

Proceedings of the Meeting of the Leeds City Council held
Civic Hall, Leeds on Wednesday, 18th January, 2023

PRESENT: The Lord Mayor Councillor Robert Gettings MBE JP in the Chair.

WARD

ADEL & WHARFEDALE

Barry John Anderson
Caroline Anderson
Billy Flynn

ALWOODLEY

Dan Cohen
Neil Buckley

ARDSLEY & ROBIN HOOD

Karen Renshaw
Mike Foster
Lisa Mulherin

ARMLEY

Alice Smart
James McKenna
Lou Cunningham

BEESTON & HOLBECK

Annie Maloney
Gohar Almas
Andrew Scopes

BRAMLEY & STANNINGLEY

Kevin Ritchie
Caroline Gruen
Julie Heselwood

BURMANTOFTS & RICHMOND HILL

Luke Farley
Asghar Khan
Denise Ragan

WARD

CALVERLEY & FARSLEY

Amanda Carter
Peter Carlill

CHAPEL ALLERTON

Eileen Taylor
Mohammed Rafique
Jane Dowson

CROSS GATES & WHINMOOR

Pauleen Grahame
James Gibson
Jessica Lennox

FARNLEY & WORTLEY

Mark Swards
David Blackburn
Ann Forsaith

GARFORTH & SWILLINGTON

Mark Dobson
Sarah Field
Suzanne McCormack

GIPTON & HAREHILLS

Salma Arif
Arif Hussain

GUISELEY & RAWDON

Eleanor Thomson
Paul Alderson
Paul John Spencer Wadsworth

HAREWOOD

Matthew James Robinson
Sam Firth
Ryan Stephenson

HEADINGLEY & HYDE PARK

Jonathon Pryor
Alison Garthwaite

HORSFORTH

Emmie Bromley

Jackie Shemilt

HUNSLET & RIVERSIDE

Ed Carlisle
Mohammed Iqbal
Paul Wray

KILLINGBECK & SEACROFT

John Tudor
David Jenkins
Katie Dye

KIPPAX & METHLEY

Mary Elizabeth Harland
James Lewis
Mirelle Midgley

KIRKSTALL

Hannah Bithell
Fiona Elizabeth Venner
John Anthony Illingworth

LITTLE LONDON & WOODHOUSE

Kayleigh Brooks
Javaid Akhtar
Abigail Marshall-Katung

MIDDLETON PARK

Wayne Dixon
Sharon Burke
Paul Anthony Truswell

MOORTOWN

Mahalia France-Mir
Sharon Hamilton
Mohammed Shahzad

MORLEY NORTH

Robert Gettings MBE JP
Robert Finnigan

MORLEY SOUTH

Oliver Newton

OTLEY & YEADON

Colin Campbell
Sandy Edward Charles Lay
Ryk Downes

PUDSEY

Simon Seary
Dawn Seary
Trish Smith

ROTHWELL

Barry Stewart Golton

Diane Chapman

ROUNDHAY

Jordan Bowden
Zara Hussain
Lisa Martin

TEMPLE NEWSAM

Debra Coupar
Helen Hayden
Nicole Sharp

WEETWOOD

Izaak Wilson
Emma Flint
Chris Howley
WETHERBY
Norma Harrington
Alan James Lamb
Linda Richards

62 Announcements

(a) The Lord Mayor welcomed members to this meeting of Full Council and also any members of the public who were joining the meeting and reminded those present that the meeting was to be streamed live.

(b) The Lord Mayor reminded Council that the Leeds Holocaust Memorial Day Commemoration event would be taking place on Sunday at 2pm at the City Varieties theatre and he had invited the Director of the Auschwitz Foundation to attend and speak at the event.

(c) The Lord Mayor congratulated Councillor Al Garthwaite on her nomination as Lord Mayor Elect for the 2023-24 Municipal Year.

