

A meeting of the Council will be held in the Civic Hall, Leeds on Wednesday, 13th September, 2006 at 2.00 pm

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

1. **TO** confirm the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19th July 2006

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2. **TO** receive any declarations of interest from Members
3. **TO** receive such communications as the Lord Mayor, the Leader, Members of the Executive Board or the Chief Executive consider appropriate
4. **TO** receive deputations in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10
5. **TO** approve recommendations in the following report considered by the Monitoring Officer as appropriate to be received at this meeting in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2.2(f)

The report of the Chief Democratic Services Officer on Council Meeting arrangements 2006/07

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6. **TO** deal with questions in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11
7. **TO** receive the minutes in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2.2(l)

M HARRIS

8. **White Paper Motion - New Deal Services in Leeds**

THAT this Council applauds the excellent work done by its Jobs and Skills Service in delivering New Deal Services in Leeds for the past eight years. During this time the team has helped 9,425 Leeds citizens into employment and has been awarded Beacon Status for Removing Barriers to Work.

Council therefore condemns the decision made by the Department of Work and Pensions to ignore the expertise that has been built up within the Council and award the New Deal contract to an alternative provider. Council is particularly appalled at the failure of the Government to inform the Council of its decision in a timely manner, which has resulted in unnecessary distress to its employees.

M HARRIS

9. White Paper Motion - Adult Further Education Classes

THAT this Council deplores the cuts of £2 million in funding for local Further Education adult education classes made by the Labour Government. Council believes that stopping many of the adult education classes run by Park Lane College at Osmondthorpe One Stop shop and the Swarthmore Centre can only lead to a widening of the gap between rich and poor in our City. This council therefore calls on our Leeds MPs to fight these cuts and for the Labour Government to live up to its promises of *Education, Education, Education* and reinstate this funding immediately.

R BRETT

10. White Paper Motion - Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust Car Parking Charges

THAT this Council condemns the Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust for increasing car parking charges by over 100% in some cases.

R PRYKE

11. White Paper Motion - Right To Rent Campaign

THAT this Council believes that there is a shortage of genuinely affordable rented housing in this city and supports the 'right to rent' campaign organised by Leeds Tenants Federation. Council recognises the problems that this causes for young people, those in the public sector and key workers in our city and calls on the ruling administration to bring forward practical proposals to address this issue as a matter of urgency

R LEWIS

12. White Paper Motion - Home Care Services

THAT this Council condemns the ruling administration for its botched privatisation of the council's home care services which has resulted in some of the most vulnerable people in our city not getting the care they need and deserve. Council congratulates Look North on exposing the issue and asks the Scrutiny Board (Health & Social Care) to consider conducting an urgent inquiry into the issue.

A HARRISON

13. White Paper Motion - NHS Funded Healthcare

THAT this Council notes with concern the Government's policy of ignoring the need to provide suitably funded Healthcare for those who qualify under the "Coughlan" Test.

It is a matter of further concern that those who qualify for health care which should be funded by the NHS are not receiving NHS funded Healthcare but are having to fund the cost of this Healthcare themselves, in many cases by the sale of their homes.

Council is mindful of the impact of these unfair decisions on the residents of Leeds and requests the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary for Health urging that their Healthcare needs are funded by the appropriate authority.

T GRAYSHON

14. White Paper Motion - Knife Crime

THAT in light of the findings by the Centre for Crime and Justice Studies that knifepoint street muggings have increased by an alarming 73% in the past year, and the recent attack on a resident in Yeadon High Street, this Council calls on HM Government to take immediate action to tackle the growing problem of knife crime.

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