

**A meeting of the Council will be held in the Civic Hall, Leeds on Wednesday, 12th July, 2023 at 1.00 pm**

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

- 1 Minutes of the last Meeting** 5 - 10

To approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023.
- 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 Questions to the Mayor of West Yorkshire**

Tracy Brabin the Mayor of West Yorkshire to attend the Council meeting and take questions on the Mayors areas of responsibility in relation to Leeds.
- 6 Recommendations of Executive Board - Children and Young People's Plan** 11 - 20

To consider the report of the Director of Children and Families setting out recommendations from the Executive Board on 15 March 2023 to Full Council to adopt the refreshed Children and Young People's Plan 2023 to 2028.
- 7 Report on Appointments** 21 - 24

To consider the report of the City Solicitor on appointments.

To consider the report of the Head of Democratic Services presenting to Council the Scrutiny Annual Report for 2022/23 providing an overview of the work undertaken by the Council's five Scrutiny Boards during the 2022/23 municipal year.

9 **Executive Questions**

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

10 **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).

11 **White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Lamb) - Planning Portal**

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This Council regrets the administration's decision to stop publishing public comments on planning applications on the Council's website. Council believes this will reduce openness and transparency in the planning process, making it less visible and accessible to the people of Leeds.

Council views this trial, introduced at short notice and without full consultation, as typical of an administration that too often acts without proper regard for the people of Leeds, and which seems to view consultation as a box-ticking exercise rather than a genuine opportunity to listen and engage.

This Council calls for an immediate end to the trial and for comments to appear on the planning portal once again. Council further calls for a report to be brought to Executive Board setting out a renewed approach to all council consultations, one that genuinely listens and responds to the views of Leeds residents, and places openness and transparency at the heart of the process.

12 **White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Golton) - Parks**

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This Council recognises the significant role that community parks play in the health & wellbeing and cultural life of communities across Leeds. It welcomes the commitment in the Leeds Parks and Greenspaces Strategy 2022-32 to invest in active travel and 'access for all' both within and without local greenspaces to maximise usage.

The Council further welcomes the contribution made by the Mayor of West Yorkshire in commissioning a report on the safety of women and girls in parks which was published this year.

However, this Council is concerned that current capacity and resource levels within the Parks Service are at risk of seriously impeding progress on achieving the priorities spelled out in the reports mentioned.

Furthermore, the current cumulative neglect of green spaces in Leeds is actually worsening the safety and accessibility of park users and deterring many residents from using public open spaces.

Council therefore calls for:

- The promised greenspace accessibility audit process to be published this year
- A women and girls safety audit for Leeds parks to be published in parallel to the above
- A commitment to completing the 65 community park 'plans on a page' within 2 years
- A commitment that public consultation on such plans will not be limited to the online Commonplace platform
- Local parks and greenspace access and safety partnerships to be developed through Community Committees, in partnership with the Police and NHS
- A commitment to investigate the devolution of parks and grounds maintenance budgets to Community Committee level."

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**White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Arif) - NHS**

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This Council wishes the NHS a happy 75th birthday and thanks the city's NHS workers for their dedicated service to the people of Leeds.

However, Council is gravely concerned by the damage inflicted on the NHS by the Conservative Government, including longer waiting times in A&E, for GP appointments, for Specialist Clinical Care or Surgery appointments, for Ambulances response times; and the failure to address the growing Mental Health crisis.

Council is resolute in its support for NHS workers in Leeds and recognises the additional pressures and strains placed on them by the Covid-19 pandemic, the Cost-of-Living Crisis, and the Conservative Government's complete failure to resolve ongoing industrial action.

Council is equally concerned by the wider damage 13 years of Conservative Government has caused to health inequalities. Council therefore welcomes Leeds City Council's work locally alongside Professor Sir Michael Marmot and his team at the Institute of Health Equity, on a Marmot City approach to improving the health of the poorest in Leeds the fastest.

Council believes urgent Government action is needed to ensure Leeds residents receive the first class, timely NHS care they need and deserve. Council therefore calls for the Government to take immediate steps to constructively engage with representatives of the NHS workforce to mend the Government's relationship with NHS workers and end the industrial action. Council notes the Government's current plan does nothing to help people currently waiting for treatment, so Council further calls on the Government to immediately increase investment in NHS staff and services to get waiting times down for people who need treatment and care now.



Tom Riordan CBE  
Chief Executive

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