

Proceedings of the Meeting of Leeds City Council held at the  
Civic Hall, Leeds on Wednesday, 31st October, 2007

**PRESENT:** The Lord Mayor Councillor Brian Cleasby in the Chair

**WARD**

**ADEL & WHARFEDALE**

John Leslie Carter  
Clive Fox  
Barry John Anderson

**ALWOODLEY**

Ruth Feldman  
Peter Mervyn Harrand  
Ronald David Feldman

**ARDSLEY & ROBIN HOOD**

Jack Dunn  
Lisa Mulherin  
Karen Renshaw

**ARMLEY**

James McKenna  
Alison Natalie Kay Lowe

**BEESTON & HOLBECK**

Adam Ogilvie  
David Congreve  
Angela Gabriel

**BRAMLEY & STANNINGLEY**

Ted Hanley  
Neil Taggart

**BURMANTOFTS & RICHMOND HILL**

Richard Brett  
David Hollingsworth  
Ralph Pryke

**WARD**

**CALVERLEY & FARSLEY**

Amanda Lesley Carter  
Frank Robinson  
Andrew Carter

**CHAPEL ALLERTON**

Mohammed Rafique  
Jane Dowson  
Sharon Hamilton

**CITY & HUNSLET**

Patrick Davey  
Mohammed Iqbal  
Elizabeth Nash

**CROSS GATES & WHINMOOR**

Pauleen Grahame  
Peter John Gruen  
Suzi Armitage

**FARNLEY & WORTLEY**

Ann Blackburn  
Luke Russell  
David Blackburn

**GARFORTH & SWILLINGTON**

Mark Dobson  
Thomas Murray  
Andrea McKenna

**GIPTON & HAREHILLS**

Arif Hussain  
Roger Harington  
Alan Leonard Taylor

**GUISELEY & RAWDON**

Stuart Andrew  
John Bale  
Graham Latty

**HAREWOOD**

Rachael Procter  
Alec Shelbrooke  
Ann Castle

**HEADINGLEY**

James John Monaghan  
Martin Hamilton  
David Morton

**HORSFORTH**

Andrew Barker  
Brian Cleasby  
Christopher Townsley

**HYDE PARK & WOODHOUSE**

Kabeer Hussain  
Linda Valerie Rhodes-Clayton  
Penny Ewens

**KILLINGBECK & SEACROFT**

Veronica Morgan  
Brian Michael Selby  
Graham Hyde

**KIPPAX & METHLEY**

James Lewis  
Keith Ivor Wakefield  
John Keith Parker

**KIRKSTALL**

John Anthony Illingworth  
Bernard Peter Atha  
Elizabeth M Minkin

**MIDDLETON PARK**

Judith Blake  
Debra Ann Coupar  
Geoffrey Driver

**MOORTOWN**

Brenda Lancaster  
Richard Harker  
Mark Daniel Harris

**MORLEY NORTH**

Robert William Gettings  
Thomas Leadley  
Robert Finnigan

**MORLEY SOUTH**

Terrence Grayshon  
Christopher James Beverley  
Judith Elliot

**OTLEY & YEADON**

Colin Campbell  
Ryk Downes  
Graham Peter Kirkland

**PUDSEY**

Richard Alwyn Lewis  
Mick Coulson  
Josephine Patricia Jarosz

**ROTHWELL**

Steve Smith  
Barry Stewart Golton  
Donald Michael Wilson

**ROUNDHAY**

Valerie Kendall  
Paul Wadsworth  
Matthew Lobley

**TEMPLE NEWSAM**

Jacqueline Langdale  
Michael Lyons  
William Schofield Hyde

**WEETWOOD**

Susan Bentley  
Judith Mara Chapman  
Brian David Timothy Jennings

**WETHERBY**

Alan James Lamb  
John Michael Procter  
Gerald Wilkinson

### 38 **Announcements**

- (a) The Lord Mayor informed Council of Councillor Lobley's recent engagement to be married and of the recent marriage of Councillors James and Andrea McKenna (nee Harrison) and Council offered their congratulations.
- (b) The Lord Mayor announced that John Wilson, Sergeant at Mace, had recently achieved thirty years of service with the Council and Council offered their congratulations.
- (c) The Lord Mayor reported details of a Civic reception to be held for Leeds Rhinos following their recent grand final success.
- (d) The Lord Mayor invited Council to note the one hundredth anniversary of the right of women to seek election to this chamber.
- (e) Following the recent death of Jane Tomlinson OBE, Honorary Freeman of the City, Council stood and applauded her achievements.

