

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Meeting to be held in Civic Hall, Leeds, LS1 1UR on
Monday, 25th October, 2021 at 12.00 pm

MEMBERSHIP

Councillors

S Arif	-	Gipton and Harehills;
D Blackburn	-	Farnley and Wortley;
Amanda Carter	-	Calverley and Farsley;
D Cohen	-	Alwoodley;
D Coupar	-	Temple Newsam;
B Gettings	-	Morley North;
S Golton	-	Rothwell;
H Hayden	-	Temple Newsam;
D Jenkins	-	Killingbeck and Seacroft;
J Lennox	-	Cross Gates and Whinmoor;
J Lewis (Chair)	-	Kippax and Methley;
J Pryor	-	Headingley and Hyde Park;
J Taylor	-	Horsforth;
F Venner	-	Kirkstall;

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1			<p>APPEALS AGAINST REFUSAL OF INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS</p> <p>To consider any appeals in accordance with Procedure Rule 15.2 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 15.2, written notice of an appeal must be received 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> <p>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.</p> <p>2 To consider whether or not to accept the officers recommendation in respect of the above information.</p> <p>3 If so, to formally pass the following resolution:-</p> <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>	

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3			<p>LATE ITEMS</p> <p>To identify items which have been admitted to the agenda by the Chair for consideration</p> <p>(The special circumstances shall be specified in the minutes)</p>	
4			<p>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</p> <p>To disclose or draw attention to any interests in accordance with Leeds City Council's 'Councillor Code of Conduct'.</p>	
5			<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>To receive any apologies for absence from the meeting.</p>	
6			<p>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</p> <p>To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd July 2021.</p>	5 - 8
7			<p>LEEDS BEST CITY AMBITION 2022-2030</p> <p>To consider the report of the Chief Officer (Strategy and Improvement) that seeks agreement from GPC to endorse proposed amendments to Part 2, Article 4.1 (ii) of the council's constitution to specify the Best City Ambition as part of the Budget and Policy Framework and recommend that Full Council agrees the amendments.</p> <p><i>(Report to follow)</i></p>	
8			<p>DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 8th December, 2021 at 10.00 a.m.</p>	

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			<p>THIRD PARTY RECORDING</p> <p>Recording of this meeting is allowed to enable those not present to see or hear the proceedings either as they take place (or later) and to enable the reporting of those proceedings. A copy of the recording protocol is available from the contacts named on the front of this agenda.</p> <p>Use of Recordings by Third Parties– code of practice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Any published recording should be accompanied by a statement of when and where the recording was made, the context of the discussion that took place, and a clear identification of the main speakers and their role or title. b) Those making recordings must not edit the recording in a way that could lead to misinterpretation or misrepresentation of the proceedings or comments made by attendees. In particular there should be no internal editing of published extracts; recordings may start at any point and end at any point but the material between those points must be complete. 	

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FRIDAY, 2ND JULY, 2021

PRESENT: Councillor D Coupar in the Chair

Councillors D Blackburn, Amanda Carter, J Dowson, B Gettings, H Hayden, D Jenkins, J Pryor, M Rafique, J Taylor and F Venner

1 Election of Chair

Due to the absence of Councillor James Lewis, a nomination was sought to appoint a Chair for the meeting.

A nomination was made and seconded on behalf of Councillor Debra Coupar.

RESOLVED – That Councillor Coupar be elected as Chair for the meeting.

2 Appeals against refusal of inspection of documents

There were no appeals against the refusal of inspection of documents.

3 Exempt Information - possible exclusion of the press and public

There were no resolutions to exclude the public.

4 Late items

There were no late items.

5 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

6 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors S Arif, D Cohen, J Lennox and J Lewis

Councillors J Dowson and M Rafique were in attendance as substitutes.

7 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on the 15th March 2021 be approved as a correct record.

Draft minutes to be approved at the meeting
to be held on Monday, 25th October, 2021

8 Proposal to Amend the Schedule of Sites Governed by The Council's Byelaws for Pleasure Grounds, Public Walks and Open Spaces

The report of the Director of City Development advised the Committee of the outcome of public consultations and the outcome of an application by the Council to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government to amend the Council's byelaws and to make a recommendation to approve the amendments detailed in respect of eight Council owned properties subject to ratification, as required in law by Full Council.

Approval of the Committee was sought to the proposed amendments to the byelaws being taken forward by the City Solicitor to Full Council for consideration seeking approval, as required by statute, to the amendments detailed.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the statutory assessment following the consultation responses be noted.
- (b) That support for the amendments of byelaws as outlined be noted.
- (c) That the amendments of the byelaws be recommended to Full Council with a recommendation that they be approved.

9 Changes to Council Functions following Directorate Changes

The report of the City Solicitor proposed amendments to the officer delegation scheme. The proposed amendments were highlighted in the appendices to the report. The amendments would transfer responsibility for the regulatory functions in respect of caravan sites to the Director of Communities, Housing and Environment from the Director of Resources in line with recent organisational changes. Both Directors had been consulted and were content with the proposal.

RESOLVED – That a recommendation be made to Full Council that the amendment to the following documents (as set out in the report and shown in the appendices) should be approved.

- a. Part 3 Section 2C Officer Delegation Scheme (Council (non-executive) Functions)
 - i. Director of Resources (appendix 1)
 - ii. Director of Communities, Housing & Environment (appendix 2)

10 Local Authority Meetings

The report of the City Solicitor updated the Committee on the position in respect to formal meetings of Committees, Boards and Panels of the authority following the curtailment of regulations to permit remote meetings.

The report summarised guidance presented to all Chairs and Lead Officers of Committees on how committee business could be safely transacted.

The report also sought endorsement for the extension of live webcasting for all meetings of committees held in Committee Room 6/7 and the Council Chamber and the option for remote consultative meetings, held in lieu of formal meetings, to also be webcast.

The report presented Leeds City Council's response to the Government 'Call for Evidence' on the use of arrangements which have allowed local authorities to hold meetings remotely or in a hybrid format during the coronavirus pandemic.

RESOLVED –

- a) That the current position with regards to meetings of the Authorities Committees, Boards and Panels be noted.
- b) That the approach set out in respect of the permanent extension of Webcasting as set out in the report be endorsed.
- c) That the submission made by Leeds in response to Government 'Call for Evidence' be noted.

11 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Friday, 3 September 2021 at 11.00 a.m.

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