

Proceedings of the Meeting of the Leeds City Council held  
Civic Hall, Leeds on Wednesday, 12th July, 2023

**PRESENT:** The Lord Mayor Councillor Al Garthwaite in the Chair.

**WARD**

**ADEL & WHARFEDALE**

Barry John Anderson  
Caroline Anderson

**ALWOODLEY**

Lyn Buckley  
Dan Cohen  
Neil Buckley

**ARDSLEY & ROBIN HOOD**

Stephen Holroyd-Case  
Karen Renshaw  
Mike Foster

**ARMLEY**

Andy Parnham  
Alice Smart  
James McKenna  
**BEESTON & HOLBECK**

Andrew Scopes  
Annie Maloney  
Gohar Almas  
**BRAMLEY & STANNINGLEY**

Tom Hinchcliffe  
Kevin Ritchie  
Caroline Gruen  
**BURMANTOFTS & RICHMOND HILL**

Nkele Manaka  
Luke Farley  
Asghar Khan

**WARD**

**CALVERLEY & FARSLEY**

Peter Carlill

Amanda Carter

**CHAPEL ALLERTON**

Jane Dowson  
Eileen Taylor  
Mohammed Rafique

**CROSS GATES & WHINMOOR**

Pauleen Grahame  
James Gibson  
Jessica Lennox  
**FARNLEY & WORTLEY**

David Blackburn  
Mark Swards  
Adrian McCluskey  
**GARFORTH & SWILLINGTON**

Suzanne McCormack  
Mark Dobson  
Sarah Field  
**GIPTON & HAREHILLS**

Asghar Ali  
Salma Arif  
Arif Hussain  
**GUISELEY & RAWDON**

Oliver Edwards  
Eleanor Thomson  
Paul Alderson

**HAREWOOD**

Ryan Stephenson  
Matthew James Robinson  
Sam Firth

**HEADINGLEY & HYDE PARK**

Abdul Hannan  
Jonathon Pryor  
Alison Garthwaite

**HORSFORTH**

Raymond Jones  
Emmie Bromley  
John Garvani

**HUNSLET & RIVERSIDE**

Paul Wray  
Mohammed Iqbal  
Ed Carlisle

**KILLINGBECK & SEACROFT**

Katie Dye

David Jenkins

**KIPPAX & METHLEY**

Michael Millar  
Mary Elizabeth Harland  
James Lewis

**KIRKSTALL**

Andy Rontree  
Hannah Bithell  
Fiona Elizabeth Venner

**LITTLE LONDON & WOODHOUSE**

Abigail Marshall-Katung  
Kayleigh Brooks  
Javaid Akhtar

**MIDDLETON PARK**

Emma Pogson-Golden  
Wayne Dixon  
Sharon Burke

**MOORTOWN**

Mahalia France-Mir  
Sharon Hamilton  
Mohammed Shahzad

**MORLEY NORTH**

Robert Finnigan  
Robert Gettings MBE JP

**MORLEY SOUTH**

Wyn Kidger  
Oliver Newton

**OTLEY & YEADON**

Ryk Downes  
Colin Campbell  
Sandy Edward Charles Lay

**PUDSEY**

Simon Seary  
Dawn Seary

**ROTHWELL**

Diane Chapman  
Barry Stewart Golton  
Conrad Hart-Brooke

**ROUNDHAY**

Jordan Bowden  
Zara Hussain  
Lisa Martin

**TEMPLE NEWSAM**

Nicole Sharp  
Debra Coupar  
Helen Hayden

**WEETWOOD**

Julie Heselwood  
Izaak Wilson  
Emma Flint

**WETHERBY**

Penny Stables  
Norma Harrington  
Alan James Lamb

## 16 **Announcements**

(a) The Lord Mayor welcomed members to this meeting of Full Council and reminded those present that the meeting was to be streamed live.

(b) The Lord Mayor informed Council that the meeting would be adjourned for a short break at an appropriate time in the afternoon.

(c) The Lord Mayor congratulated all those recipients from Leeds or who work and volunteer in Leeds and who had been recognised in His Majesty The King's 2023 Birthday Honours List. The Lord Mayor offered their warmest congratulations on the receipt of the award.

