

**A meeting of the Council will be held in the Civic Hall, Leeds on Wednesday, 1st November, 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 13th September 2006

**J PROCTER**

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 Director of Legal and Democratic Services on appointments by the Council

**J PROCTER**

6. TO deal with questions in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11
7. TO consider the report of the Director of Legal and Democratic Services on recommendations of the Executive Board in relation to budget adjustments, borrowing limits and investment limits for 2006/07

**M HARRIS**

8. TO consider the report of the Director of Legal and Democratic Services on recommendations of the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee regarding amendments to the Constitution

**M HARRIS**

9. TO receive the minutes in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2.2(m)

**M HARRIS**

10. White Paper Motion - Homecare 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**

#### **11. 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**

#### **12. White Paper Motion - East Leeds Leisure Centres**

**THAT** this Council believes that the proposal to site the new leisure centre on Killingbeck Fields is a mistake. Council also believes that such a building would be an irresponsible use of vital green space and would not be in the best place to meet the needs of the residents of East Leeds, particularly those living in Harehills and Burmantofts.

Council requests that the Executive Board rethink plans to close both East Leeds and Fearnville Sports Centres, and acts to reassure all communities in Leeds that they will not lose their major leisure facilities.

#### **R HARINGTON**

#### **13. White Paper Motion - Management of Council Property and Infrastructure**

**THAT** this Council condemns the previous Labour administration for their years of mismanagement of the Council's property and infrastructure, resulting in record levels of backlog maintenance and disrepair that the current administration has inherited.

This Council further welcomes the range of initiatives that are being taken by the current administration to put the infrastructure and property of the local authority back into a decent state of repair and safety.

#### **A CARTER**

#### **14. White Paper Motion - Waste Stream Reduction and Packaging**

**THAT** this Council recognises the need to take action to reduce the waste stream, both in Leeds and more widely, with this in mind Council instructs its Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to request that the Government bring in improved legislation which puts the onus on suppliers and manufacturers to cut down on packaging, particularly from non-renewable sources.

#### **A BLACKBURN**

**15. White Paper Motion - Devolution of NHS Services**

**THAT** this Council agrees with the Secretary of State for Health that "these are difficult times for people working in the NHS", but it believes that those difficulties result directly from her Government's policies.

"Council applauds the Government's claimed (and belated) conversion to the case for greater devolution to local NHS bodies and is eager to be involved in the creation of a pattern of health care for Leeds which meets the needs of the community, and interlocks effectively with the Council's responsibility for social services.

#### **J BALE**

**16. White Paper Motion - Local Authority Controls Over Private Bus Services**

**THAT** this Council welcomes the recent announcements by the Transport Secretary that he intends to give local authorities new powers over private bus companies, but considers that giving this Council fewer powers than those afforded to the London Mayor in respect of London Transport would be unacceptable.

Council therefore instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Transport to convey this Council's view.

#### **R DOWNES**

**17. White Paper Motion - Registration of Houses in Multiple Occupation**

**THAT** this Council condemns the abject failure of the ruling coalition to fulfil its mandatory obligation to register 'high risk' Houses in Multiple Occupation in the city, depriving the Council of a source of funding which could have been used to drive up standards in this sector and letting down many vulnerable residents.

#### **R LEWIS**

**18. White Paper Motion - Protection of Private Gardens Bill**

**THAT** this council supports the aims of the Protection of Private Gardens Bill in order to remove front and back gardens from the Government's definition of brownfield sites of previous development.

This council expresses its concern over the scale of residential development on garden land in that it causes irreparable damage to neighbourhood character throughout Leeds.

This Council also reiterates its support for protecting Green Belt, open space and

PAS land from development.

This council condemns the government and three of this city's MPs who voted against a motion in Parliament supporting the aims of the Protection of Private Gardens Bill.

Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to Greg Clark MP, to express its support for the Protection of Private Gardens Bill.

### **M LOBLEY**

#### **19. White Paper Motion - Student Housing and Houses in Multiple Occupation**

**THAT** this Council noting the increase in custom built premises for students, the consequent reduction of the numbers in students wishing to rent converted family homes in wards such as Headingley, Hyde Park, City & Hunslet and Kirkstall, the consequent possible offering of converted houses on the market and being aware of the most pressing need for family homes of three and four bedrooms resolves to ensure that these are returned to become family homes by any means available.

Council also resolves to use its discretion to require all houses in multiple occupation to be registered or licensed and condemns the ruling coalition for its abject failure to register the city's Housing in Multiple Occupancy thus losing out on potential funding that could have been used to tackle the problems caused by this issue.

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