



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 24th 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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Proceedings of the Meeting of the Leeds City Council held
Civic Hall, Leeds on Wednesday, 24th May, 2023

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

WARD

ADEL & WHARFEDALE

Billy Flynn
Barry John Anderson
Caroline Anderson

ALWOODLEY

Lyn Buckley
Dan Cohen
Neil Buckley

ARDSLEY & ROBIN HOOD

Stephen Holroyd-Case
Karen Renshaw
Mike Foster

ARMLEY

Alice Smart
James McKenna

BEESTON & HOLBECK

Andrew Scopes
Annie Maloney
Gohar Almas

BRAMLEY & STANNINGLEY

Tom Hinchcliffe
Kevin Ritchie
Caroline Gruen

BURMANTOFTS & RICHMOND HILL

Nkele Manaka
Luke Farley
Asghar Khan

WARD

CALVERLEY & FARSLEY

Peter Carlill
Andrew Carter
Amanda Carter

CHAPEL ALLERTON

Jane Dowson
Eileen Taylor
Mohammed Rafique

CROSS GATES & WHINMOOR

Pauleen Grahame
James Gibson
Jessica Lennox

FARNLEY & WORTLEY

David Blackburn
Mark Swards
Adrian McCluskey

GARFORTH & SWILLINGTON

Suzanne McCormack
Mark Dobson
Sarah Field

GIPTON & HAREHILLS

Asghar Ali
Salma Arif

GUISELEY & RAWDON

Oliver Edwards
Eleanor Thomson
Paul Alderson

HAREWOOD

Ryan Stephenson
Matthew James Robinson
Sam Firth

HEADINGLEY & HYDE PARK

Abdul Hannan
Jonathon Pryor
Alison Garthwaite

HORSFORTH

Raymond Jones
Emmie Bromley
John Garvani

HUNSLET & RIVERSIDE

Paul Wray
Mohammed Iqbal
Ed Carlisle

KILLINGBECK & SEACROFT

Katie Dye
John Tudor
David Jenkins

KIPPAX & METHLEY

Michael Millar
Mary Elizabeth Harland
James Lewis

KIRKSTALL

Andy Rontree
Hannah Bithell
Fiona Elizabeth Venner

LITTLE LONDON & WOODHOUSE

Abigail Marshall-Katung
Kayleigh Brooks
Javaid Akhtar

MIDDLETON PARK

Emma Pogson-Golden
Wayne Dixon
Sharon Burke

MOORTOWN

Mahalia France-Mir
Sharon Hamilton
Mohammed Shahzad

MORLEY NORTH

Robert Finnigan
Robert Gettings MBE JP
Andy Hutchison

MORLEY SOUTH

Wyn Kidger
Oliver Newton
Jane Senior

OTLEY & YEADON

Ryk Downes
Colin Campbell
Sandy Edward Charles Lay

PUDSEY

Trish Smith
Simon Seary
Dawn Seary

ROTHWELL

Diane Chapman
Barry Stewart Golton
Conrad Hart-Brooke

ROUNDHAY

Jordan Bowden
Zara Hussain
Lisa Martin

TEMPLE NEWSAM

Nicole Sharp
Debra Coupar
Helen Hayden

WEETWOOD

Julie Heselwood
Izaak Wilson
Emma Flint

WETHERBY

Penny Stables
Norma Harrington
Alan James Lamb

1 Opening Remarks

The Lord Mayor welcomed to the meeting Members , Guests and His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of West Yorkshire , Mr Ed Anderson, the Lord Mayor reminded all those present that the Annual Meeting was to be streamed live and asked people to switch electronic devices to silent.

The Lord Mayor informed Council that Hon Alderman Mick Coulson and Hon Alderman Mike Dunn had recently passed away.

Council stood in silent tribute.

2 Issue of Papers for the Meeting

The Lord Mayor indicated that, following the dispatch of the Summons with accompanying reports on Tuesday 16th May 2023, further papers originally identified on the Summons as to follow were circulated to Members on both the 23rd and 24th May 2023.

3 Election of Lord Mayor

It was moved by Councillor Lewis, seconded by Councillor Cohen, supported by Councillors Golton, Newton, Carlisle and Dixon and

RESOLVED - That Councillor Al Garthwaite be elected Lord Mayor of the City of Leeds to hold office until the election of her successor.

4 Election of Vice Chair of Council

It was moved by Councillor Flint, seconded by Councillor Stephenson, and

RESOLVED - That Councillor Jane Dowson be elected Vice Chair of Council to hold office until immediately after the election of the Lord Mayor in 2024.

5 Vote of Thanks to the Retiring Lord Mayor

Councillor Pryor moved a vote of thanks to the retiring Lord Mayor, Councillor Gettings. This was seconded by Councillor Lamb and supported by Councillors Golton, Kidger, Blackburn, Dobson and Dixon and

RESOLVED– That a vote of thanks be moved for the retiring Lord Mayor, Councillor Gettings.

6 Minutes of the last Meeting

It was moved by Councillor Flint, seconded by Councillor Stephenson and

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd March 2023 be approved.

7 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interests.

8 Announcements

There were no announcements.

9 Establishment of Committees and Appointments

It was moved by Councillor Flint, seconded by Councillor Farley and

RESOLVED –That Schedules 7(a) to 7(c) and 7(e) to 7(f) be approved.

10 Appointment of Community Committee Chairs

It was moved by Councillor Flint seconded by Councillor Farley that in accordance with Community Committee Procedure Rules where the nomination for the chair of a Community Committee is unopposed, the Lord Mayor invited those Members of the Community Committee present at the Council meeting to elect that nominee.

The nominees were as follows;

Inner North West Community Committee	- Councillor I Wilson
Inner North East Community Committee	- Councillor M Shahzad
Outer North East Community Committee	- Councillor N Harrington
Inner East Community Committee	- Councillor A Hussain
Outer East Community Committee	- Councillor P Grahame
Inner West Community Committee	- Councillor A Smart
Outer West Community Committee	- Councillor Amanda Carter
Outer South Community Committee	- Councillor O Newton

Upon being put to the vote those Members listed to vote in respect of the appointment of the Chair for their respective Community Committees;

RESOLVED – That the Chair for each Community Committee be appointed as set out above.

11 Appointment to Chair Inner South Community Committee

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

The 2 nominees were Councillor Dixon and Councillor Iqbal.

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

RESOLVED – That Councillor Iqbal be appointed Chair of the Inner South Community Committee.

12 Appointment to Chair Outer North West Community Committee

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

The 2 nominees were Councillor Alderson and Councillor Thomson.

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

RESOLVED – That Councillor Thomson be appointed Chair of the Outer North West Community Committee.

13 Scheme of Delegation (Council Functions)

It was moved by Councillor Flint seconded by Councillor Farley and

RESOLVED – That the Officer Delegation Scheme (Council (Non-Executive) Functions) as detailed in Schedule 8 be approved.

14 Executive Arrangements

It was moved by Councillor Lewis seconded by Councillor Flint and

RESOLVED – That the list presented by the Leader setting out the arrangements for the discharge of Executive Functions, as detailed in Schedule 9, be noted.

15 Council Meeting Dates 2023/2024

It was moved by Councillor Flint seconded by Councillor Farley and

RESOLVED – That the dates of the meetings of the Council for the Municipal Year 2023/24, as detailed in Schedule 10 be approved.

Council rose at 6.10 pm

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Refresh of the Children and Young People's Plan

Date: Wednesday 12 July 2023

Report of: Director of Children and Families

Report to: Full Council

Will the decision be open for call in? Yes No

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? Yes No

Brief summary

The Children and Young People's Plan is the shared vision for everyone working with children and young people in Leeds. It is being refreshed to acknowledge the significant changes and challenges that have occurred in the last few years, and to ensure that it remains relevant and appropriate to improving outcomes for children and young people, whilst offering opportunities for play and fun.

The refreshed plan includes a revised Vision, a change to the three obsessions, and two new priorities. This report sets the context for the Children and Young People's Plan, summarises the consultation and refresh, and requests that Full Council adopts the refreshed plan as required in the Council's Budget and Policy Framework.

Recommendations

- a) Adopt the refreshed Children and Young People's Plan 2023 to 2028.

What is this report about?

- 1 The Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) is the shared vision for everyone working with children and young people in Leeds. It sets out the vision for Leeds to be the best city in the UK for children and young people to grow up in, and to be a Child Friendly city. The refreshed CYPP has been shaped by a formal consultation exercise that took place in November and December 2022. The changes will ensure that the plan remains relevant and appropriate for the coming years, will continue to improve outcomes for children and young people, and will help services to provide the support needed to keep young people safe from harm.
- 2 The main changes to the CYPP are:
 - A revised Vision, recognising the importance of children living in “loving and nurturing families”, and of “play and having fun”, alongside improving outcomes for children and young people.
 - A change to the three obsessions, combining two (“reduce the number of young people not in education, employment and training”; and “improve achievement, attainment and attendance at school”) into “young people in Leeds attain well and continue their route of a sustained education, apprenticeship or employment destination”; and the introduction of a health-focused obsession: “increase the number of children that are a healthy weight; and improve the timely access to healthcare when needed”.
 - Two new priorities: “children and young people have safe spaces to play, hang out and have fun”; and “everyone takes more action to protect the environment from climate change”.
 - An update to the performance measures, to ensure that they remain relevant and appropriate.

What impact will this proposal have?

- 3 The CYPP is the shared vision for everyone working with children and young people in Leeds and has shaped the work of the children's partnership in Leeds for almost 15 years. The refreshed plan takes account of changes in the local and national landscape in recent years and incorporates feedback received from a consultation exercise in late 2022. It sets out the key priorities for both the Council and the children's partnership over the next five years and will help to improve outcomes for children and young people living in Leeds, with a specific focus on vulnerable children and young people who require the most support and intervention.
- 4 An Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and Integration screening exercise was carried out as part of the initial stages of the CYPP refresh. A copy of this document is included in appendix two.

How does this proposal impact the three pillars of the Best City Ambition?

Health and Wellbeing Inclusive Growth Zero Carbon

- 5 The current CYPP has priorities and measures that align to two of the three pillars. Part of the consultation for the refresh of the CYPP asked how the plan can contribute to the Zero Carbon pillar, by considering a climate emergency priority; this was strongly supported in the feedback and comments, leading to a new priority being added to the CYPP.
- 6 Two CYPP measures are also Best City Ambition measures: pupils achieving a good level of development at the end of the Early Years Foundation Stage (Health and Wellbeing); and pupils achieving a good level of development at the end of the Early Years Foundation Stage (Inclusive Growth). Children in care is a Council organisational performance measure for keeping children safe and this organisational measure supports our best city ambitions. Safely

reducing the need for children to be in care ('looked after') remains a CYPP obsession for ensuring that children are safe, and for measuring the effectiveness of the Council's collective support for parents and families.

What consultation and engagement has taken place?

Wards affected: This is a city-wide partnership plan

Have ward members been consulted? Yes No

- 7 A formal public consultation exercise ran from 07 November 2022 to 12 December 2022. 142 responses were received from across the city. Each question saw at least two-thirds of respondents 'strongly agree', or 'agree' with the proposed changes, with one question seeing a 90 per cent combined agree rate.
- 8 Feedback was obtained from several partnership meetings, where the consultation questions were discussed in addition to questions specific to each meeting; school governors were encouraged to complete the questionnaire and share with their peers; several updates and discussions were held with Scrutiny (Children and Families); and a child-friendly 'session plan' was provided to practitioners who work with young people's group, to ensure that the consultation exercise reached as many young people as possible. 67 young people contributed through these sessions.
- 9 The 12 Wishes were originally developed in 2021 and were refreshed for the tenth birthday of Child Friendly Leeds in July 2022. Three years' worth of consultation took place, capturing the voice of 80,000 children and young people in Leeds, with some of the most important issues being safe and clean places, spaces to play and to have fun, young people's voices to be heard and listened to, a focus on mental health and wellbeing, and a growing concern about climate change. The views of young people from the consultation exercises for the 12 Wishes have been incorporated into feedback from the CYPP-specific consultation and have helped shape the refreshed CYPP.
- 10 The outputs from the above consultation exercises have helped shape the refreshed CYPP. The wording of the Vision was altered based on the feedback received, and the positive response to the suggestion to add a climate emergency priority (including aligning the wording to one of the 12 Wishes) confirmed that this priority should be introduced.

What are the resource implications?

- 11 There are no specific resource implications from this report.

What are the key risks and how are they being managed?

12 There are no inherent risks in the CYPP. Regular reporting is key to ensuring that outcomes are improving and that challenges are swiftly identified, and remedial action is taken to mitigate the negative impact of those challenges. Discontinuing, or not refreshing, the CYPP would reduce the effectiveness of the work of the children's partnership in Leeds and increase the risk that children and young people are not kept safe from harm and do not achieve their potential.

