



Proceedings of an extraordinary the Meeting of the Leeds City Council held
Civic Hall, Leeds on Wednesday, 7th December, 2011

PRESENT: The Lord Mayor Councillor Reverend Alan Leonard Taylor in the
Chair

WARD

ADEL & WHARFEDALE

John Leslie Carter
Clive Fox
Barry John Anderson

ALWOODLEY

Dan Cohen
Ronald David Feldman

ARDSLEY & ROBIN HOOD

Jack Dunn
Lisa Mulherin
Karen Renshaw

ARMLEY

Alison Natalie Kay Lowe

BEESTON & HOLBECK

Adam Ogilvie
Angela Gabriel

BRAMLEY & STANNINGLEY

Ted Hanley
Neil Taggart

BURMANTOFTS & RICHMOND HILL

Asghar Khan
Ron Grahame
Ralph Pryke

WARD

CALVERLEY & FARSLEY

Joseph William Marjoram

CHAPEL ALLERTON

Mohammed Rafique
Jane Dowson
Eileen Taylor

CITY & HUNSLET

Mohammed Iqbal

CROSS GATES & WHINMOOR

Pauleen Grahame
Peter John Gruen
Suzi Armitage

FARNLEY & WORTLEY

Ann Blackburn
John Hamilton Hardy
David Blackburn

GARFORTH & SWILLINGTON

Mark Dobson
Thomas Murray

GIPTON & HAREHILLS

Arif Hussain
Kamila Maqsood

GUISELEY & RAWDON

Paul Wadsworth
Pat Latty
Graham Latty

HAREWOOD

Matthew James Robinson
Ann Castle

HEADINGLEY

Neil Walshaw
Martin Hamilton
Jamie Matthews

HORSFORTH

Dawn Collins
Brian Cleasby
Christopher Townsley

HYDE PARK & WOODHOUSE

Javaid Akhtar
Penny Ewens

KILLINGBECK & SEACROFT

Veronica Morgan

Graham Hyde

KIPPAX & METHLEY

James Lewis
Keith Ivor Wakefield
John Keith Parker

KIRKSTALL

John Anthony Illingworth
Bernard Peter Atha
Lucinda Joy Yeadon

MIDDLETON PARK

Judith Blake
Kim Groves
Geoffrey Driver

MOORTOWN

Rebecca Charlwood
Sharon Hamilton
Mark Daniel Harris

MORLEY NORTH

Robert William Gettings
Thomas Leadley
Robert Finnigan

MORLEY SOUTH

Neil Dawson
Shirley Varley
Judith Elliott

OTLEY & YEADON

Colin Campbell
Ryk Downes
Graham Peter Kirkland

PUDSEY

Richard Alwyn Lewis
Mick Coulson
Josephine Patricia Jarosz

ROTHWELL

Karen Bruce
Barry Stewart Golton
Donald Michael Wilson

ROUNDHAY

Christine McNiven
Ghulam Hussain

TEMPLE NEWSAM

Katherine Mitchell
Michael Lyons
William Schofield Hyde

WEETWOOD

Susan Bentley
Judith Mara Chapman
Ben Chastney

WETHERBY

John Michael Procter
Gerald Wilkinson

70 Announcements

The Lord Mayor reported the recent death of Wayne Baxter, the Council's Chief Procurement Officer, and Gary Speed, MBE, the former Leeds United footballer, and Council stood in silent tribute.

71 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations made at this meeting.

72 Questions

Q1 Councillor Wilkinson to Gary Williamson, Chamber of Commerce:-

Will the President of the Chamber of Commerce confirm that the Executive Board Member for Neighbourhoods, Housing and Regeneration and the MP for East Leeds requested the Chamber to prepare papers for the East Leeds Regeneration Board?

Gary Williamson, replied.

Q2 Councillor Golton to Dr Ian Cameron, Director of Public Health:-

Central to the Government's NHS reforms is the opportunity to introduce real accountability to local communities. Can you tell us what is being done in Leeds to prepare for this agenda?

Dr Ian Cameron replied.

Q3 Councillor G Hyde to Neil McLean, LEP:-

What new powers does Neil McLean think partners should be lobbying Government to devolve to the City Region level?

Neil McLean replied.

Q4 Councillor Walshaw to Joanne Pollard, CO₂ Sense:-

How important does Joanne Pollard believe the development of green industries will be to delivering increased economic growth within the city?

Joanne Pollard replied.

Q5 Councillor Castle to CS Money, West Yorkshire Police:-

In light of the recent report into the failings of different agencies to protect vulnerable children from sexual exploitation by male gangs, including the case of a girl in Leeds, will the representative from West Yorkshire Police Force explain what action the Council and partner agencies are taking to prevent young people in Leeds suffering abuse and grooming?

CS Money replied.

Q6 Councillor Campbell to Neil McLean, LEP:-

What do you think should be our priorities to make Leeds more attractive as an opportunity for investment?

Neil McLean replied.

Q7 Councillor Rafique to CS Money, West Yorkshire Police:-

To what extent does CS Money believe strong partnership working enabled the containment of potential public disorder during the summer, given that disorder and rioting escalated in other cities such as London and Manchester during the same period?

CS Money replied.

Q8 Councillor Mulherin to Dr Ian Cameron, Director of Public Health:-

What does Ian Cameron see as the city's biggest health challenges and what will be the role of partnership working in tackling these?

Ian Cameron replied.

Q9 Councillor Cohen to the Leader of Council:-

Will the Leader of Council confirm the total cost of arranging and servicing the State of the City council meeting, including the cost of commissioning, producing and distributing the reports, and at a time when we are making such efforts to cut costs across the city, does he really think this represents the best value for money to the residents of Leeds?

The Leader of Council replied.

Q10 Councillor Chapman to Gary Williamson, Chamber of Commerce:-

Given the level of youth unemployment, do you think employers are getting the balance right between providing opportunities for young people and developing their own workforce?

Gary Williamson replied.

Q11 Councillor Armitage to Kathryn Fitzsimons, Chair, Third Sector Leeds:-

To what extent does Katherine Fitzsimons believe the future of care for our older people relies upon strong partnership working between the Council and third sector organisations?

Kathryn Fitzsimons 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 answers would be sent to each Member of Council:-

Q12 Councillor J Lewis to Neil Mclean, LEP.

Q13 Councillor Marjoram to the Executive Member (Environmental Services).

Q14 Councillor Matthews to Neil Mclean, LEP.

Q15 Councillor Gabriel to Neil Mclean, LEP.

Q16 Councillor E Taylor to Joanne Pollard, CO₂ Sense.

- Q17 Councillor Marjoram to the Leader of Council.
- Q18 Councillor Downes to Gary Williamson, Chamber of Commerce.
- Q19 Councillor Hanley to CS Money, West Yorkshire Police.
- Q20 Councillor Dowson to Dr Ian Cameron, Director of Public Health.
- Q21 Councillor Hamilton to Neil Mclean, LEP.
- Q22 Councillor Driver to Kathryn Fitzsimons, Chair, Third Sector Leeds .
- Q23 Councillor Mcniven to Gary Williamson, Chamber of Commerce.

73 State of the City Report

It was moved by Councillor Wakefield, seconded by Councillor J Lewis and

RESOLVED – That the State of the City report be received.

74 Dr Tony Travers

At the conclusion of the meeting, Dr Tony Travers addressed Council on the future of Local Government and linked this to the wider local government resource review and the financial challenges facing local authorities.

Council rose at 5.25 pm.