

A meeting of the Council will be held in the Civic Hall, Leeds on Wednesday, 16th September, 2009 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 15th July 2009.

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 reports as follows (the Chief Executive considers that these reports are appropriate to be received at this meeting in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2.2 (f)):-

- a) That the report of the Assistant Chief Executive(Corporate Governance) on arrangements for Council meetings in November 2009 be approved

R BRETT

- b) That the report of the Assistant Chief Executive(Corporate Governance) on appointments be approved

J PROCTER

- c) That the report of the Assistant Chief Executive(Corporate Governance) on amendments to the Scheme of Delegation be noted.

R BRETT

6. Questions

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

7. Recommendations of the Executive Board

That the recommendations of the Executive Board on treasury management matters, as presented by the report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) be approved.

R BRETT

8. Recommendations of the General Purposes Committee - Executive Arrangements

That the recommendation of the General Purposes Committee with regard to the Council's Executive arrangements, as contained in the report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance), be approved

A CARTER

(Report to follow).

9. Recommendations of the General Purposes Committee - Amendments to the Constitution

That the recommendations of the General Purposes Committee with regard to amendments to the Constitution, as contained in the report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance), be approved.

A CARTER

(Report to follow)

10. Minutes

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

11. White Paper Motion - Safeguarding of Children

This Council recognises the serious issues highlighted by the recent unannounced OFSTED inspection of contact, referral and assessment services within Leeds City Council Children's Services.

Council affirms that safeguarding of children should receive the highest priority and that it will learn the lessons from the issues highlighted in the inspection report.

Council notes the ongoing actions to embed citywide consistency in front line practices to ensure that any child at risk receives the attention they deserve.

S GOLTON

12. White Paper Motion - Meat Free Day

This Council agrees that the effect of climate change is one of the biggest challenges facing mankind in the coming years. Council notes that one significant contributory factor is the consumption and production of meat products, resulting in, amongst other things, the clearing of vast swathes of the Amazon rain forest to feed the demand for cheap meat. Council concludes that implementing some means of reducing demand for and consumption of meat products would help in the fight to combat the effects of climate change.

Council is requested to seek ways in which it can promote widespread voluntary adoption of a weekly meat-free day through our various services.

R FINNIGAN

13. White Paper Motion - Day Centres

This Council underlines its commitment to providing our elderly with a choice of vital care services and recognises the essential role day centres play in our communities.

This Council therefore urges the Executive Board to withdraw proposals to close six day centres which, if given the go-ahead, will hit hardest some of the most vulnerable people in our city.

Furthermore this Council also expresses its grave concern at how consultation on these closure plans has been managed.

J McKENNA

14. White Paper Motion - Lettings Policy

Council is very disappointed with the lack of progress regarding the city's "Lettings Policy" since the all-party agreement on April 22nd 2009.

This Council therefore urges the Executive Board Member for Neighbourhoods & Housing to bring forward an urgent report for the consideration of Council.

P GRUEN

15. White Paper Motion submitted under the Provisions of Council Procedure Rule 3.1 (d) - Leeds Tapestry

This Council congratulates all involved in the production of the Leeds Tapestry and welcomes its permanent residence at Leeds City Library, where it will be greatly appreciated.

B LANCASTER

16. White Paper Motion submitted under the Provisions of Council Procedure Rule 3.1 (d) - Tetley's in Leeds

This Council welcomes the petition launched by CAMRA's Yorkshire branches calling for Tetley's to be continued to be brewed in Leeds, and urges members to support the campaign.

D HOLLINGSWORTH

17. White Paper Motion submitted under the Provisions of Council Procedure Rule 3.1 (d) - High Speed Rail Link

This Council regrets Network Rail's recent decision to back a route for the proposed High Speed Rail Link that excludes Leeds and the wider Yorkshire region.

Council urges the Government to consider all available evidence including a recent report for West Yorkshire Metro and the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Authority, which stated that high speed rail could boost Yorkshire's economy by up to £3bn, before coming to its final conclusion on the High Speed Rail link later in the year.

This Council resolves to continue lobbying as strongly as possible for High Speed Rail Links that include Leeds.

A CARTER

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