What are the legal implications?

13 There is no requirement for this report, or the CYPP, to be subject to call in as it is part of the Budget and Policy framework.

Options, timescales and measuring success

What other options were considered?

14 In the five years since the CYPP was last refreshed, both the local and national context have significantly altered. The refresh acknowledges the significant changes that have affected children and young people in recent years as well as establishing the partnership's response to those issues. The CYPP has guided the children's partnership over the last decade and has worked in parallel with Child Friendly Leeds to improve outcomes and opportunities for children and young people in Leeds. For these reasons, a sympathetic refresh was deemed to be most appropriate compared to no refresh, or a radical design of the CYPP.

How will success be measured?

15 Regular reports will be presented to both the Leeds Children and Young People Partnership Meeting, and to Scrutiny (Children and Families). These reports will provide an update on the three obsessions and the latest data for the measures in the CYPP. Additionally, two of the CYPP measures feature in the Best City Ambition.

16 The CYPP is the overarching strategy that guides the work of the children's partnership in Leeds, with reporting against the plan focused on strategic messages. More detailed, granular, reporting will take place through linked strategies and plans, for example the 3As Strategy, the Annual Standards Report, and the SEND and Inclusion Strategy.

What is the timetable and who will be responsible for implementation?

17 The refreshed CYPP will cover the period 2023 to 2028. Regular updates will be provided by or on behalf of the Director of Children and Families to the Leeds Children and Young People Partnership Meeting, which is part of the Leeds Safeguarding Children Partnership, and to Scrutiny (Children and Families).

Appendices

- Appendix one: The draft refreshed Children and Young People's Plan 2023 to 2028. A graphically designed version of the CYPP will be published in September.
- Appendix two: CYPP refresh EDCI screening document.

Background papers

- None.

Appendix one: the Children and Young People's Plan 2023 to 2028

The way we work

Making connections

Developing quality connections, conversations, and relationships with children, families, and professionals is how we work in Leeds

Valuing families

Children live in families
Families create communities
Communities create cities

Three mindsets

Always remember...
Do the simple things better
The child is the client
Safeguard and promote the welfare of children

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Equality, diversity, and inclusion

We want Leeds to be a city of equal opportunity, an inclusive city where everyone has a fair chance, and people from all backgrounds take part in community life, creating a society that is varied, vibrant and proud. The CYPP will help reduce the impact of poverty and reduce inequalities and discrimination that still exist within some of our communities within Leeds

And a relentless focus on the question...

What is it like to be a child or young person growing up in Leeds and how do we make it better?

Our city

About Leeds

Total population: 809,036
Including 170,571 children and young people aged up to 18 (263,392 aged under 25)
280 state-funded schools
191 different languages spoken in Leeds schools
Figures correct at February 2023

The 12 Child Friendly Wishes 2023-28

The Child Friendly Leeds Wishes were developed in partnership with children and young people. Top issues and priorities were identified following the review of local and citywide consultations, surveys, and ballots, capturing the views of over 80,000 children and young people. The Wishes highlight what young people think is important and what they think would make Leeds an even better city for children and young people to grow up in. The Wishes have influenced the priorities in the CYPP and a wishes action plan has been developed to ensure children, young people, and families are kept up to date on what actions are being taken to address the wishes. Updates on the 12 Wishes will be part of monitoring the impact of our CYPP. For more information, visit

<https://www.leeds.gov.uk/childfriendlyleeds/cfl-the-story/12-wishes>

Working together

The ambition of the Child Friendly initiative is to make Leeds the best city in the UK for children and young people to grow up in. To help us make this happen, we have a Leeds Children and Young People's Partnership, which brings together leaders from the main organisations working with children and young people, to make sure the work we do keeps children safe from harm, and has a positive impact on improving outcomes

We work with all partners to help make a difference to the lives of children and young people who live in Leeds. The CYPP is part of the strategic framework that supports the Best City Ambition, which is our overall vision for the future of Leeds. At its heart is our mission to tackle poverty and inequality, and to improve quality of life for everyone who calls Leeds home



Leeds Children and Young People's Plan 2023 to 2028

The priorities that guide our work have been developed through consultation across the city, including the views of children and young people

Ensuring that our Best City Ambition delivers for Leeds' children and young people, we will focus on:

- children in all areas of the city having the best start in life and enjoying a healthy, happy, and friendly childhood
- young people having the skills that enable them to realise their potential and to thrive

Find out more

Follow us on Twitter, [@Child_Leeds](https://twitter.com/Child_Leeds), or visit www.leeds.gov.uk/childfriendlyleeds for more information about our work

To understand how we work together to keep children and young people safe, visit www.leedsscp.org.uk

To see our one minute guides on all aspects of children's services, please visit www.leeds.gov.uk and search for 'one minute guides'

To become a Child Friendly Leeds supporter, ambassador, or partner, e-mail childfriendlyleeds@leeds.gov.uk

What we'll do

One vision

Our vision is for Leeds to be the best city in the UK and the best city for children and young people to grow up in, to thrive from early years into adulthood. We want Leeds to be an inclusive and welcoming child friendly city where children live in loving and nurturing families. We invest in children and young people to help build an increasingly prosperous and successful city by improving outcomes and providing young people with the skills for life, as well as opportunities for play and having fun. In ensuring our children are starting well, we recognise the need for outcomes to improve faster for children and young people from vulnerable and deprived backgrounds

Five outcomes

All children and young people:

1. Are safe from harm
2. Do well at all levels of learning and have skills for life
3. Enjoy healthy lives
4. Have fun growing up
5. Are active citizens who feel they have a voice and influence

Fourteen priorities

1. Help children and parents to live in safe, supportive, and loving families
2. Ensure that the most vulnerable children and young people are protected
3. Support families to give children the best start in life
4. Increase the number of children and young people participating and engaging in learning
5. Improve achievement and attainment for all pupils
6. Improve at a faster rate educational progress for pupils vulnerable to poorer learning outcomes
7. Improve social, emotional, and mental health and wellbeing of children and young people
8. Children and young people have safe spaces to play, hang out, and have fun
9. Promote and enable physical activity and healthy eating
10. Support young people to make good choices and minimise risk-taking behaviours
11. Help young people into adulthood, to develop life skills, and be ready for work
12. Everyone takes more action to protect the environment from climate change
13. Improve access to affordable, safe, and reliable connected transport for young people
14. Encourage greater use of sustainable transport (eg walking, cycling, scooting, public transport) for children and young people

Three obsessions

1. Safely and appropriately reduce the number of children looked after
2. Young people in Leeds attend school, achieve, and attain well, and continue their route
3. Leeds is a healthy place for all children; and improve the timely access to healthcare when needed

Helping deliver the mission at the heart of our Best City Ambition to tackle poverty and inequality and to improve the quality of life for the children and young people who call Leeds home

How we'll do it



Behaviours that underpin everything we do

Use Outcome Based Accountability and ask the question: is anyone better off?
Use restorative practice to work *with* people, not *do to or for* them
We listen and respond to the voice of the child
We support and prioritise children and young people to have fun growing up
Our work aims to eliminate discrimination and ensure equity, equality, and inclusion

How we'll know if we've made a difference

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| 1. Number of children looked after | 13. Children and young people who report being happy most days in the My Health, My School Survey |
| 2. Number of parents that have had more than one child enter care at different times | 14. Timely access to the right healthcare when needed |
| 3. Number of children subject to a child protection plan | 15. Young offenders that re-offend |
| 4. Number of children in need | 16. Under-18 conception rates |
| 5. Pupils achieving a good level of development at the end of the Early Years Foundation Stage (end of reception year) | 17. Under-18 alcohol-related hospital admissions |
| 6. Infant mortality rates | 18. Students achieving a level 3 qualification at age 19 |
| 7. School attendance | 19. Young people not in employment, education, or training, or whose employment status is 'not known' |
| 8. Fixed-term school suspensions | |
| 9. Pupils reaching the expected standard at the end of Key Stage 2 (end of year six) | |
| 10. Progress 8 score for Leeds at the end of Key Stage 4 (end of year 11) | |
| 11. Destinations of young people with special educational needs and/or a disability when they leave school | |
| 12. Children that are obese in reception and in year | |

Appendix two: CYPP refresh EDCl screening document

Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and Integration (EDCl) screening



As a public authority we need to ensure that all our strategies, policies, service and functions, both current and proposed have given proper consideration to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration.

A **screening** process can help judge relevance and provides a record of both the **process** and **decision**. Screening should be a short, sharp exercise that determines relevance for all new and revised strategies, policies, services and functions. Completed at the earliest opportunity it will help to determine:

- the relevance of proposals and decisions to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration.
- whether or not equality, diversity, cohesion and integration is being or has already been considered, and
- whether or not it is necessary to carry out an impact assessment.

Directorate: Children and Families	Service area:
Lead person: Chris Hudson	Contact number: 0113 37 85515

1. Title: The Children and Young People’s Plan (refresh for 2023 to 2028)

Is this a:

Strategy / Policy

 Service / Function

 Other

If other, please specify

2. Please provide a brief description of what you are screening

The Children and Young People’s Plan (CYPP) is the strategic document that guides the work of the children’s partnership in Leeds. Through its vision, outcomes, priorities, obsessions, and performance measures it provides a framework to: keep children safe from harm; do well at all levels of learning and have skills for life; enjoy healthy lifestyles; have fun growing up; and have a voice and influence in the services that are provided for them. These five priorities - or conditions of wellbeing - focus on all children and young people living and growing up in Leeds.

The CYPP was last refreshed in 2017, with that iteration of the plan covering the period 2018 to 2023. The current refresh acknowledges the increased focus on children and young people’s mental health and wellbeing following the Covid-19 pandemic, greater advocacy for action on the climate emergency, and the cost-of-living crisis. The proposed areas of change have been identified through conversations across the children’s partnership, with senior officers and leaders of the Council, and elected members through Scrutiny (Children and Families).

A six-week public consultation on the proposed areas of change will take place to establish the level of support for the proposed changes. Scrutiny will consider the outputs from that consultation in January 2023. The refreshed plan will be approved at Full Council in summer 2023 and will cover the period 2023 to 2028.

3. Relevance to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration

All the council’s strategies and policies, service and functions affect service users, employees or the wider community – city wide or more local. These will also have a greater or lesser relevance to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration.

The following questions will help you to identify how relevant your proposals are. When considering these questions think about age, carers, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation. Also those areas that impact on or relate to equality: tackling poverty and improving health and well-being.

Questions	Yes	No
Is there an existing or likely differential impact for the different equality characteristics?	x	
Have there been or likely to be any public concerns about the policy or proposal?		x
Could the proposal affect how our services, commissioning or procurement activities are organised, provided, located and by whom?	x	
Could the proposal affect our workforce or employment practices?	x	
Does the proposal involve or will it have an impact on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eliminating unlawful discrimination, victimisation and harassment • Advancing equality of opportunity • Fostering good relations 	x	

If you have answered **no** to the questions above please complete **sections 6 and 7**

If you have answered **yes** to any of the above and;

- Believe you have already considered the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration within your proposal please go to **section 4**.
- Are not already considering the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration within your proposal please go to **section 5**.

4. Considering the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration

If you can demonstrate you have considered how your proposals impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration you have carried out an impact assessment.

Please provide specific details for all three areas below (use the prompts for guidance).

- **How have you considered equality, diversity, cohesion and integration?**
 The CYPP is the strategic plan for improving outcomes for children, young people, and their families in the city, and supports the overarching Best City Ambition. Specific proposals for the way services are delivered and designed are covered in separate reports by the council and its partner organisations as and when they emerge. This includes specific equality, diversity, cohesion and integration impact assessments. The CYPP covers all children and young people living and growing up in Leeds by asking the question: what is it like to be a child or young person growing up in Leeds and how do we make it better? As the strategic plan for improving outcomes for children, young people, and their families in the city, the CYPP is the document to which other plans and strategies must align. The SEND and Inclusion Strategy, and the 3As Strategy, for example support (large) sub-cohorts that the CYPP is focused on. It is not the purpose of the CYPP to address all issues for children and young people living and growing up in Leeds, but it sets the tone and direction for other strategies and plans, which have a more

specific focus than the CYPP. These strategies and action plans will address areas of concern and will have a specific focus on a range of protected characteristics.

Each update to the CYPP addresses emerging issues since the last refresh. The proposed changes that will be consulted acknowledge the increased focus on children and young people's mental health and wellbeing following the Covid-19 pandemic, greater advocacy for action on the climate emergency, and the cost-of-living crisis. The proposed introduction of a health obsession will bring greater prominence to health and wellbeing issues within the CYPP; introducing a climate change priority, and a sustainable transport priority acknowledges the growing calls and actions from young people for these areas to be addressed.

