

**A meeting of the Council will be held in the Civic Hall, Leeds on Wednesday, 10th November, 2021 at 1.00 pm**

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

**1 Minutes of the last Meeting 7 - 20**

To approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 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 Recommendations of the Executive Board - Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Licensing Policy 21 - 92**

To consider the report of the Director of Communities, Housing and Environment setting out recommendations from the Executive Board on 20 October 2021 to Full Council to consider approving the Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Licensing Policy 2022-2024 to have effect from 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022.

**6 Recommendations of the General Purposes Committee - Amendments to Constitution - Best City Ambition 93 - 98**

To consider the report of the Chief Officer Strategy and Improvement setting out recommendations from the General Purposes Committee on 25 October 2021 to Full Council to make amendments to the Constitution as set out in Appendix 1 to the Budget and Policy Framework in Part 2, Article 4.1 (ii) of the council's constitution and to receive a further report in February 2022 detailing the full proposals for the adoption of the Best City Ambition.

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| 7  | <b>Report on Appointments</b>   | 99 - 102  |
|    | To consider the report of the City Solicitor on appointments.   |           |
| 8  | <b>Executive Arrangements</b>   | 103 - 106 |
|    | To consider the report of the City Solicitor setting out that amendments had been made to Part Section 3B(c) Deputy Support to Executive Members at the Leader's discretion.  |           |
| 9  | <b>Report on Plans Panel and Development Plan Panel Annual Report 2020-21</b>   | 107 - 120 |
|    | To consider the report of the Chief Planning Officer presenting to Council the 2020-21 Plans Panel annual report.   |           |
| 10 | <b>Report on the Annual Report of the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee</b>  | 121 - 132 |
|    | To consider the report of the Chief Officer Financial Services presenting to Council the Annual Report of Corporate Governance and Audit Committee which demonstrates how the committee has discharged its responsibilities in accordance with best practice.   |           |
| 11 | <b>Executive Questions</b>  |           |
|    | To deal with executive questions in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11.  |           |
| 12 | <b>Minutes of the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Executive Board</b>  | 133 - 158 |
|    | To receive the minutes in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2.2(i).  |           |
| 13 | <b>White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Golton) - Housing</b>  | 159 - 160 |
|    | This Council regrets that the current Administration's delivery of affordable housing for the people of Leeds has been sub-optimal, and in particular has led to a worsening shortage of affordable homes to rent and buy:  |           |
|    | The Council's mismanagement of the much-vaunted Council Housing Growth program has delivered considerably less than the promised 300 homes per year; The Housing Company promised to help deliver affordable homes has been abandoned before even being constituted; the tendency to accept commuted sums, and the Council's reliance on city centre schemes to achieve its citywide housing targets has allowed the lowest percentage of affordable homes built through private development for years. |           |

Council therefore calls on the Administration to review its current Council Housing Growth Strategy to:

Vary the housing delivery options allowed within the business model; constitute a housing company to enable council housing growth opportunities in communities with little council owned land; commit to refurbishing properties to create new council housing; ensure that policy compliant affordable housing is built within and reflects the needs of individual local communities; commit to delivery of new Council housing in every Leeds City Council ward within the next five years.

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**White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Andrew Carter) - Community Safety**

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This Council calls on the administration to make community safety and the prevention of crime and disorder a priority for funding and resources.

Council remains concerned about the administration's February budget decision to cut funding for Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs). At a time when residents are concerned about crime and disorder, and when central government is providing substantial funds to recruit more police officers, the local Leeds decision to cut community safety funding will seem inexplicable to many communities, and risks undermining wider efforts to build back better after the pandemic.

Whilst supporting the right to peaceful protest, Council also notes events in other parts of the country which have highlighted concerns about some protest groups, whose extreme actions threaten to damage the economy and cause an unacceptable level of disruption to the public.

Council also notes recent tragic events which have highlighted the specific threats posed to elected representatives carrying out their duties on behalf of the public.

Council calls on the administration to work with the West Yorkshire Mayor and other partners to urgently action the following:

1. Reverse the budget cut to PCSOs and uphold the long-standing Leeds commitment to financially support PCSO deployment across the city to boost community safety for residents;
2. Put in place local measures and allocate sufficient resources to ensure Leeds is prepared to respond effectively if disruptive protests of the type seen elsewhere come to the streets of Leeds and threaten to damage the city's post-pandemic recovery;
3. Ensure the appropriate level of resources are provided for the safety and protection of council officers in front-line roles and elected members carrying out their responsibilities.

15 **White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Forsaith) - COP26**

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This Council notes the crucial UN Climate Change Conference summit (COP26) currently underway in Glasgow aimed at limiting global temperature rise to 1.5°C. Leeds City Council declared a climate emergency in March 2019, with the target of 2030 for achieving carbon neutrality, recognising the part Leeds has to play in this global challenge.

Council recognises that some communities in Leeds have far larger carbon footprints than others. Climate change is already affecting most those who are least able to pay, whilst those with higher incomes add proportionally more to carbon emissions in the City. Council therefore understands that positive actions by more affluent communities and sectors to reduce their carbon emissions can contribute most effectively to ensuring our City reaches net zero carbon by 2030.

Whilst supporting the current work of Leeds City Council on a range of issues that includes fuel poverty reduction and home insulation, Council resolves to focus Leeds City Council carbon reduction plans, and any related policies, on those sectors and those communities that through reducing their high carbon footprints will contribute most to reaching our carbon neutral target. In this way, Council's response can aim to deliver climate and social justice together with carbon neutrality by 2030.

16 **White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Coupar) - Funding**

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This Council regrets the additional funding identified by the cross-party Local Government Association as essential to help councils maintain services just at 2019/20 levels wasn't in the Chancellor's budget. Council is very concerned by the effect this will have on services for the people of Leeds and calls on the Government to rethink.



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