

A meeting of the Council will be held in the Civic Hall, Leeds on Wednesday, 18th January, 2023 at 1.00 pm

Members of the Council are invited to attend and transact the following business:

1 Minutes of the last Meeting

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To approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 16th November 2022.

2 Declaration of Interest

To disclose or draw attention to any interests in accordance with Leeds City Council's 'Councillor Code of Conduct'.

3 Communications

To receive such communications as the Lord Mayor, the Leader, Members of the Executive Board or the Chief Executive consider appropriate.

4 **Deputations**

To receive deputations in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10.

5 Recommendations of the Licensing Committee - Licensing Act 2003 Statement of Licensing Policy

To consider the report of the Chief Officer Elections and Regulatory presenting recommendations from the Licensing Committee in respect of the Statement of Licensing Policy.

Report of the Calculation of the Council Tax and Business 69 - 118 Rates Tax Bases for 2023/24

To consider the report of the Chief Officer – Financial Services seeking agreement to the 2023/24 council tax bases for Leeds and the parish/town councils set out in the report and providing indicative business rates shares for 2023/24 and to request Council to give delegated authority to the Chief Officer – Financial Services to finalise the shares and to submit them in the National Non-Domestic Rates 1 Return 2023/24 on or before the 31st January 2023.

7 Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel

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To consider the report of the Head of Democratic Services presenting to Council the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) following a meeting on 8th November 2022 setting out their conclusions and recommendations.

8 Report on Appointments

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To consider the report of the City Solicitor on appointments.

9 Report on the Annual Report of the Climate Emergency Advisory Committee

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To consider the report of the Director of Resources introducing the Annual Report of the Climate Emergency Advisory Committee, which demonstrates the work of the committee undertaken throughout the 2021/22 municipal year.

10 **Executive Questions**

To deal with executive questions in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11.

Minutes of the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Executive Board

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To receive the minutes in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2.2(i).

White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Andrew Carter) - Site Allocations Plan

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This Council welcomes the Inspector's proposed further Main Modifications to the Site Allocations Plan Remittal, which would delete the employment site at Barrowby Lane, Manston and see it remain as Green Belt Land.

Council believes that this outcome, if confirmed following the consultation period, would represent a vindication for opposition groups and members of the public who repeatedly argued that Barrowby Lane should remain in the Green Belt. This followed the successful High Court challenge that resulted in 37 Green Belt sites (including Barrowby Lane) being remitted for independent examination.

Council regrets that this administration did not take the opportunity at an earlier stage to listen to public feedback on the SAP proposals and retain this site as Green Belt land, despite this feedback being overwhelmingly in opposition to the Council's position.

Council calls on this administration to ensure it undertakes thorough engagement and consultation throughout all future updates to the Site Allocations Plan, and that it listens and acts appropriately on the feedback it receives.

White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Forsaith) - 171 - 172 Community Municipal Bonds

Council notes that Leeds City Council declared a Climate Emergency in March 2019 by a majority vote, resolving to work to make Leeds carbon neutral by 2030.

Council further notes that that there are now just 7 years left until this 2030 target date.

In passing the Motion, the Council resolved not only to declare a climate emergency, but to sign up to a science-based carbon reduction target consistent with achieving the Paris Agreement of no more than 1.5°C global temperature increase.

Council understands that any planetary warming above 1.5°C will result in an increasingly unliveable world, with food production and water supplies threatened whilst populations and communities have to withstand increasingly extreme weather events such as those we have experienced in Leeds over the last few years.

Council recognises the work of the Leeds Climate Change Citizens' Jury in 2019 and notes their recommendation to explore a variety of funding sources, including a Local Government Green Bond.

The Community Municipal Bonds (CMB) model provides for the issuing of local green bonds to channel local savings into local projects with low risk and a modest return to investors. They provide an opportunity for those residents who have the means to invest in projects that enable others locally to help tackle the climate emergency. In this way they are also investing in the green economy of the future.

Council believes that offering local savers and other ethical investors a way to support the City's journey to carbon neutrality would mobilise community engagement in the process of change, attracting significant sums for named projects whilst offering security and a modest rate of interest.

Council acknowledges the successful bids for national government funding for schemes that address the climate emergency, but recognises that much more funding will be needed, especially at a time of significant financial challenges for Councils.

Council therefore calls for a report to be brought to Executive Board within 6-months detailing the different options for issuing Leeds Climate Bonds and the most appropriate option for their adoption.

14 White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Lewis) - Public Services

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This Council believes the people of Leeds deserve public services they can rely on, including local council services, the NHS, Police, Fire and Rescue, and Schools. Council believes the current Government has no mandate to impose further cuts to public spending on these vital services and therefore calls upon the Prime Minister to call a General Election as soon as possible.

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