

A meeting of the Council will be held in the Civic Hall, Leeds on Wednesday, 20th March, 2024 at 12 noon.

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

- 1 Minutes of the last Meeting** 5 - 68

To approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 21st February 2024.
- 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 Licensing Annual Report 2023** 69 - 100

To consider the report of the Chief Officer Elections and Regulatory presenting to Council information relating to the granting of licences, enforcement action, and proposed future work in the form of an annual report.
- 6 Report on the Annual Report of the Standards and Conduct Committee** 101 - 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 committees terms of reference.
- 7 Executive Questions**

To deal with executive questions in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11.

8	Minutes of the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Executive Board	109 - 110
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To receive the minutes in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2.2(i).

9	White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Lamb) - Potholes	111 - 112
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This Council notes with concern that the Administration are not doing enough to address the pothole crisis we have on Leeds' roads and are showing no signs of developing a meaningful strategy for highway maintenance to address the woeful state of so many of our city's roads and pavements.

Potholes create safety hazards and misery for road users, cause damage to vehicles, and cost the Council thousands of pounds in compensation pay outs to those affected.

Recent data shows the number of potholes reported in Leeds has risen by almost 60% under the last five years of the Labour administration, with 13,722 potholes reported last year alone. There were more than 300 accidents relating to potholes in 2023, compared to an average of 190 between 2019 and 2022, and compensation paid out to those affected by potholes has also nearly doubled in recent years. Estimates suggest there is a mean average of 19.5 years backlog in highways maintenance and it would take £288 million to bring all roads up to an acceptable standard.

Council welcomes the huge amount of government funding provided to local authorities, including Leeds, to help repair potholes. This includes £17,719,592 in 2023 for road resurfacing works in Leeds, allocated by WYCA from the government's City Regions Sustainable Transport Settlement. But the Council should be investing more of its own money in improving the condition of the city's roads.

Council calls for a report to be presented to Executive Board laying out a clear plan for pothole repair, including addressing the large disparities between the average time it takes to fix potholes in different parts of the city, and setting out a long term strategy for addressing the backlog in highways maintenance work.

10	White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Golton) - Leeds 400th Anniversary	113 - 114
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This Council recognises the significance of 400th Anniversary of Leeds receiving our Great Charter as a borough from King Charles I, and commits to celebrating this milestone in our city's history. Council notes the impressive series of events organised to mark the 300th anniversary in 1926 and commits to ensuring that this generation of Leeds citizens enjoys a festival deserving of the 400th anniversary.

In order for this celebration to be truly enjoyed citywide, and to leave a lasting legacy that benefits all communities within the modern boundaries of Leeds,

this Council commits to learn the lessons of Leeds 2023 Year of Culture. It is therefore proposed that an all party members board be appointed to review the evaluation reports from Leeds 2023 during 2024, and develop plans during 2025 for the 400th Anniversary Celebration in 2026.

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**White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Coupar) -
Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Act 2023**

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Council believes that the right to strike is a fundamental British freedom and believes that the Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Act 2023 is just the latest direct attack on this freedom.

Council regrets the over the past 14 years the Government have continually eroded pay, and to an even greater degree when inflation hit a 41 year high of 11.1%.

Council regrets the Government's failure to deal with the cost-of-living crisis and failure to outlaw poor employment practices, which Council believes have caused recent strike action. Council further regrets this legislation as an attempt to shift the blame onto ordinary workers who have resorted to striking to achieve fair pay and dignity at work.

Council further believes that the regime created by the Strikes (Minimum Service Level) Act 2023 is both unworkable and unnecessary and is an attack on the freedoms of working people in Leeds.

Council resolves to request a paper to Executive Board to consider these issues further and calls on the Government to repeal anti-trade union legislation.



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