### 39 **Declarations of Interest**

The Lord Mayor announced that a list of written declarations submitted by Members was on deposit in the public galleries and had been circulated to each Member's place in the Chamber.

Following an invitation to declare further individual interests declarations in accordance with the Council's Code of Practice were made as follows:

- (a) Councillor A McKenna declared a personal interest in relation to minute 42 of this meeting (question 19) as a Trustee of Relate.
- (b) Members declared personal interests in minute 45 of this meeting as follows:
  - Councillor A Taylor - Governor of Harehills Primary School
  - Councillor P Ewens - Governor of North West SILC  
- LCC Appointment to Board of Burley Lodge Centre
  - Councillor G Kirkland - Otley Town Councillor
  - Councillor R Brett - Chair of Children Leeds Partnership
- (c) Members declared personal interests in minute 50 of this meeting, the motion referred to being subsequently withdrawn:
  - Councillor B Anderson - Member of Regional Planning Forum  
- Member of Regional Planning Board  
- Chairman of ALMO

- Councillor J Bale - Fellow and Past President of the Chartered Institute of Building
- Councillor Mrs A Carter - Member of Regional Housing Board  
- Member of West Yorkshire Housing Partnership  
- Member of Leeds Bradford Corridor Group
- Councillor J L Carter - Chair of Re'new
- Councillor A Castle - Member of Leeds Civic Trust
- Councillor C Fox - Member of West North West Homes Leeds area panel for the North West Outer Area
- Councillor G Latty - Member of ALMO Outer North West Area Panel
- Councillor P Wadsworth - Member of East North East Homes ALMO
- Councillor G Wilkinson - Director of East North East Homes ALMO

(d) Members declared personal interests in minute 48 of this meeting as follows:

- Councillor B Anderson - Member of Environment Agency Ridings Area Environment Group  
- Member of Yorkshire Power Station Joint Environment Committee
- Councillor J Bale - Chartered Environmentalist (Society of Environment)
- Councillor S Smith - Member of Greenpeace

(e) Members declared personal interests in minute 51 of this meeting as follows:

- Councillor B Lancaster - Son serving in the Royal Navy and Honorary Member of Normandy Veterans
- Councillor Andrew Carter - Member of Royal British Legion
- Councillor W Hyde - Vice President of Royal British Legion
- Councillor R D Feldman - Member of the Leeds Jewish Ex-Servicemen's and Women's Association
- Councillor G Latty - Member of Royal British Legion

Councillor J Jarosz - Member of Royal British Legion

Councillor M Coulson - Member of Royal British Legion

Councillor J Elliott - Member of Royal British Legion

(f) Councillor J L Carter declared a personal interest in minute 52 of this meeting as Chair of Re'new and Councillors M Rafique, M Iqbal and A Hussain declared personal and prejudicial interests in the same item as landlords.

(g) Members declared personal interests in minute 53 of this meeting as follows:

Councillor K Parker - Member of Leeds Rugby Foundation

Councillor E Minkin - Husband, a Rhinos season ticket holder

Councillor C Townsley - A Rhinos season ticket holder

Councillor J Lewis - A Rhinos season ticket holder

Councillor S Smith - A Rhinos season ticket holder

Councillor S Golton - Nephew a Rhinos team player

Councillor A Lowe - Nephew a Rhinos junior team player

Councillor M Harris - Recipient of corporate hospitality from Rhinos

The Lord Mayor - Recipient of Rugby Tickets for Carnegie Stadium

(h) A further declaration made during the meeting is referred to at minute 48 (Councillor Illingworth).