The CYPP is likely to reference Leeds working towards becoming a Marmot City. The Marmot Review into health inequalities in England (2010) proposes an evidence-based strategy to address the social determinants of health, the conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work and age and which can lead to health inequalities. The first policy objective of the Marmot review is "giving every child the best start in life", a concept already embedded within the CYPP.

The proposed changes to the CYPP have been developed following discussions with Scrutiny (Children and Families), Corporate Leadership Team, the Children and Families Leadership and extended leadership forum, the LSCP Bi-Annual Network meeting, and children and young people through consultation over the last year on the updating of the 12 Wishes. The proposed changes will now be shared publicly as part of the formal consultation process. Young people will be consulted during the formal consultation process through existing forums and groups. This will be done in conjunction with the Voice, Influence, and Change Team, who have significant experience working with children and young people.

- **Key findings**

The CYPP has existed in its current form since 2011. Its previous refreshes (in 2014/15 and 2017/18) have been accompanied by an EDCI screening form. Each refresh has also evolved the plan rather than radically redesigning it. Consequently, the CYPP is well-established and understood across the partnership, with each refresh acknowledging its potential impact on different groups and communities.

Scrutiny (Children and Families) receive regular updates on progress being made against the priorities in the CYPP. Increasingly, the Board has been focused on the different life chances of children and young people across Leeds depending on where they are living. This focus has fed into the proposed changes, with challenging child poverty remaining central to the CYPP.

There is no single overarching report which brings together an overview of EDCI issues. Attainment information, for example, is reported in detail through the Annual Standards report, and is referenced in existing reports provided to various accountability meetings.

- **Actions**

The CYPP is based on OBA principles: how much have we done, how well have we done it, and what difference have we made. The reporting on the outcomes and priorities focuses on these three questions. Scrutiny (Children and Families) provides high support and high challenge when updates are provided (every six months). The Board monitors and evaluates EDCI issues and suggests work programmes to address these issues and improve the way services respond to need and vulnerability.

5. If you are *not* already considering the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration you *will need to carry out an impact assessment*.

Date to scope and plan your impact assessment:	
Date to complete your impact assessment	
Lead person for your impact assessment	

(Include name and job title)	
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6. Governance, ownership and approval		
Please state here who has approved the actions and outcomes of the screening		
Name	Job title	Date
Julie Longworth	Director of Children and Families	
Date screening completed		

7. Publishing	
<p>Though all key decisions are required to give due regard to equality the council only publishes those related to Executive Board, Full Council, Key Delegated Decisions or a Significant Operational Decision.</p> <p>A copy of this equality screening should be attached as an appendix to the decision making report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance Services will publish those relating to Executive Board and Full Council. • The appropriate directorate will publish those relating to Delegated Decisions and Significant Operational Decisions. • A copy of all other equality screenings that are not to be published should be sent to equalityteam@leeds.gov.uk for record. <p>Complete the appropriate section below with the date the report and attached screening was sent:</p>	
For Executive Board or Full Council – sent to Governance Services	Date sent:
For Delegated Decisions or Significant Operational Decisions – sent to appropriate Directorate	Date sent:
All other decisions – sent to equalityteam@leeds.gov.uk	Date sent:

Appointments

Date: 12th July 2023

Report of: City Solicitor

Report to: Council

Will the decision be open for call in? Yes No

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? Yes No

Brief summary

This report updates Council on appointments to Committees, Boards and Panels in consultation with the relevant Group Whip between the date of the Annual Council Meeting (24 May 2023) and the first ordinary meeting of Council (12th July 2023), in order to ensure that meetings held during that period could proceed with adequate and appropriate membership levels. The report also seeks approval to one Committee change.

Recommendations

- a) To note the appointment to the Scrutiny Board Environment, Housing and Communities and the substitute appointment to the Health & Wellbeing Board.
- b) To note the appointments to the various West Yorkshire Combined Authority Committees and change of appointment to the West Yorkshire Pension Fund Joint Advisory Group.
- c) To approve the change of appointment on the Licensing Committee.

What is this report about?

- 1 This report updates Council on appointments to Committees, Boards and Panels in consultation with the relevant Group Whip between the date of the Annual Council Meeting (24 May 2023) and the first ordinary meeting of Council (12th July 2023) and seeks approval to one Committee change.
- 2 The proposal is for the Council to note the following appointments to the various West Yorkshire Combined Authority Committees and change of appointment to the West Yorkshire Pension Fund Joint Advisory Group

- Cllr Brookes and Cllr Wilson to the WYCA Transport Scrutiny Committee
- Cllr Dowson and Cllr Wray to the WYCA Corporate Scrutiny Committee
- Cllr Almass to the WYCA Economy Scrutiny Committee
- Cllr Bromley to replace Cllr Martin on the West Yorkshire Pension Fund Joint Advisory.

The proposal is for the Council to note the following appointments to Committees, Boards or Panels

- Councillor Khan to replace Cllr McKenna on Scrutiny Board Environment, Housing and Communities.
- Councillor S Lay to be appointed to fill a vacancy as a Liberal Democrat Group substitute on the Health & Wellbeing Board.

The proposal is for the Council to approve the following appointments to Committees, Boards or Panels

- Councillor Flynn to no longer be appointed to the Licensing Committee and this be a Conservative Group vacancy.

What impact will this proposal have?

- 3 It will ensure that meetings held during that period could proceed with adequate and appropriate membership levels.

How does this proposal impact the three pillars of the Best City Ambition?

Health and Wellbeing Inclusive Growth Zero Carbon

- 4 Fully operational and quorate Committees, Boards and Panels and representation on external bodies are in line with the Council's Policies and the priorities.

What consultation and engagement has taken place?

Wards affected:

Have ward members been consulted? Yes No

- 5 Consultation has taken place with the relevant groups on the Council.

What are the resource implications?

6 There are no specific resource implications associated with this report.

What are the key risks and how are they being managed?

7 The key risks would have been lack of representation on external organisations and incomplete representation on local Committees, Boards and Panels. The risk is being managed by the appointment(s) in this report.

What are the legal implications?

8 There are no specific legal implications associated with this report.

Options, timescales and measuring success

What other options were considered?

9 The only other option would have been to wait for the first ordinary meeting of Council, that would have meant Leeds Members would not have been appointed promptly to the Combined Authority Committees/ Pension Fund Advisory Group and the Scrutiny Board would not have had a full or appropriate membership.

How will success be measured?

10 Not applicable.

What is the timetable and who will be responsible for implementation?

11 The implementation of the decision would be immediately after the decision is made.

Appendices

- None

Background papers

- None

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Scrutiny Annual Report 2022/23

Date: 12 July 2023

Report of: Head of Democratic Services

Report to: Council

Will the decision be open for call in? Yes No

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? Yes No

Brief summary

Article 6 of the Council's Constitution requires the Head of Democratic Services, as the authority's designated Scrutiny Officer, to report to Council annually about how the authority has carried out its overview and scrutiny functions.

The appended Annual Report 2022/23 highlights the work undertaken by the Council's five Scrutiny Boards during the last municipal year.

Recommendations

- a) Council is asked to note the appended Scrutiny Annual Report 2022/23.

What is this report about?

- 1 The appended Scrutiny Annual Report 2022/23 provides an overview of the work undertaken by the Council's five Scrutiny Boards during the 2022/23 municipal year.

What impact will this proposal have?

- 2 The Annual Report 2022/23 provides a factual summary of the work undertaken by the scrutiny function during the last municipal year, in line with the requirements of the [Article 6 of the Council's Constitution](#).

How does this proposal impact the three pillars of the Best City Ambition?

Health and Wellbeing Inclusive Growth Zero Carbon

- 3 The 2022/23 work programmes of the five Scrutiny Boards included items of business that reflect the priorities set out in the three pillars of the Best City Ambition. Highlights of each work programme are included in the appended Annual Report.

- 4 In 2022/23 all Boards also introduced a revised approach to performance monitoring to ensure the Scrutiny Boards consider key performance indicators (KPIs) that reflect the priorities set out in the Best City Ambition.

What consultation and engagement has taken place?

Wards affected:

Have ward members been consulted? Yes No

- 5 The Scrutiny Annual Report for 2022/23 has been produced in consultation with 2022/23 Scrutiny Board Chairs and the Executive Board Member for Resources.

What are the resource implications?

- 6 There are no specific resource implications associated with the Scrutiny Annual Report 2022/23.

What are the key risks and how are they being managed?

- 7 Presenting the Scrutiny Annual Report for 2022/23 fulfils the annual requirement for the Council's Scrutiny Officer to report to Council on how the authority has carried out its overview and scrutiny functions, as set out in Article 6 of the Council's Constitution.

What are the legal implications?

- 8 There are no specific legal implications associated with the Scrutiny Annual Report for 2022/23.

Options, timescales and measuring success

What other options were considered?

- 9 The submission of the Scrutiny Annual Report 2022/23 to Council fulfils the requirements set out in Article 6 of the Council's Constitution.

How will success be measured?

- 10 Members of Council are asked to note the information set out in the Annual Report 2023/24.

What is the timetable and who will be responsible for implementation?

- 11 The Annual Report 2022/23 provides a factual summary of the work of the overview and scrutiny function during the last municipal year. There are no implementation requirements.

Appendices

- Scrutiny Annual Report 2022/23

Background papers

- None

2022/23 Scrutiny Annual Report

This report updates Council on how the authority has carried out its overview and scrutiny functions during the 2022/23 municipal year.



Foreword

It has been a privilege for all of us to Chair our respective Scrutiny Boards over the last twelve months. First and foremost, our collective thanks must go to Scrutiny Board members for their time, commitment and co-operation over the last twelve months. We would also like to extend our thanks to the officers, Executive Members and partners who have taken the time to share their expertise with our boards.

This Annual Report reflects the breadth of issues covered by the Council's five Scrutiny Boards during 2022/23. At the core of all items of business is the principle that the scrutiny process is designed to provide a means through which the voice and concerns of the public can be heard.

Alongside broad individual work programmes, the Scrutiny Boards have fulfilled a long-standing commitment to regularly examine performance management data and to present the Executive Board with a summary of findings in relation to the annual budget proposals. Looking to the next twelve months, we would urge Executive colleagues to continue to engage proactively with Scrutiny, including early participation in the budget setting process so that we can collectively explore ways in which to tackle the huge financial challenges facing our organisation.

As Scrutiny Chairs we are proud of the work carried out by our boards in 2022/23 and we wish the successor boards the very best for 2023/24.



**Cllr A Marshall-
Katung**



Cllr B Anderson



Cllr A Scopes



Cllr A Lamb



Cllr P Truswell



Thank you to all Scrutiny Board members for your work over the last twelve months. During the last year, my colleagues and I on the Executive Board have once again seen first-hand the way in which scrutiny members have sought to focus their resources on programmes of work designed to drive improvements in our public services.

Following the adoption of the Best City Ambition, the Boards have prioritised improving outcomes across the three pillars set out in that vision and have brought partners together to examine issues that directly impact upon the lives of people living in Leeds.

Scrutiny has the potential to most effectively influence policy when boards examine emerging evidence, trends and proposals ahead of decision making. The process of testing policy proposals in the earliest stages of their development strengthens the final decision-making process and therefore improves outcomes. I have therefore welcomed work from all boards in this regard. All Boards have also contributed to a summary of constructive feedback on the Council's initial budget proposals.

Over the next twelve months, my colleagues and I on the Executive Board look forward to ongoing engagement with all the Scrutiny Boards and particularly welcome the commitment from Scrutiny to take forward recommendations from the recent LGA Corporate Peer Challenge early in the next municipal year.

Councillor Debra Coupar, Executive Member for Resources

Scrutiny Annual Report 2022/23

This Annual Report provides a summary of work undertaken by Leeds City Council's Scrutiny function in 2022/23 and includes highlights from each of the Scrutiny Boards.

As set out in the Council's '[Vision for Scrutiny](#),' the service continues to support members in carrying out public scrutiny that is focused on driving improvement in public services in accordance with the nationally agreed four principles of effective scrutiny.

Leeds City Council remains committed to providing dedicated officer support to the scrutiny function. However, like all other Council services, there is ongoing pressure on the limited resources within the Scrutiny function. This is acknowledged in the Council's 'Vision for Scrutiny' and there has been continued effort to maximise resources and prioritise areas of work that will add value and support the Best City Ambition.



39 Public
Scrutiny
Board
Meetings

3 Remote
Consultative
Meetings
*Public access via webcast



Pandemic Recovery

During 2022/23 the Scrutiny Boards have highlighted various ways in which the Covid-19 pandemic exacerbated existing inequalities in the city.

