

Proceedings of the Meeting of the Leeds City Council held
Civic Hall, Leeds on Wednesday, 14th September, 2011

PRESENT: The Lord Mayor Councillor Reverend Alan Leonard Taylor in the
Chair

WARD

ADEL & WHARFEDALE

John Leslie Carter
Clive Fox
Barry John Anderson

ALWOODLEY

Dan Cohen
Peter Mervyn Harrand
Ronald David Feldman

ARDSLEY & ROBIN HOOD

Jack Dunn
Lisa Mulherin
Karen Renshaw

ARMLEY

James McKenna
Janet Harper
Alison Natalie Kay Lowe

BEESTON & HOLBECK

Adam Ogilvie
David Congreve
Angela Gabriel

BRAMLEY & STANNINGLEY

Ted Hanley
Neil Taggart

BURMANTOFTS & RICHMOND HILL

Asghar Khan
Ron Grahame
Ralph Pryke

WARD

CALVERLEY & FARSLEY

Rod Wood
Andrew Carter

CHAPEL ALLERTON

Mohammed Rafique
Jane Dowson
Eileen Taylor

CITY & HUNSLET

Patrick Davey
Mohammed Iqbal
Elizabeth Nash

CROSS GATES & WHINMOOR

Pauleen Grahame
Peter John Gruen
Suzi Armitage

FARNLEY & WORTLEY

Ann Blackburn
John Hamilton Hardy

GARFORTH & SWILLINGTON

Mark Dobson
Thomas Murray
Andrea McKenna

GIPTON & HAREHILLS

Arif Hussain
Kamila Maqsood

GUISELEY & RAWDON

Paul Wadsworth
Pat Latty
Graham Latty

HAREWOOD

Matthew James Robinson
Ann Castle

HEADINGLEY

Neil Walshaw
Martin Hamilton
Jamie Matthews

HORSFORTH

Dawn Collins
Brian Cleasby
Christopher Townsley

HYDE PARK & WOODHOUSE

Gerry Harper
Javaid Akhtar
Penny Ewens

KILLINGBECK & SEACROFT

Veronica Morgan
Brian Michael Selby
Graham Hyde

KIPPAX & METHLEY

James Lewis
Keith Ivor Wakefield
John Keith Parker

KIRKSTALL

John Anthony Illingworth
Bernard Peter Atha
Lucinda Joy Yeadon

MIDDLETON PARK

Judith Blake
Kim Groves
Geoffrey Driver

MOORTOWN

Rebecca Charlwood

Mark Daniel Harris

MORLEY NORTH

Robert William Gettings
Thomas Leadley
Robert Finnigan

MORLEY SOUTH

Neil Dawson
Shirley Varley
Judith Elliott

OTLEY & YEADON

Ryk Downes
Graham Peter Kirkland

PUDSEY

Richard Alwyn Lewis
Mick Coulson
Josephine Patricia Jarosz

ROTHWELL

Karen Bruce
Barry Stewart Golton
Donald Michael Wilson

ROUNDHAY

Christine McNiven
Ghulam Hussain
Matthew Lobley

TEMPLE NEWSAM

Katherine Mitchell
Michael Lyons
William Schofield Hyde

WEETWOOD

Susan Bentley
Judith Mara Chapman
Ben Chastney

WETHERBY

Alan James Lamb
John Michael Procter
Gerald Wilkinson

38 Announcements

The Lord Mayor announced that Yvonne Crowther, a resident of the Cardinal estate in Beeston, had recently won the Yorkshire region of the Pride of Britain Awards and would now be considered for the National Awards in London.

39 Minutes

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

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meetings held on 13th July and 07th September 2011 be approved.