(d) The Lord Mayor informed Council that Leeds City Council had been granted the 2023 Gold Award by the Armed Forces Covenant Employer Recognition Scheme in recognition of its support for the armed forces community.

(e) The Lord Mayor on behalf of Council, congratulated Councillor Ryan Stephenson on the safe arrival of baby Toby who was born on 6 June and reported that both mother and baby were doing well and in good health.

(f) The Lord Mayor informed Council of the recent death of Honorary Alderman Moira Dunn.

Council stood in silent tribute.

## 17 **Minutes of the last Meeting**

It was moved by Councillor Flint, seconded by Councillor Stephenson and

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023 be approved.

## 18 **Declaration of Interest**

There were no declarations of interests.

## 19 **Communications**

The Chief Executive informed Council that a response to a Council resolution in March on Energy Costs had been received from Andrew Bowie MP, Minister for Nuclear and Networks, Department for Energy Security & Net Zero and Amanda Solloway MP, Minister for Energy Consumers & Affordability.

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

## 20 **Deputations**

One deputation, Colostomy UK was admitted to the meeting and addressed Council, and it was

**RESOLVED** – That the subject matter in respect of the deputation be referred to the Director of Adults and Health and the Director of Strategy and Resources for consideration in consultation with the relevant Executive Member(s).

## 21 **Procedural Motion**

It was moved by Councillor Flint, seconded by Councillor Farley and

**RESOLVED** - That Council Procedure Rules 2.2 (order of business) , 3.2 (30 minute for questions) and 11.4(a) (oral answers to questions) be suspended to allow Questions to the Mayor of West Yorkshire (to include an introduction from the Mayor followed by 1 hour for Members questions) and to allow responses to questions to be in writing after the meeting in accordance with CPR 11.6.

## 22 Questions to the Mayor of West Yorkshire

Q1 Councillor Foster to the Mayor:-

Does the Mayor think passenger satisfaction with bus services in my ward of Ardsley & Robin Hood has increased or decreased in the time she's been responsible for public transport in Leeds?

Q2 Councillor Hart-Brooke to the Mayor

Can the Mayor please clarify which areas of West Yorkshire greenbelt land she and her Labour Council Leader colleagues on the West Yorkshire Combined Authority would be happy to release to fulfil the Shadow Chancellor's desire to drive growth in the economy through enabling property developers to access previously protected sites, relaxing planning regulations, and imposing mandatory house building targets from Whitehall? The Executive Member (Infrastructure and Climate) replied.

Q3 Councillor Burke to the Mayor

Please can the Mayor outline the steps she is taking to undo the damage of Conservative Government cuts to Policing in order to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour, something that residents in my ward of Middleton Park are concerned about?

Q4 Councillor Newton to the Mayor

Councils in West Yorkshire will only accept waste from their own tax payers, meaning some have to travel many miles to recycle and the strain of that causes some to fly tip. However, Leeds City Council already has an arrangement with Bradford Council to allow its residents to access the household waste site at Otley. As Mayor, will you intervene to look to strengthen your environmental ambitions by getting other councils to allow similar arrangements. For example, so that Morley residents can access the Nab Lane Site at Birstall in Kirklees, rather than having to drive all the way to Pudsey.

Q5 Councillor Stables to the Mayor

Mayor Brabin, as you may know Wetherby Ward is indicated to be getting improved bus services on the current WYCA Transport Strategy. I would like to know when we will be getting these much needed improvements to the bus service?

Q6 Councillor Dixon to the Mayor

How will the West Yorkshire Mayor regain public trust in the Police so as to ensure people's confidence when reporting incidents in the future?

Q7 Councillor Thomson to the Mayor-

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Q8 Councillor N Buckley to the Mayor

Would the Mayor please update Council on tree planting initiatives as part of her pledge to “Tackle the climate emergency and protect our environment”?

Q9 Councillor Golton to the Mayor

Can the Mayor tell us how, instead of improving bus services, her West Yorkshire Enhanced Bus Partnership managed to deliver the longest continuous period of industrial dispute in the bus industry in recent times, and a bus service network that is smaller, with poorer frequency and reliability than when it was set up?

