

Note on proposed arrangements for Leeds City Council State of the City meetings 2012/13

State of the City meetings will be held twice a year. The first will be an additional meeting held on the afternoon of Wednesday 28 November 2012. The second will be held in the early evening of the budget setting meeting on Wednesday 27 February 2013.

The first part of the November meeting will be a presentation by the leader based on the key conclusions emerging from the State of the City report. This will replace the question session from last year and be followed by responses from the leaders of the opposition parties. The meeting will then be adjourned to hold five seminars of 55 minutes duration, with the opportunity for members to attend two. Each seminar will begin with a short presentation from an external partner and chaired by an executive member or scrutiny chair. Other partners will be invited to support the debates. The meeting will then reconvene and close with presentations from guest speakers.

A list of seminars for both meetings is below.

Meeting 28 November 2012 Seminars	Chair
Improving transport in Leeds – delivering our plans through the city Deal	R Lewis
Leeds city centre – a place for everyone	Scrutiny Chair
Jobs and Skills – connecting local people to new jobs	A Ogilvie
Restorative practice – putting families first	J Blake
Health and Wellbeing – improving outcomes for the poorest	L Mulherin

Meeting 27 February 2013 Seminars	Chair
Dealing with debt and welfare reform	Scrutiny Chair
The Aire Valley: - economic, low carbon and housing growth opportunity	M Dobson
The role of civic society in creating strong communities	P Gruen
Playful Leeds	Scrutiny Chair
Encouraging entrepreneurship from the grass roots	L Yeadon