#### **40 Deputations**

Two deputations were admitted to the meeting and addressed Council as follows:

1. Local Residents concerned about Britannia Quarry, Morley.
2. Queenswood Heights Tenants and Residents Association Regarding Anti Social Behaviour in the Flats

**RESOLVED** – That the subject matter of the deputations be referred to the Executive Board for consideration.

## 41 Reports

Reports admitted to the agenda in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2.2(f) were considered as follows:

- (a) Temporary Amendment to Council Procedure Rules  
The Lord Mayor announced that this item, 5(a) as contained on the Council Summons, would not be proceeded with.
- (b) Memorial Inscriptions  
It was moved by Councillor Harris seconded by Councillor Wakefield and

**RESOLVED** – That inscriptions be made in the Wade Memorial Garden in memory of Danny Freeman and Wilson Armistead.

- (c) Amendments to the Members Allowance Scheme  
It was moved by Councillor J Procter seconded by Councillor Gruen that Council approve amendments to the Members' Allowance Scheme as detailed in paragraph 2.6 of the report of the Chief Democratic Services Officer and that the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) be authorised to make any consequential changes to the Members' Allowance Scheme.

An amendment was moved by Councillor D Blackburn seconded by Councillor Russell in section 2. Recommendations  
ADD after "this report" in Para 3.1  
"apart from Recommendations (a), (e), (f), (i) and (j)."

The amendment was lost and upon being put as the substantive motion it was

**RESOLVED** – That Council approve amendments to the Members' Allowance Scheme as detailed in paragraph 2.6 of the report of the Chief Democratic Services Officer and that the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) be authorised to make any consequential changes to the Members' Allowance Scheme.

(The Lord Mayor had agreed to the admission of this matter as a late item of business, in view of the fact that the operative date for a number of the proposals was the beginning of the municipal year.

## 42 Questions

1. Councillor Wakefield to the Executive Member (Children's Services)

Can the Executive Board Member for Children's Services please update us to the financial position of the Children's Services Department?

The Executive Member (Children's Services) replied.

2. Councillor Andrew to the Executive Member (Development and Regeneration)

Will the Executive Member for Development and Regeneration please inform Council of the changes the Government is making in terms of the Planning Delivery Grant.

The Executive Member (Development and Regeneration) replied.

3. Councillor Taylor to the Leader of Council

Would the Leader of Council comment on the progress of the “Narrowing the Gap – Engaging the Private Sector” project, launched earlier this year?

The Leader of Council replied.

4. Councillor Finnigan to the Executive Member (Learning)

Could the Executive Member responsible for the Youth Service confirm the specific figures for the youth service budget for both Morley North and Morley South including a breakdown of monies spent on staffing?.

The Executive Member (Learning replied).

5. Question 5 in the name of Councillor D Blackburn was withdrawn.

6. Councillor Beverley to the Leader of Council

In the interest of promoting an interest in local democracy and narrowing the gap between Leeds City Council and the general public, would the leader of council please tell us if he will consider introducing webcasts of council meetings so as to allow them to be viewed online, as is done in other local authorities such as Epping Forest District Council?

The Leader of Council replied.

7. Councillor Murray to the Executive Member (Learning)

Can the Executive Board Member for Learning please comment on this year’s GCSE and A-Level results?

The Executive Member (Learning) replied.

8. Councillor Robinson to the Executive Member (Leisure)

Would the Executive Member for Leisure care to comment on the successful results gained by Towns and Villages within Leeds at the Yorkshire in Bloom Awards Presentation held recently in Hull.

The Executive Member (Leisure) replied.