Q10 Councillor Rafique to the Mayor

Please can the Mayor provide an update on the progress of Electric Vehicle charging infrastructure in Leeds.

Q11 Councillor Dixon to the Mayor

What is the West Yorkshire Mayor doing to stop illegal bikes / quads roaming our streets?

Q12 Councillor Scopes to the Mayor

Please can the Mayor update on work with BookTrust to support children’s literacy?

Q13 Councillor Lamb to the Mayor

Would the Mayor please confirm to Council that she knows where Wetherby is in West Yorkshire?

Q14 Councillor Golton to the Mayor

Does the Mayor think a Park and Ride facility should prioritise weekend bus services over car boot sales?

Q15 Councillor Martin to the Mayor

Please can the Mayor provide an update on successes in attracting businesses to Leeds as well as supporting existing local businesses?

Q16 Councillor Blackburn to the Mayor

Bearing in mind the amount of road traffic between North Yorkshire and Leeds, could the Mayor of West Yorkshire explain what she is doing along with North Yorkshire County Council and the public transport operators to enhance services across the border and to reduce the overall level of road traffic?

The Mayor replied and at the conclusion of the time available for questions to the Mayor 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:-

- Q17 Councillor Robinson to the Mayor
- Q18 Councillor Golton to the Mayor
- Q19 Councillor Dixon to the Mayor
- Q20 Councillor Alderson to the Mayor
- Q21 Councillor Dixon to the Mayor
- Q22 Councillor Robinson to the Mayor
- Q23 Councillor Dixon to the Mayor
- Q24 Councillor Firth to the Mayor
- Q25 Councillor Dixon to the Mayor
- Q26 Councillor N Buckley to the Mayor
- Q27 Councillor Dixon to the Mayor
- Q28 Councillor Lamb to the Mayor
- Q29 Councillor Robinson to the Mayor
- Q30 Councillor Firth to the Mayor

**23 Recommendations of Executive Board - Children and Young People's Plan**

The report of the Director of Children and Families recommending adoption of the Children and Young People's Plan was moved by Councillor Venner, seconded by Councillor Pryor and

**RESOLVED** - That the refreshed Children and Young People's Pan 2023 to 2028 be adopted.

At the conclusion of this item Council had a brief adjournment 15:16 to 15:26.

**24 Report on Appointments**

It was moved by Councillor Flint, seconded by Councillor Farley and

**RESOLVED** – That the report of the City Solicitor on appointments be approved, namely;

- 1 To note the following appointments to the various West Yorkshire Combined Authority Committees and change of appointment to the West Yorkshire Pension Fund Joint Advisory Group
  - Cllr Brookes and Cllr Wilson to the WYCA Transport Scrutiny Committee
  - Cllr Dowson and Cllr Wray to the WYCA Corporate Scrutiny Committee
  - Cllr Almass to the WYCA Economy Scrutiny Committee
  - Cllr Bromley to replace Cllr Martin on the West Yorkshire Pension Fund Joint Advisory.

To note the following appointments to Committees, Boards or Panels

- Councillor Khan to replace Cllr McKenna on Scrutiny Board Environment, Housing and Communities.
- Councillor S Lay to be appointed to fill a vacancy as a Liberal Democrat Group substitute on the Health & Wellbeing Board.

To approve the following appointments to Committees, Boards or Panels

- Councillor Flynn to no longer be appointed to the Licensing Committee and this be a Conservative Group vacancy.

**25 Report on Scrutiny Annual Report**

It was moved by Councillor Coupar, seconded by Councillor Venner and

**RESOLVED** – That the report of the Head of Democratic Services presenting the Scrutiny Boards Annual Report for 2022/23 be noted.

