

**A meeting of the Council will be held in the Civic Hall, Leeds on Tuesday, 14th September, 2021 at 1.00 pm**

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

- 1 Minutes of the last Meeting** 5 - 10

To approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021.
- 2 Declaration of Interest**

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

To receive such communications as the Lord Mayor, the Leader, Members of the Executive Board or the Chief Executive consider appropriate.
- 4 Deputations**

To receive deputations in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10.
- 5 Report on Appointments** 11 - 14

To consider the report of the City Solicitor on appointments.
- 6 Leeds Award** 15 - 18

To consider the report of the City Solicitor in respect of the Leeds Award.
- 7 Report on Community Committee Annual Report** 19 - 66

To consider the report of the Director of Communities, Housing and Environment presenting to Council the Community Committees' Annual Report which looks at the progress made over the last twelve months. It also outlines the changes which have taken place during 2020 to 2021 and gives examples of some of the work the Community Committees have carried out within their communities to improve the lives of local people of all ages and backgrounds.

The report also looks at Wellbeing and Youth Activities Funding (YAF) and the impact it makes, as well as the role the Community Committees undertake in bringing communities together and outlines the social media activity that takes place through the Community Committee structures, which ensures they reach a large number of residents every month through local stories and conversations.

8 **Executive Questions**

To deal with executive questions in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11.

9 **Minutes of the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Executive Board** 67 - 80

To receive the minutes in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2.2(i).

10 **White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Stephenson) - Ofsted Children's Services** 81 - 82

This Council notes the outcome of Ofsted's focussed visit to Leeds children's services on 20 and 21 July 2021.

Her Majesty's Inspectors found that the front door is well resourced, observing that continued investment in early help services means there are a wide range of effective help services available to children and families.

Regrettably, Ofsted also found that social work practice is not consistently strong; decision making is not always timely where a child protection risk is not clear; the cumulative impact of domestic abuse is not always considered in the assessment of risk and decision-making; and audits do not provide sufficient evidence to drive forward practice.

Council calls on the Executive Member for Adult and Children's Social Care and Health Partnerships to implement an urgent three-point plan to monitor progress of the improvement plan:

1. Call-in best practice advice from local authorities that are making good progress in areas we are not.
2. Ask the Children & Families Scrutiny Board to establish 'monitoring workshops' to track progress on the quality and consistency of assessments, the quality and impact of management oversight and supervision, and the quality and independence of audits.
3. Publish recent informal peer reviews and commit to a further peer review within six months to monitor progress of the improvement plan.

This Council notes and endorses the following Resolution to Leeds City Council from the Save Our Homes LS26 Campaign representing the community of the Sugar Hill estate in Oulton:

“We the undersigned confirm our support for the SOH LS26 Campaign and recognise that only the City Council can protect this community from the profit-motivated threat of eviction by the current landlord.

We call upon the Labour Group of the Council to support the immediate initiation of negotiations with the owner for the purpose of buying the houses, backed by the willingness to resort, if necessary, to the exercise of the Council’s powers of compulsory purchase.

Whilst recognising the financial and practical challenges implicit in this course of action, we note that it is entirely consistent with the Council’s established policies, which are fundamental to the ‘Best Council’ strategic plan. We also consider that this step is essential to creating conditions conducive to the development of a partnership approach with other providers, such as housing associations, to secure the retention and refurbishment of these homes and the survival of this community.”

Council therefore calls upon the Chief Executive to immediately implement the necessary arrangements for such interventions to take place.

This Council calls on the Government to cancel the £20 cut to Universal Credit that will hit over 70,000 people in Leeds, including many in low-income jobs, at a time when the cost of food in shops and supermarkets has increased by 8% already this year.



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