At the conclusion of Question Time the following questions remained unanswered and it was noted that under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 11.6 written responses would be sent to each Member of Council:

9. Councillor Ewens to the Leader of Council
10. Councillor Finnigan to the Executive Member (Development and Regeneration)
11. Councillor Lowe to the Executive Member (Children's Services)
12. Councillor Kendall to the Executive Member (Adult Health and Social Care)
13. Councillor Townsley to the Executive Member (Learning)
14. Councillor Driver to the Executive Member (Leisure)
15. Councillor Bale to the Executive Member (Children's Services)
16. Councillor M Hamilton to the Executive Member (Development and Regeneration)
17. Councillor Blake to the Leader of Council
18. Councillor Taylor to the Executive Member (Leisure)
19. Councillor A McKenna to the Leader of Council
20. Councillor M Hamilton to the Leader of Council
21. Councillor Wilson to the Executive Member (Learning)

**43 Recommendations of the Executive Board**

It was moved by Councillor Harris seconded by Councillor A Carter and

**RESOLVED** – That the recommendations of the Executive Board on the proposed promotion of a local Act of Parliament in relation to Street Trading as presented in the report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) be approved.

(In accordance with the provisions of Section 239(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 this resolution was passed by a majority of the whole number of the members of the authority)

**44 Recommendations of the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee**

It was moved by Councillor Bale seconded by Councillor Campbell and

**RESOLVED** – That the recommendations of the Corporate Governance with regard to proposed changes to the Council's Budget and Policy Framework as detailed in the report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) be approved.



## 45 Minutes

Prior to formally moving the minutes Councillor Harris :

- (a) presented Councillor Atha with a bottle of champagne as a token to mark fifty years since Councillor Atha's election to Council and with leave of the Lord Mayor Councillor Atha responded;
- (b) made a brief statement with regard to his decision to stand down as Leader/alternate Leader of Council with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2007 and with leave of the Lord Mayor Councillors Wakefield, A Carter, Finnigan and D Blackburn responded.

It was moved by Councillor Harris seconded by Councillor J Procter.

That the minutes submitted to Council in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2.2(m) be received.

An amendment (reference back) was moved by Councillor Minkin seconded by Councillor Blake.

To add the following words at the end of item 9:

“but to ask the Executive Board to reconsider the decision in relation to The Holt Park District Centre and Tinshill Recreation Ground as contained in minute 87 of the Executive Board minutes of the 17<sup>th</sup> October 2007”.

The amendment was lost and upon the motion being put to the vote it was

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes submitted to Council in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2.2(m) be received.

Council Procedure Rule 4 providing for the winding up of business was applied prior to all notified comments, and a second reference back, on the minutes having been debated.

On the requisition of Councillors Gruen and Taggart the voting on the amendment was recorded as follows:

### **YES**

Armitage, Atha, A Blackburn, Blake, Congreve, Coulson, Coupar, Davey, Dobson, Dowson, Driver, Dunn, Gabriel, Grahame, Gruen, S Hamilton, Hanley, Harington, A Hussain, K Hussain, G Hyde, Illingworth, Iqbal, Jarosz, Langdale, Leadley, J Lewis, R Lewis, Lowe, Lyons, A McKenna, J McKenna, Minkin, Morgan, Mulherin, Murray, Nash, Ogilvie, Parker, Rafique, Renshaw, Russell, Selby, Taggart and Wakefield

## NO

Anderson, Andrew, Bale, Barker, Bentley, Brett, Campbell, A Carter, Mrs A Carter, Carter J L, Castle, Chapman, Downes, Elliot, Ewens, R D Feldman, R Feldman, Finnigan, Fox, Gettings, Golton, Grayshon, M Hamilton, Harker, Harrand, Harris, Hollingsworth, W Hyde, Jennings, Kendall, Kirkland, Lamb, Lancaster, Latty, Lobley, Monaghan, Morton, J Procter, R Procter, Pryke Rhodes-Clayton, Robinson, Shelbrooke, Smith, Taylor, Townsley, Wadsworth, Wilkinson and Wilson

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## ABSTAIN

D Blackburn

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### **46 Suspension of Council Procedure Rules**

During the debate under minute 45 above it was moved by Councillor Gruen seconded by Councillor J Procter and

**RESOLVED** – That under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 22.1, Council Procedure Rule 3.1(a) and (b) be suspended to extend the time allowed for the discussion of minutes by a period of twenty minutes.