(d) The Lord Mayor congratulated all those recipients from Leeds or who work and volunteer in Leeds and who had been recognised in His Majesty The King's 2023 New Year Honours List. The Lord Mayor informed Council that he had written to them all to offer his warmest congratulations on this well deserved award.

(e) The Lord Mayor thanked all of the officers involved with the arrangements for the recent Freeman meeting and members from each group for their excellent speeches at the meeting.

(f) The Lord Mayor informed Council that he had agreed for the inclusion of 2 late items at the meeting which were not available when the agenda was despatched; minutes of the Council meeting held on the 11th January 2023 and a report on the Community Committee Chair appointment for the Inner North West Community Committee.

(g) The Lord Mayor informed Council that he would adjourn the meeting for a comfort break at approximately 3pm.

63 Minutes of the last Meeting

It was moved by Councillor Lennox, seconded by Councillor Cohen and

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meetings held on 16 November 2022 and 11th January 2023 be approved.

64 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interests.

65 Communications

The Chief Executive informed Council that responses to Council resolutions had been received from the Department of Education and Rebecca Pow MP, Minister for Environmental Quality and Resilience, the responses had been circulated to all Members of Council.

66 Deputations

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

- 1) ACORN Leeds
- 2) Rainbow Junktion
- 3) ReSisters
- 4) Roundhay Skatepark Project

RESOLVED – That the subject matter in respect of deputation 1 and 4 be referred to the Director of Communities, Housing and Environment for consideration in consultation with the relevant Executive Member, that the subject matter in respect of deputation 2 be referred to the Director of Communities, Housing and Environment & Director of Adults & Health for consideration in consultation with the relevant Executive Members, that the subject matter in respect of deputation 3 be referred to the Director of Adults & Health for consideration in consultation with the relevant Executive Member.

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

The report of the Chief Officer Elections and Regulatory presenting to Council the Statement of Licensing Policy 2023-2027 following a review and public consultation was moved by Councillor Gibson and seconded by Councillor Scopes

RESOLVED – That the Statement of Licensing Policy 2023-2027 be adopted as the Council's statement of principles under Section 5 of the Licensing Act 2003.

68 Report of the Calculation of the Council Tax and Business Rates Tax Bases for 2023/24

The report of the Chief Officer - Financial Services seeking Council approval 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 requesting 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 31st January 2023 was moved by Councillor Coupar, seconded by Councillor Lennox and

RESOLVED –

a) To agree that, in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012, the amount calculated by the Council as its council tax base for the year 2023/24 shall be 239,337.8 for Leeds, as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report , and for each parish as detailed in Appendix 2;

b) To note the indicative business rates shares set out in Appendix 3, and delegate authority to the Chief Officer – Financial Services to make detailed calculations and to submit the final figures to the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities on or before the 31st January 2023.

69 Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel

It was moved by Councillor Coupar, seconded by Councillor Lewis and

RESOLVED – That the report of the Head of Democratic Services presenting to Council the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel be received and the recommendations set out agreed, namely;

- An uplift in Basic Allowance of the equivalent of 4.04% backdated to 1st October 2022.

- That there be no uplift in Special Responsibility Allowances at this time.
- Where applicable, individual Members cease the current 3% reduction in Special Responsibility Allowances, with that being applicable from no earlier than 1st October 2022.
- All Allowances, contained in Schedule two of the Members' Allowances Scheme be uplifted as per the NJC pay award from 1st October 2022.
- From 1st April 2023, the uplift in Basic and Special Responsibility Allowances be applied on a financial year basis rather than from the 1st of October each year.
- That the Independent Remuneration Panel be asked to consider the outcome of the NJC local government pay settlement for 2023/24 with a view to recommending an uplift in Members' Allowances for 2023/24.
- That a longer-term indexation formula be reviewed by the Panel when they next meet to consider the uplift for 2023/24.