**26 Executive Questions**

Council suspended Council Procedure Rules in order that all questions would receive a written answer: -

- Q1 Councillor Lamb to the Executive Member (Sustainable Development & Infrastructure):-
- Q2 Councillor Hart-Brooke to the Executive Member (Sustainable Development & Infrastructure):-
- Q3 Councillor Flint to the Executive Member (Economy, Culture and Education):-
- Q4 Councillor Newton to the Executive Member (Climate, Energy, Environment and Green Space):-
- Q5 Councillor Scopes to the Executive Member (Children’s Social Care and Health Partnership):-
- Q6 Councillor B Anderson to the Executive Member (Sustainable Development & Infrastructure):-
- Q7 Councillor Golton to the Executive Member (Economy, Culture and Education):-
- Q8 Councillor Jenkins to the Executive Member (Adult Social Care, Public Health and Active Lifestyles):-
- Q9 Councillor Carlisle to the Executive Member (Economy, Culture and Education):-
- Q10 Councillor Heselwood to the Executive Member (Housing).
- Q11 Councillor C Anderson to the Executive Member (Adult Social Care, Public Health and Active Lifestyles):-
- Q12 Councillor Hamilton to the Executive Member (Resources).
- Q13 Councillor Stables to the Executive Member (Climate, Energy, Environment and Green Space):-

- Q14 Councillor Burke to the Executive Member (Economy, Culture and Education):-
- Q15 Councillor B Anderson to the Leader of Council.
- Q16 Councillor Dowson to the Executive Member (Communities).
- Q17 Councillor B Anderson to the Executive Member (Climate, Energy, Environment and Green Space):-
- Q18 Councillor Dye to the Executive Member (Climate, Energy, Environment and Green Space):-
- Q19 Councillor Robinson to the Executive Member (Communities).
- Q20 Councillor Maloney to the Executive Member (Sustainable Development & Infrastructure).
- Q21 Councillor B Anderson to the Executive Member (Climate, Energy, Environment and Green Space):-
- Q22 Councillor B Anderson to the Executive Member (Sustainable Development & Infrastructure).
- Q23 Councillor Firth to the Executive Member (Housing).
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- Q29 Councillor Firth to the Executive Member (Sustainable Development & Infrastructure).
- Q30 Councillor B Anderson to the Executive Member (Climate, Energy, Environment and Green Space):-
- Q31 Councillor C Anderson to the Executive Member (Adult Social Care, Public Health and Active Lifestyles):-
- Q32 Councillor Firth to the Executive Member (Sustainable Development & Infrastructure).

**27 Minutes of the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Executive Board**

It was moved by Councillor Lewis, seconded by Councillor Flint 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 16.53 to 17.18.

**28 White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Lamb) - Planning Portal**

It was moved by Councillor Lamb, seconded by Councillor Amanda Carter that this Council regrets the administration's decision to stop publishing public comments on planning applications on the Council's website. Council believes this will reduce openness and transparency in the planning process, making it less visible and accessible to the people of Leeds.

Council views this trial, introduced at short notice and without full consultation, as typical of an administration that too often acts without proper regard for the people of Leeds, and which seems to view consultation as a box-ticking exercise rather than a genuine opportunity to listen and engage.

This Council calls for an immediate end to the trial and for comments to appear on the planning portal once again. Council further calls for a report to be brought to Executive Board setting out a renewed approach to all council consultations, one that genuinely listens and responds to the views of Leeds residents, and places openness and transparency at the heart of the process.

An amendment was moved by Councillor Carlisle, seconded by Councillor Stables

After "Council" in the first sentence insert the following:

"recognises the double impact of ongoing cuts from central government, and also loss of revenue due to the economic downturn, upon its financial stability and operational capacity. However, Council"

Delete all after "without full consultation," in the second paragraph and replace with:

"as typifying a steady social and political drift – not particular to Leeds – which treats consultation as a box-ticking exercise, rather than a genuine opportunity to listen and engage; Council believes that Leeds can and should do better, and buck that trend."

The amended White Paper would thus read:

"This Council recognises the double impact of ongoing cuts from central government, and also loss of revenue due to the economic downturn, upon its financial stability and operational capacity. However, Council regrets the administration's decision to stop publishing public comments on planning applications on the Council's website. Council believes this will reduce openness and transparency in the planning process, making it less visible and accessible to the people of Leeds.

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

Delete all and replace with:

“This Council notes the decision to stop publishing 3<sup>rd</sup> party public representations on Public Access from 6 June is for an initial six-month trial period, while still enabling members of the public to comment on planning applications.