(The meeting was suspended at 5.20 pm and resumed at 5.45 pm).

### **47 Announcement**

Upon resumption of the meeting the Lord Mayor announced that an Extraordinary Council meeting for specified purposes would be held at 1.30 pm on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2007.

### **48 White Paper Motion - Construction of an Incinerator in Leeds**

It was moved by Councillor Blake seconded by Councillor Lyons

That this Council is opposed to an incinerator being constructed anywhere in the city and calls upon the ruling Administration to make their waste strategy clear to the people of Leeds.

An amendment was moved by Councillor A Blackburn seconded by Councillor Russell.

Delete all after “City” and replace with:

“Council further calls upon both the Administration here in Leeds and National Government to take action to further encourage the principles of Refuse, Reduce, Re-use, Repair and Recycle, and in so doing reduce the levels of residuals that need processing”.

A second amendment was moved by Councillor Smith seconded by Councillor J L Carter.

Replace all after “This council” with

“welcomes the Integrated Waste Strategy for Leeds and in particular its targets to reduce waste and increase recycling as far as possible. The Council clarifies that its preferred option is not energy from waste but notes the Government’s advice on taking a neutral approach to the procurement of a waste solution”.

The mover and seconder of the motion having accepted the first amendment with the consent of council, the first amendment was put to the vote and lost and upon the second amendment being put as the substantive motion it was

**RESOLVED** – That this Council welcomes the Integrated Waste Strategy for Leeds and in particular its targets to reduce waste and increase recycling as far as possible. The Council clarifies that its preferred option is not energy from waste but notes the Government’s advice on taking a neutral approach to the procurement of a waste solution.

On the requisition of Councillors Taggart and Lyons the voting was recorded as follows:

On the first amendment

**YES**

Armitage, Atha, Beverley, A Blackburn, D Blackburn, Blake, Congreve, Coulson, Coupar, Davey, Dobson, Dowson, Driver, Dunn, Gabriel, Gruen, S Hamilton, Hanley, Harington, A Hussain, K Hussain, Illingworth, Iqbal, Jarosz, Langdale, J Lewis, R Lewis, Lowe, Lyons, A McKenna, J McKenna , Minkin, Morgan, Mulherin, Murray, Nash, Ogilvie, Parker, Rafique, Renshaw, Russell, Selby, Taggart and Wakefield

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**NO**

Anderson, Andrew, Bale, Barker, Bentley, Brett, Campbell, A Carter, Mrs A Carter, J L Carter, Castle, Chapman, Downes, Elliot, Ewens, R D Feldman, R Feldman, Fox, Gettings, Golton, Grayshon, M Hamilton, Harker, Harrand, Harris, Hollingsworth, W Hyde, Jennings, Kendall, Kirkland, Lamb, Lancaster, Latty, Leadley, Loble, Monaghan, Morton, J Procter, R Procter, Pryke, Rhodes-Clayton, Robinson, Shelbrooke, Smith, Taylor, Townsley, Wadsworth, Wilkinson and Wilson,

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On the substantive motion

**YES**

Anderson, Andrew, Bale, Barker, Bentley, Brett, Campbell, A Carter, Mrs A Carter, J L Carter, , Castle, Chapman, Downes, Elliot, Ewens,

