

A meeting of the Council will be held in the Civic Hall, Leeds on Wednesday, 18th April, 2007 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 21st February 2007

M HAMILTON

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 the following reports considered by the Monitoring Officer as appropriate to be received at this meeting in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2.2(f)
 - (a) The report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) on Attendance at Meetings

M HAMILTON

- (b) The report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) regarding the Leader of the Council

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6. TO deal with questions in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11
7. TO consider the report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) on a recommendation of the Executive Board in relation to Leeds City Council's shareholding in Leeds Bradford International Airport

A CARTER

8. Tonote the report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) on amendments to the Constitution approved by the Leader and the Monitoring Officer further to Executive Board decisions in relation to the Council Change Programme

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

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10. White Paper Motion- Leeds Children's Hospital

THAT This Council welcomes the record investment in the NHS in Leeds since 1997, but regrets the recent news that plans for a dedicated Children's Hospital in Leeds have suffered a setback. This Council urges all Leeds' elected politicians to continue to support the public demand and calls for its speedy construction

J LEWIS

11. White Paper Motion - Sustainable Communities Bill

THAT this Council fully supports the provisions set out in the Sustainable Communities Bill, in particular addressing the following problems:

1. The degeneration of local communities, deteriorating high streets, cuts to the number of post offices, declining civic participation and environmental degradation.
2. Lack of a coherent Government strategy to address this decline.
3. Lack of transparency in the allocation of resources to local communities.

Council further welcomes the powers that will be given to support the sustainability of local communities by requiring central Government to:

1. Promote local economic activity, such as local shops and services;
2. Protect the local environment;
3. Tackle social exclusion and poverty;
4. Increase local participation in democracy; and
5. Ensure the prudent use of natural resources

B ANDERSON

12. White Paper Motion - Cemetery Provision in Leeds

THAT This Council expresses its concern regarding the growing crisis in cemetery provision across Leeds.

K WAKEFIELD

13. White Paper Motion - Primary Schools in Leeds

THAT this Council believes that Primary Schools should not only be beacons of educational excellence and well being, but are also essential centres for community activity and cohesion.

Council therefore states its view that in Leeds we need a diverse network of schools, including small village schools, firmly based on the needs of local

communities. Council rejects any theoretical model, which contemplates that only 2 forms of entry provide a viable solution throughout Leeds.

P GRUEN

14. White Paper Motion - British Forces Postal Service

THAT this Council condemns the decision that British forces and their families who are stationed overseas can no longer receive parcels free of charge as they could in 2003.

This Council believes it is an appalling and disgraceful way to treat our dedicated and hardworking troops and their families given the hardship they face in areas of conflict across the world and therefore asks that the Government reinstates this service as a matter of urgency.

A CARTER

15. White Paper Motion - Learning and Skills

THAT this Council notes that recent reports from the Audit Commission and statements by the Prime Minister have highlighted the role that teaching English for Speakers of Other Languages has in ensuring both migrant workers and immigrants are able to play a full role in British society.

Council therefore condemns the recent decision of the Learning and Skills Council at a national level to reduce funding for ESOL teaching, in particular to reduce access to such courses by removing automatic fee remission and restricting free tuition to priority groups, primarily those who are unemployed or receiving income based benefits.

Council therefore supports the call of the 'Leeds Learning Partnership Skills for Life Sub Group' for the LSC to reverse this change in policy.

M HARRIS

16. White Paper Motion - Identification of Kashmiri as a Separate Category within the 2011 Census

THAT this Council urges the Government to include Kashmiri as a separate category in questions on ethnic group and identity in the 2011 Census and other national surveys, and to consider the inclusion of other groups not adequately represented in the 2011 Census ethnic group categories.

This Council asks the Chief Executive to write to the National Statistician to request this change and to write to the Local Government Association, seeking their support and that of other local authorities.

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