Interventions to support the city's ongoing recovery from the pandemic therefore continue to be a feature of the work of all boards.

LGA Corporate Peer Challenge

Scrutiny has considered the conclusions and recommendations of the LGA Corporate Peer Challenge, which took place in November 2022.

Individual Scrutiny Boards have agreed to take forward a number of these recommendations as part of their 2023/24 work programmes.

Webcasting & Social Media

Efforts continue to increase public engagement with Scrutiny. All formal and consultative meetings are webcast



14 Site
Visits or
Working
Groups

as this enables stakeholders the opportunity to view the meetings at a time and location that is convenient for them. Full details of the 2022/23 webcasting figures are provided elsewhere in this report. The service also continues to promote meetings via Twitter.

End of Year Summaries

To complement the Annual Report, each of the Scrutiny Boards has also produced an end of year summary, which provides full detail of their 2022/23 work programmes along with a statement from the Scrutiny Board Chair. These can be found on the [Scrutiny at Leeds](#) webpage.

Scrutiny Arrangements 2022/23

Scrutiny Board	Chair	Councillors	Co-Opted Members
 <p>Adults, Health and Active Lifestyles</p>	 <p>Cllr A Marshall-Katung</p>		
 <p>Children and Families</p>	 <p>Cllr A Lamb</p>		
 <p>Environment, Housing and Communities</p>	 <p>Cllr B Anderson</p>		
 <p>Infrastructure, Investment and Inclusive Growth</p>	 <p>Cllr P Truswell</p>		
 <p>Strategy and Resources</p>	 <p>Cllr A Scopes</p>		

Collaborative Working

Scrutiny of the Budget

Scrutiny boards are consulted annually on the Council's initial budget proposals. The observations and recommendations from this year's consultation were reported to [Executive Board in February 2023](#).

All Boards considered the Proposed Budget 2023/24 during the January 2023 cycle of meetings. Prior to this, officers and Executive members attended working group sessions with each Scrutiny Board in December 2022.

All Scrutiny Boards welcomed this year's publication of 'Business As Usual' savings, which were considered alongside the budget proposals. The Scrutiny Boards jointly recommended that this approach to future budget consultation continues to ensure members are sighted on the whole impact of budget savings proposals.

Performance Reporting

All Scrutiny Boards considered key performance information relevant to their respective remits in June 2022 and January 2023.

Following the adoption of the Best City Ambition, Scrutiny Chairs have been instrumental in updating the way in which performance data is reported to Scrutiny. In January 2023 new reporting formats were introduced that more directly link performance information to the three pillars of the Best City Ambition - although a number of additional indicators were retained by individual boards as matters of long-standing and continuing interest.

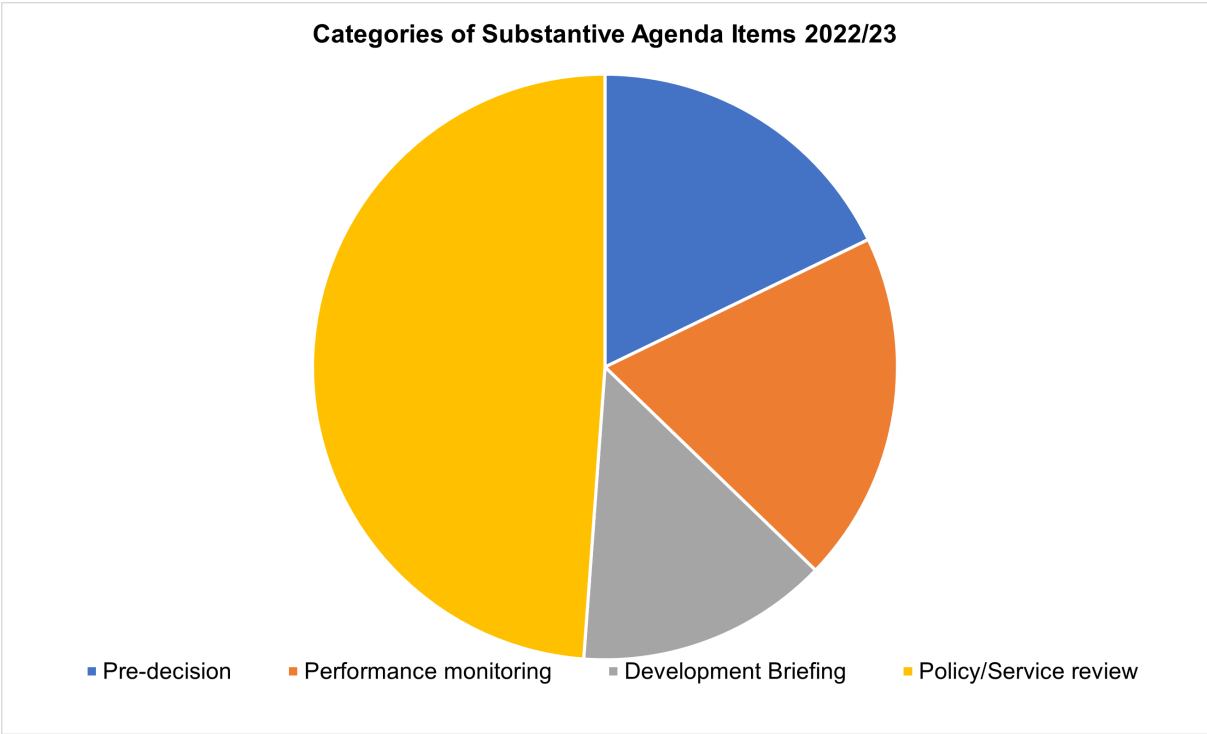
Regional Health Scrutiny

The West Yorkshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC) has continued to enhance the collaboration between local authority health scrutiny functions across West Yorkshire.

Councillor Abigail Marshall-Katung (Leeds City Council) was elected as Chair for 2022/23. Support for the management and administration of the JHOSC continues to be provided by Calderdale Council.

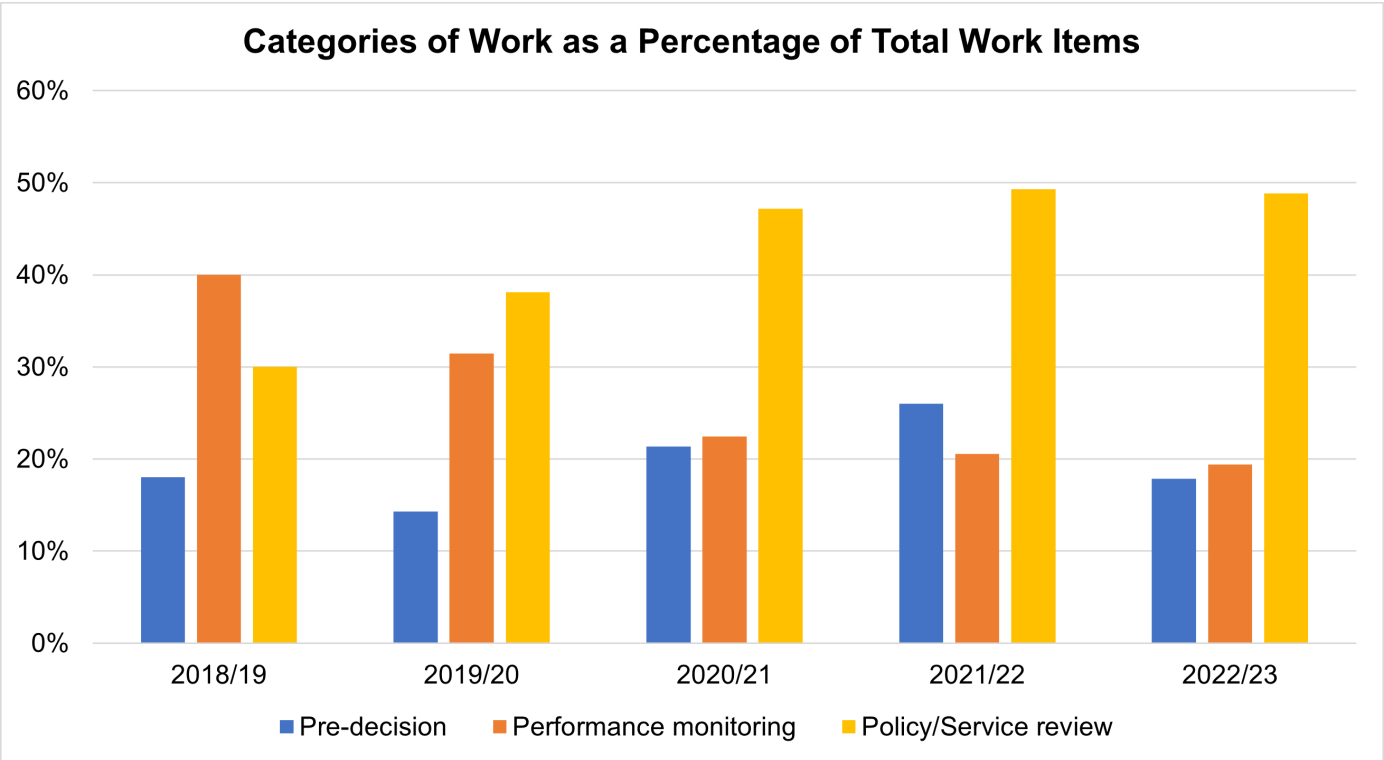
The JHOSC met on three occasions and full details of the matters considered are available from the lead Council's website (Calderdale MBC).

Scrutiny Activity 2022/23



129 substantive agenda items in 2022/23

During 2022/23 the way in which substantive agenda items are categorised was reviewed and updated. Full comparative data cannot therefore be provided. However, for those categories of work that have remained consistent a comparison is provided as to the percentage of total work items those categories have constituted over the last five years.



Webcasting 2022/23

During the Covid-19 pandemic Leeds City Council introduced webcasting in order to enable the public to access committee meetings during a period in which meetings could only take place remotely.

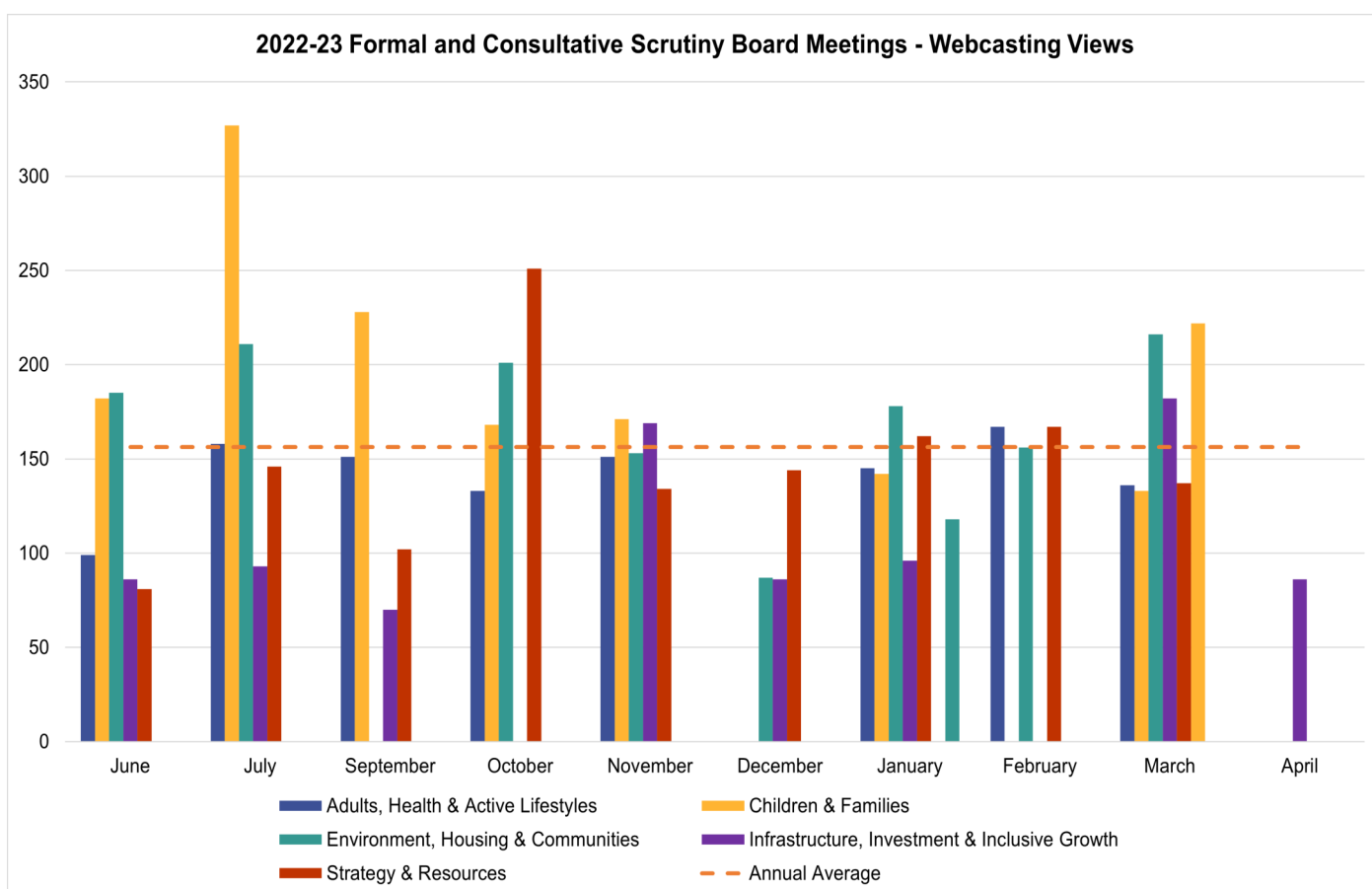
A legacy of these changes in technology and working practices is the continuation of webcasting to enhance public access to formal meetings.

