

Proceedings of the Meeting of the Leeds City Council held
Civic Hall, Leeds on Wednesday, 10th November, 2021

PRESENT: The Lord Mayor Councillor Asghar Khan in the Chair.

WARD

ADEL & WHARFEDALE

Caroline Anderson
Billy Flynn
Barry John Anderson

ALWOODLEY

Neil Alan Buckley
Peter Mervyn Harrand
Dan Cohen

ARDSLEY & ROBIN HOOD

Lisa Mulherin
Karen Renshaw

ARMLEY

James McKenna
Lou Cunningham

BEESTON & HOLBECK

Gohar Almas
Andrew Scopes
Angela Gabriel

BRAMLEY & STANNINGLEY

Caroline Gruen
Julie Heselwood
Kevin Ritchie

BURMANTOFTS & RICHMOND HILL

Asghar Khan
Denise Ragan
Ron Grahame

WARD

CALVERLEY & FARSLEY

Amanda Carter
Peter Carlill
Andrew Carter

CHAPEL ALLERTON

Mohammed Rafique
Jane Dowson
Eileen Taylor

CROSS GATES & WHINMOOR

James Gibson
Jessica Lennox
Pauleen Grahame

FARNLEY & WORTLEY

David Blackburn
Ann Forsaith
Ann Blackburn

GARFORTH & SWILLINGTON

Sarah Field
Suzanne McCormack
Mark Dobson

GIPTON & HAREHILLS

Arif Hussain
Kamila Maqsood
Salma Arif

GUISELEY & RAWDON

Paul Alderson
Paul John Spencer Wadsworth
Graham Latty

HAREWOOD

Sam Firth
Ryan Stephenson
Matthew James Robinson
HEADINGLEY & HYDE PARK

Alison Garthwaite
Neil Walshaw
Jonathon Pryor

HORSFORTH

Jonathon Taylor
Jackie Shemilt
Dawn Collins

HUNSLET & RIVERSIDE

Mohammed Iqbal
Paul Wray
Elizabeth Nash
KILLINGBECK & SEACROFT

David Jenkins
Katie Dye

KIPPAX & METHLEY

James Lewis
Mirelle Midgley
Mary Elizabeth Harland

KIRKSTALL

Fiona Elizabeth Venner
John Anthony Illingworth

LITTLE LONDON & WOODHOUSE

Javaid Akhtar
Abigail Marshall-Katung
Kayleigh Brooks
MIDDLETON PARK

Sharon Burke
Paul Anthony Truswell
Kim Groves

MOORTOWN

Sharon Hamilton
Mohammed Shahzad
Rebecca Charlwood

MORLEY NORTH

Robert Finnigan
Robert Gettings MBE JP
MORLEY SOUTH

Jane Senior
Wyn Kidger
Judith Elliott

OTLEY & YEADON

Sandy Edward Charles Lay
Ryk Downes
Colin Campbell

PUDSEY

Dawn Seary
Trish Smith
Simon Seary

ROTHWELL

Conrad Hart-Brooke
Diane Chapman
Barry Stewart Golton

ROUNDHAY

Lisa Martin
Jacob Goddard
Zara Hussain

TEMPLE NEWSAM

Helen Hayden
Nicole Sharp
Debra Coupar

WEETWOOD

Emma Flint
Chris Howley
Jonathan Bentley
WETHERBY
Alan James Lamb

Norma Harrington

40 Announcements

- (a) The Lord Mayor welcomed members to this meeting of Full Council and also any members of the public who were joining the meeting and reminded those present that the meeting was to be streamed live.
- (b) The Lord Mayor also welcomed Students from Leeds Beckett University who were observing the meeting and 2 students shadowing Councillor Cohen
- (c) The Lord Mayor informed Council of the risk management work that had been undertaken to ensure the safety of the Chamber and that the ventilation system was working well and both he and whips would be kept informed of the CO2 levels within the Chamber.
- (d) The Lord Mayor also congratulated Councillor Smart and her husband on the birth of their son Oscar.
- (e) The Lord Mayor also reminded Members that there would be a short service at the war memorial on the 11th November for Armistice Day and a larger parade on Sunday for Remembrance Sunday.
- (f) The Lord Mayor informed Council of the recent death of Honorary Alderman Lorna Cohen, Former Lady Mayoress Marjorie Rushworth and the tragic death of Sir David Amess MP.

Council stood in silent tribute.

