

A meeting of the Council will be held in the Civic Hall, Leeds on Wednesday, 16th November, 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 - 30

To approve the minutes of the Council Meetings held on 20th July, 14th September and 19th October 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 Appointments** 31 - 34

To consider the report of the City Solicitor on appointments.
- 6 Report on Plans Panel and Development Plan Panel Annual Report 2021-22** 35 - 50

To consider the report of the Chief Planning Officer presenting to Council the 2021-22 Plans Panel annual report.
- 7 Report on Community Committees Annual Report 2021/22** 51 - 80

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 outlines the changes which have taken place during 2021 to 2022 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 provides direct links to the Community Committee Facebook pages and the social media activity that takes place through the Community Committee structures.

As well as looking back over the last 12 months, the report looks forward and mentions the significant challenges but also opportunities that the Coronavirus pandemic has and will present committees with.

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** 81 - 140

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

10 **White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Buckley) - Bus Services in Leeds** 141 - 142

This Council is concerned at the current state of bus services in Leeds.

Council notes that public transport was hit hard by the pandemic, with passenger numbers not yet fully recovered, and Council welcomes the substantial and continuing government funding that has been paid to operators and local transport authorities to keep services running. Between April and December this year alone, West Yorkshire Combined Authority is expected to receive £3,043,632 to help operators maintain vital routes.

Council regrets that despite this investment the performance of some services has worsened. Passenger satisfaction has declined on key measures such as punctuality, reliability and the provision of information during the journey, whilst concerns have been raised about the accuracy of the real time information system that displays the predicted time of the next bus. Meanwhile many outer areas of the city still suffer from poor public transport connectivity and service reliability issues, with investment largely focused on the city centre.

Council notes that the Combined Authority has been awarded an indicative settlement of £69,974,070 in government funding over three financial years to support delivery of a Bus Service Improvement Plan, and believes the public will expect the Mayor of West Yorkshire to be held accountable for addressing current problems with services now, as well as delivering a longer term step change in performance in Leeds.

Council requests that the Chief Executive writes to the Mayor of West Yorkshire asking that she outlines her detailed plans to tackle the immediate

concerns with the city's bus services, and inviting her to take questions in an appropriate forum from elected members in Leeds.

11 **White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Downes) - Queensway School** 143 - 144

This council is concerned that the proposed closure of Queensway School in Yeadon will only partially address the challenge of low pupil numbers in Aireborough and that the current problem is an Aireborough wide issue, that should be dealt with holistically. Closure of Queensway would seriously impact on SEND pupils and disrupt the education and mental health of pupils. This will have an additional impact on the JCC and future provision for the whole of Aireborough.

Council calls on officers to halt the process of Queensway's closure and look for a full solution for Aireborough instead.

12 **White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Carlill) - River Pollution** 145 - 146

This Council is very concerned the Government continues to allow raw sewage to be dumped into rivers flowing through Leeds.

Council is shocked Environment Agency figures show raw sewage has been pumped into Yorkshire's natural environment once every 18.75 minutes since 2016 and the number of spills has increased by over 100,000% in that time.

Council notes that the Government's failure to implement effective regulation, as well as Government cuts to the Environment Agency budget since 2010 have reduced the amount of surveillance of water companies aimed at stopping pollution in rivers and caused an increase in raw sewage dumping.

Council calls on the Government to end this disgraceful practice by allowing unlimited fines, holding water company bosses legally and financially accountable for their negligence, and by toughening up regulations that currently allow the system to be abused.



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