

SCRUTINY BOARD (ENVIRONMENT, HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES)

Meeting to be held in Civic Hall, Leeds, LS1 1UR on
Thursday 20 January 2022 at 10.30 am

(A pre-meeting will take place for all Members of the Board at 10.00 a.m.)

MEMBERSHIP

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| B Anderson (Chair) | - | Adel and Wharfedale |
| J Akhtar | - | Little London and Woodhouse |
| A Blackburn | - | Farnley and Wortley |
| K Brooks | - | Little London and Woodhouse |
| R Charlwood | - | Moortown |
| D Collins | - | Horsforth |
| R Finnigan | - | Morley North |
| A Gabriel | - | Beeston & Holbeck |
| P Grahame | - | Crossgates and Whinmoor |
| C Howley | - | Weetwood |
| M Midgley | - | Kippax and Methley |
| D Ragan | - | Burnmantofts and Richmond Hill |
| K Ritchie | - | Bramley and Stanningley |
| T Smith | - | Pudsey |

Please Note - Members of the public are now able to attend the meeting in person but please be mindful that Coronavirus is still circulating in Leeds. Therefore, even if you have had the vaccine, if you have Coronavirus symptoms: a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste, you should NOT attend the meeting and stay at home and get a PCR test. For those who are attending the meeting, please bring a face covering unless you are exempt.

Note to observers of the meeting: To remotely observe this meeting, please click on the 'To View Meeting' link which will feature on the meeting's webpage (linked below) ahead of the meeting. The webcast will become available at the commencement of the meeting.

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A G E N D A

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| 1 | | | <p>APPEALS AGAINST REFUSAL OF INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS</p> <p>To consider any appeals in accordance with Procedure Rule 25* of the Access to Information Procedure Rules (in the event of an Appeal the press and public will be excluded).</p> <p>(* In accordance with Procedure Rule 25, notice of an appeal must be received in writing by the Head of Governance Services at least 24 hours before the meeting).</p> | |
| 2 | | | <p>EXEMPT INFORMATION - POSSIBLE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To highlight reports or appendices which officers have identified as containing exempt information, and where officers consider that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, for the reasons outlined in the report. 2. To consider whether or not to accept the officers recommendation in respect of the above information. 3. If so, to formally pass the following resolution:- <p>RESOLVED – That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following parts of the agenda designated as containing exempt information 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 press and public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information, as follows:</p> <p>No exempt items have been identified.</p> | |

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LATE ITEMS

To identify items which have been admitted to the agenda by the Chair for consideration.

(The special circumstances shall be specified in the minutes.)

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DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

To disclose or draw attention to any interests in accordance with Leeds City Council's 'Councillor Code of Conduct'.

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTES

To receive any apologies for absence and notification of substitutes.

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MINUTES - 25 NOVEMBER 2021

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To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 25 November 2021.

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PERFORMANCE MONITORING

13 - 52

To receive an update on performance in relation to the Council's strategic priorities in those service areas that fall within the remit of the Board.

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FINANCIAL HEALTH MONITORING

53 - 98

To receive an update on financial health monitoring as at month 7 (October) in the context of wider discussions about both performance monitoring and the initial budget proposals.

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INITIAL BUDGET PROPOSALS

99 - 200

To consider the initial budget proposals in so far as they pertain to the remit of the Scrutiny Board (Environment, Housing & Communities). The comments and recommendations of the Board will be reported to Executive Board in February 2022 in line with the requirements of the Budget and Policy Framework.

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| 10 | | <p>BEST CITY AMBITION</p> <p>To consider and provide feedback on the initial proposals for the Best City Ambition, which has been designed to replace the Best Council Plan. The comments and recommendations of the Scrutiny Board will be reported to the Executive Board in February.</p> | 201 - 238 |
| 11 | | <p>REDUCING POVERTY & IMPROVING FINANCIAL INCLUSION</p> <p>To receive an update from the Chief Officer Customer Access & Welfare on the work undertaken by Leeds City Council and partners to reduce poverty and improve financial inclusion in the city, including reference to the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the implementation of Universal Credit.</p> | 239 - 264 |
| 12 | | <p>WORK SCHEDULE</p> <p>To consider the Scrutiny Board's work schedule for the 2021/22 municipal year.</p> | 265 - 308 |
| 13 | | <p>DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next meeting of the Scrutiny Board will take place on 24 February at 10.30am. There will be a pre-meeting for members of the Board at 10am.</p> | |