



Proceedings of the Meeting of the Leeds City Council held
Civic Hall, Leeds on Wednesday, 11th July, 2012

PRESENT: The Lord Mayor Councillor Ann Castle in the Chair

WARD

ADEL & WHARFEDALE

Barry John Anderson
John Leslie Carter
Clive Fox

ALWOODLEY

Neil Alan Buckley
Dan Cohen
Peter Mervyn Harrand

ARDSLEY & ROBIN HOOD

Karen Renshaw
Jack Dunn
Lisa Mulherin

ARMLEY

Alison Natalie Kay Lowe
James McKenna
Janet Harper

BEESTON & HOLBECK

Angela Gabriel
Adam Ogilvie
David Congreve

BRAMLEY & STANNINGLEY

Caroline Gruen
Ted Hanley

BURMANTOFTS & RICHMOND HILL

Maureen Ingham
Asghar Khan
Ron Grahame

WARD

CALVERLEY & FARSLEY

Andrew Carter
Joseph William Marjoram
Rod Wood

CHAPEL ALLERTON

Eileen Taylor
Mohammed Rafique
Jane Dowson

CITY & HUNSLET

Elizabeth Nash
Patrick Davey
Mohammed Iqbal

CROSS GATES & WHINMOOR

Pauleen Grahame
Peter John Gruen

FARNLEY & WORTLEY

David Blackburn
Ann Blackburn
John Hamilton Hardy

GARFORTH & SWILLINGTON

Andrea McKenna
Mark Dobson
Thomas Murray

GIPTON & HAREHILLS

Roger Harington
Arif Hussain
Kamila Maqsood

GUISELEY & RAWDON

Graham Latty
Paul Wadsworth
Pat Latty

HAREWOOD

Matthew James Robinson

HEADINGLEY

Janette Walker
Neil Walshaw
Martin Hamilton

HORSFORTH

Christopher Townsley
Dawn Collins
Brian Cleasby

HYDE PARK & WOODHOUSE

Christine Denise Towler
Gerry Harper
Javaid Akhtar

KILLINGBECK & SEACROFT

Graham Hyde
Veronica Morgan
Brian Michael Selby

KIPPAX & METHLEY

Mary Elizabeth Harland
James Lewis
Keith Ivor Wakefield

KIRKSTALL

Lucinda Joy Yeadon
John Anthony Illingworth
Bernard Peter Atha

MIDDLETON PARK

Paul Anthony Truswell
Judith Blake
Kim Groves

MOORTOWN

Alex Sobel
Rebecca Charlwood
Sharon Hamilton

MORLEY NORTH

Robert Finnigan
Robert William Gettings
Thomas Leadley

MORLEY SOUTH

Judith Elliott
Neil Dawson
Shirley Varley

OTLEY & YEADON

Sandy Edward Charles Lay
Colin Campbell
Ryk Downes

PUDSEY

Josephine Patricia Jarosz
Richard Alwyn Lewis
Mick Coulson

ROTHWELL

David Nagle
Karen Bruce
Barry Stewart Golton

ROUNDHAY

Bill Urry
Christine Macniven
Ghulam Hussain

TEMPLE NEWSAM

Judith Cummins
Katherine Mitchell
Michael Lyons

WEETWOOD

Jonathan Bentley
Susan Bentley
Judith Mara Chapman

WETHERBY

Gerald Wilkinson
Alan James Lamb
John Michael Procter

20 Announcements

- a) The Lord Mayor reported the recent death of Honorary Alderman Malcolm Bedford, a former Lord Mayor, and Council stood in silent tribute.
- b) The Lord Mayor reported that the following had been honoured in the Queen's Birthday Honours list:-
 - Councillor Judith Elliott, MBE
 - Mr Muhammad Asim, MBE
 - Ms Annette Dorsey, MBE
 - Miss Joan Rycroft, MBE
 - Mrs Gillian Nobbs, BEM
- c) The Lord Mayor reported that this would be the last Council meeting prior to the retirement of Brenda Knott and wished her a long and happy retirement.

21 Minutes

It was moved by Councillor J Lewis, seconded by Councillor G Latty and

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 21st May 2012 be approved.

22 Declarations of Interest

The Lord Mayor announced that a list of written declarations submitted by Members was on display in the ante-room, on deposit in the public galleries and had been circulated to each Member's place in the Chamber.

Following an invitation to declare further individual interests, declarations in accordance with the Council's Members' Code of Conduct were made as follows:-

- a) Members declared other interests in minute 25(c) of this meeting as follows:-

Cllr J L Carter	Member of the West Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel
Cllr G Wilkinson	Member Licensing Committee
Cllr P Latty	Member Licensing Committee
Cllr N Buckley	Member Licensing Committee
- b) Members declared 'other' interests in minute 26 of this meeting as follows:-

Cllr J L Carter	Member of the West Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel
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- c) Cllr R Grahame declared 'other' interests in minute 28 of this meeting as follows:-
 - Member of East North East Homes ALMO; Member of Plans Panel East; Member of GMBATU.
 - Wife Councillor for item minute 201, page 237; page 248, minute 2125 personal disposition.

- d) Councillor Lay declared 'other' interests in minutes 29 and 32 of this meeting due to working as a nurse on an ad hoc basis, but not currently at Wharfedale.

23 Communications

The Executive Member (Children's Services) informed Council of the current position following the recent death of a looked after child.

24 Deputations

Two deputations were admitted to the meeting and addressed Council, as follows:-

- 1) Sparrow Park Action Group regarding taking over/restoring of Sparrow Park for the use of the community.
- 2) Leeds residents regarding events in China.

