

A meeting of the Council will be held in the Civic Hall, Leeds on Wednesday, 17th November, 2010 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 Meetings held on 15th September 2010.

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 Monitoring Officer 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 appointments be approved.

P GRUEN

- b) That the report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) on amendments to the officer delegation scheme(executive functions) in accordance with Executive Procedure Rule 1.4 be noted.

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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, as presented by the report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) with regard to the approval of the Licensing Act 2003 Statement of Licensing Policy, be approved.

K WAKEFIELD

8. Recommendations of General Purposes Committee

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

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9. Minutes

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

K WAKEFIELD

10. White Paper Motion - Council House Rent Increases

This Council expresses its concern that under the measures stated in the Comprehensive Spending Review 2010 the rent for new Council tenants will rise sharply.

Council believes that this rise will be unaffordable for many people and will result in them not registering to become Council tenants.

Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Minister for Housing outlining the devastating effect this measure will have on many Leeds residents and also write to all Leeds MPs urging them to do their utmost to challenge this increase.

A BLACKBURN

11. White Paper Motion - Changes to Council Day

This Council believes that its democratic structures require review and development with the objective to strengthen accountability along with the greater involvement of strategic partners in full Council meetings. Therefore this Council welcomes the Coalition Government's commitment to localism and to allow local authorities to determine their own governance structures.

The Council calls upon the Chief Executive to:-

- a) re-examine the structure and practices of Council Day and the potential for the Council's strategic partners' involvement;
- b) investigate the potential for a modernised Committee system to replace the current Leader and Executive Board arrangements.

and report the findings to Elected Members.

This Council further notes its continued opposition to any attempt to impose a directly elected mayor on the City as being counter to the objectives set out above.

K WAKEFIELD

12. White Paper Motion - Removal of planning permission for converting Houses of Multiple Occupation

This Council opposes the Government's removal of the requirement for planning permission for the conversion of homes into Houses of Multiple Occupation (HMOs). Furthermore this Council watches with interest Milton Keynes Council in its move to seek judicial review of these changes.

Council notes the provision made within the new rules for local authorities to apply for an Article 4 direction to make HMOs subject to a planning application. This Council also notes the speedy action taken by Manchester City Council to introduce an Article 4 Direction for their entire city.

To take decisive action and minimise the financial risk of compensation claims this Council requests the Chief Planning Officer to give consideration to the introduction of an Article 4 direction immediately in the Area of Housing Mix, areas of selected licensing and in other affected areas of the city following the 12 month notification period.

M HAMILTON

13. White Paper Motion - Libraries

This Council resolves to keep open all 53 of the City's Council run libraries until such time as a proper review of the service has taken place.

J PROCTER

14. White Paper Motion submitted under the Provisions of Council Procedure Rule 3.1(d) - Re-Regulation of Bus Services across West Yorkshire

The Council supports the re-regulation of the bus services across West Yorkshire. This Council calls upon the Leader of the Council to launch a campaign to obtain the necessary legislative changes and to write to all Leeds MP's urging them to support this campaign.

R FINNIGAN

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

This Council welcomes the Government's announcement of the new High Speed Rail link (HS2) to London and pledges to support its delivery in Leeds and the wider city region.

R DOWNES

16. White Paper Motion submitted under the Provisions of Council Procedure Rule 3.1(d) -HMS Ark Royal

This Council is saddened by the decision to decommission HMS Ark Royal and pays tribute to the men and women past and present for their devoted service in war and peace.

Council recognises the historic link between the City of Leeds and ARK ROYAL and celebrates the many happy occasions at which the ships' company exercised their Freedom of the City.

This Council therefore instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Defence to request that the additional ASTUTE class submarine be named ARK ROYAL to revive this great name and with it our valued link with the men and women of the Royal Navy and to ensure that the amazing effort and financial sacrifice of Leeds citizens is not forgotten.

This Council further calls on the Secretary of State for Defence to allow the people of Leeds an appropriate memento of the Ark Royal.

J MARJORAM

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