

A meeting of the Council will be held remotely on Wednesday, 13th January, 2021 at 1.00 pm

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

- 1 Minutes of the last Meeting** 7 - 26

To approve the minutes of the Council Meetings held on 11th & 26th November and 9 December 2020.
- 2 Declarations of Interest**

To receive any declarations of interest from Members
- 3 Communications**

To receive such communications as the Lord Mayor, the Leader, Members of the Executive Board or the Chief Executive consider appropriate.
- 4 Report on Appointments** 27 - 30

To consider the report of the City Solicitor on appointments.
- 5 Report on the Calculation of the Council Tax and Business Rates Tax Bases for 2021/22** 31 - 78

To consider the report of the Chief Officer – Financial Services seeking agreement to the 2021/22 council tax bases for Leeds and the parish/town councils set out in the report and providing indicative business rates shares for 2021/22 and to request Council to give delegated authority to the Chief Officer – Financial Services to finalise the shares and to submit them in the National Non-Domestic Rates 1 Return 2021/22 on or before 31st January 2021.
- 6 Report on Plans Panels and Development Plan Panel Annual Report** 79 - 96

To consider the report of the Chief Planning Officer presenting to Council the 2019-20 Plans Panel annual report which is attached to the report.

To consider the report of the Head of Stronger Communities presenting to Council the Community Committees' Annual Report.

It looks at progress made over the last twelve months, outlines the changes which have taken place during 2019 to 2020 and gives examples of some of the work the Community Committees have carried out within their communities to improve the lives of local people of all ages and backgrounds.

The report also looks at Wellbeing and Youth Activities Funding (YAF) and the impact it makes, as well as the role the Community Committees undertake in bringing communities together and outlines the social media activity that takes place through the Community Committee structures, which ensures they reach a large number of residents every month through local stories and conversations.

8 **Report of the Climate Emergency Advisory Committee - Annual Report**

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To consider the report of the Director of Resources and Housing introducing to Council the Annual Report of the Climate Emergency Advisory Committee, which demonstrates the work the Committee has undertaken to date.

9 **Executive Questions**

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

10 **Minutes of 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 Andrew Carter) - Trade Deal**

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This Council welcomes the signing of the UK–EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement, which sets out the basis for the UK's trading relationship with the EU.

This agreement represents one of the largest free trade agreements in the world, and will allow the UK to trade with the EU without tariffs or quotas, and to maintain a constructive relationship based on free trade and cooperation on key areas of mutual interest. In addition Council notes the greater opportunities the UK and Leeds will now have to advance our trade and business relationships in the wider world outside the EU. Council regrets that a number of Labour, Liberal Democrat and other Opposition MPs chose not to support the deal, refusing even at this late stage to accept the decision of the British people in 2016.

Now that the detail of the agreement is known, this Council requests that a report is presented to Executive Board setting out the implications for Leeds and how the city can seize the opportunities presented by our new relationship with the EU. Council also requests that the cross-party member working group continues to meet in order to inform and guide this work.

12 **White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor D Blackburn) - ICAN Resolution**

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Leeds City Council is a member of the UK & Ireland Nuclear Free Local Authorities (NFLA) and the Hiroshima-led Mayors for Peace; both of which have been working for 4 decades to promote multilateral nuclear disarmament.

NFLA and Mayors for Peace work with the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), which received the Nobel Peace Prize in 2017 for its work in encouraging over two thirds of United Nations members to agree to the International Treaty to Prohibit Nuclear Weapons (TPNW). Council regrets that the Governments of the existing nuclear weapon states, including the UK, refuse to support the Treaty. Council fully supports the TPNW as one of the most effective ways to bring about long-term and verifiable multilateral nuclear disarmament and is pleased it will be entering into force on the 22nd January 2021.

Council calls on the United Kingdom Government to lead a global effort to prevent nuclear conflict by:

- Renouncing the option of using nuclear weapons first
- Cancelling the plan to replace its entire Trident nuclear arsenal with enhanced weapons
- Actively pursuing a verifiable agreement among nuclear-armed states to eliminate their nuclear arsenals by supporting the Treaty to Prohibit Nuclear Weapons and the 'Good Faith' Protocols within the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

Council therefore requests the Chief Executive writes to the Prime Minister to inform him of this resolution and urge him to take account of it. Council also requests the Chief Executive to write to ICAN to endorse their Cities Appeal supporting the TPNW.

13 **White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Coupar) - Poverty Emergency**

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On behalf of the people of Leeds, this Council recognises the invaluable work of so many local organisations and individuals, and in particular expresses our huge gratitude to our key workers for their phenomenal dedication and sacrifices during this long period of intense pressure.

Council welcomes the development and roll out of vaccinations in the battle to suppress COVID-19, but recognises that significant challenges still remain.

Council recognises one of the biggest challenges is the huge increase in poverty in Leeds caused by 10 years of austerity and the economic effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, demonstrated by the fact over 70,000 people in Leeds now claim Universal Credit.

Council welcomes local work undertaken to mitigate the impact of Covid 19 on our communities but believes the Government's confusing and inconsistent implementation of restrictions in response to COVID-19 has contributed to the loss of jobs and rise in Universal Credit claimants.

Council shares the concerns of organisations in Leeds, including Trade Unions, who are concerned by the Government's plan to reverse the £20 uplift in Universal Credit, which would see support for unemployed people fall to its lowest level in real terms since 1990-91. Council is particularly concerned by the impact this will have on child poverty, with 35,000 children in Leeds currently living in poverty.

Council welcomes the support of key partners to help address Holiday Hunger in Leeds, including the provision of tens of thousands of food parcels to those in need since the start of the pandemic, although Council believes the provision of such support demonstrates a colossal failure at national Government level to tackle poverty.

Council requests the Chief Executive write on Council's behalf to the Secretary of State to call for the Government to make the £20 uplift in Universal Credit permanent as a first step in helping to address poverty, and for the Government to then develop an urgent national strategy with funding to address the poverty emergency blighting our communities.



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