41 Minutes of the last Meeting

It was moved by Councillor Lennox, seconded by Councillor Cohen and

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 14th September 2021 be approved.

42 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interests.

43 Communications

The Chief Executive informed Council that a response to a Council resolution had been received from Will Quince MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Children and Families in respect of the White Paper considered by Council in September 2021 on the Ofsted visit to Children's Services.

The response had previously been circulated to all Members of Council.

44 Deputations

Four deputations were admitted to the meeting and addressed Council, as follows:-

- 1) Leeds Childrens Mayor
- 2) GALBA
- 3) Students at Abbey Grange Academy
- 4) 'A Place to Sit'

RESOLVED – That the subject matter in respect of deputation 1 and 3 be referred to the Director of Children and Families for consideration in consultation with the relevant Executive Member, that the subject matter in respect of deputation 2 be referred to the Director of Resources and City Development for consideration in consultation with the relevant Executive Member and that the subject matter in respect of deputation 4 be referred to the Director of City Development for consideration in consultation with the relevant Executive Member.

45 Recommendations of the Executive Board - Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Licensing Policy

The report of the Director of Communities, Housing and Environment seeking Council approval of the Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Licensing Policy 2022-2024 to have effect from 31st January 2022 was moved by Councillor Coupar, seconded by Councillor Wray and

RESOLVED - That the Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Licensing Policy 2022-2024 be approved to have effect from 31st January 2022.

46 Recommendations of the General Purposes Committee - Amendments to Constitution - Best City Ambition

The report of the Chief Officer Strategy and Improvement setting out recommendations of General Purposes Committee in relation to 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 was moved by Councillor Lewis, seconded by Councillor Coupar and

RESOLVED –

- a) That the recommendations of General Purposes Committee to make the amendments set out in Appendix 1 to the Budget and Policy Framework in Part 2, Article 4.1 (ii) of the council's constitution be accepted.
- b) To agree that a further report be received in February 2022 detailing the full proposals for the adoption of the Best City Ambition.

47 Report on Appointments

It was moved by Councillor Lennox, seconded by Councillor Coupar that the report of the City Solicitor on appointments be approved as follows;

RESOLVED – That in accordance with Community Committee Procedure Rule 2.4 the Members of the Inner East Community Committee appointed Councillor Arif Hussain as Chair of the Inner East Community Committee.

48 Executive Arrangements

It was moved by Councillor Lewis seconded by Councillor Lennox that the report of the City Solicitor setting out the amendments the Leader has made to the Executive arrangements and presenting them to Council in accordance with Rule 1.3 of the Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rules be noted.

RESOLVED – To note that an amendment to Part 3 Section3B(c) Deputy Support to Executive Members has been made with effect from the 2nd November 2021.

49 Report on Plans Panel and Development Plan Panel Annual Report 2020-21

It was moved by Councillor Hayden, seconded by Councillor Walshaw and

RESOLVED – That the report of the Chief Planning Officer presenting to Council the 2020-21 Plans Panel and Development Plan Panel Annual Report be received and noted.

50 Report on the Annual Report of the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee

It was moved by Councillor Maqsood, seconded by Councillor Truswell and

RESOLVED - That the report of the Chief Officer Financial Services be received and the matters set out in the annual report reflecting the work of the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee in the 2020-21 municipal year be noted.

51 Executive Questions

Q1 Councillor Amanda Carter to the Executive Member (Resources):-

Would the Executive Member for community safety explain why the Council feels it is acceptable to lease a shop unit that is used to sell, among other items, machetes, swords, and tomahawks?

The Executive Member (Resources) replied.

Q2 Councillor Golton to the Executive Member (Environment and Housing)

Given the fact that Wakefield has suffered no 'Covid-related' disruption to waste collections this year, and the city recently announced an extension of citywide garden waste collection, can the Executive Member for Environment and Housing please confirm whether he is willing to consult his equivalent in Wakefield to better understand how to improve waste collection performance?

The Executive Member (Environment and Housing) replied.

Q3 Councillor Ragan to the Executive Member (Public Health and Active Lifestyles):-

Please could the Executive Member with responsibility for sport comment on the city's relationship with Yorkshire County Cricket Club?

The Executive Member (Public Health and Active Lifestyles) replied.

Q4 Councillor Gabriel to the Executive Member (Communities):-

Could the Executive Member please update Council on the impact of the Government's Autumn Budget and Spending Review 2021 on Leeds' low-paid and vulnerable residents?

The Executive Member (Communities) replied.