40 Declarations of Interest

The Lord Mayor announced that a list of written declarations submitted by Members was on display in the ante-room, 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 Member's Code of Conduct were made as follows:-

a) Members declared personal interests in minute 45 of this meeting as follows:-

Cllr W Hyde	Chairman of Trustees Neighbourhood Network – Cross Gates Good Neighbours.
Cllr R Grahame	LA Commission on Asylum and Immigration Director of ENE Homes Director of GMBATU Member of Plans Panel (East)

b) Members declared personal interests in minute 46 of this meeting as follows:-

Cllr J L Carter	Member, SB (Resources and Council Services)
Cllr G Wilkinson	Member, Green Leeds
Cllr R Wood	Member, Scrutiny Board (Resources and Council Services)

c) Councillor Harris declared personal and prejudicial interest in minute 46 as a director of a company and left the meeting during discussion of the item.

d) Members declared personal interests in minute 47 of this meeting as follows:-

Cllr Lowe	Member of West Yorkshire Police Authority
Cllr M Iqbal	Member of West Yorkshire Police Authority
Cllr B Anderson	Chair, Scrutiny Board (Stronger and Safer Communities)
Cllr L Carter	Member, Leeds Initiative Safer and Stronger Communities Board Member, Leeds Initiative Stronger Communities Partnership Member, West Yorkshire Police Authority

e) Members declared personal interests in minute 48 of this meeting as follows:-

Cllr Mulherin	Chair of the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Yorkshire and the Humber)
Cllr W Hyde	Member, Scrutiny Board (Health)
Cllr Lamb	Member, Scrutiny Board (Children's and Families)
Cllr G Latty	Member, Scrutiny Board (Health)
Cllr P Latty	Member, Early Years Service and Advisory Challenge
Cllr G Wilkinson	Member, Children's Advisory Panel

f) Members declared personal interests in minute 49 of this meeting as follows:-

Cllr B Anderson	Member, Leeds Initiative – Housing and Regeneration Board
Cllr R Grahame	Member, West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority
Cllr A McKenna	Member, West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority
Cllr C Townsley	Member, West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority
Cllr R Feldman	Member, ALMO Area Panel Outer North East
Cllr C Fox	Member, ALMO Outer North West Area Panel
Cllr G Latty	Member, ALMO Outer North West Area Panel
Cllr Wadsworth	Member, West North West Homes Leeds
Cllr G Wilkinson	Member, East North East Homes Leeds Member, ALMO Area Panel Outer North East
Cllr R Charlwood	Landlord
Cllr N Dawson	Landlord
Cllr M Dobson	Landlord
Cllr Gabriel	Landlord
Cllr A Hussain	Landlord
Cllr M Iqbal	Landlord
Cllr A Khan	Landlord
Cllr K Maqsood	Landlord
Cllr K Mitchell	Landlord
Cllr M Rafique	Landlord

41 Communications

The Chief Executive reported that new guidance on deputations to Council had been circulated to all Members of Council.

42 Deputations

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

- 1) Leeds Fairtrade Steering Group regarding the promotion of fair trade issues within the City
- 2) Leeds Owl Trail, plans for 2011-2012
- 3) Friends of the Earth Regarding Leeds Waste Incineration Project.
- 4) Representatives and small businesses of Farnley & Wortley re proposals to build a supermarket at the Stonebridge Mill Site.

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

43 Reports

a) Appointments

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

RESOLVED –

- a) That the report of the City Solicitor on appointments, be approved, namely:-

That Councillor A McKenna replace Councillor Charlwood on Scrutiny Board (Children and Families).

That Councillor Charlwood replace Councillor A McKenna on Scrutiny Board (Health and Well-being and Adult Social Care).

That Councillor Hardy replace Councillor E Taylor on Scrutiny Board (Safer and Stronger Communities).

That Councillor Fox replace Councillor G Latty on Scrutiny Board (Health and Well-being and Adult Social Care).

That Councillor R Grahame replace Councillor Gabriel on Scrutiny Board (Resources and Council Services).

44 Questions

- Q1 Councillor A Carter to the Executive Member (Development and the Economy):-

Can the Executive Board Member for City Development tell me the total value of outstanding Section 106 monies owed to the Council, which should already have been paid, and how much of that has been outstanding for more than 12 months and what the value of the outstanding amounts of 106 monies that should have been paid to the council under £30,000 per site is?

The Executive Member (Development and the Economy) replied.