This allows stakeholders the opportunity to observe meetings via YouTube at a time and location that is convenient to them.

There were a total of 6,364 views of the Scrutiny Board webcasts over 2022/23, which is an average 155 views per meeting.

This compared to 4,306 views in 2021/22 and an average of 103 views per meeting.

The chart below provides the monthly analysis of webcasting views for the 2022/23 municipal year.



To Note

*July 2022: The Adults, Health & Active Lifestyles Scrutiny Board met on a consultative basis.

*September 2022: The Environment, Housing & Communities Scrutiny Board meeting was cancelled due to the death of Queen Elizabeth II.

*October 2022: Includes a Strategy & Resources Scrutiny Board meeting to consider a Call In.

*January 2023: Includes an Environment, Housing & Communities Scrutiny Board consultative meeting in addition to a formal Board meeting.

* March 2023: Includes an additional Children & Families Scrutiny Board meeting to discuss safeguarding.



Adults, Health & Active Lifestyles Scrutiny Board 2022/23 Highlights

The 2022/23 summary for this Scrutiny Board can be found here:

[Scrutiny at Leeds](#)



Cllr Caroline Anderson



Cllr Sharon Burke



Cllr Luke Farley



Cllr James Gibson



Cllr Norma Harrington



Cllr Conrad Hart-Brooke



Cllr Mohammed Iqbal



Cllr Wyn Kidger



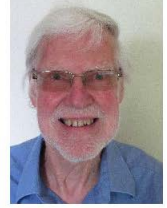
Cllr Abigail Marshall-Katung



Cllr Eileen Taylor



Cllr Eleanor Thomson



Dr John Beal
(co-opted member)

1

The Health and Care Act 2022 led to **Integrated Care Boards** (ICBs) taking on the commissioning responsibilities of Clinical Commissioning Groups from 1st July 2022, as well as leading the integration of health and care services across their area. The Board therefore continued to monitor progress and engaged directly with the appointed Chair of the Leeds Committee of the West Yorkshire ICB and the ICB Accountable Officer (Leeds Place) to consider the key priority areas of the ICB in Leeds in terms of helping to make the biggest impact on improving health outcomes and people's experiences, as well as reducing inequalities. The Board explored how such priorities are being reflected in strategies, such as the Healthy Leeds Plan and West Yorkshire Partnership Strategy, and gave direct input into the refresh of the Leeds Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

2

The Board gave particular attention to the current challenges relating to the **health and care workforce** and how partners are working together to understand and prioritise strategic actions required to strengthen the health and care workforce across Leeds. Such work is primarily planned and coordinated through the Leeds Health and Care Academy. The Board therefore explored this in more detail with the Academy Director.

3

Improving oral health and access to **NHS dentistry** remained a priority for the Board this year, with views sought from relevant commissioners, providers, practitioners and patients around the need and opportunities for tackling existing barriers. Such work will also continue into the new municipal year, particularly in view of the commissioning responsibilities for dentistry transferring to the West Yorkshire ICB in April 2023.

4

The Board considered a proposal by Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust to develop a new service model aimed at achieving a more **suitable and sustainable bereavement service** in terms of releasing deceased adult patients to funeral directors out of hours. In welcoming the Trust's plans to engage widely on the development of this new model, the Board also shared concerns surrounding the potential implications of a forthcoming new Statutory Medical Examiner System, which it formally relayed to the government.



Children & Families Scrutiny Board

2022/23 Highlights

The 2022/23 summary for this Scrutiny Board can be found here:

[Scrutiny at Leeds](#)



Cllr Hannah Bithell



Cllr Jordan Bowden



Cllr Emmie Bromley



Cllr Ann Forsaith



Cllr Julie Heselwood



Cllr Chris Howley



Cllr Zara Hussain



Cllr Alan Lamb



Cllr Lisa Martin



Cllr Denise Ragan



Cllr Karen Renshaw



Cllr Linda Richards



Cllr Jane Senior



Cllr Ryan Stephenson



Mr E Britten (co-opted member)



Mr A Graham (co-opted member)



Ms J Ward (co-opted member)



Mr N Tones (co-opted member)



Ms H Bellamy (co-opted member)



Ms L Whitaker (co-opted member)



Mrs K Blacker (co-opted member)

1

This year, the Board gave particular attention to the refresh of the **Children and Young People’s Plan (CYPP)** which will cover the period 2023 to 2028. This Plan is part of the strategic framework helping to deliver the mission at the heart of our Best City Ambition to tackle poverty and inequality and to improve the quality of life for the children and young people who call Leeds home. Early engagement with Scrutiny enabled Members to inform the development of the CYPP and consider proposed changes that later formed the basis of a wider formal public consultation exercise. Once approved in July 2023, the Board will maintain regular oversight through its performance monitoring role.

2

The Board maintained a focus on the ongoing development and implementation of the new Leeds strategy **‘Everyone’s included: the Leeds SEND and Inclusion Strategy 2022-2027’**. As well as remaining responsive to the national agenda around SEND system reform, the shared views and experiences of local children and young people and their families had also informed the content of this new strategy. The Board particularly welcomed the name of the strategy, as this had been suggested by young people who wanted to share the important message that ‘everyone’s included’ in making Leeds a child-friendly and inclusive place.

3

In recognition of the current challenges and pressures facing the **Children and Families workforce** in Leeds, the Board gave particular attention to the broader strategy work being undertaken by the Children and Families directorate around the recruitment and retention of the workforce and committed to continue monitoring such work in the new year.

4

The Board held a dedicated meeting on **safeguarding** and welcomed back the Leeds Safeguarding Children Partnership (LSCP) Executive. The Board focused on the progress made by the LSCP following its earlier review of the notification arrangements linked to serious child safeguarding incidents, as well as exploring the cross cutting themes and learning identified through the LSCP review processes more generally.



Environment, Housing & Communities Scrutiny Board

2022/23 Highlights



Cllr Barry Anderson
(Chair)



Cllr Javaid Akhtar



Cllr Kayleigh Brooks



Cllr Ed Carlisle



Cllr Robert Finnigan



Cllr Pauleen Grahame



Cllr Asghar Khan



Cllr Sandy Lay



Cllr Annie Maloney



Cllr Trish Smith



Cllr Eleanor Thomson



Cllr John Tudor



Cllr Paul Wadsworth

The 2022/23 summary for this Scrutiny Board can be found here: [Scrutiny at Leeds](#)

1

At the start of the municipal year partners joined the Scrutiny Board to consider an update from the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime on the delivery of the **West Yorkshire Police and Crime Plan 2021-24**. The Board explored the work of the Safer, Stronger Communities team, including receiving an overview from Leeds District Police on the successes and challenges associated with supporting **community safety** in the city. The Scrutiny Board also produced a statement in relation to [Reducing Gambling Harm](#), which will be considered by the Executive Board in June 2023.

2

The Scrutiny Board has a long standing commitment to prioritise scrutiny of **housing activity**. Members considered tenancy management, performance in relation to repairs and maintenance, how to 'turn around' void properties and HRA investment. The Board welcomed the excellent work being carried out to reduce homelessness in Leeds and considered the challenges and opportunities of locality working. In the context of these discussions and the [LGA Corporate Peer Challenge](#), the successor Board will consider the future of **locality working** in more detail in 2023/24.

3

Members examined progress in delivering the actions set out in the **Leeds Parks and Green Spaces Strategy** a year after its publication. Issues of priority for the Board included biodiversity, access for all, quality standards, resources available for investment in play areas and work with communities and volunteers. A wide ranging debate took place in relation to the draft **Climate Emergency Annual Update** with members seeking clarity with regard to issues including energy security, funding opportunities, retrofitting older buildings, education and the Council's Food Strategy.

4

The main focus of the Scrutiny Board throughout this year has been support provided to vulnerable residents in Leeds. Given the current economic climate members were keen to explore how local partners can effectively target support and services to **reduce poverty and improve financial inclusion**. Members also considered the local welfare support scheme and how the council can support the future resilience of the third sector.



Infrastructure, Investment & Inclusive Growth Scrutiny Board 2022/23 Highlights

The 2022/23 summary for this Scrutiny Board can be found here: [Scrutiny at Leeds](#)



Cllr Paul Alderson



Cllr Neil Buckley



Cllr Mike Foster



Cllr John Garvani



Cllr Sharon Hamilton



Cllr Arif Hussain



Cllr Wynn Kidger



Cllr Sandy Lay



Cllr Jessica Lennox



Cllr Mohammed Shahzad



Cllr Nicole Sharpe



Cllr Paul Truswell



Cllr Izaak Wilson

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The way in which the planning system enables the Council to support the **delivery of sustainable communities** - and particularly the delivery of the “right homes, of the right tenure, in the right places” - has been a long-term priority for this Board. Members welcomed the opportunity to engage with the proposed scope of the Leeds Local Plan 2040, the Affordable Housing Growth Partnership Action Plan and a proposed update to the statutory Development Plan for Leeds.

2

The Scrutiny Board supports the aspiration within the [Best City Ambition](#) for the delivery of a low-carbon and affordable transport network to help people get around the city safely and easily. The Scrutiny Board has therefore examined a range of **transport challenges**. Bus service provision has been a priority for Members who explored issues associated with patronage, fares, bus reform, costs for providers, the provision of electric buses, and community access to economic opportunities with partners.

3

Given current cost-of-living pressures, the Scrutiny Board was keen to retain its focus on inclusive growth. This has included considering plans to refresh the **Inclusive Growth Strategy**, exploring potential economic challenges and opportunities within a developing green economy, and examining progress with the introduction of the Social Progress Index as a measure of inclusive growth. The Scrutiny Board reiterated its support for the work and impact of **100% Digital Leeds**.

4

In examining issues of infrastructure, the Scrutiny Board welcomed the Leeds **Flood Risk Management Strategy** and the progress to date in the delivery of flood alleviation schemes across the city. Consideration was given to the potential infrastructure requirements should a decision be taken to convert gas networks to **hydrogen**. **Infrastructure** was also one element of wide ranging scrutiny of progress towards delivering **Vision Zero** across the city and region, in order to reduce the number of people killed and seriously injured on the roads.



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Cllr Gohar Almass



Cllr Sharon Burke



Cllr Peter Carlill



Cllr Dianne Chapman



Cllr Robert Finnigan



Cllr Sam Firth



Cllr Billy Flynn



Cllr Mahalia France-Mir



Cllr Caroline Gruen



Cllr Kevin Ritchie



Cllr Andrew Scopes

1 Given the **challenging financial environment** faced by local authorities the Board has been active in its analysis of how funding has changed in recent years, ongoing financial health, areas where savings might be delivered such as procurement and contract management and scrutiny of the 2023/24 budget. A primary focus of the Board is to add value and this approach has led to changes in planned funding allocations for 2023/24. The Board were concerned about planned savings for the Contact Centre and as a result of scrutiny challenge in that area additional funding was made available to ensure continuity of service as it continues its service improvement journey.

2 **Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI)** has been a key policy focus of the Council in recent years ensuring that all staff are able to bring their whole selves to work and can work as productively as possible. The Board has therefore been keen to hear first hand from Council staff networks to understand what has gone well, ongoing challenges, and their ambitions and plans moving forward. Through this work the Board has played an important role in identifying that the term 'BAME' is no longer considered appropriate by the communities it claimed to represent. This has led to a change in approach by the Council and a recommendation that

3 The Board has also commissioned work on other aspects of Human Resources. Considering the challenges associated with **recruitment and retention**, ensuring that staff well-being remains a focus of the Council, gaining a stronger understanding of absence rates following the Covid-19 pandemic and understanding staff burnout in light of recommendation in the LGA Corporate Peer Challenge have all been priorities. With staff leaving the authority in higher numbers due to budgetary challenges in recent years, burnout and well being have been important considerations across the 2022/23 municipal year.