Council notes the trial is due to an increase in vociferous public comments on the platform discouraging some residents from commenting on planning applications due to fear of repercussions. Council is concerned by reports the platform has received antagonistic correspondence between applicants and objectors, meaning planning officers had to spend time redacting, publishing and responding to complaints on Public Access rather than assessing planning applications.

Council believes its record over many years shows it values high quality, transparent consultation as a method to engage with the people of Leeds. Recent examples of consultation exercises contributing significantly to key policy development include but are not limited to:

- The Children and Young People’s Plan Refresh which captured the voices of 80,000 children and young people,
- The Health and Wellbeing Strategy Refresh which took into account the Big Leeds Chat , an innovative approach to consultation which involved 43 in-person discussion forums open to all people take place with both geographical communities, communities of interest and young people organisations.
- The Council’s climate change plans, developed through the Big Leeds Climate Conversation with input from close to 8000 Leeds residents.
- The Connecting Leeds Transport Strategy which was developed with input from over 4,500 contributions.
- The Leeds Local Plan 2040 which is being developed with input from over 1000 contributions

Council notes planning services at councils across the country have been negatively impacted by 13 years of failed Conservative Government austerity, meaning an increasing number of councils have been forced to cut back on non-statutory responsibilities, such as the publication of 3<sup>rd</sup> party public representations on planning applications.

Council further notes the results of the trial will be examined by the relevant Scrutiny Board to see what impact the change has had on public engagement in the planning process and Council confirms its commitment to implementing the outcome of the trial process.”

The amendment in the name of Councillor Carlisle 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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## **29 White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Golton) - Parks**

It was moved by Councillor Golton, seconded by Councillor Chapman that this Council recognises the significant role that community parks play in the health & wellbeing and cultural life of communities across Leeds. It welcomes the commitment in the Leeds Parks and Greenspaces Strategy 2022-32 to invest in active travel and 'access for all' both within and without local greenspaces to maximise usage.

The Council further welcomes the contribution made by the Mayor of West Yorkshire in commissioning a report on the safety of women and girls in parks which was published this year.

However, this Council is concerned that current capacity and resource levels within the Parks Service are at risk of seriously impeding progress on achieving the priorities spelled out in the reports mentioned.

Furthermore, the current cumulative neglect of green spaces in Leeds is actually worsening the safety and accessibility of park users and deterring many residents from using public open spaces.

Council therefore calls for:

- The promised greenspace accessibility audit process to be published this year
- A women and girls safety audit for Leeds parks to be published in parallel to the above
- A commitment to completing the 65 community park 'plans on a page' within 2 years
- A commitment that public consultation on such plans will not be limited to the online Commonplace platform
- Local parks and greenspace access and safety partnerships to be developed through Community Committees, in partnership with the Police and NHS
- A commitment to investigate the devolution of parks and grounds maintenance budgets to Community Committee level."

An amendment was moved by Councillor Harrington, seconded by Councillor Amanda Carter

In the second paragraph delete all after "This Council further welcomes" and replace with:

"national and local efforts to tackle violence against women and girls, including the government's commitment to a range of actions to protect women and girls against harm, and setting clear expectations about how the threat should be tackled by police forces."

Insert new paragraph after "...detering many residents from using public open spaces":

"Council is also concerned at the increase in anti-social behaviour in parks across the city, causing costly damage and preventing the public from enjoying our green spaces. Council is further concerned at the number of unauthorised Traveller encampments in parks and green spaces which have caused damage and disruption to local communities."

Add the following at the end of the fifth bullet point:

“, with a focus on combatting anti-social behaviour”

Add a seventh bullet point:

“A commitment to do more to protect and secure our parks and green spaces and prevent unauthorised encampments.”

Motion would read as follows:

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- A commitment to investigate the devolution of parks and grounds maintenance budgets to Community Committee level.
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A second amendment was moved by Councillor Rafique, seconded by Councillor Coupar

Delete All After:

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invest in active travel and ‘access for all’ both within and without local greenspaces to maximise usage.”

And replace with:

“Council is proud of its record improving parks and green spaces in Leeds, with 72% of Leeds community parks now achieving the Leeds Quality Parks standard, compared to just 22% in 2010 under the Conservative/Liberal Democrats Administration at that time. Council notes this improvement is despite 13 year of damaging government imposed austerity, including £181.9m cut from council services every year since 2010 in Leeds by the Liberal Democrats as part of the Coalition Government.

