  
Rachael Procter  
Alec Shelbrooke

**HEADINGLEY**

Jamie Matthews  
Martin Hamilton  
James John Monaghan

**HORSFORTH**

Christopher Townsley  
Andrew Barker  
Brian Cleasby

**HYDE PARK & WOODHOUSE**

Penny Ewens  
Kabeer 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

**MORLEY SOUTH**

Judith Elliott  
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  
Judith Mara Chapman

**WETHERBY**

Gerald Wilkinson  
Alan James Lamb  
John Michael Procter



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| Cllr A Lamb      | Trustee, Schools Partnership Trust  |
| Cllr G Wilkinson | Member, Children's Advisory Panel   |
| Cllr T Murray    | Chief Executive of Learning Partnerships and<br>Non Executive Director of IGEN. |
| Cllr A Lowe      | Chief Executive of Touchstone Leeds   |
| Cllr M Lobley    | Chair of Rewew  |
| Cllr M Coulson   | Adoption Panel – Leodis, Fostering Panel East<br>Leeds                          |
| Cllr B Chastney  | Adoption Panel - Elmete   |
| Cllr J Jarosz    | Adoption Panel - Elmete   |

d) Members declared personal interests in minute 65 of this meeting as follows:-

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| Cllr B Anderson | Chair, Leeds Initiative City Centre Management<br>Initiative; Personal Interest – Chair, Leeds City<br>Centre Partnership |
| Cllr A Carter   | Leeds Initiative Economy Partnership  |

e) Members declared personal interests in minute 66 of this meeting as follows:-

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| Cllr B Anderson | Chair, Leeds City Centre Partnership |
| Cllr A Carter   | Leeds Initiative Economy Partnership |

f) Members declared personal interests in minute 68 of this meeting as follows:-

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| Cllr J Bale      | Member, Society for the Environment  |
| Cllr F Robinson  | Member, Royal Horticultural Society  |
| Cllr D Schofield | Member, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust; Council for the<br>Protection of Rural England |

g) Members declared personal interests in minute 69 of this meeting as follows:-

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| Cllr A Carter    | 2 tickets to Leeds Rhinos v. Manly rugby match<br>plus refreshments              |
| Cllr F Robinson  | Leeds Rugby Club - 2 tickets to Carnegie World<br>Club Challenge match           |
| Cllr G Wilkinson | Leeds Rugby Club - 2 tickets to Celebration Gala<br>Dinner at Headingley Stadium |
| Cllr James Lewis | Leeds Rhino's season ticket holder   |

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| Cllr Keith Parker   | Trustee of Leeds Rhino's             |
| Cllr Chris Townsley | Season ticket holder at Leeds Rhinos |

h) Members declared personal interests in minute 66 of this meeting as follows:-

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| Cllr B Anderson      | Attendance at the Ashes Test Match at Headingley on 7th August 2009  |
| Cllr A Carter        | Invitation to attend, with guest, the one day international cricket match at Headingley Carnegie Stadium (including lunch and afternoon tea); Complimentary ticket for the 2nd NPower Test match, tea and biscuits and lunch; Complimentary entrance ticket, parking and refreshments - attendance at one day international; Entrance ticket for Ashes Test Match, lunch and light refreshments for myself and a guest |
| Cllr F Robinson      | Yorkshire County Cricket Club - England vs South Africa match and dinner; Yorkshire County Cricket Club - Opening season lunch at YCCC Headingley  |
| Cllr D Schofield     | Member of Yorkshire County Cricket Club  |
| Cllr G Wilkinson     | Yorkshire County Cricket Club  |
| Cllr Chris Townsley  | Yorkshire County Cricket Club Indoor Cricket School management committee   |
| Cllr Martin Hamilton | Member of the Yorkshire County Cricket Club  |
| Cllr R D Feldman     | Member of the Yorkshire County Cricket Club  |

i) Members declared personal interests in minute 71 of this meeting as follows:-

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| Cllr J Bale     | Member, Sir Ian Dixon Trust; Personal Interest – Member, Chartered Institute of Building  |
| Cllr F Robinson | Attendance at Association of Plumbing and Heating – Drinks reception and gala dinner. Federation of Master Builders – Leeds – Dinner dance at Marriot Hotel |

j) Councillor J Marjoram declared a personal and prejudicial interest in minute 71 of this meeting as a self-employed landlord, developer, kitchen and bathroom fitter.

**59 Deputations**

There were no deputations admitted to the meeting.