- Q2 Councillor Downes to the Executive Member (Adult Health and Social Care):-

Could the Executive Board Member for Adult Health & Social Care outline what alternative services exist for those Blind and Visually Impaired people in Leeds who previously used services including :- Training Kitchen, Low Vision Aids Room, Talking Book and Braille Library, Computer Room, News/Sports tapes, Annual holidays and Café; which were located at Shire View in Headingley?

The Executive Member (Adult Health and Social Care) replied.

- Q3 Councillor A Khan to the Executive Member (Development and the Economy):-

Could the Executive Member for Development & Economy please update Council on the draft National Planning Policy Framework recently published by the government and the implications this has for Leeds?

The Executive Member (Development and the Economy) replied.

- Q4 Councillor K Bruce to the Leader of Council

Does the Leader of Council agree that having Chinese athletes training in the city ahead of next year's Olympics is a coup for Leeds?

The Leader of Council replied.

- Q5 Councillor J Procter to the Executive Member (Leisure):-

Can the Executive Board Member for Leisure please inform Council how many tickets were sold for Classical Fantasia and how much income his policy to charge for this event has generated?

The Executive Member (Leisure) replied.

- Q6 Councillor J Matthews to the Executive Member (Children's Services):-

Could the Executive Board Member for Children's Services outline what the Council's policy is on school uniforms?

The Executive Member (Children's Services) replied.

- Q7 Councillor S Armitage to the Executive Member (Neighbourhoods, Housing and Regeneration):-

Could the Executive Member for Neighbourhoods, Housing & Regeneration advise Members of the expanded role PCSOs will play in keeping our communities safe and clean?

The Executive Member (Neighbourhoods, Housing and Regeneration) replied.

- Q8 Councillor R Charlwood to the Executive Member (Children's Services):-

Could the Executive Member for Children's Services update Council on this year's exam results?

The Executive Member (Children's Services) replied.

Q9 Councillor P Wadsworth to the Executive Member (Development and the Economy):-

Can the Executive Board Member for City Development please update Council if, in the wake of the kiss and fly tax being introduced, the airport is honouring its obligations to fund public transport links that help combat parking overspill that may adversely affect local residents?

The Executive Member (Development and the Economy) replied.

Q10 Councillor R Pryke to the Executive Member (Leisure):-

Could Cllr Ogilvie inform Council what the income was from ticket sales for Classical Fantasia, and Opera in the Park, and what the costs were in collecting this income?

The Executive Member (Leisure) 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:-

Q11 Councillor G Hyde to the Executive Member (Environmental Services).

Q12 Councillor Rafique to the Executive Member (Development and the Economy).

Q13 Councillor Lamb to the Executive Member (Neighbourhoods, Housing and Regeneration).

Q14 Councillor Matthews to the Executive Member (Leisure).

Q15 Councillor Mitchell to the Executive Member (Leisure).

Q16 Councillor Walshaw to the Executive Member (Environmental Services).

Q17 Councillor Robinson to the Leader of Council.

Q18 Councillor Pryke to the Executive Member (Leisure).

Q19 Councillor Gabriel to the Executive Member (Neighbourhoods, Housing and Regeneration).

Q20 Councillor Groves to the Executive Member (Neighbourhoods, Housing and Regeneration).

Q21 Councillor Robinson to the Executive Member (Development and the Economy).

Q22 Councillor Pryke to the Leader of Council.

Q23 Councillor G Latty to the Executive Member (Development and the Economy).

Q24 Councillor Pryke to the Leader of Council.

Q25 Councillor Lobley to the Executive Member (Resources and Corporate Functions).

Q26 Councillor Townsley to the Leader of Council.

45 Minutes

It was moved by Councillor Wakefield, seconded by Councillor J Lewis 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).

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

The meeting was suspended at 5.00 pm and resumed at 5.25 pm.

46 White Paper Motion - Food Waste

It was moved by Councillor Golton, seconded by Councillor Wilson that this Council welcomes Leeds City Council's continued commitment to much of the recycling improvement plan and the recent achievement of a 40% recycling rate.

However, this Council believes it was wrong to abandon the expansion of the popular and successful Rothwell food waste collection pilot.

This Council notes that the market for the outputs of food waste collection is expanding and that a plant to process it located in Leeds will lead to green jobs for the city and further notes that failing to recycle food waste will increase the volume of waste sent to Labour's planned incinerator for East Leeds.