70 Report on Appointments

It was moved by Councillor Lennox, seconded by Councillor Flint that the report of the City Solicitor on appointments and the additional recommendations on the order paper be noted and approved as follows;

- That the appointment of Cllr Izaak Wilson to replace Councillor Cunningham as the Transport Engagement Lead on the West Yorkshire Combined Authority Transport Committee be noted.
- That Councillor Maloney replace Councillor Cunningham on the West Yorkshire Combined Authority Transport Committee.
- That Councillor Eleanor Thomson replace Councillor Cunningham on Scrutiny Board (Environment, Housing and Communities).
- That Corrina Lawrence, Chief Executive of Feel Good Factor be appointed to replace Pat McGeever as representative of the third sector on the Leeds Health & Wellbeing Board.
- That Councillor McKenna fill a vacancy on the South & West Plans Panel.

71 Late Item - Appointment of the Chair of the Inner North West Community Committee

It was moved by Councillor Lennox seconded by Councillor Flint that in accordance with Community Committee Procedure Rules that the appointment of the Chair of the Inner North West Community Committee be determined by those Members of the Community Committee present at the Council meeting.

The 2 nominees were Councillor Howley and Councillor Wilson.

Upon being put to the vote those Members listed to vote in respect of the appointment of the Chair for the Inner North West Community Committee;

RESOLVED – That Councillor Wilson be appointed Chair of the Inner North West Community Committee.

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

It was moved by Councillor Hayden, seconded by Councillor Dye and

RESOLVED – That the Annual report of the Climate Emergency Advisory Committee be received and noted.

During consideration of this item Council adjourned from 15.00 to 15.10.

73 Executive Questions

Q1 Councillor Wadsworth to the Executive Member (Environment and Housing):-

Would the Executive Member please update Council with the current policy on vehicle obstruction in relation to refuse vehicles?

The Executive Member (Environment and Housing) replied.

Q2 Councillor Howley to the Executive Member (Environment and Housing):-

Would the Executive Member for Environment and Housing please tell us how many damp and mould cases in Council owned housing are outstanding, where these are in the city, and the age of these cases?

The Executive Member (Environment and Housing) replied.

Q3 Councillor Dowson to the Leader Of Council:-

Please could the Leader of Council provide an update on the Government's Fair Funding Review and the impact for Leeds City Council?

The Leader Of Council replied.

Q4 Councillor Dobson to the Executive Member (Economy, Culture and Education):-

In light of the cost-of-living crisis and the Administration again looking to increase Council Tax at next month's budget does the Executive Board Member with responsibility for Economy, Culture and Education agree with me that Leeds 2023 is an expensive, ill-conceived vanity project?

The Executive Member (Economy, Culture and Education) replied.

Q5 Councillor Renshaw to the Executive Member (Environment and Housing):-

Please could the Executive Member for Housing & Environment provide an update on the work of the Serious Environmental Crime Team in tackling fly-tipping in the city.

The Executive Member (Environment and Housing) 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:-

Q6 Councillor Richards to the Executive Member (Environment and Housing):-

Q7 Councillor Chapman to the Executive Member (Infrastructure and Climate):-

Q8 Councillor Jenkins to the Executive Member (Adult and Children's Social Care & Health Partnerships):-

Q9 Councillor Hutchison to the Executive Member (Adult and Children's Social Care & Health Partnerships):-