Despite this, Council welcomes improvements delivered by this Council with partners to parks and green spaces in Leeds including:

- Receiving the prestigious Green Flag award at seven sites, including Golden Acre Park, Kirkstall Abbey, Middleton Park, Otley Chevin Forest Park, Pudsey Park, Roundhay Park and Temple Newsam
- Over £3m invested in the development of new visitor facilities at Temple Newsam
- The development of a new 2 hectare city centre park, Aire Park
- Breeze in Parks events providing access to parks for young people across the city.
- Children’s Day Reimagines which will see 1000 children from across the city come together at Roundhay Park on 14<sup>th</sup> July
- Recent improvements to local parks funded by Labour Ward Members, including a new play area at Ashton Park in Harehills and improved play equipment in Bramley Park;
- Securing £20m investment in the East Leeds and North West Leeds Parklife Schemes which will provide additional sporting and active lifestyle facilities such as outdoor park activity stations, to enable people to do fitness training whilst running around the park, young person’s play areas and significant wildlife habitat improvements
- Our woodland creation programme which will see a further 50 hectares planted each year over the next 4 years.

Council further welcomes work by this council with partners to make Leeds a safer place for women and girls, including the Ask for Angela Campaign which now has over 600 bars and restaurants in Leeds already signed up; the successful women’s night safe bus; and the survey of women who live, work and visit Leeds city centre to share their experiences to help the council and partners make Leeds a safer place for women and girls.

Council is disappointed that Government Ministers earlier this year refused to approve levelling up fund bids to further improve parks in Leeds and Council believes this is yet another example of a failing Conservative Government that continues to let the people of Leeds down.”

The amendment in the name of Councillor Harrington was declared lost the amendment in the name of Councillor Rafique was carried and upon being put to the vote it was

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### **30 White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Arif) - NHS**

Prior to discussion on the Motion Councillor Lay, seconded by Councillor Hart Brooke sought leave of Council under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 13.2(d) and 14.10 to withdraw the amendment in his name.

Leave of Council was granted.

Councillor Arif also sought leave of Council under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 14.9(a) to alter the wording of the motion in her name by inserting

the words “and dental” after “mental health” but before “crisis” in the second paragraph (shown in bold in the motion).

Leave of Council was granted.

It was moved by Councillor Arif, seconded by Councillor Lay that this Council wishes the NHS a happy 75th birthday and thanks the city’s NHS workers for their dedicated service to the people of Leeds.

However, Council is gravely concerned by the damage inflicted on the NHS by the Conservative Government, including longer waiting times in A&E, for GP appointments, for Specialist Clinical Care or Surgery appointments, for Ambulances response times; and the failure to address the growing Mental Health **and dental** crisis.

Council is resolute in its support for NHS workers in Leeds and recognises the additional pressures and strains placed on them by the Covid-19 pandemic, the Cost-of-Living Crisis, and the Conservative Government’s complete failure to resolve ongoing industrial action.

Council is equally concerned by the wider damage 13 years of Conservative Government has caused to health inequalities. Council therefore welcomes Leeds City Council’s work locally alongside Professor Sir Michael Marmot and his team at the Institute of Health Equity, on a Marmot City approach to improving the health of the poorest in Leeds the fastest.

Council believes urgent Government action is needed to ensure Leeds residents receive the first class, timely NHS care they need and deserve. Council therefore calls for the Government to take immediate steps to constructively engage with representatives of the NHS workforce to mend the Government’s relationship with NHS workers and end the industrial action. Council notes the Government’s current plan does nothing to help people currently waiting for treatment, so Council further calls on the Government to immediately increase investment in NHS staff and services to get waiting times down for people who need treatment and care now.”

An amendment was moved by Councillor Caroline Anderson, seconded by Councillor N Buckley

Delete all after "This Council" and replace with:

“welcomes the 75th anniversary of the formation of the NHS and thanks NHS Leeds staff and partners for their service to the people of Leeds.

“Council notes that the NHS is in receipt of more money than ever before in its history with a budget of £152.6 billion in 2022/23.