This Council resolves to expand the food waste collection scheme to one additional round in 2011/12 and further requests that a report be brought to Executive Board detailing how the scheme can be introduced to further areas in future years.

An amendment was moved by Councillor Dobson, seconded by Councillor Walshaw, that this Council welcomes Leeds City Council's continued commitment to the recycling improvement plan and the recent achievement of a 40% recycling rate.

Delete all after "recycling rate" and replace with:

over the last four months which is an historic first in our city.

Council recognises the success of the Rothwell food pilot which provides a strong platform for the roll out of additional food waste collections in the future.

This Council therefore commits itself to further exploring the affordability of this proposal as part of our overall strategy to produce sustainable energy and reduce reliance on landfill.

Council also requests that once this piece of work is completed, a report be brought back to the Executive Board to discuss its findings.

A second amendment was moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Wadsworth, to delete all after: '40% recycling rate' and replace with:-

'This council notes the 88% increase in recycling against the city average during the recent Rothwell recycling pilot as well as the high 94% customer satisfaction rate.

This Council notes that the market for the outputs of food waste collection is expanding and requests that the a report be brought to the Executive Board outlining how financially viable schemes to recycle more household waste could be introduced as landfill taxes increase.'

The amended motion would read:-

'This Council welcomes Leeds City Council's continued commitment to much of the recycling improvement plan and the recent achievement of a 40% recycling rate.

This Council notes the 88% increase in recycling against the city average during the recent Rothwell recycling pilot as well as the high 94% customer satisfaction rate.

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A third amendment was moved by Councillor A Blackburn, and, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12.3(b), seconded by Councillor Finnigan, to delete the second paragraph and insert 'This Council also notes the success of the Rothwell food waste collection pilot'.

In the third paragraph delete the word 'Labour's' and insert 'the Council's'.

In the last paragraph delete 'to one additional round in 2011/12 and further requests' and insert 'and requests'.

The amended motion would read:-

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This Council also notes the success of the Rothwell food waste collection pilot.

This Council notes that the market for the outputs of food waste collection is expanding and that a plant to process it located in Leeds will lead to green jobs for the city and further notes that failing to recycle food waste will increase the volume of waste sent to the Council's planned incinerator for East Leeds.

This Council resolves to expand the food waste collection scheme and requests that a report be brought to Executive Board detailing how the scheme can be introduced to further areas in future years.'

The amendment in the name of Councillor Dobson was carried and upon being put as the substantive motion it was

RESOLVED – That this Council welcomes Leeds City Council's continued commitment to the recycling improvement plan and the recent achievement of a 40% recycling rate over the last four months which is an historic first in our city.

Council recognises the success of the Rothwell food pilot which provides a strong platform for the roll out of additional food waste collections in the future.

This Council therefore commits itself to further exploring the affordability of this proposal as part of our overall strategy to produce sustainable energy and reduce reliance on landfill.

Council also requests that once this piece of work is completed, a report be brought back to the Executive Board to discuss its findings.

47 White Paper Motion - Community Policing

It was moved by Councillor Gruen, seconded by Councillor Lowe, that the containment of isolated incidents of violence in Leeds, during national riots in August, has once again demonstrated that a strong partnership between Leeds City Council, West Yorkshire Police and other representatives on the Safer Leeds Executive, delivers positive outcomes for people in Leeds.

This Council extends its thanks and appreciation to community leaders, police officers, PCSOs and youth workers who worked to prevent further unrest. Council also recognises the hard work of street cleansing teams within communities affected by isolated incidents of disorder.

Strong leadership and a commitment to democratic engagement from Police Divisional Command was invaluable during this difficult period.

This Council believes that 20% budget cuts will make it harder for the police to keep the streets safe and maintain order.

Council therefore calls upon the Government to abandon plans to spend £100 million introducing directly elected police commissioners and to instead ensure forces have the resources they need to provide effective community policing.

Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Home Secretary and all Leeds MPs in order to highlight the importance of prioritising community policing, particularly at a time of budget reductions.