## 60 Reports

### a) Leeds Award

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

**RESOLVED** – That the nominations for the receipt of the Leeds Award be approved and that the Lord Mayor be requested to undertake an appropriate ceremony.

Claude Bandawe  
Alec Bloom MBE  
Brian Wheelhouse  
Tony Edwards

### b) Appointments

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

**RESOLVED** – That the report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) be approved.

## 61 Questions

### 1) Councillor Wakefield to the Leader of Council

Can the Leader of Council provide an update on the court case at London's High Court regarding the validity of the authority's delegated powers between 2004 and early 2008?

The Leader of Council replied.

### 2) Councillor Bentley to the Leader of Council.

Would the Leader of Council inform Council on the current situation regarding the strike in Streetscene Services?

The Leader of Council replied.

### 3) Councillor Wadsworth to the Executive Member (Development and Regeneration)

Can the Executive Board Member for City Development & Regeneration provide an update on the Council's Next Generation Transport (NGT) bid?

The Executive Member (Development and Regeneration) replied.

### 4) Councillor Harington to the Executive Member (Environmental Services).

Can the Executive Board member for Environmental Services offer his personal guarantee that tackling climate change is high on the Council's agenda?

The Executive Member (Environmental Services) replied.

### 5) Councillor D Blackburn to the Executive Member (Adult Social Care).

Would the Executive Member for Adult Social Care like to comment on the current situation regarding Roseville Enterprises?

The Executive Member (Adult Social Care) replied

- 6) Councillor R Lewis to the Executive Member (Development and Regeneration).

Can the Executive Board member for City Development please outline how many unresolved Council planning cases there are in the city?

The Executive Member (Development and Regeneration) replied.

- 7) Councillor Cleasby to the Leader of Council.

Would the Leader of Council outline what actions have been taken to improve the circulation of Taxis in Leeds City Centre?

The Leader of Council replied.

- 8) Councillor Andrew to the Deputy Leader of Council.

Could the Deputy Leader of Council provide details on the estimated amount of wasted European Regional Development Funding (ERDF) this government has overseen in recent years?

The Deputy Leader of Council replied.

- 9) Councillor Blake to the Leader of Council.

Can the leader of Council offer his cast iron guarantee to members that tax payers' money is being well spent by his administration?

The Leader of Council replied.

- 10) Councillor D Blackburn to the Executive Member (Environmental Services).

Could the Executive Member for Environmental Services tell Council what additional costs have been incurred in the areas under his portfolio due to the bin strike?

The Executive Member (Environmental Services) 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.

- 11 Councillor Gruen to the Executive Member (Neighbourhoods & Housing).

- 12 Councillor Chapman to the Executive Member (Learning).

- 13 Councillor Anderson to the Deputy Leader of Council.

- 14 Councillor Yeadon to the Leader of Council

- 15 Councillor Taggart to the Leader of Council

- 16 Councillor Hamilton to the Leader of Council
- 17 Councillor Lyons to the Executive Member (Environmental Services)
- 18 Councillor Grahame to the Leader of Council
- 19 Councillor Bentley to the Executive Member (Learning)
- 20 Councillor Driver to the Executive Member (Development and Regeneration)
- 21 Councillor Wakefield to the Leader of Council
- 22 Councillor Campbell to the Executive Member (Development and Regeneration)
- 23 Councillor Illingworth to the Executive Member (Development and Regeneration)
- 24 Councillor Matthews to the Executive Member (Environmental Services)

## 62 Recommendations of the Executive Board

### a) Financial Health Monitoring 2009/10 – Half Year Report

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

**RESOLVED** – That a virement in the sum of £1,500,000 from debt charge savings to fund the early leavers initiative, in accordance with the recommendations of the report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) be approved.

### b) The Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Licensing Policy

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

**RESOLVED** – That Council approve that the proposed response to the consultation exercise, as contained in appendix 2 to the report to the Executive Board on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2009, be approved as the Council's response to matters raised in consultation and that the revised draft Statement of Gambling Policy, as set out in appendix 1 to the report, be approved as the final Policy under the Gambling Act 2005 in accordance with the recommendations of the report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance).

### c) The Council Business Plan 2008-11 – Mid-Term Review and Refresh

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

**RESOLVED** – That Council approves the amendments to the Council Business Plan 2008-11, as detailed in the report to the Executive Board on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2009 and authorises the Chief Executive to review and update any performance targets for the final year of the plan in accordance with the recommendations of the report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance).



