

**A meeting of the Council will be held in the Civic Hall, Leeds on Wednesday, 28th March, 2012 at 1.45 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 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2012.

**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. Questions**

To deal with questions in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11

**6. Recommendations of the General Purposes Committee**

To consider the report of the Chief Officer HR on recommendations of the General Purposes Committee in respect of the implementation of the 2012/13 Pay Policy Statement.

**K WAKEFIELD**

**7. Minutes**

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

**8. White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor J L Carter) - Gypsy and Traveller Sites in Leeds**

'This Council notes with concern that the ruling administration's policy of providing more authorised Gypsy and Traveller sites in Leeds is taking place behind closed doors, without affording a chance for public scrutiny or debate in respect of its search for sites.

Council is also concerned that the ruling administration is using all its power and influence over Council officers to stop members of the opposition being able to debate site selection openly and in public.

- 1 Council calls on the administration to publicly release the site names being considered for a Gypsy and Traveller site, which currently amounts to nearly 90 in total.
- 2 Ensure full and meaningful consultation takes place on any plans to build more Travellers' sites in Leeds, at each stage of the process; and
- 3 commits to holding local plebiscites in order to effectively gauge whether local communities near proposed sites are in favour of the proposals.

This Council further notes that there is a one party Labour working group who are considering site selection and calls on the ruling administration to stop this undemocratic working practice, on this key issue for residents in Leeds, by ensuring such working groups represent all Members of Council.

This Council urges the Government to follow the lead of the Government in the Republic of Ireland in making unauthorised encampments a criminal rather than a civil offence.'

**J L CARTER**

**9. White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor G Hyde) - Economic Growth in Leeds**

This Council recognises that local authorities must be empowered to shape and influence local economic growth, and welcomes the initial progress that has been made in Leeds.

Council supports ongoing engagement with the Government to secure appropriate devolvement of power and resources, enabling the development of much needed local and regional infrastructure, and delivering economic growth.

Council commits to exploring opportunities to work with public, private and voluntary sector organisations, recognising that strong local partnerships will be at the heart of initiatives that drive economic development in Leeds.

Council believes this will help ensure a sustainable, long-term future for our city and the delivery of jobs, training and apprenticeships for our residents.

**G HYDE**

**10. White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Matthews) - Late Night Noise Nuisance**

This Council believes that late night noise nuisance is a severe blight on the wellbeing of residents in many Leeds communities.

This Council believes that the decision of the Executive Member for Environment to stop recording the volume of calls that this service receives demonstrates that the current administration does not view late night noise nuisance as a priority.

Given the extreme concern expressed by residents about noise nuisance, this Council requests that the Chief Executive carry out an urgent review of the late night noise nuisance service with recommendations to be put to the Executive Board at a meeting in the near future.

**J MATTHEWS**

**11. White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Downes) - Council Procedure Rule 3.1(d) - Cities Fit for Cycling**

This Council believes that cycling is an extremely efficient form of transport which is good for health and the environment.

This Council notes with concern that the number of cyclists killed on Britain's roads rose by 7 per cent between 2009 and 2010 and that a disproportionate number of cycling accidents involve vans and lorries.

This Council supports successive Governments' commitment to encourage the use of bikes and reduce the number of cyclist-related accidents

This Council supports The Times' 'Cities fit for Cycling' campaign; and calls on the Chief Executive to write to the Government calling for further action to improve cycling infrastructure and reduce the number of casualties on our roads.

**R DOWNES**

**12. White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Golton) - Council Procedure Rule 3.1(d) - Gay Quarter**

This Council recognises the successful regeneration of Leeds city centre over the past 20 years creating a more attractive and safer environment, leading to substantial job creation.

This Council particularly notes the emergence of businesses catering for Leeds lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities in the Lower Briggate area.

Council believes that recognising this area as the city's gay quarter will encourage further investment and the creation of jobs as well as creating a tolerant and safe environment for all.

This Council therefore supports the campaign to officially recognise this area as the Leeds Gay Quarter and requests that officers bring a report to the Executive Board detailing how this will be achieved.

**S GOLTON**

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