Q5 Councillor Wadsworth to the Executive Member (Environment and Housing):-

Would the Executive Member for Environment and Housing please provide a full breakdown of the projected £5.1m overspend in the refuse department for

the current year, with particular reference to the amounts spent on staff overtime and on agency workers.

The Executive Member (Environment and Housing) replied.

Q6 Councillor Golton to the Leader of Council:-

Can the Leader of Council confirm that his front bench provide oversight of the written responses to Elected Members' questions made at Full Council to ensure that what is received is both truthful and timely?

The Leader of Council replied.

Q7 Councillor Marshall-Katung to the Executive Member (Economy, Culture and Education):-

Can the Executive Member update Council on school funding?

The Executive Member (Economy, Culture and Education) replied.

At the conclusion of question time, the following questions remained unanswered and it was noted that, under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 11.6, written answers would be sent to each Member of Council:-

Q8 Councillor Ragan to the Executive Member (Public Health and Active Lifestyles):-

Q9 Councillor B Anderson to the Executive Member (Infrastructure & Climate).

Q10 Councillor Bentley to the Leader of Council

Q11 Councillor Jenkins to the Executive Member (Adult & Children's Social Care & Health Partnerships).

Q12 Councillor Flynn to the Executive Member (Resources).

Q13 Councillor Campbell to the Executive Member (Public Health and Active Lifestyles).

Q14 Councillor Firth to the Executive Member (Infrastructure & Climate).

Q15 Councillor Hart-Brooke to the Executive Member (Public Health and Active Lifestyles).

Q16 Councillor D Seary to the Executive Member (Resources).

Q17 Councillor Campbell to the Leader of Council.

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- Q23 Councillor Campbell to Councillor Groves.
- Q24 Councillor B Anderson to the Executive Member (Public Health and Active Lifestyles).
- Q25 Councillor Golton to the Leader of Council.
- Q26 Councillor B Anderson to the Executive Member (Infrastructure & Climate).
- Q27 Councillor Campbell to the Executive Member (Environment and Housing).
- Q28 Councillor Firth to the Executive Member (Infrastructure & Climate).
- Q29 Councillor Firth to the Executive Member (Resources).
- Q30 Councillor Firth to the Executive Member (Infrastructure & Climate).

52 Minutes of the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Executive Board

It was moved by Councillor Lewis, seconded by Councillor Lennox that the minutes be received in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2.2(i).

RESOLVED – That the minutes be received in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2.2(i).

Council Procedure Rule 4, providing for the winding up of business, was applied prior to all notified comments on the minutes having been debated.

At the conclusion of this item Council adjourned from 16.18 to 16.50

53 Procedural Motion

It was moved by Councillor Lennox, seconded by Councillor Cohen and

RESOLVED - That Council Procedure Rule (CPR) 22.1 (Suspension of CPRs), that CPR 12.2 (motions and amendments) be suspended to allow the introduction of an additional White Paper which would be heard first.

54 White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Golton) - Housing

It was moved by Councillor Golton, seconded by Councillor Campbell that 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.

An amendment was moved by Councillor B Anderson, seconded by Councillor Collins

Delete all after 'homes to rent and buy'.

And replace with:

Council recognises the use of innovative measures such as commuted sums, which can enable funding to be prioritised to sites and areas that need affordable housing the most and also notes that City Centre and Inner Area development has, following the regrettable involvement of the High Court, led to reduced development on Greenfield and Greenbelt sites in the city. However, Council is concerned that the Council Housing Growth programme has delivered considerably less than the promised 300 homes per year and is disappointed by the failure to constitute a housing company after finally appearing to agree with opposition groups that have been proposing one for years.

Council notes the lack of attendance at the recent SAP remittal public inquiry, which confirmed the removal of Greenbelt sites from the Site Allocations Plan, from both the Administration and Liberal Democrat Group.

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Motion will read:

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A second amendment was moved by Councillor Hayden, seconded by Councillor Ragan

Delete all after "This Council" and replace with:

"is proud of its ambitious Council House Building Programme, established in 2014/15, and its work with Registered Providers to deliver thousands more affordable, high quality, green homes across Leeds.

Council condemns the Government's systematic and harmful underfunding of Local Authorities though 11 years of Austerity introduced by the Conservatives and Liberal Democrats at a time when the need for more affordable housing has increased dramatically.

Council calls on the Government to abolish No Fault Evictions, reform Right to Buy, strengthen Tenant's Rights, reduce the lobbying power of private developers, and provide more power and funding to Local Authorities to enable more council houses to be built."