- Q10 Councillor Burke to the Executive Member (Public Health & Active Lifestyles).
- Q11 Councillor Smith to the Executive Member (Public Health & Active Lifestyles).
- Q12 Councillor Golton to the Executive Member (Public Health & Active Lifestyles).
- Q13 Councillor Marshall-Katung to the Executive Member (Economy, Culture and Education).
- Q14 Councillor Carlisle to the Executive Member (Infrastructure and Climate).
- Q15 Councillor Khan to the Executive Member (Communities).
- Q16 Councillor Buckley to the Executive Member (Public Health & Active Lifestyles).
- Q17 Councillor Chapman to the Executive Member (Adult and Children's Social Care & Health Partnerships).
- Q18 Councillor Dixon to the Executive Member (Environment and Housing).
- Q19 Councillor C Anderson to the Executive Member (Environment and Housing).
- Q20 Councillor Hart-Brooke to the Executive Member (Economy, Culture and Education).
- Q21 Councillor Blackburn to the Executive Member (Environment and Housing).
- Q22 Councillor B Anderson to the Executive Member (Infrastructure and Climate).
- Q23 Councillor Golton to the Executive Member (Environment and Housing).
- Q24 Councillor Robinson to the Executive Member (Public Health & Active Lifestyles).
- Q25 Councillor Golton to the Executive Member (Infrastructure and Climate).
- Q26 Councillor B Anderson to the Executive Member (Infrastructure and Climate).
- Q27 Councillor Golton to the Leader of Council.
- Q28 Councillor Smith to the Executive Member (Economy, Culture and Education).
- Q29 Councillor B Anderson to the Executive Member (Public Health & Active Lifestyles).
- Q30 Councillor B Anderson to the Executive Member (Infrastructure and Climate).
- Q31 Councillor Stephenson to the Executive Member (Resources).
- Q32 Councillor Firth to the Executive Member (Infrastructure and Climate).
- Q33 Councillor S Seary to the Executive Member (Public Health & Active Lifestyles).

Q34 Councillor Firth to the Executive Member (Economy, Culture and Education).

Q35 Councillor D Seary to the Executive Member (Infrastructure and Climate).

74 Minutes of the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Executive Board

It was moved by Councillor Lewis, seconded by Councillor Lennox 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).

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

At the conclusion of this item Council adjourned from 16.15 to 16.42.

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

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12.4(b), Councillor Barry Anderson moved the motion in the name of Councillor Andrew Carter, seconded by Councillor Smith that 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.

An amendment was moved by Councillor Firth, seconded by Councillor Alderson

Insert the following line after "in opposition to the Council's position":

"At time of writing a petition calling for the site to remain in the Green Belt had attracted more than 1,400 signatures."

Motion would read:

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. At time of writing a petition calling for the site to remain in the Green Belt had attracted more than 1,400 signatures.

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.

A second amendment was moved by Councillor Hayden, seconded by Councillor Gruen;

Delete all and replace with:

"This Council acknowledges 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.

Whilst this was not the submitted proposal made by Council, Council welcomes the end of this Site Allocation Plan process, helping to prevent and protect residents from speculative development across the city. Council notes it has worked within the framework of legislation and national guidance that currently exists from Government, but notes the pattern throughout the Site Allocation Process of repeated changes to that national guidance and framework by Government. Council also notes this lack of consistency, alongside the dysfunction at the heart of Government and lack of inter-Governmental communication, has caused Council unnecessary and unwanted difficulty in planning positively for homes and jobs the people in Leeds need.

Council welcomes the extensive consultation and engagement carried out throughout all stages of the SAP, giving everyone a chance to make their voice heard and have their view considered. Council has and will continue to involve local people in both plan making and decision making, something that is enshrined in the updated statement of community involvement.

Despite the damage caused to the planning system by 12 years of dither, mismanagement and U-turns by the Conservative Government, Council remains resolute in our commitment to continuing to work with the people of Leeds to deliver appropriate development."

A third amendment was moved by Councillor Golton, seconded by Councillor Campbell;

After the final paragraph, add the following:

"Council furthermore regrets the dysfunction within the Westminster government over the past three years that has led to:

- wildly differing views on planning reform within the governing party and the tendency to try to reduce the role of local government within the decision-making process
- chronic delay in confirmation of the ultimate route of HS2 services to reach Leeds, and the blight resulting from the continuance of the 'safeguarded land' on the original proposed route for residents and business alike by being effectively quarantined from domestic or commercial development proposals.

Council therefore calls on the Chief Executive to write the relevant government departments expressing our concern on the delay of this decision and its effect on local planning.”

The amended White Paper will then read:

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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

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The amendments in the name of Councillor Firth and Councillor Golton were declared lost, the amendment in the name of Councillor Hayden was carried and upon being put to the vote it was

RESOLVED – That this Council acknowledges 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.

