

A meeting of the Council will be held in the Civic Hall, Leeds on Wednesday, 18th July, 2007 at 1.30 pm

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

1. Minutes

To confirm the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 20th June 2007

2. Declarations of Interest

To receive any declarations of interest from Members

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. Reports

To approve recommendations in the following reports considered by the Monitoring Officer as appropriate to be received at this meeting in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2.2(f):

- (a) The report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) on cancellation of the September 2007 Council meeting

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- (b) The report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) on appointments

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6. Questions

To deal with questions in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11

7. Minutes

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

M HARRIS

8. White Paper Motion - Environment Agency Funding to Reduce Flooding

This Council, recognising the fact that the recent flooding and heavy rainfall is likely to be repeated in years to come, calls upon Her Majesty's Government to reverse the cuts in funding to the Environment Agency and indeed to invest further in measures to reduce flooding across the UK.

This Council also calls upon the Environment Agency to reinstate the Leeds flood alleviation scheme and the schemes for Wykebeck and Farnley.

A CARTER

9. White Paper Motion - Responses to Flooding Incidents

This Council recognises the suffering and misery that recent flooding has caused to many people in Leeds and calls upon the Council to make sure it is doing all it can to help people to return their lives to normality. Furthermore we urge the council to work constructively with the Environment Agency, the Department of the Environment, Yorkshire Water and all other agencies to make sure they too are doing everything they can to help people most in need.

This council calls for an inquiry into the City's preparedness to deal with flooding incidents like these and identify how such events can be avoided in the future, recognising the greater risk through climate change.

Furthermore this council demands urgent action to be taken to provide relief for all people affected by flooding and to examine options which would help:

- Provide information about making insurance claims.
- Provide relief to local people whose homes are uninsured, who may be burdened by rising insurance costs and for those people who may now be unable to get their homes insured in the future.
- To look into the feasibility of providing people with relief from the council tax.
- To establish a fund to help those affected.

This council recognises the need to make sure that no people affected by flooding are taken advantage of by cowboy contractors inflating prices and preying on the vulnerable.

And finally this council congratulates the work of the emergency services, the environment agency and the employees of Leeds City Council who worked with such professionalism, dedication and bravery to help evacuate homes and deal with problems caused by the recent floods.

M LYONS

10. White Paper Motion - Use of Traditional Nappies

That this Council reaffirms its commitment to the promotion of the use of traditional nappies, and writes to the new Health Minister, Ben Bradshaw, bearing in mind his recent comments, urging the Government to continue its financial support of the Real Nappy Campaign, to encourage the use of traditional nappies instead of disposable ones to help reduce the impact on the environment.

A BLACKBURN

11. White Paper Motion (Procedure Rule 3.1(d)) - Condition of Streets in Student Let Areas

This Council recognises the deplorable state of streets in areas like Headingley, Kirkstall, Burley and Hyde Park caused by inconsiderate landlords clearing houses formerly let to students and depositing massive amounts of unsorted and therefore contaminated waste on the streets of those areas. It therefore requires the Chief Executive to institute immediate prosecutions of offenders and legal measures to recover the cost of collecting and disposing of the rubbish collected.

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NOTE – The order in which White Paper motions will be debated will be determined by Whips prior to the meeting