The amendment in the name of Councillor B Anderson was declared lost, the amendment in the name of Councillor Hayden was carried and upon being put to the vote it was

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

It was moved by Councillor Andrew Carter, seconded by Councillor Lamb that 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.

An amendment was moved by Councillor D Blackburn, seconded by Councillor A Blackburn;

Delete the whole of Paragraph 3 and the whole of the second bullet point. The amended White Paper would then read:

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

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A second amendment was moved by Councillor Bentley, seconded by Councillor Chapman

Remove all after the first paragraph, and insert:

Council regrets the February budget decision to remove the funding of ward based Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs). At a time of increased fear of crime and violence, especially towards women and girls, the administration's decision to cut community safety spending is rightly condemned by communities across the city.

Council believes that:

- Everyone, regardless of identity, has a right to live a life free from fear and violence.
- Investing in raising awareness, education and policies aimed at prevention is vital and avoids greater long-term costs.
- Ending violence against women and girls must be a top priority for all levels of government.

Council therefore calls on the administration:

- To reinstate funding for ward based PCSOs.
- To work with the police, the community and other partners to identify problem areas and devise interventions to detect and prevent crime.
- To ensure that Licensing make public safety, especially the safety of women and girls, central to licensing decisions and conditions.
- To work with school leaders to ensure that all school staff are trained in correctly and sensitively handling incidences of abusive, violent and bullying behaviour.
- To call on the government to increase efforts to prevent and detect violence against women and girls including setting up an independent commission to ensure accountability and progress."

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A third amendment was moved by Councillor Coupar, seconded by Councillor Garthwaite

Delete all and replace with:

“Council thanks all members of the Police Service for their frontline work during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Council reaffirms its commitment to Community Safety and tackling crime and this is reflected in the priority issues within the new 2021-2024 Safer Leeds Executive Strategy. These include tackling crime and ASB, serious violence, domestic violence and developing enhanced arrangements aimed at keeping women and girls safe.

Council will continue to work closely with a full range of partners including West Yorkshire Police and the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime to mitigate as much as possible the continuing funding pressures on services.

Council regrets the cuts of over £2.3bn to policing since 2010 and recognises the loss of 21,000 police officers from the frontline between 2010 and 2020. Council notes with disappointment that the recent Government announcement of ‘additional’ police officers will still not replace the number lost.

Council believes these cuts have directly led to rising anti-social behaviour, record levels of knife crime and almost nine in ten crimes going unsolved.

Council calls on Government to restore funding and staffing levels to a minimum of 2010 levels to properly invest in these vital services, and in particular the Neighbourhood Policing Teams.”

The amendments in the name of Councillor D Blackburn and Councillor Bentley were declared lost, the amendment in the name of Councillor Coupar was carried and upon being put to the vote it was

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On the requisition of Councillor Campbell and Cohen the voting on the second amendment in the name of Councillor Bentley was recorded as follows;

YES – 35

Alderson, B Anderson, C Anderson, Bentley, A Blackburn, D Blackburn, Buckley, Campbell, Amanda Carter, Andrew Carter, Chapman, Cohen, Collins, Downes, Finnigan, Firth, Flynn, Forsaith, Gettings, Golton, Harrington, Hart-Brooke, Howley, Kidger, Lamb, G Latty, Lay, Robinson, D Seary, S Seary, Senior, Smith, Stephenson, J Taylor and Wadsworth.

NO - 50

Akhtar, Arif, Brooks, Burke, Carlill, Charlwood, Coupar, Cunningham, Dowson, Dye, Flint, Gabriel, Garthwaite, Gibson, Goddard, P Grahame, R Grahame, Groves, C Gruen, Hamilton, Harland, Hayden, Heselwood, A Hussain, Z Hussain, Illingworth, Iqbal, Jenkins, Lennox, Lewis, Maqsood, Marshall-Katung, Martin, McKenna, Midgley, Mulherin, Nash, Pryor, Rafique, Ragan, Renshaw, Ritchie, Scopes, Shahzad, Sharpe, E Taylor, Truswell, Venner, Walshaw and Wray.