Whilst this was not the submitted proposal made by Council, Council welcomes the end of this Site Allocation Plan process, helping to prevent and protect residents from speculative development across the city. Council notes it has worked within the framework of legislation and national guidance that currently exists from Government, but notes the pattern throughout the Site Allocation Process of repeated changes to that national guidance and framework by Government. Council also notes this lack of consistency, alongside the dysfunction at the heart of Government and lack of inter-Governmental communication, has caused Council unnecessary and unwanted difficulty in planning positively for homes and jobs the people in Leeds need.

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Despite the damage caused to the planning system by 12 years of dither, mismanagement and U-turns by the Conservative Government, Council remains resolute in our commitment to continuing to work with the people of Leeds to deliver appropriate development.

On the requisition of Councillor Cohen and Lamb the voting on the amendment in the name of Councillor Firth was recorded as follows;

YES - 29

Alderson, B Anderson, C Anderson, Buckley, Amanda Carter, Cohen, Firth, Flynn, Foster, Harrington, Lamb, Richards, Robinson, D Seary, S Seary, Shemilt, Smith, Stephenson, Wadsworth, Blackburn, Dobson, Field, McCormack, Campbell, Chapman, Golton, Lay, Finnigan and Newton.

NO - 53

Akhtar, Almass, Arif, Bithell, Bowden, Bromley, Brooks, Burke, Carlill, Coupar, Dowson, Dye, Farley, Flint, France-Mir, Garthwaite, Gibson, Grahame, Gruen, Hamilton, Harland, Hayden, Heselwood, A Hussain, Z Hussain, Illingworth, Iqbal, Jenkins, Khan, Lennox, Lewis, Maloney, Marshall-Katung, Martin, McKenna, Midgley, Mulherin, Pryor, Rafique, Renshaw, Ritchie, Scopes, Swards, Shahzad, Sharpe, Smart, Taylor, Thomson, Truswell, Tudor, Venner, Wilson and Wray.

ABSTAIN – 3

Carlisle, Cunningham and Forsaith.

On the requisition of Councillor Lennox and Lewis the voting on the amendment in the name of Councillor Hayden was recorded as follows;

YES - 53

Akhtar, Almass, Arif, Bithell, Bowden, Bromley, Brooks, Burke, Carlill, Coupar, Dowson, Dye, Farley, Flint, France-Mir, Garthwaite, Gibson, Grahame, Gruen, Hamilton, Harland, Hayden, Heselwood, A Hussain, Z Hussain, Illingworth, Iqbal, Jenkins, Khan, Lennox, Lewis, Maloney, Marshall-Katung, Martin, McKenna, Midgley, Mulherin, Pryor, Rafique, Renshaw, Ritchie, Scopes, Swards, Shahzad, Sharpe, Smart, Taylor, Thomson, Truswell, Tudor, Venner, Wilson and Wray.

NO - 24

Alderson, B Anderson, C Anderson, Buckley, Amanda Carter, Cohen, Firth, Flynn, Foster, Harrington, Lamb, Richards, Robinson, D Seary, S Seary, Shemilt, Smith, Stephenson, Wadsworth, Dobson, Field, McCormack, Finnigan and Newton.

ABSTAIN – 8

Blackburn, Carlisle, Cunningham, Forsaith, Campbell, Chapman, Golton and Lay

On the requisition of Councillor Campbell and Golton the voting on the amendment in the name of Councillor Golton was recorded as follows;

YES - 7

McCormack, Campbell, Chapman, Golton, Lay, Finnigan and Newton.