4 The 2022/23 municipal year has seen **Leeds 2023** move from development and planning to going live with 'Awakening' in January 2023. As a result the Board has retained a strong interest in the development of the year long programme with a focus on ensuring that all areas of the city are reached by the events, that community hosts are connected in the right areas, elected members are consulted and involved and that events are as accessible as possible to as many residents as possible. The successor board in 2023/24 is likely to retain an interest as the exciting year unfolds and in ensuring **Page 38** evaluation and legacy remain a focus.

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EXECUTIVE BOARD

WEDNESDAY, 19TH APRIL, 2023

PRESENT: Councillor J Lewis in the Chair

Councillors S Arif, A Carter, D Coupar,
S Golton, M Harland, H Hayden, J Pryor,
M Rafique and F Venner

131 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public

RESOLVED – That, in accordance with Regulation 4 of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following parts of the agenda designated as exempt from publication on the grounds that it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information so designated as follows:-

- (A) That Appendix 2 to the report entitled, 'The Engine House, South Bank Leeds', referred to in Minute No. 137 be designated as being exempt from publication in accordance with paragraph 10.4(3) of Schedule 12A(3) of the Local Government Act 1972 and considered in private on the grounds that Appendix 2 contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any person or company (including the authority holding that information) which may result in prejudicial trading of that company, the Council's commercial position and linked third parties, and as such, it is considered not to be in the public interest to release such information at this time, as this would compromise the Council's position;
- (B) That Appendix 3 to the report entitled, 'East Leeds Extension Update and Progress on Land Disposal for the Southern Quadrant Primary School', referred to in Minute No. 138 be designated as being exempt from publication in accordance with paragraph 10.4(3) of Schedule 12A(3) of the Local Government Act 1972 and considered in private on the grounds that the information within Appendix 3 relates to the financial or business affairs of a particular person / company, and of the Council. This information is not publicly available from the statutory registers of information kept in respect of certain companies and charities. It is considered that, since this information has been obtained through one-to-one negotiations for the disposal of the school site, it is not in the public interest to disclose this information now. Also, it is considered that the release of such information would, or would be likely to prejudice the Council's commercial interests in relation to other similar transactions in that prospective purchasers of other similar properties would have access to information about the nature and level of consideration which may prove acceptable to the Council. It is

therefore considered that, whilst there may be a public interest in disclosure, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing this information now; and

- (C) That Appendix 2 to the report entitled, 'Kingsdale Court Affordable Housing and Regeneration Scheme' referred to in Minute No. 139 be designated as being exempt from publication in accordance with paragraph 10.4(3) of Schedule 12A(3) of the Local Government Act 1972 and considered in private on the grounds that the information within Appendix 2 relates to the financial or business affairs of a particular person, and of the Council. It is considered that the release of such information would, or would be likely to prejudice the Council's commercial interests in relation to property transactions. Disclosure of this information could seriously harm the Council's negotiating position when discussing property acquisitions at Kingsdale Court. Consequently, it is deemed that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing this information at this point in time.

132 Late Items

There were no late items of business submitted to the Board for consideration.

133 Declaration of Interests

There were no interests declared at the meeting.

134 Minutes

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 15th March 2023 be approved as a correct record.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND ACTIVE LIFESTYLES

135 The Marmot City Approach

The Director of Public Health submitted a report which summarised the progress being made towards Leeds becoming a Marmot City, which was a proposal endorsed by key strategic partners during 2022. The report noted that the Marmot approach for Leeds would work towards the vision of having 'a fairer Leeds for everyone'. Specifically, the report also outlined the two-year programme of work agreed in partnership with the Institute of Health Equity (IHE) and included the key milestones for that journey.

In introducing the report, the Executive Member for Public Health and Active Lifestyles highlighted the commitment for Leeds to become a Marmot City working in partnership with the Institute of Health Equity (IHE), which would aim to drive forward progress on the reduction of health inequalities across the city, considering appropriate approaches for all, but at a range of scales or intensity to reflect the levels of need across different communities. It was also noted that the proposed work programme would build upon current practices and support the Best City Ambition and its three pillars. Opportunities for involvement in the Marmot approach were highlighted and it was noted that

the intention was to produce a report at the end of the first year to reflect upon the outcomes achieved.

Responding to an enquiry, the Board received further information and assurance about the work in this area to ensure that meaningful consultation and engagement is undertaken in relation to the Marmot City programme, but also more widely across the Council so that as broad a cohort as possible was given the opportunity to engage, including the harder to reach parts of the community.

In response to a comment from a Member, the Board received further information and context about how the success of the Marmot City initiative would be measured, with it being noted that whilst the current methods of monitoring health inequalities in the city would remain, additional work would take place to monitor the impact of this programme. It was noted that whilst the Marmot approach would be ambitious, it was also explained why it was deemed appropriate that further consideration be given to determining the measurement of the programme's success, given current trajectories and the challenging socio-economic context.

Also, the Board received further information on the reasons why Leeds, alongside a growing network of towns, cities and regions were undertaking the Marmot approach, and with regard to the recent Health Equity North event referenced during the Board's discussion, it was also noted that in addition to the work being undertaken as part of this initiative, the Council was also engaging with northern academic partners, such as universities, on the issue of addressing health inequalities.

In conclusion, Members welcomed the work being undertaken in this area and highlighted the importance of it.

RESOLVED – That the progress which has been made towards Leeds becoming a Marmot City, as detailed within the submitted report, be noted.

RESOURCES

136 Financial Health Monitoring 2022/23 - Provisional Outturn Month 11 (February)

The Chief Officer (Financial Services) submitted a report presenting the financial health and provisional outturn of the Authority in respect of both the General Fund revenue budget and the Housing Revenue Account as at Month 11 of the 2022/23 financial year.

In presenting the report, the Executive Member for Resources provided an overview of the key information within it, which included reference to the fact that an overspend of £16.3m was projected for the Authority's General Fund services, as at month 11 of 2022/23. The ongoing significant financial challenges being faced were highlighted, and that should there be any adverse variation to a balanced budget position at the 2022/23 year-end, then this would require the use of the Strategic Contingency Reserve balance.

Responding to several enquiries, the Board was advised that the balance of the Merrion House capital reserve is £23.4m, with the proposal being for that to be applied to Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) resulting in a reduction in the general fund budget required to fund MRP, the saving from this allocation will enable a contribution of the same amount then being made towards the Strategic Contingency Reserve. Members also received information regarding the balance which would remain in the Strategic Contingency Reserve following the payment of the currently projected 2022/23 overspend, with the Board also receiving information on the current position regarding any potential variation to the Council's projected overspend between months 11 and 12, together with the plans in place to respond to any such potential variation.

Following comments raised, the Board received further information on the range of actions being taken to mitigate the financial challenges which continued to be faced within the Children and Families directorate, including the actions of the cross-directorate Delivery Board. The Board also received details of the ways in which Elected Members were updated and engaged in the actions being taken in this area.

In discussing the financial challenges being faced in Children and Families, it was acknowledged that a key factor was the increased demand across a number of the directorate's services which continued to be experienced. It was noted that the situation in Leeds reflected the national trend. As part of this discussion, further detail was provided on the representations being made at a national level in response to such matters. It was also emphasised that the Council was committed to ensuring that children and young people would continue to receive the appropriate support that they required.

Members discussed the provision of care services within Children and Families directorate and received further information on the actions being taken to maximise the level of services being provided in-house and within Leeds, where appropriate and where possible. Also, further detail was provided on the collaborative approach which was being taken across Local Authorities in this area. Finally, the Board was updated on the work being undertaken locally and nationally around addressing the challenges faced in relation to the recruitment and retention of staff in a number of service areas across the Council, including services within Children and Families.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That it be noted that at Month 11 of the 2022/23 financial year (February), the Authority's General Fund services are forecasting an overspend of £16.3m and that the Housing Revenue Account is forecasting a balanced position;
- (b) That it be noted, that where an overspend is projected, directorates, including the Housing Revenue Account, are required to present action plans to mitigate their reported pressures, in line with the Revenue Principles agreed by Executive Board in 2019; with it also being noted

that savings actions identified to date are included in the reported overspend position and actions will continue to be identified which will contribute towards improving this projected financial outturn position;

- (c) That it be noted that known increased inflation and known impacts of the rising cost of living, including the agreed 2022/23 pay award, have been incorporated into this reported financial position, with it also being noted that these pressures will continue to be assessed, with the final position being incorporated into Final Outturn position for 2022/23 to be received by Executive Board in June 2023;
- (d) That it be noted that the report entitled, '*Financial Performance – Outturn Financial Year Ended 31st March 2023*', which will be received at this Board in June 2023 will recommend that the final overspend at Outturn is balanced through the use of the Strategic Contingency Reserve;
- (e) That the application of the remaining balance of the Merrion House capital receipt to redeem debt in 2022/23, to reduce MRP by the same amount and to contribute the resulting revenue saving to an earmarked revenue reserve, be approved.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND CLIMATE

137 The Engine House, South Bank Leeds

The Director of City Development submitted a report providing an update on the continued regeneration of the South Bank Leeds. Specifically, the report outlined an opportunity to continue the momentum which had been achieved by securing the future refurbishment of the Grade II listed Engine House, located within the centre of the Tower Works site, with the report seeking the necessary approvals from the Board.

Members welcomed the proposals detailed within the submitted report.

Following consideration of Appendix 2 to the submitted report designated as being exempt from publication under the provisions of Access to Information Procedure Rule 10.4(3), which was considered in private at the conclusion of the public part of the meeting, it was

RESOLVED –

- (a) That approval be given to the Council disposing of the Engine House site at market value to Mustard Wharf Property Unit Trust (MWPOT), in accordance with the Heads of Terms, as outlined within exempt Appendix 2 to the submitted report;
- (b) That, utilising the external ringfenced monies held, approval be given for the Council to provide a heritage grant capped at £1m to MWPOT as a contribution towards the shell and core works in accordance with the Heads of Terms, as outlined in exempt Appendix 2 to the submitted

report, subject to subsidy control compliance agreement of satisfactory security arrangements;

- (c) That approval be given to the Director of City Development, in consultation with the Director of Resources and the Executive Member for Infrastructure and Climate, to finalise detailed terms, in accordance with the terms as set out in exempt Appendix 2 to the submitted report.

138 East Leeds Extension Update and Progress on Land Disposal for the Southern Quadrant Primary School

Further to Minute No 124, 10th February 2021, the Director of City Development submitted a report providing an update on the progress made to date on the construction of the East Leeds Orbital Route (ELOR) and the development of East Leeds Extension (ELE), and which sought the necessary approvals from the Board in relation to the next steps regarding the proposed disposal of Council owned land at Leeds Road/Smeaton Approach for use as a new primary school and the related delivery of new community infrastructure in the Middle and Southern Quadrants.

Responding to an enquiry, the Board received an update on the provision of a retail facility and a healthcare facility as part of the proposed development at the Leeds Road/John Smeaton Approach site, with it being noted that both facilities remained active workstreams, as illustrated in appendix 2 to the submitted report.

Following consideration of Appendix 3 to the submitted report designated as being exempt from publication under the provisions of Access to Information Procedure Rule 10.4(3), which was considered in private at the conclusion of the public part of the meeting, it was

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the continuing progress being made across the four quadrants which make up the East Leeds Extension alongside completion of the construction of the East Leeds Orbital Route, be noted;
- (b) That the progress made to date in relation to the development of the Council's land at Leeds Road/John Smeaton Approach for a new 2 form primary school and community facilities, including the proposed new access road for the site, be noted;
- (c) That the disposal of c2 ha of land at the Leeds Road/Smeaton Approach site for the provision of a new primary school at less than best consideration and on the basis of the terms, as set out in exempt Appendix 3 to the submitted report on a long lease at a peppercorn rent to the School Operator, be approved, whilst noting the provisions of the Equalisation Agreement previously approved by Executive Board and entered into by the Council in relation to the site;

- (d) That approval of the final terms for the disposal of the land at Leeds Road/Smeaton Approach to the School Operator, be delegated to the Director of City Development;
- (e) That the current position regarding the relocation of two existing sports pitches from the land at Leeds Road/John Smeaton Approach to land at Whinmoor Grange, so as to facilitate the development of the Leeds Road/John Smeaton Approach site to support the development of the Middle and Southern Quadrants, be noted.

139 Kingsdale Court Affordable Housing and Regeneration Scheme

Further to Minute No. 115, 10th February 2021, the Director of City Development and the Director Communities, Housing and Environment submitted a joint report setting out the progress which had been made regarding the acquisition and regeneration of Kingsdale Court in the Boggart Hill Priority Neighbourhood, Seacroft. Related to this, and to enable the delivery of this affordable housing and regeneration scheme, the report also provided details of the emerging case for the possible use of compulsory purchase powers and sought approval for a capital funding injection in order to achieve full site acquisition.