ABSTAIN - 3

Dobson, Field and McCormack

On the requisition of Councillor Lennox and Coupar the voting on the third amendment in the name of Councillor Coupar was recorded as follows;

YES – 49

Akhtar, Arif, Brooks, Burke, Carlill, Charlwood, Coupar, Cunningham, Dowson, Dye, Flint, Gabriel, Garthwaite, Gibson, Goddard, P Grahame, Groves, C Gruen, Hamilton, Harland, Hayden, Heselwood, A Hussain, Z Hussain, Illingworth, Iqbal,

Jenkins, Lennox, Lewis, Maqsood, Marshall-Katung, Martin, McKenna, Midgley, Mulherin, Nash, Pryor, Rafique, Ragan, Renshaw, Ritchie, Scopes, Shahzad, Sharpe, E Taylor, Truswell, Venner, Walshaw and Wray.

NO – 32

Alderson, B Anderson, C Anderson, Bentley, A Blackburn, D Blackburn, Buckley, Campbell, Amanda Carter, Andrew Carter, Chapman, Cohen, Collins, Downes, Firth, Flynn, Forsaith, Golton, Harrington, Hart-Brooke, Howley, Kidger, Lamb, G Latty, Lay, Robinson, D Seary, S Seary, Smith, Stephenson, J Taylor and Wadsworth.

ABSTAIN - 6

Dobson, Field, Finnigan, Gettings, McCormack and Senior.

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

It was moved by Councillor Forsaith, seconded by Councillor A Blackburn that 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.

An amendment was moved by Councillor Hart-Brooke, seconded by Councillor Howley

Remove all after the first paragraph and insert:

Council recognises that all residents and communities have a part to play in effectively ensuring our City reaches net zero by 2030. Those who pollute most have the most change to make. The city has a vital role in providing residents the systems and infrastructure to enable a greener more pleasant environment for all.

Council therefore calls on the administration to:

- Take clear steps to reverse the cities decline in recycling by introducing city wide glass and food waste collections.

- Roll out Hubbub style yellow and orange recycling bins to all community centres to establish habits in readiness for Deposit Return Scheme introduction.
- Work with Universities and businesses to develop our own infrastructure for biogas generation and renewable energy production using council land.
- Introduce a clean air zone that would see heavily polluting commercial vehicles charged to go through the city centre.

The amended White Paper would then read as follows:

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A second amendment was moved by Councillor Buckley, seconded by Councillor Robinson

Delete all after first paragraph and insert the following:

“Council notes the progress being made locally towards reducing carbon emissions and making wider environmental improvements in Leeds, and supports local initiatives such as the transition to electric vehicles, roll out of the district heating network, and tree planting.

“Council is also mindful of the need to ensure a strong economic recovery from the pandemic, one that will benefit all our communities, and believes climate and economic priorities need to be balanced to ensure communities who are least able to pay are not adversely affected.

“Council calls for a report to be brought to Executive Board setting out how the administration intends to meet the city’s climate goals in the context of promoting economic growth.”

Motion would read:

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“Council notes the progress being made locally towards reducing carbon emissions and making wider environmental improvements in Leeds, and supports local initiatives such as the transition to electric vehicles, roll out of the district heating network, and tree planting.

“Council is also mindful of the need to ensure a strong economic recovery from the pandemic, one that will benefit all our communities, and believes climate and economic priorities need to be balanced to ensure communities who are least able to pay are not adversely affected.

“Council calls for a report to be brought to Executive Board setting out how the administration intends to meet the city’s climate goals in the context of promoting economic growth.”

A third amendment was moved by Councillor Hayden, seconded by Councillor Walshaw

Delete all after paragraph two and replace with:

“Council welcomes current work underway towards helping the City reach net zero, including:

- Planting over 5.8m trees through the Woodland Creation Scheme over the next 25 years.
- Reducing the council’s carbon emissions by more than half by 2025
- The largest fleet of council electric vehicles in the country.
- Removing 2434 tonnes of carbon from Council buildings through the installation of solar panels and heat pumps.
- Removing 5000 tonnes of carbon through the provision of insulation and energy efficiency measures to over 3000 Council homes and 1400 private homes.
- The Council’s flagship District Heating Scheme, which has helped employ more than 430 people in the local low carbon sector including 36 apprentices.
- Embedding sustainable travel at the heart of our transport vision
- Grey to green work including the city park
- Undertaking a Climate Emergency focused Local Plan update that will ensure that future development in Leeds is zero carbon with a focus on reduced energy and travel needs, where people can make a choice not to need a car and where services are more locally based
- securing £25.3 million to decarbonise 38 publicly owned buildings, slashing the city’s carbon emissions by nearly 4,000 tonnes.

