

**A meeting of the Council will be held in the Civic Hall, Leeds on Wednesday, 23rd March, 2022 at 1.00 pm**

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

- 1 Minutes of the last Meeting** 7 - 52

To approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022.
- 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 the Annual Report of the Climate Emergency Advisory Committee** 53 - 66

To consider the report of the Director of Resources introducing the Annual Report of the Climate Emergency Advisory Committee, which demonstrates the work the committee and its working groups has undertaken throughout the 2020/21 municipal year.
- 6 Report on the Licensing Annual Report** 67 - 98

To consider the report of the Chief Officer Elections and Regulatory presenting to Council the annual report of Entertainment Licensing and Taxi and Private Hire Licensing.
- 7 Report on the Annual Report of the Standards and Conduct Committee** 99 - 108

To consider the report of the City Solicitor presenting to Full Council the annual report of the Standards and Conduct Committee relating to matters within the committee's terms of reference.

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** 109 - 116

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

10 **White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Wadsworth) - Waste** 117 - 118

This Council calls for a comprehensive review of waste management services to ensure they are providing value for money for Leeds residents and meeting our climate goals.

Council regrets that the cost of the refuse collection service rose significantly in 2021/22 at the same time as residents saw a marked drop in performance. It is unacceptable that even now, as pandemic restrictions have eased, many areas are still experiencing an unreliable service with frequent missed collections causing significant disruption.

Council further regrets the length of time it took the administration to finally remove charges for bulky waste collections, something opposition groups have long called for as a way of helping to reduce fly-tipping. The refusal to act earlier undoubtedly had a financial and environmental impact that could have been avoided.

Council welcomes the government's increased investment in Defra and its support for the near elimination of biodegradable municipal waste by 2028. This includes government funding to implement free local authority food waste collections. But Council believes the Council administration must do more to improve the recycling offer in Leeds.

Council calls for an urgent report to Executive Board setting out the following:

- Development of an action plan to target and rapidly improve performance in areas that have suffered from repeated missed bin collections;
- The scrapping of inert waste charges, as part of wider efforts to reduce flytipping;
- Implementation of an improved recycling offer for Leeds residents that includes: glass recycling, enhanced garden waste collections, and food waste collections.

This Council recognises the enormous environmental benefit of a large tree-planting programme. As well as providing a vital contribution to carbon capture and storage, tree planting plays an important role in improving biodiversity and making Leeds a cleaner, greener city to live in.

Council supports the aim to plant 50 hectares of woodland on council land every year until 2045, adding 5.6 million trees to the 1,400 hectares of woodland that it already manages.

In light of the scale of this tree planting ambition, however, Council believes it is time for the administration to rethink its approach to tree maintenance in the city. Too often, the concerns of local people living near woodland or residential trees are overlooked, whilst unmaintained and overgrown trees are allowed to continue to have an adverse effect, due to a combination of inflexible policy, lack of staff, and insufficient resources.

Council believes it would be irresponsible to make this situation worse by failing to adequately resource the Forestry Service so that it can meet the tree maintenance demands of existing trees and the millions of new trees due to be planted over the coming years.

Council calls for a report to Executive Board setting out options for a review of policy and resources in this area, to include input from scrutiny, and to be guided by the following key principles:

1. "Quality of life" of residents, including loss of light complaints, to be given greater emphasis in deciding how tree work is planned and prioritised;
2. Sufficient resources to be allocated to Forestry such that a greater range and higher volume of work can be carried out more quickly;
3. Consultation to take place with local ward councillors and communities over the nature and location of tree planting initiatives to ensure future problems are avoided.

This Council is very concerned that at a time when real wages are falling due to high inflation, Rishi Sunak has worsened the Cost-of-Living crisis for many families in Leeds through his decisions to increase National Insurance Contributions and require local authorities to raise Council Tax or face further cuts to local services.

Council welcomes actions taken by this Council to help Leeds residents struggling because of the Chancellor's actions, including action to increase wages for workers in Leeds, investment to reduce home energy costs for residents, and support for families with children through schools and during school holidays.

Council calls on central Government to follow this Council's lead and take urgent action to tackle the Cost-of Living crisis and put the economy on a path away from their current high tax/low wage approach and spiralling rents in the private sector that is making the crisis worse for so many people in our city.

13 **White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Golton) -  
Transport Plans**

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This Council notes the current Administration's ambition for Leeds to become a 'car-free city' and the significant amount of investment in the city centre to achieve this.

However, this Council also notes the continuing decline in bus patronage, the effects of the Coronavirus pandemic on public transport affordability and reliability and the increasing prevalence of 'home-based' and 'flexible' working arrangements for Leeds residents. Council also notes that leaving the car at home will require a significant focus on accommodating parked cars in residential streets.

This Council believes that the current two-speed approach to transport investment in the city, with the greatest amount currently spent on city centre projects focussed on a '9-5' commuter economy, needs to change to reflect and respond to the above realities, and calls for the development of a transport plan for every ward in the city.

These transport plans will seek to maximise mobility for all sectors of population on the principles of developing a '15 Minute Neighbourhood' to enable people to access all the local services and amenities they need by foot, bike or public transport within 15 minutes.

Through the development of such plans, the Council will ensure that access to local neighbourhood centres, parks, education and health venues has as much focus from our transport planners as city centre businesses, and that carers, the elderly, disabled, and young people are valued as much as those more able to enjoy the city's current city-centre focussed transport system.

Council therefore calls for a paper proposing such an initiative to be brought to the Executive Board for their consideration.



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