In introducing the report, the Executive Member for Infrastructure and Climate highlighted how the proposal to acquire and regenerate Kingsdale Court for good quality affordable housing would support the three pillars of the Best City Ambition and was also consistent with the Leeds Marmot City approach, as discussed earlier in the meeting.

In response to an enquiry, the Board was advised that whilst all options detailed in the reported options appraisal, including the refurbishment of the properties, were being carefully considered, currently the comprehensive acquisition and redevelopment of the full site was thought to be the most appropriate way forward given the poor state of repair of the properties.

Again in response to an enquiry, the Board noted that given the passage of time, it was now expected that the initial and indicative estimate for the acquisition of the properties, as detailed in the report considered by the Board in 2021, would be exceeded. Further to this, the Board received an update on the progress made and the work which continued on the acquisition of the properties on site, with it being reiterated that whilst the comprehensive acquisition and redevelopment of the full site was thought to be the most appropriate way forward, the intention would be submit a further report in due course with associated recommendations for the Board's consideration.

Responding to references during the discussion regarding properties at Sugar Hill Close and Wordsworth Drive, the Board noted that the site was being used for the development of affordable homes via the delivery of Housing Association properties.

Following consideration of Appendix 2 to the submitted report designated as being exempt from publication under the provisions of Access to Information

Procedure Rule 10.4(3), which was considered in private at the conclusion of the public part of the meeting, it was

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the progress made by the Council in identifying and acquiring all legal and property interests in order to enable the full assembly of the Kingsdale Court site, as detailed within the submitted report, be noted;
- (b) That the capital funding injection, as set out in exempt Appendix 2 to the submitted report, in order to achieve full site acquisition based upon an assessment of current negotiating positions, which continue to evolve, be approved;
- (c) That the development of a case by the Council for the use of Compulsory Purchase powers to secure complete site assembly should this be considered necessary as a last resort to facilitate the comprehensive regeneration of Kingsdale Court, through the delivery of new affordable housing, be supported;
- (d) That the legal obligations that the Council has now assumed as landlord in acquiring the freehold of the site, be noted, together with the management arrangements now in place to support remaining leaseholders and tenants in accordance with those obligations;
- (e) That a further report be submitted to the Board at the earliest opportunity presenting the up to date position with respect to purchase negotiations and setting out the requirements and justification for the potential use of a Compulsory Purchase Order if reasonable negotiations to fully assemble the site fail.

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**LAST DATE FOR CALL IN
OF ELIGIBLE DECISIONS:** 5.00 P.M., FRIDAY, 28TH APRIL 2023

EXECUTIVE BOARD

WEDNESDAY, 21ST JUNE, 2023

PRESENT: Councillor J Lewis in the Chair

Councillors D Coupar, M Harland,
H Hayden, A Lamb, J Lennox, J Pryor,
M Rafique and F Venner

APOLOGIES: Councillor S Arif

1 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public

There was no information contained within the agenda which was designated as being exempt from publication.

2 Late Items

There were no late items of business submitted to the Board for consideration.

3 Declaration of Interests

There were no interests declared at the meeting.

4 Minutes

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 19th April 2023 be approved as a correct record.

5 Chair's Opening Comments

The Chair welcomed all in attendance to the first Executive Board meeting of the 2023/24 municipal year, and in doing so specifically welcomed Councillors A Lamb and J Lennox to their first meeting as Board Members.

CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH PARTNERSHIPS

6 Leeds Safeguarding Children Partnership - Annual Report 2021/23

The Director of Children and Families submitted a report introducing the Annual Report of the Leeds Safeguarding Children Partnership (LSCP). The report provided details of the range of activity which had been undertaken by the LSCP over a 24-month period between 2021-2023 in relation to the Partnership's priorities, leadership, progress and its impact. The report also provided details of the learning from reviews undertaken during this period.

The Board welcomed to the meeting Jasvinder Sanghera CBE, Independent Chair of the LSCP; together with representatives of the LSCP Executive Group: Chief Superintendent Steve Dodds, West Yorkshire Police; Gill Marchant, Designated Nurse, Safeguarding Children, NHS Leeds; and Julie Longworth, Director for Children and Families, Leeds City Council.

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to be held on Wednesday, 26th July, 2023

By way of introduction, the Executive Member highlighted several key points including the strength of the partnership and the key role played by all partners including the third sector; the ongoing learning processes in place and the complex and challenging circumstances being experienced nationally which formed the backdrop to which all safeguarding work was being undertaken.

Throughout the discussion Board Members and partners extended their thanks to Jasvinder Sanghera, given that she was coming to the end of her term of office as LSCP Independent Chair. Members highlighted the dedication that she has shown throughout her time in the role and welcomed the challenge that she brought as Independent Chair.

Chief Superintendent Dodds, as a member of the LSCP Executive Group, provided a summary of the key issues highlighted within the annual report together with the identified priorities moving forward. This was followed by Jasvinder Sanghera providing a precis of the annual report from her perspective as Independent Scrutineer.

Responding to questions from Members and associated discussion arising from the report, the Board was provided with further detail on the following:-

- how the dissemination and embedding of learning from reviews was being implemented in practice;
- clarification was provided that the intention was for the partnership to continue to have an 'independent scrutineer' in place which would follow on from the role of the Independent Chair of the LSCP, with it being noted that the recruitment process for the new 'scrutineer' was underway;
- an update regarding the role and ongoing work of the LSCP sub groups;
- the process, associated consultation and timeframe for the review of the partnership's priorities moving forward;
- the current position regarding children being educated at home in Leeds, and the work being undertaken in this area;
- the ongoing relationship between the LSCP and the Council's Scrutiny Board;
- the levels of demand and challenging circumstances that continued to be experienced in the delivery of safeguarding services, and the need to ensure that such matters continued to be raised with Government.

In conclusion, Members welcomed the detailed discussion which had taken place and thanked all of the partner organisations for the ongoing role that they played in relation to the provision of safeguarding of children and young people across the city.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the contents of the submitted report, the contents of the Leeds Safeguarding Children Partnership's Annual Report for 2021/23, as appended, together with the comments made during the discussion, be noted;

- (b) That the journey of significant improvements to the safeguarding system within Leeds, as detailed within the submitted report, be noted;
- (c) That the areas for further improvements and/or assurance, as detailed within the submitted report, be noted.

7 'Thriving': The Child Poverty Strategy for Leeds

Further to Minute No. 68, 19 October 2022, the Director of Children and Families submitted a report presenting a further update on 'Thriving' – the Child Poverty Strategy for Leeds and the ongoing activity that sat beneath the strategy. The report presented an update on each workstream, including outcomes to date and next steps, and considered the impact that the national cost of living crisis continued to have upon local levels of poverty, including the effect upon children and families.

In introducing the report, the Executive Member highlighted the key themes within the update and provided clarification on the statistics for the number of people living in 'relative poverty' from the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP), underlining that the DWP had advised that such figures should not be used in comparison with previous years.

In considering the report, Members discussed the respective roles that both the Council and Government had in mitigating the levels and impact of child poverty in Leeds. In addition to the work already being undertaken by the Council in this area, it was highlighted that any suggestions of ways in which the Council could further mitigate the impact of child poverty would be welcomed.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the ongoing strategic framework in place to mitigate the impact of child poverty, together with the work being undertaken by the Council and other partners in the key areas of activity, be endorsed;
- (b) That the need to promote the work of the 'Thriving' strategy across the city and across Council directorates and through our wider city partnerships, in order to highlight the impact of poverty on children and their families, be acknowledged;
- (c) That it be noted that the responsible officer for such matters is the Chief Officer for Family Help, Children and Families.

8 Report to consider a Council Resolution agreed at a meeting of Full Council on 22 March 2023

The Director of Children and Families submitted a report following a White Paper Motion resolution of Full Council at its meeting on 22nd March 2023 regarding the issue of Children's Safeguarding (Minute No. 99, meeting of Full Council, 22 March 2023 refers).

In introducing the report, the Executive Member highlighted key points arising from it, together with the cross-party approach which had been taken during the compilation of the report via a recent meeting with Political Group Leaders and given the report's recommendation for the Council to issue a cross-party letter to Government.

Responding to questions from Members, the Board was provided with further detail on the following:-

- The learning which had been undertaken and the effective procedures established to ensure that appropriate notification procedures were in place in the event of a serious safeguarding incident;
- The robustness of the referral process in place to the Review Advisory Group, and the actions being taken to ensure that the correct culture was being embedded so that colleagues felt able to escalate a matter at the appropriate time; with a Member seeking further information on the number of referrals which had been made and the source of those referrals;
- The level of notifications regarding serious safeguarding incidents in Leeds, when compared to other Authorities, and how such matters were being monitored;
- Emphasis was placed upon the commitment to openness and transparency in relation to safeguarding matters, but with the acknowledgement that the welfare of any children involved would always take priority;
- In discussing the Local Authority's legal responsibility regarding the reporting of serious incidents and responding to a Member's question and comments about the relevant processes established in Leeds, the Board discussed the current position in Leeds and the partnership approach being taken. Also, given the complex nature of this area, strong partnership working alongside the embedding of learning were highlighted as key factors in ensuring that such processes remained effective. It was also emphasised that consideration of such matters would continue.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the work the Council is undertaking to safeguard children where they may be linked to persons posing risk of sexual harm, in the circumstances as set out within the submitted report, be noted and endorsed;
- (b) That it be noted and endorsed that the Council upholds and enacts the principles of openness and transparency for independent and democratic scrutiny of children's safeguarding;
- (c) That it be noted and endorsed that the Council is committed to continuing the current model of independent oversight, by having a role of Independent Scrutineer;
- (d) That agreement be given for a cross-party letter to be sent to central Government, addressed to the newly established Child Protection

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Ministerial Group, and in view of the issues raised by the submitted report and the learning from Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews, this letter will request a review of legislation and statutory guidance, in order to identify improvements and/or amendments to legislation; in particular those that will strengthen the voice of the child and the child's need and right to know about their individual circumstances. This letter will also highlight the multiple use of different assessment risk tools, across agencies, and request a review into these, and whether a more standard approach could be adopted.

ECONOMY, CULTURE AND EDUCATION

9 UK Shared Prosperity Fund Years 2 and 3

Further to Minute No. 70, 19 October 2022, the Director of City Development submitted a report which provided an update on the development and progress of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) in Leeds and which proposed arrangements for the delivery approach and authorisation of expenditure for projects in years 2 and 3.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the progress made regarding delivery, together with the challenges experienced in relation to the UKSPF hyper local programme in Leeds in year one, be noted;
- (b) That the Leeds City Council delivery plan for years two and three, as detailed within the submitted report, which form part of the West Yorkshire Local Investment Plan (LIP), be supported;
- (c) That approval be given to the delegation of the necessary authority to the following for the authorisation of expenditure for projects in years two and three:-
 - (i) The Director of City Development who also retains overall responsibility for UKSPF Programme delivery;
 - (ii) The Director of Adults and Health in relation to those projects designated for delivery by Adults and Health in paragraph 24 of the submitted report;
 - (iii) The Director of Communities, Housing and Environment in relation to those projects designated for delivery by Communities, Housing and Environment in paragraph 24 of the submitted report;
 - (iv) The Director of Strategy and Resources in relation to those projects designated for delivery by Strategy and Resources in paragraph 24 of the submitted report.

10 Leeds' Cultural Investment Programme

Further to Minute No. 20, 27 July 2022, the Director of City Development submitted a report setting out proposals to enable the Council to modernise its cultural investments and relationships with the independent cultural sector across the city following the review and consultation undertaken. The report

summarised the headline findings from the work undertaken and presented the recommendations arising for the period April 2024 to March 2027.

In introducing the report, the Executive Member highlighted the range of economic, social and wellbeing benefits arising from a strong cultural sector in Leeds.

Responding to an enquiry regarding the impact of the LEEDS 2023 initiative, the Board received an update on the delivery of the programme to date, providing details of key events and the economic impact being realised as a result of LEEDS 2023.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That approval be given to redesignate the current grant programmes (arts@leeds and Leeds Inspired) to the 'Leeds Cultural Investment Programme', which will work to the shared aims, priorities, principles and implementation approach, as set out in the submitted report;
- (b) That approval be given to a new three-year investment programme for 2024/25 to 2026/2027, based upon the existing annual investment of £1,835,720 across the two present funds (arts@leeds and Leeds Inspired), and that it be noted that funding commitments will be subject to annual Council budget setting and therefore subject to potential change;
- (c) That following resolution (b) (above), agreement be given to the Director of City Development using his existing delegated powers to approve grant funding decisions for these programmes, with awards of grants being made in accordance with the proposed aims, principles and priorities, and in support of the Best City Ambition.