NO - 72

Akhtar, Almass, Arif, Bithell, Bowden, Bromley, Brooks, Burke, Carlill, Coupar, Dowson, Dye, Farley, Flint, France-Mir, Garthwaite, Gibson, Grahame, Gruen, Hamilton, Harland, Hayden, Heselwood, A Hussain, Z Hussain, Illingworth, Iqbal, Jenkins, Khan, Lennox, Lewis, Maloney, Marshall-Katung, Martin, McKenna, Midgley, Mulherin, Pryor, Rafique, Renshaw, Ritchie, Scopes, Sowards, Shahzad, Sharpe, Smart, Taylor, Thomson, Truswell, Tudor, Venner, Wilson, Wray, Alderson, B Anderson, C Anderson, Buckley, Amanda Carter, Cohen, Firth, Flynn, Foster, Harrington, Lamb, Richards, Robinson, D Seary, S Seary, Shemilt, Smith, Stephenson and Wadsworth.

ABSTAIN - 6

Blackburn, Carlisle, Cunningham, Forsaith, Dobson and Field.

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

It was moved by Councillor Forsaith, seconded by Councillor Carlisle that 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.

An amendment was moved by Councillor Buckley, seconded by Councillor Richards

At the beginning of Paragraph 5, add:

“Council acknowledges the work of Leeds’ Climate Emergency Advisory Committee on this agenda.”

Motion would read:

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A second amendment was moved by Councillor Hayden, seconded by Councillor Dye

After Paragraph 4 insert:

“Council welcomes the significant work, including through our impressive Sustainable Energy and Air Quality team, since 2019 to move the city closer to its carbon neutral target. Council further welcomes the Leeds Climate Commission being the first of its kind in the UK.

Council further notes that the recent LGA Peer review noted that Leeds has ‘solid building blocks in place’ on our net zero ambition, including a 25% reduction in the council’s own energy consumption since March 2019. Council welcomes recognition from the renowned International Carbon Disclosure Project for Leeds City Council’s inclusion on their “A List” of leading city authorities in the world on climate action.”

At the start of Paragraph 6 insert:

“Council welcomes work already underway to explore the possibility of using community bonds to support part of the solar investment and notes....”

After Paragraph 8 insert:

“Council also recognises the essential role of financial institutions in providing funding to meet this challenge, and Council remains committed to accessing all available funding sources to enable the 2030 target to be achieved. Council welcomes that to date Leeds City Council has secured £100 million of grant funding since 2019 as well as investing £26 million via prudential borrowing into the district heating network and committing £100 million to support council housing retrofit. Recently the council also agreed to inject funding to support the delivery of both solar farms and rooftop solar.”

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Council welcomes work already underway to explore the possibility of using community bonds to support part of the solar investment and notes 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 also recognises the essential role of financial institutions in providing funding to meet this challenge, and Council remains committed to accessing all available funding sources to enable the 2030 target to be achieved. Council welcomes that to date Leeds City Council has secured £100 million of grant funding since 2019 as well as investing £26 million via prudential borrowing into the district heating network and committing £100 million to support council housing retrofit. Recently the council also agreed to inject funding to support the delivery of both solar farms and rooftop solar.

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.”

The amendment in the name of Councillor Buckley was declared lost, the amendment in the name of Councillor Hayden was carried and upon being put to the vote it was

RESOLVED – That 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 welcomes the significant work, including through our impressive Sustainable Energy and Air Quality team, since 2019 to move the city closer to its carbon neutral target. Council further welcomes the Leeds Climate Commission being the first of its kind in the UK.

Council further notes that the recent LGA Peer review noted that Leeds has ‘solid building blocks in place’ on our net zero ambition, including a 25% reduction in the council’s own energy consumption since March 2019. Council welcomes recognition from the renowned International Carbon Disclosure Project for Leeds City Council’s inclusion on their “A List” of leading city authorities in the world on climate action.

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

It was moved by Councillor Lewis, seconded by Councillor Coupar that 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.

An amendment was moved by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Cunningham

Add “This Council also believes legislative changes are needed to enable our nation to deal with Climate Change.” after the first sentence.

Add “need a new mandate to deliver on climate change, therefore council” after “vital services and” in the second sentence.

The amended white paper will read:-

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. This Council also believes legislative changes are needed to enable our nation to deal with Climate Change. Council believes the current Government has no mandate to impose further cuts to public spending on these vital services and need a new mandate to deliver on climate change, therefore council calls upon the Prime Minister to call a General Election as soon as possible.