Mrs R Feldman, R D Feldman, Fox, Gettings, Golton, Grayshon, M Hamilton, Harker, Harrand, Harris, Hollingsworth, W Hyde, Jennings, Kendall, Kirkland, Lamb, Lancaster, Latty, Leadley, Lobley, Monaghan, Morton, J Procter, R Procter, Pryke, Rhodes-Clayton, Robinson, Shelbrooke, Smith, Taylor, Townsley, Wadsworth, Wilkinson and Wilson,

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## **NO**

Armitage, Atha, A Blackburn, D Blackburn, Blake, Congreve, Coulson, Coupar, Davey, Dobson, Dowson, Driver, Dunn, Gabriel, Gruen, S Hamilton, Hanley, Harington, A Hussain, K Hussain, Illingworth, Iqbal, Jarosz, Langdale, J Lewis, R Lewis, Lowe, Lyons, A McKenna, J McKenna, Minkin, Morgan, Mulherin, Murray, Nash, Ogilvie, Parker, Rafique, Renshaw, Russell, Selby, Taggart and Wakefield

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## **ABSTAIN**

Beverley

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(During the debate on this matter Councillor Illingworth declared a personal interest as a Director of Leeds Organic Growers which is promoting a composting scheme for garden waste).

### **49 Suspension of Council Procedure Rules**

During the debate under minute 48 above it was moved by Councillor J Procter seconded by Councillor M Hamilton and

**RESOLVED** – That under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 22.1, Procedure Rule 3.1(c) be suspended to allow the debate on this item to be concluded.

(At the conclusion of the debate under minute 49 the provisions of Council Procedure rule 3.1 (d) were applied).

### **50 Withdrawal of Motion**

Under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 14.11, with the consent of the seconder and of Council, Councillor a Carter withdrew the motion in his name relating to Government targets for new housing.

### **51 White Paper Motion - The Royal British Legion "It's time to Honour the Covenant" Campaign**

It was moved by Councillor Grayshon seconded by Councillor Lancaster and

**RESOLVED** – This Council notes the excellent work carried out by the various branches of The Royal British Legion throughout the City of Leeds.

In particular we note the work of the “Its time to Honour the Covenant” campaign and request that the Chief Executive write to the Secretary of State for Defence and to all Leeds MP’s showing the support of Leeds City Council to this campaign.

**52 White Paper Motion Submitted under the Provisions of Council (Procedure Rule 3.1(d)) - Houses in Multiple Occupation**

It was moved by Councillor Monaghan seconded by Councillor Illingworth and

**RESOLVED** – That Council notes that:

- in England a family house and a house in multiple occupation (HMO) are in the same Use Class, in planning terms, which means that planning permission is not required to use what was a family house as an HMO.

- If the planning rules in England were changed to create a separate Use Class for HMOs, it would be much easier to control their distribution and local density in the City.

- Having a high density of HMOs can have a detrimental effect on local communities, for example in terms of waste, parking and noise, and can eventually lead to communities becoming unbalanced and unsustainable.

Therefore Council instructs the Council Leader to ask the Government to change the planning rules in England to create a separate Use Class for HMOs, and to write to all Leeds MPs to lend their support.

**53 White Paper Motion Submitted Under the Provisions of Council (Procedure Rule 3.1(d)) - Leeds Rhinos and Castleford Tigers Rugby League Teams**

Consent of Council was given under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 14.10(a) for the mover to alter the motion by removing the words “urges the administration to appropriately celebrate” in the first paragraph and replacing them with “welcomes the Council’s plans to celebrate” and to move as follows:

It was moved by Councillor Parker seconded by Councillor J Lewis and

**RESOLVED** – That this Council congratulates Leeds Rhinos on their fantastic grand final success, and furthermore welcomes the Council’s plans to celebrate their achievement in this Leeds 800<sup>th</sup> year.

Finally this Council joins with the councillors for Kippax and Methley Ward in congratulating the Castleford Tigers on their promotion back to the Super League

(Council rose at 7.40 pm).