

**A meeting of the Council will be held in the Civic Hall, Leeds on Wednesday, 9th April, 2008 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 February 2008

**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 consider the following reports admitted to the agenda by the Chief Executive under Council Procedure Rule 2.2(f)

- (a) That the report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) on appointments to the Plans Panel (City Centre) be approved

**M HAMILTON**

- (b) That the report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) on appointment of an independent member of the Standards Committee be approved.

**M HAMILTON**

**6. Recommendations of the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee**

That the report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) on amendments to the Constitution recommended by the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee be approved.

**J BALE**

## **7. Questions**

To deal with questions in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11

## **8. Minutes**

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

**A CARTER**

## **9. White Paper Motion - Post Office Closures**

This Council states its serious concern at the lack of information regarding the fate of post offices in the city, the deplorable cuts to these vital services made elsewhere in Yorkshire and the significant delay in releasing the government's plans for closures, now put off until 16<sup>th</sup> May .

This Council believes that the loss of post offices undermines this Council's investment in the economic prosperity and wellbeing of Leeds, through schemes such as the £15m Town and District Regeneration Scheme

**A CARTER**

## **10. White Paper Motion - Living Wage**

This Council believes that it is vitally important to narrow the gap between rich and poor in this city. To achieve this end this Council believes that all people should be paid a "living wage" which will provide 'adequate income' to ensure social inclusion for an individual and their family.

This Council also notes that the Welsh Assembly, the London Assembly and many businesses including KPMG have already agreed to pay their employees a living wage.

Therefore, this Council resolves:

1. That Leeds City Council should commit to achieving Living Wage employer status, by paying a living wage to all staff (permanent, temporary, and all staff who work for the council but aren't employed by it).
2. That the Chief Executive prepare a report to Executive Board which will:
  - Outline how Leeds can become a 'Living Wage City' where every worker earns a living wage.
  - Explain what the financial commitment would be for Leeds City Council to achieving this aim.

**K WAKEFIELD**

## **11. White Paper Motion - Failure to Keep Leeds' Streets Clean**

This Council condemns the ruling Conservative / Liberal Administration for failing to keep Leeds' streets clean. Further this Council calls upon the Administration to commit extra resources to streetscene.

**R LEWIS**

**12. White Paper Motion - Selection of Lord Mayor**

This Council believes all political groups on Leeds City Council should be treated equally and fairly. This Council therefore, agrees that the Lord Mayor of Leeds should be selected from the Morley Borough Independent Group once every five years and that the Lord Mayor of Leeds for the municipal year 2009-2010 will be selected from the Morley Borough Independent Group

**R FINNIGAN**

**13. White Paper Motion Submitted Under the Provisions of Council Procedure Rule 3.1(d) - Code of Conduct for the Handling of Postal Votes**

Noting that the Electoral Commission's Code of Conduct regarding the handling of postal votes to which all major political parties are signatories explicitly states that completed postal vote ballot papers should not be pro-actively collected from members of the public, this Council condemns any elected member or political activist who solicits postal ballot papers from electors in this way during the course of the forthcoming local elections.

**R BRETT**

**14. White Paper Motion Submitted Under the Provisions of Council Procedure Rule 3.1(d) - Single Use Plastic Carrier Bags**

This Council recognises the growing public concern about the environmental damage caused by Britain's use of over 1 Billion single use plastic carrier bags every year. This Council therefore requests of HM Government that it takes effective action to reduce single use plastic bag use to an absolute minimum.

Council further resolves to minimise its own use and promotion of plastic bags, including investigating promoting the use of bags for life in our own outlets, publicising the possibility of recycling plastic bags in domestic green bins.

Council also resolves to ask the Chief officer to write to every supermarket chain in Leeds asking that they site plastic bag recycling facilities in every store where practicable, and promote more environmentally friendly bags including reusable plastic bags and "American style" brown bags

**D MORTON**

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