An amendment was moved by Councillor Downes, seconded by Councillor Hamilton, to delete paragraphs 4 and 5 and replace with:-

‘Council notes reports that 75% of those arrested and charged in connection with the recent riots were re-offenders. Council believes that the criminal justice system has failed to tackle re-offending in the past and believes that a wider range of tools to prevent re-offending, in particular ‘restorative justice’ measures, will reduce such outbreaks of criminality in the future.’

Following ‘community policing’ in paragraph 6 add :-

‘and restorative justice measures’

A second amendment was moved by Councillor J L Carter, seconded by Councillor C Fox, to insert ‘and local ward Councillors’ in paragraph 2, replace ‘Police Divisional

Command' with 'Leeds Divisional Commanders' in paragraph 3, and Delete all after 'during this difficult period' and replace with:

'This Council condemns the actions of a criminal minority that brought chaos to the streets of several major cities this Summer and pledges to offer unstinting support to the Police as it seeks to bring those responsible to justice.

This Council further supports the efforts of West Yorkshire Police Force and West Yorkshire Police Authority as they seek to make back office savings and notes the work done to re-organise and review policing structures to protect front line resources. Council further notes the Force's 'Here for Good' campaign that makes a strong commitment to frontline neighbourhood policing in a challenging financial climate.

Whilst this Council is opposed to the introduction of police commissioners it considers that should such elections take place the Government should pay the additional costs of the elections, over and above the £50 million they have already allocated, in order that scarce resources are not diverted away from neighbourhood policing.

Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Home Secretary and all Leeds MPs in order to request that these additional costs are met by central Government.'

The amended motion would read:-

'The containment of isolated incidents of violence in Leeds, during national riots in August, has once again demonstrated that a strong partnership between Leeds City Council, West Yorkshire Police and other representatives on the Safer Leeds Executive, delivers positive outcomes for people in Leeds.

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Prior to the vote on this matter, Councillor Downes, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14.11 and with the consent of the seconder and of Council, withdrew the amendment in his name.

The remaining amendment was lost and, upon the motion being put to the vote it was

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On the requisition of Councillors J Lewis and Nash, the voting on the motion in the name of Councillor Gruen was recorded as follows:-

YES

Akhtar, Armitage, Atha, A Blackburn, Blake, Bruce, Charlwood, Congreve, Coulson, Davey, Dawson, Dobson, Dowson, Driver, Dunn, Elliott, Gabriel, P Grahame, R Grahame, Groves, Gruen, Hanley, Hardy, G Harper, J Harper, A Hussain, G Hussain, G Hyde, Illingworth, Iqbal, Jarosz, Khan, J Lewis, R Lewis, Lowe, Lyons, MacNiven, Maqsood, A McKenna, J McKenna, Mitchell, Morgan, Mulherin, Murray, Nash, Ogilvie, Parker, Rafique, Selby, Taggart, E Taylor, Varley, Wakefield, Walshaw, Yeadon.

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NO

Bentley, Chapman, Chastney, Cleasby, Downes, Ewens, Golton, M Hamilton, Kirkland, Matthews, Pryke, Townsley, Wilson.

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ABSTAIN

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48 White Paper Submitted Under the Provisions of Council Procedure Rule 3.1(d) - Yorkshire Heart Centre

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

RESOLVED – That this Council notes with concern the ongoing discussions regarding the proposed reconfiguration of children’s cardiac surgery services and the devastating effect this could have on the Yorkshire Heart Centre at Leeds General Infirmary and the families of this region.

The Council supports the demands of the cross party Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee for Yorkshire and Humber for the Government to re-examine the way in which the decision is being made and ensure that the democratic process is not being ignored.

Council therefore urges the government to confirm that all available information will be examined before a decision is made which could force parents from Yorkshire to travel hundreds of miles should their children need cardiac treatment.

49 White Paper Submitted Under the Provisions of Council Procedure Rule 3.1(d) - Smoke Alarms

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

RESOLVED – That this Council supports the Private Members’ Fire Safety (Protection of Tenants) Bill 2010-11 in the name of Adrian Sanders, MP, which calls for it to become mandatory that all rented properties be fitted with functioning smoke alarms.

Council rose at 7.15 pm.