Council notes that work has been done alongside the WWF to understand the climate footprint in all areas of the city. Whilst this information informs the work being done and helps define areas of focus, Council notes it is important that green works not only hinder carbon creation but actively support the most deprived communities of the city to deliver climate and social justice alongside carbon neutrality by 2030.”

Full text of amended motion reads:

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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.

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The amendments in the name of Councillor Hart-Brooke and Councillor Buckley were declared lost, the amendment in the name of Councillor Hayden was carried and upon being put to the vote it was

RESOLVED – That this Council notes the crucial UN Climate Change Conference summit (COP26) currently underway in Glasgow aimed at limiting global temperature rise to 1.50C. 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.

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On the requisition of Councillors Lennox and Brooks the voting on the substantive motion was recorded as follows;

YES – 52

Akhtar, Arif, A Blackburn, D Blackburn, Brooks, Burke, Carlill, Charlwood, Coupar, Cunningham, Dowson, Dye, Flint, Forsaith, Gabriel, Garthwaite, Gibson, Goddard, P Grahame, Groves, C Gruen, Hamilton, Harland, Hayden, Heselwood, A Hussain, Z Hussain, Illingworth, Iqbal, Jenkins, Lennox, Lewis, Maqsood, Marshall-Katung, Martin, McKenna, Midgley, Mulherin, Nash, Pryor, Rafique, Ragan, Renshaw, Ritchie, Scopes, Shahzad, Sharpe, E Taylor, Truswell, Venner, Walshaw and Wray.

NO - 0

ABSTAIN - 17

Bentley, Campbell, Chapman, Dobson, Downes, Field, Finnigan, Firth, Gettings, Golton, Hart-Brooke, Howley, Kidger, Lay, McCormack, D Seary and Senior.

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

It was moved by Councillor Coupar, seconded by Councillor Lewis that 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.

An amendment was moved by Councillor Andrew Carter, seconded by Councillor Flynn

Delete all after "This Council" and replace with:

"welcomes the new government grant funding of £4.8bn for councils over the next three years to support vital local services, and the £2.6 billion for school places for children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

"Council also welcomes other funding announcements in the Chancellor's Autumn Statement that will benefit Leeds and the wider region, as part of the government's support for levelling up across the UK. This includes:

- £20m from the Levelling Up Fund to deliver improved transport connections across West Leeds;
- £830 million for West Yorkshire as part of the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement;
- £16 million for the Northern Forest to support new woodland creation;
- £77 million for the redevelopment of the British Library Boston Spa.

"Leeds will also benefit from its share of national programmes, including over £2.6 billion for the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, focused on helping people into jobs, including giving adults the opportunity to develop their numeracy skills through the Adult Numeracy Programme 'Multiply'.

"Council further notes the huge amount of Covid-related financial support provided by the government, amounting to £618.81m in grants to the Leeds City Region, helping to support the Council, external bodies, businesses, and other programmes, including:

- £7.6m Council Tax Support hardship funding;
- £79.5m in Business Rate grants;
- £99.63m to support additional expenditure and loss of income incurred by the Council due to Covid;
- £283.26m in grants for businesses.

The amendment in the name of Councillor Andrew Carter was declared lost and upon being put to the vote it was

RESOLVED – That 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.

On the requisition of Councillors Lennox and Coupar the voting on the motion in the name of Councillor Coupar was recorded as follows;

YES – 52

Akhtar, Arif, A Blackburn, D Blackburn, Brooks, Burke, Carlill, Charlwood, Coupar, Cunningham, Dowson, Dye, Flint, Forsaith, Gabriel, Garthwaite, Gibson, Goddard, P Grahame, Groves, C Gruen, Hamilton, Harland, Hayden, Heselwood, A Hussain, Z Hussain, Illingworth, Iqbal, Jenkins, Lennox, Lewis, Maqsood, Marshall-Katung, Martin, McKenna, Midgley, Mulherin, Nash, Pryor, Rafique, Ragan, Renshaw, Ritchie, Scopes, Shahzad, Sharpe, E Taylor, Truswell, Venner, Walshaw and Wray.

NO - 20

Alderson, B Anderson, C Anderson, Buckley, Amanda Carter, Andrew Carter, Cohen, Collins, Firth, Flynn, Harrington, Lamb, G Latty, Robinson, D Seary, S Seary, Smith, Stephenson, J Taylor and Wadsworth.

ABSTAIN - 7

Dobson, Field, Finnigan, Gettings, Kidger, McCormack and Senior.

Council rose at 8.02 pm