A second amendment was moved by Councillor Cohen, seconded by Councillor Stephenson

Insert the words “a minimum level of” before “public services” in the first line.

Delete all after “and Schools” in the first line, and replace with:

“Council calls on the administration in Leeds to urgently undertake a more comprehensive consultation on their own budget proposals, as they would have a direct impact on Leeds residents, and further calls on the administration to take responsibility for their own spending decisions and delivery of services in vital areas such as refuse collection, housing, and highways.”

Motion would read:

“This Council believes the people of Leeds deserve a minimum level of public services they can rely on, including local council services, the NHS, Police, Fire and Rescue, and Schools.

“Council calls on the administration in Leeds to urgently undertake a more comprehensive consultation on their own budget proposals, as they would have a direct impact on Leeds residents, and further calls on the administration to take responsibility for their own spending decisions and delivery of services in vital areas such as refuse collection, housing, and highways.”

A third amendment was moved by Councillor Golton, seconded by Councillor Campbell

For the first sentence, delete all after “they can rely on” and replace with “whoever is elected to deliver them.”

The amended white paper will read:-

This Council believes the people of Leeds deserve public services they can rely on whoever is elected to deliver them.

The amendments in the name of Councillor Blackburn, Councillor Cohen and Councillor Golton were declared lost and upon being put to the vote it was

RESOLVED – That 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.

On the requisition of Councillor Blackburn and Forsaith the voting on the amendment in the name of Councillor Blackburn was recorded as follows;

YES - 8

Blackburn, Carlisle, Cunningham, Forsaith, Campbell, Chapman, Golton and Lay

NO - 69

Akhtar, Almass, Arif, Bowden, Bromley, Brooks, Burke, Carlill, Coupar, Dowson, Dye, Farley, Flint, France-Mir, Garthwaite, Gibson, Grahame, Gruen, Hamilton, Harland, Hayden, Heselwood, A Hussain, Z Hussain, Illingworth, Iqbal, Jenkins, Khan, Lennox, Lewis, Maloney, Marshall-Katung, Martin, McKenna, Midgley, Mulherin, Pryor, Rafique, Renshaw, Ritchie, Scopes, Swards, Shahzad, Sharpe, Taylor, Thomson, Truswell, Tudor, Venner, Wilson, Wray, Alderson, B Anderson, C Anderson, Buckley, Amanda Carter, Cohen, Firth, Flynn, Foster, Harrington, Lamb, Richards, Robinson, D Seary, S Seary, Smith, Stephenson and Wadsworth.

ABSTAIN – 2

Finnigan and Newton.

On the requisition of Councillor Lennox and Pryor the voting on the motion in the name of Councillor Lewis was recorded as follows;

YES - 59

Akhtar, Almass, Arif, Bowden, Bromley, Brooks, Carlill, Coupar, Dowson, Dye, Farley, Flint, France-Mir, Garthwaite, Gibson, Grahame, Gruen, Hamilton, Harland, Hayden, Heselwood, A Hussain, Z Hussain, Illingworth, Iqbal, Jenkins, Khan, Lennox, Lewis, Maloney, Marshall-Katung, Martin, McKenna, Midgley, Mulherin, Pryor, Rafique, Renshaw, Ritchie, Scopes, Swards, Shahzad, Sharpe, Smart, Taylor, Thomson, Truswell, Tudor, Venner, Wilson, Wray, Blackburn, Carlisle, Cunningham, Forsaith, Campbell, Chapman, Golton and Lay.

NO - 18

Alderson, B Anderson, C Anderson, Buckley, Amanda Carter, Cohen, Firth, Flynn, Foster, Harrington, Lamb, Richards, Robinson, D Seary, S Seary, Smith, Stephenson and Wadsworth.

ABSTAIN – 3

Burke, Finnigan and Newton.

Council rose at 7.10 pm