

**A meeting of the Council will be held in the Civic Hall, Leeds on Wednesday, 13th November, 2024 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 11<sup>th</sup> September 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 Recommendations of the Executive Board - Leeds Community Safety Strategy 2024-2027** 25 - 50

To consider the report of the Director of Communities, Housing and Environment setting out recommendations from the Executive Board on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024 to Full Council to adopt the Leeds Community Safety Strategy 2024-27.
- 6 Recommendations of the Executive Board - Youth Justice Service Plan - 2024-2027** 51 - 118

To consider the report of the Director of Children and Families setting out recommendations from the Executive Board on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024 to Full Council to approve the Leeds Youth Justice Service Plan, and formally adopt the Plan as part of the Budget and Policy Framework.

- 7            **Recommendations of the Executive Board - Gambling Act 2005 – Review of Statement of Licensing Policy**            119 - 188

To consider the report of the Director of Communities, Housing and Environment setting out recommendations from the Executive Board on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024 to Full Council to approve the Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Licensing Policy 2025-2027 to have effect from 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025.

- 8            **Report on Appointment of Chief Executive/Head of Paid Service**            189 - 194

To consider the report of the Interim Assistant Chief Executive – People, Digital & Change in respect of the recommendation of the Employment Committee of 24 October 2024 to appoint Ed Whiting to the post of Chief Executive/Head of Paid Service.

- 9            **Report on Attendance at Meetings**            195 - 198

To consider the report of the City Solicitor in respect of attendance at meetings.

- 10          **Report on Appointments**            199 - 202

To consider the report of the City Solicitor on appointments.

- 11          **Report on Plans Panel and Development Plan Panel Annual Report, 2023-24**            203 - 216

To consider the report of the Chief Planning Officer presenting to Council the 2023-24 Plans Panel and Development Plan Panel annual report.

- 12          **Executive Questions**

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

- 13          **Minutes of the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Executive Board**            217 - 248

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

- 14          **White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Lamb) - Jobs Tax**            249 - 250

This Council notes that the Labour Government inherited the fastest growing economy in the G7, with mortgage interest rates falling and inflation back to

the Bank of England target after the impact of the COVID pandemic and the energy price crisis because of the war in Ukraine.

The independent Office for Budget Responsibility (OBR) forecasts that growth will now be lower, inflation will rise and mortgage interest rates will increase as a result of the Chancellor's budget on 30 October.

The OBR also forecasts that the policies in the budget directly:

- increase tax take to an historic high at 38 per cent of GDP by 2029-30;
- lower medium-term GDP growth to 1.5 per cent;
- push up CPI inflation, projected to rise to 2.6 per cent by 2025;
- increase borrowing by £19.6 bn this year and by £32.3 bn over the next five years;
- reduce real household disposable income by 2029;
- raise the bank rate and five-year gilt yield higher than forecast; and
- cut wages by £7.5 bn as a result of a hike in employers' national insurance.

This Council rejects the Chancellor's tax on jobs, which will hit businesses in Leeds. According to the OBR: *"policy changes leave nominal and real earnings growth lower over the remainder of the forecast as employers pass on the national insurance contribution rise"*. The OBR further notes: *"in 2025/26 firms will pass on 60 per cent of the higher costs to workers and consumers, via lower wages and higher prices"*.

Council believes this budget is a tax on working people.

15      **White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Lay) - Leeds General Infirmary**      251 - 252

This Council is dismayed that the Chancellor of the Exchequer did not commit in her recent Autumn Statement to funding approvals for the long planned new hospital buildings on the Leeds General Infirmary site, as requested via letter by all political groups on Leeds City Council.

Council is concerned that further delay to getting spades in the ground on this project will lead to higher construction costs for the taxpayer, a drag on economic growth in the city, and worsened health outcomes for our citizens.

Council calls on the Government to recognise the significant investment already made to demolish and clear the city centre site for construction, and to confirm the inclusion of this project as one of those 'in build' schemes that qualify for 'swift' delivery through the New Hospital Programme, and for the funding to be committed by the end of this year.

16      **White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Farley) - Employment Rights Bill**      253 - 254

This Council supports the Government's new landmark Employment's Rights Bill that will improve the lives of thousands of workers in Leeds by raising living standards for all.

Council welcomes measures in the Bill to provide protection against unfair dismissal from day one; establish parental and bereavement leave from day one; end exploitative zero-hour contracts; end unscrupulous practices of fire and rehire and fire and replace; make flexible working the norm where practical; deliver stronger protections for pregnant women and new mothers; and strengthen statutory sick pay.

Council supports the Bill will establish a new Fair Work Agency to enforce employment rights such as holiday pay and provide support to employers looking for guidance on how to comply with the law.

Council further supports the Government's commitment to increase the national living wage by 6.7% to give a much-needed pay rise to thousands of low paid working people in Leeds, and is a significant step towards delivering a genuine living wage for all workers.

Council is pleased the Bill will modernise Trade Union laws to help in their vital role representing workers' interests and improving working conditions.

Council believes the Bill will complement this Administration's achievements on inclusive growth in Leeds and as part of this Council commits to bring a report to a future Executive Board meeting to ensure the measures in the bill support work to ensure the future of our city is more inclusive and that all in the city can benefit from the Leeds economy growing.



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