

A meeting of the Council will be held in the Civic Hall, Leeds on Wednesday, 12th January, 2022 at 1.00 pm

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

- 1 Minutes of the last Meeting** 5 - 24

To approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10th November 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 Report on Attendance at Meetings** 25 - 26

To consider the report of the City Solicitor on attendance at meetings.
- 5 Report on the Calculation of the Council Tax and Business Rates Tax Bases for 2022/23** 27 - 76

To consider the report of the Chief Officer – Financial Services seeking agreement to the 2022/23 council tax bases for Leeds and the parish/town councils set out in the report and providing indicative business rates shares for 2022/23 and to request Council to give delegated authority to the Chief Officer – Financial Services to finalise the shares and to submit them in the National Non-Domestic Rates 1 Return 2022/23 on or before the 31st January 2022.
- 6 Report on Procurement of External Auditor** 77 - 84

To consider the report of the Chief Officer Financial Services setting out a recommendation of the Corporate Governance and Audit committee at its meeting on the 26th November 2021, and based on the evaluation of the advantages and disadvantages of the three options, that Council accepts Public Sector Audit Appointments' invitation to opt into the sector led option for the appointment of external auditors from 2023/24.

7	Report on Scrutiny Annual Report	85 - 104
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To consider the report of the City Solicitor presenting to Council the Scrutiny Annual Report for 2020/21. It also provides opportunity to further update members on the role of scrutiny in the response to, and subsequent recovery from, the Covid-19 pandemic.

8	Recommendations of Executive Board -Report on Leeds Youth Justice Plan 2021-24	105 - 160
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To consider the report of the Director of Children and Families recommending to Council to approve and adopt the Youth Justice Plan 2021 – 24 as part of the Budget and Policy Framework.

9	Recommendations of Executive Board -Report on Safer, Stronger Communities: Leeds Plan (2021-24)	161 - 196
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To consider the report of the Director of Communities, Housing and Environment presenting the Safer, Stronger Communities:Leeds Plan (2021-24) for approval and adoption.

10 **Executive Questions**

To deal with executive questions and provide written responses after the meeting.

11	Minutes of the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Executive Board	197 - 230
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To receive the minutes in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2.2(i).

12	White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Lewis) - Integrated Rail Plan	231 - 232
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This Council believes the Integrated Rail Plan does not deliver the current Government's promises to improve rail services for the people of Leeds and Yorkshire and follows decades of underinvestment from successive governments.

Council is concerned that the plan does not address the shortage of capacity at Leeds Station or the network around Leeds that we know impacts existing local and national rail services today and will affect future growth until it is resolved.

Council further calls for a swift resolution for residents and businesses in Leeds affected by safeguarded directions that are currently in place.

Council resolves to work with local leaders across the north and midlands on rail improvements; supports the Executive Board's response to the plan; and

calls on ministers to provide clarity for Leeds residents and businesses on how and when it will finally deliver the promised rail and mass transit improvements our city desperately needs and deserves.

13 **White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Robinson) - Commercial Lets** 233 - 234

This Council notes with concern the recent YEP article relating to the Fantasia knife store on Ludgate Hill and is deeply concerned about the Council's commercial involvement in those premises.

Council calls for the establishment of a refreshed and more robust policy, including the power of veto, that ensures commercial lets of this nature cannot happen again.

This Council therefore asks for a report to be brought to the February Executive Board addressing this issue, including a review of all current commercial lets and setting out a new proactive policy approach that will ensure council owned premises are never used for this purpose again.

14 **White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Pryor) - Great Jobs Agenda** 235 - 236

This Council believes that everyone should be paid the Real Living Wage and is proud to be leading the way by paying its employees the Real Living Wage since 2015. Council notes that the Government has so far failed to ensure the National Living Wage matches the Real Living Wage and so accurately reflects rising living costs.

Council further notes with regret that a worker earning the National Living Wage would today earn £1,930 a year less than a worker earning the Real Living Wage.

Council recognises the devastating impact of Covid-19 on many people's lives including pushing many more into poverty and job uncertainty and supports the establishment of a Fair Work Charter as proposed by the West Yorkshire Mayor.

Council believes that Leeds is ideally placed as a desirable location for businesses and recognises the success of attracting businesses such as Channel 4, Utterberry, Covance/Labcorp, Snowflake, Aspire, and Burberry into the City.

Council is proud that its Employment Agenda is in alignment with the Great Jobs Agenda as we continue to be a key influencer in terms of good employment practice which includes our condemnation of the 'fire and re-hire' practices undertaken by some companies.

Council commits to promoting both the Real Living Wage and the Great Jobs Agenda across the City through our Anchor Institutions who form an integral part of the ambition to make Leeds a Real Living Wage City as this is something that can only be achieved through partnership working across all sectors. Council notes the Leeds Anchors Network contains 13 organisations

who employ over 58,000 people in Leeds, and is made up of: Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, Leeds Beckett University, Leeds City College, Leeds and York Partnership Foundation NHS Trust, University of Leeds, Leeds College of Building, Leeds Community Healthcare NHS Trust, Leeds Trinity University, Leeds City Council, NHS Digital, Yorkshire Water, British Library and Northern Gas Networks.

Council calls on Government to:

- Introduce the Real Living Wage as a replacement to the National Living Wage to ensure residents of Leeds and across the Country can meet rising living costs.
- Commit to the principles of the Great Jobs Agenda
- Support the establishment of a Fair Work Charter.



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Meeting called at short notice to allow political discussion on the business to be transacted as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.