LEADER'S PORTFOLIO

11 Being Our Best - Our Organisational Plan for 2023 Onwards

The Director of Strategy and Resources submitted a report presenting a revised organisational plan for the Council from 2023 onwards. The proposals respond to the recommendations of the 2022 Local Government Association (LGA) Corporate Peer Challenge across a range of areas and sets out the vision to be the best Council in the best city, whilst also further establishing the Council's role as a key partner in the Best City Ambition.

Responding to a specific enquiry regarding the proportion of Council employees working from home and how this affected productivity levels, it was undertaken that information would be provided to the Member in question with regard to workplace occupancy levels and also relevant details from the recent staff survey.

In response to concerns raised by a Member regarding the principle of no longer displaying comments from the public on the Council's Planning Portal and the process by which that change was made, the Board was provided

with further information on the reasons for the change together with details of the process and consultation undertaken to implement it. The reasons for the change included resourcing constraints and key risks in relation to the inappropriate use of Public Access as a forum for antagonistic comments and a number of implications arising from that. It was emphasised that, consistent with the statutory process, comments from the public on planning applications could still be submitted and although not publicly visible, would still be recorded and considered. It was also noted that this was a 6 month trial and that the matter would be considered by Scrutiny at the conclusion of the trial. In conclusion, it was undertaken that the Member in question would be provided with specific details of the consultation process.

Reflecting on the issues experienced with regard to the online portal and any lessons that could be learned, it was suggested that further consideration with Members could be given to the way in which the Council interacts with the public more generally in future.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the Council's 'Being Our Best – Our Organisation Plan for 2023 Onwards', as appended to the submitted report, and which has been established in response to the Best City Ambition and the findings and recommendations of the recent LGA Corporate Peer Challenge, be approved;
- (b) That it be noted that the 'Being Our Best' publication has been considered by Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Board at its 19 June 2023 meeting;
- (c) That it be noted that the Director of Strategy and Resources will be responsible for the refresh of the 'Being Our Best' plan following feedback during the year as the 'Be Your Best' manager development programme is implemented and progressed.

RESOURCES

12 Financial Health Monitoring 2022/23 - Outturn financial year ended 31st March 2023

The Chief Officer Financial Services submitted a report presenting details on the financial health of the Authority in respect of both the General Fund revenue budget and the Housing Revenue Account, as at the financial outturn position for 2022/23. The report also sought several related approvals from the Board.

The Executive Member extended her thanks to the Chief Officer, Financial Services and her team for the work that had been undertaken throughout the year, given the range of extremely challenging circumstances that continued to be faced.

As referenced within the report it was highlighted that at the financial outturn position for 2022/23 there was an overspend of £12.4m on the Authority's

General Fund services, with the recommendation that the Strategic Contingency Reserve be used to balance that overspend.

Responding to an enquiry, it was noted that HRA reserves would be used to balance the 2022/23 HRA overspend.

Again, responding to a Member's enquiry, the Board received an update and assurances upon the range of ongoing actions being taken to mitigate the significant financial pressures that continued to be faced across the Children and Families directorate, with reference being made to the significant levels of demand being experienced and the fact that this remained a national issue, with dialogue continuing with Government on such matters.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That it be noted that at the outturn position for 2022/23, the Authority's General Fund services show an overspend of £12.4m and that the Housing Revenue Account shows a net overspend of £6.8m;
- (b) That it be noted that during the year where an overspend was projected, directorates, including the Housing Revenue Account, were required to present action plans to mitigate their reported pressures in line with the Revenue Principles agreed by Executive Board in 2019, with it also being noted that savings actions identified are included within the reported overspend position;
- (c) That it be noted that increased inflation and impacts of the rising cost of living, including the agreed 2022/23 pay award, have been incorporated into the reported outturn position;
- (d) That the use of £12.4m Strategic Contingency Reserve to balance the General Fund overspend, be approved;
- (e) That the use of Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Reserves to balance the HRA overspend of £6.8m, be approved;
- (f) That the updated planned use of flexible use of capital receipts, specifically the additional planned use in 2022/23 of £0.8m, as shown at paragraph 3.12.1 of the submitted report, be approved;
- (g) That the creation of earmarked reserves, as detailed at Appendix 5 to the submitted report, be agreed, and that approval be given to delegate their release to the Chief Officer, Financial Services;
- (h) That the following injections into the Capital Programme, as detailed at Appendix 6A(iii) of the submitted report, be approved:-
 - £13,529.9k of Capital Receipt injections, primarily in relation to the East Leeds Orbital Road and District Heating Phase 3 schemes;
 - £1,967.0k of Departmental Borrowing injections, primarily to provide matched funding for a Local Authority Housing Fund scheme; and
 - £26,600.7k of external contributions, primarily relating to:

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- o £9,524.6k Leeds Station Sustainable Travel Gateway (Network Rail);
- o £5,918.7k HRA Schemes (Local Authority Housing Fund);
- o £5,400.0k A653 Beeston to Tingley (West Yorkshire Combined Authority);
- o £2,267.4k of external contributions for works on School schemes;
- o £1,492.9k of external contributions for works on Highways schemes;
- o £680.0k Armley Mills (Art Council England); and
- o £1,317.1k of other external contributions.

- (i) That the additional Capital Receipts Incentive Scheme (CRIS) allocations to Wards and Community Committees for the period October 2022 to March 2023 of £0.3m, be noted;
- (j) That it be noted that the Chief Officer, Financial Services will be responsible for the implementation of the resolutions detailed above following the conclusion of the associated “Call In” period.

13 Treasury Management Outturn 2022/23

The Chief Officer Financial Services submitted a report presenting the Council’s Treasury Management outturn position for 2022/23.

Members welcomed the report and paid tribute to the officers involved in the area of Treasury Management for the outcomes which had been achieved.

RESOLVED – That the Council’s Treasury Management outturn position for 2022/23, as detailed within the submitted report, be noted, with it also being noted that treasury activity has remained within the Treasury Management Strategy and Policy Framework.

14 Reducing Gambling Harm

The Director of Communities, Housing and Environment and the Director of Public Health submitted a joint report which presented a series of recommendations to the Executive Board in response to the statement issued by the Scrutiny Board (Environment, Housing and Communities) to the Executive in relation to ‘Reducing Gambling Harm’.

In introducing the report, the Executive Member highlighted the range of Council services and partner organisations involved in the reduction of gambling harm.

On behalf of the Board, Members thanked all involved, including the Executive Member for Communities, the continuing work of Council services, such as the Financial Inclusion Team and Public Health, and with tribute being made to the valuable role of the Scrutiny Board Communities, Housing and Environment, with special reference to the Scrutiny Board’s previous Chair, Councillor B Anderson.

In considering the report, whilst the significance of the gambling industry and its contribution to the economy was acknowledged, Members highlighted the key importance of ensuring that robust safeguards were in place at a national

level to reduce gambling harm, with the gambling industry being required to play its part in the delivery of such safeguards. It was also highlighted that the relevant legislation needed to be reviewed in order to reflect the significant changes which had occurred across the industry with regard to online gambling.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the conclusions of the Scrutiny Board (Environment, Housing & Communities) as set out in the Scrutiny Board’s statement appended to the submitted report, be noted, together with the further information and recommendations provided to the Executive Board in response;
- (b) That the approach, as set out in the submitted report, be approved, specifically:-
 - (i) The formalisation of the Leeds Gambling Harms Group;
 - (ii) The introduction of an annual reporting process;
 - (iii) Respond to consultations resulting from the Government’s White Paper on gambling reform;
 - (iv) Respond to Government consultations regarding exposure to gambling products;
- (c) That the Director of Communities, Housing and Environment be responsible for the implementation of such matters.

COMMUNITIES

15 Tackling Inequality and Disadvantage in Communities: Locality Working in Our Priority Wards

Further to Minute No. 129, 16 March 2022, the Director of Communities, Housing and Environment submitted a report which provided an update on the progress being made in relation to expanding the city’s approach towards Locality Working within our Priority Wards and which provided details regarding the range of actions intended to be taken as part of the next stage of implementation.

In introducing the report the Executive Member highlighted the key themes within it including an update on the continuing work being undertaken alongside partners. Specific reference was also made to the respective reviews of Community Committees and Community Centres proposed to be undertaken, with it being highlighted that Members would be invited to be involved in both reviews. Also, emphasis was placed upon the links between this report and the ‘Thriving: The Child Poverty for Leeds’ report considered earlier in the meeting within the ‘Children’s Social Care and Health Partnerships’ portfolio.

Members welcomed the inclusion of the Social Progress Index data in the report.

Responding to a Member’s comments around the potential role of Community Committees moving forward regarding the consideration of further localised

decision making, and separately, highlighting the need to continue to consider the needs of those pockets of deprivation located outside of the Priority Wards, it was emphasised that any review and associated work relating to such matters would be undertaken in the most transparent and engaging way as possible.

In conclusion, on behalf of the Board, the Executive Member extended her thanks to Councillor B Anderson, previous Chair of the Scrutiny Board Communities, Housing and Environment for the related work that the Scrutiny Board had undertaken and highlighted that the Scrutiny Board's continued work in this area moving forward would be welcomed.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the contents of the submitted report, be noted;
- (b) That the progress made in delivering the new locality ways of working within Priority Wards, together with the comments made during the consideration of this report, be noted;
- (c) That the review of Community Committees and their constitutional role in helping to shape and influence place, as referenced within the submitted report, be supported;
- (d) That the development of the new Priority Ward Partnership Plans, as detailed in the submitted report, together with the comments made during the consideration of this report, be noted.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

16 Transpennine Route Upgrade - Transport and Works Act Order

The Director of City Development submitted a report summarising the progress made as a result of ongoing consultation with Network Rail regarding works proposed under the Transpennine Route Upgrade Transport and Works Act Order (TWAO) for the East of Leeds. In addition to outlining the key consultation undertaken to date, the report also provided details of the works proposed in the TWAO and concerns identified. Finally, the report sought support for the Council's proposed approach in response to the TWAO, and approval of the letter appended to the report which set out the Council's current and substantive position.

In introducing the report, the Executive Member highlighted the key points within it and the significant implications arising from the proposed TWAO.

A Member made enquiries regarding the actions which were proposed to mitigate the disruption to those communities directly affected and also the wider area, and the processes for the associated communications strategy. In response, the significance of the wide ranging impact arising from this project was highlighted. As a result, the importance of the associated consultation process as referenced within the report together with the appended letter proposed to be submitted Network Rail were underlined, as the Council would

look to use these processes to demonstrate its views and raise its concerns, with the aim of such matters being taken into consideration moving forward as part of the formal TWAO process.

A concern was raised on the proposals specifically affecting a public right of way in Micklefield.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the proposed Transpennine Route Upgrade Transport and Works Act Order for the East of Leeds, be noted;
- (b) That the approach to respond to the TWAO under the Director of City Development's delegation scheme within the statutory 42-day period, as detailed within the submitted report, be supported;
- (c) That the letter to the Programme Director of the Transpennine Route Upgrade, as detailed at Appendix B to the submitted report, which sets out the Council's current and substantive position, be approved.

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COUNCIL MEETING – 12th JULY 2023

NOTICE OF:	Reference No:	Date Received:	Date Forwarded:
White Paper	WP1	3/7/23	4/7/23

Submitted by:	Councillor Alan Lamb
Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel:	Executive Board
Executive Member/Chair:	Executive Member (Sustainable Development & Infrastructure)
Relevant Director	Director of City Development

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.

Councillor Alan Lamb

Deadlines for submission

- White Papers - 10.00 am on the day before the issue of the Summons
 - Questions - 10.00 am on Monday before the meeting
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COUNCIL MEETING – 12th JULY 2023

NOTICE OF:	Reference No:	Date Received:	Date Forwarded:
White Paper	WP2	3/7/23	4/7/23

Submitted by:	Councillor Stewart Golton
Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel:	Executive Board
Executive Member/Chair:	Executive Member (Executive Member for Climate, Energy, Environment and Green Space)
Relevant Director	Director of Communities, Housing and Environment

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.”

Proposed by:

Cllr Stewart Golton

Seconded by:

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COUNCIL MEETING – 12th JULY 2023

NOTICE OF:	Reference No:	Date Received:	Date Forwarded:
White Paper	WP3	3/7/23	4/7/23

Submitted by:	Councillor Salma Arif
Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel:	Executive Board
Executive Member/Chair:	Executive Member (Adult Social Care, Public Health and Active Lifestyles)
Relevant Director	Director of Adults and Health

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.”

Deadlines for submission

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