“Council remains concerned that despite this record investment into the NHS, including more NHS staff than ever before, outcomes for patients are falling. Council acknowledges the impact the global pandemic has had on international healthcare systems, causing a backlog of appointments and operations including 14% fewer emergency admissions, 14% fewer outpatient appointments and 11% fewer elective and maternity admissions in 2022 than in the same month in 2019. Council therefore welcomes the first comprehensive workforce plan, created by the NHS, for the NHS,



and delivered in full by government, putting staffing on a sustainable footing and improving patient care. This is backed with over £2.4 billion to fund additional education and training places over five years on top of existing funding commitments.

“Council wants to see more done locally in areas of public health that this Council is itself responsible for. Council calls on the administration in Leeds to set out what it can do to expand preventative measures, boost active lifestyles, tackle social isolation, and improve the environment in order to achieve better public health outcomes for the people of Leeds and reduce pressure on the NHS, so it can better prioritise its record funding.”

A second amendment was moved by Councillor Finnigan, seconded by Councillor Newton

Delete all after the first paragraph

And add a new second paragraph

This Council supports the call for a Royal Commission to advise on reform of the NHS.

The amended White Paper will then read:

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This Council supports the call for a Royal Commission to advise on reform of the NHS.

The amendments in the name of Councillor C Anderson and Councillor Finnigan were declared lost and upon being put to the vote it was

**RESOLVED** –That this Council wishes the NHS a happy 75th birthday and thanks the city’s NHS workers for their dedicated service to the people of Leeds.

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On the requisition of Councillor Stephenson and Robinson the voting on the amendment in the name of Councillor Finnigan was recorded as follows;

YES – 22

Alderson, B Anderson, C Anderson, L Buckley, N Buckley, Amanda Carter, Cohen, Firth, Foster, Harrington, Lamb, Robinson, D Seary, S Seary, Stephenson, Dixon, Pogson-Golden, Finnigan, Gettings, Kidger, Newton and Campbell.

NO - 58

Akhtar, Ali, Almass, Arif, Bithell, Bowden, Bromley, Brooks, Burke, Carlill, Coupar, Dowson, Dye, Edwards, Farley, Flint, France-Mir, Garvani, Gibson, Grahame, Gruen, Hamilton, Hannan, Harland, Hayden, Heselwood, Hinchcliffe, Holroyd-Case, A Hussain, Z Hussain, Iqbal, Jenkins, Jones, Khan, Lennox, Lewis, Maloney, Manaka, Marshall-Katung, Martin, McCluskey, McKenna, Millar, Parnham, Pryor, Rafique, Renshaw, Ritchie, Rontree, Scopes, Sowards, Shahzad, Sharpe, Taylor, Thomson, Venner, Wilson and Wray.

ABSTAIN – 7

Blackburn, Stables, Chapman, Downes, Golton, Hart-Brooke and Lay

On the requisition of Councillor Flint and Farley the voting on the motion in the name of Councillor Arif was recorded as follows;

YES – 69

Akhtar, Ali, Almass, Arif, Bithell, Bowden, Bromley, Brooks, Burke, Carlill, Coupar, Dowson, Dye, Edwards, Farley, Flint, France-Mir, Garvani, Gibson, Grahame, Gruen, Hamilton, Hannan, Harland, Hayden, Heselwood, Hinchcliffe, Holroyd-Case, A Hussain, Z Hussain, Iqbal, Jenkins, Jones, Khan, Lennox, Lewis, Maloney, Manaka, Marshall-Katung, Martin, McCluskey, McKenna, Millar, Parnham, Pryor, Rafique, Renshaw, Ritchie, Rontree, Scopes, Sowards, Shahzad, Sharpe, Taylor, Thomson, Venner, Wilson, Wray, Dixon, Pogson-Golden, Gettings, Campbell. Blackburn, Stables, Chapman, Downes, Golton, Hart-Brooke and Lay

NO - 16

Alderson, B Anderson, C Anderson, L Buckley, N Buckley, Amanda Carter, Cohen, Firth, Foster, Harrington, Lamb, Robinson, D Seary, S Seary, Stephenson and Kidger.

ABSTAIN – 2

Finnigan and Newton.

Council rose at 7.38 pm