**63 Minutes**

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

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

Council Procedure Rule 4 providing for the winding up of business was applied prior to all notified comments on the minutes having been debated.

In summing up, the Leader of Council reported that this would be the last meeting of Council attended by Dave Page, Deputy Chief Executive and, on behalf of the Council, wished him a long and happy retirement.

The meeting was suspended at 5:05 pm and resumed at 5:35 pm.

**64 White Paper Motion - Children and Young People**

It was moved by Councillor Jarosz, seconded by Councillor Mulherin that

This Council condemns the ruling administration for their continued failure to support children and young people in our city.

An amendment was moved by Councillor Golton, seconded by Councillor W Hyde to delete all after 'This Council' and replace with:-

'remains determined to fulfil the objectives set out in the two WP resolutions adopted earlier this year regarding Children's Services. This Council is committed to continuous improvement in all services for Children & Young People, as set out in the Children and Young People's plan revised and adopted by the Executive Board on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2009.

The amendment was carried and, upon being put as the substantive motion, it was

**RESOLVED** – That this Council remains determined to fulfil the objectives set out in the two WP resolutions adopted earlier this year regarding Children's Services. This Council is committed to continuous improvement in all services for Children & Young People, as set out in the Children and Young People's plan revised and adopted by the Executive Board on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2009.

During the discussion on this item, Councillor Lobley declared a personal interest as the Chair of Renew.

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

**65 White Paper Motion - Leeds Arena**

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

**66 White Paper Motion - Kirkgate Market**

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

**67 White Paper Motion - Road Traffic Accidents**

It was moved by Councillor Grayshon, seconded by Councillor Finnigan and

**RESOLVED** – That this Council accepts that all road traffic accidents that lead to the death or injury of pedestrians or motorists are a tragedy for families and communities. This Council notes recent tragic events on roads across Leeds, including the death of a student on Britannia Road, Morley and the injury of a mother and child in a road traffic accident on Wide Lane and pledges to explore all possibilities and financing options to reduce the potential for any such future incidents.

**68 White Paper Motion Submitted under the Provisions of Council Procedure Rule 3.1(d) - British Bee Population**

It was moved by Councillor Selby, seconded by Councillor D Blackburn and

**RESOLVED** – That this Council expresses its deep concern over the decline of the British bee population. Council therefore resolves to consider and look to implement the necessary and appropriate environmental steps to help protect and increase the local bee population.

Council further notes that bees are essential to the food supply not just in the UK but worldwide, and that their extinction would be catastrophic for our planet.

**69 White Paper Motion Submitted under the Provisions of Council Procedure Rule 3.1(d) - Leeds Rhinos**

It was moved by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Lancaster and

**RESOLVED** – That this Council congratulates the Leeds Rhinos rugby league team who, by defeating St Helen's, won an unprecedented third consecutive Super League championship. Council further hopes the team will carry this success forward and do the city proud by winning the World Club Challenge in 2010.

**70 White Paper Motion Submitted under the Provisions of Council Procedure Rule 3.1(d) - Yorkshire County Cricket Club**

It was moved by Councillor Hamilton, seconded by Councillor Leadley and

**RESOLVED** – That this Council congratulates Yorkshire County Cricket Club on winning the right to stage the Pakistan - Australia Test match at Headingley next July. The Council is proud that Leeds has been chosen to play host to the Pakistan Cricket Team to allow them to play Australia at a neutral venue, and believes this offers an opportunity for Yorkshire Cricket to develop its contacts with local communities.

**71 White Paper Motion Submitted under the Provisions of Council Procedure Rule 3.1(d) - VAT Rates for Building Repairs and Maintenance**

It was moved by Councillor Andrew, seconded by Councillor J Procter and

**RESOLVED** – That this Council urges the Government to adopt the recent EU directive that recommends a cut in VAT rates for building repairs and home maintenance work.

Council believes that reducing VAT to a permanent rate of 5% on home maintenance and building repairs, while bringing a significant revenue cost to the government, would be substantially mitigated by the increase in the volume of work generated as a result of the reduction in prices.

Key benefits would include:

- the creation of more jobs for small businesses;
- a reduction in the number of empty homes;
- encouraging more people to use energy efficient products;
- a reduction in fuel poverty;
- an improvement in housing standards.

This Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Chancellor of Exchequer expressing Council's support for such a move.

Council rose at 7.25 pm.