RESOLVED –

- a) That the subject matter in respect of the deputation for Sparrow Park be referred to the Executive Board for consideration.
- b) That the subject matter in respect of the deputation regarding events in China be referred to the General Purposes Committee for consideration.

25 Reports

a) Appointments

It was moved by Councillor J Lewis, seconded by Councillor G Latty and

RESOLVED –

That the report of the City Solicitor on appointments, be noted, namely that:-

- Councillor A Hussain replace Councillor Coulson on the Scrutiny Board (Children and Families).
- Councillor Urry replace Councillor Charlwood on the Scrutiny Board (Children and Families).
- Councillor Collins replace Councillor Robinson on the Scrutiny Board (Housing and Regeneration).
- Councillor Robinson replace Councillor Collins on the Scrutiny Board (Health and Well-being and Adult Social Care).

b) Scrutiny Board's Annual Report

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

RESOLVED – That the report of the Chief Officer, Democratic and Central Services, presenting the Scrutiny Board's Annual Report to Council, prepared in accordance with Article 6 of the Constitution, be approved.

c) Independent Remuneration Panel – Members Allowances

It was moved by Councillor J Lewis, seconded by Councillor Lowe that the report of the Chief Officer, Democratic and Central Services, presenting the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel, along with its recommendations and a response to those recommendations be approved, and that Council authorise the City Solicitor to move any consequential changes to the Members' Allowance Scheme.

d) Members' Code of Conduct

It was moved by Councillor J Lewis, seconded by Councillor G Latty, that the report of the City Solicitor, presenting new conduct arrangements for Members under the Localism Act 2011 be approved.

26 Recommendations of the General Purposes Committee

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

RESOLVED – That the recommendations of the General Purposes Committee, as presented by the amended report of the City Solicitor, be approved, namely:-

- a) amendments to the Officer Delegation Scheme (Council (non executive) Functions);
- b) the appointment of the Independent Person in respect of Standards;
- c) the establishment of the West Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel;
- d) and that the amendments made by the Leader to the Officer Delegation Scheme (Executive Functions) be noted.

27 Questions

Q1 Councillor A Carter to the Leader of Council:-

Would the Leader of Council care to explain why he did not consult with the leaders of the other political groups before taking the decision to withdraw Council support for the Yorkshire International Business Convention, and would he accept that this decision has been seen as a snub to one of the world's most respected spiritual leaders?

The Leader of Council replied.

Q2 Councillor Downes to the Executive Member (Neighbourhood, Planning and Support Services):-

Does the Executive Member responsible for community safety think it is a good idea for the police to consult regularly with local members?

The Executive Member (Neighbourhood, Planning and Support Services) replied.

Q3 Councillor Cummins to the Executive Member (Leisure and Skills):-

Would the Executive Board Member for Leisure and Skills want to join me in celebrating the response of local communities to the arrival of the Olympic Torch in Leeds?

The Executive Member (Leisure and Skills) replied.

- Q4 Councillor Hardy to the Chair of West Yorkshire ITA:-
- Can the Chair of West Yorkshire ITA inform Council what steps are being taken to pursue bus Quality Contracts?
- The Chair of West Yorkshire ITA replied.
- Q5 Councillor Harrand to the Executive Member (Environment):-
- Will the Executive Member responsible for the development of new allotments tell the Council when the volunteers of Alwoodley Allotment Association will receive the information about possible sites that was to be given last January or would he prefer me to read out the whole miserable saga of delay, disappointment and despair?
- The Executive Member (Environment) replied.
- Q6 Councillor M Hamilton to the Executive Member (Environment):-
- Why were Members not informed of the decision to cancel bulky waste collections in May and early June?
- The Executive Member (Environment) replied.
- Q7 Councillor Charlwood to the Executive Member (Neighbourhood, Planning and Support Services):-
- Can the Executive Member for Neighbourhoods, Planning & Support Services tell Council what commitments the city will be asking for from the soon-to-be elected Police & Crime Commissioner?
- The Executive Member (Neighbourhood, Planning and Support Services) replied.
- Q8 Councillor Iqbal to the Executive Member (Development and the Economy):-
- Can the Executive Member for Development and the Economy update Council on the progress of key city centre development projects, including Sovereign Street?
- The Executive Member (Development and the Economy) replied.
- Q9 Councillor Anderson to the Executive Member (Leisure and Skills):-
- Presuming that the Executive Board Member agrees with his administration's commitment to delivering front line services then why is he in charge of a Department that is inadequately resourcing the Parkswatch Team to the detriment of residents in the north of the City and causing extra work for the Parks & Countryside staff in trying to address the issues of anti-social behaviour in a number of Parks & Countryside assets?
- The Executive Member (Leisure and Skills) replied.
- Q10 Councillor Downes to the Executive Member (Development and the Economy):-

Can the Executive Member for Development and the Economy join me in welcoming the Government's recent announcement of £15 million additional funding for cycling in British cities outside London and will he inform Council of any plans he has to bid for this money?

The Executive Member (Development and the Economy) replied.

Q11 Councillor Urry to the Executive Member (Adult Social Care):-

Please could the Executive Member for Adult Social Care update council on developments with the residential governance quality framework and fee structure?

The Executive Member (Adult Social Care) 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 Walker to the Executive Member (Children's Services).

Q13 Councillor Anderson to the Executive Member (Environment).

Q14 Councillor Lay to the Executive Member (Adult Social Care).

Q15 Councillor G Hussain to the Executive Member (Health and Wellbeing).

Q16 Councillor Dawson to the Executive Member (Development and the Economy).

Q17 Councillor G Latty to the Executive Member (Development and the Economy).

Q18 Councillor J Bentley to the Executive Member (Development and the Economy).

Q19 Councillor Dawson to the Executive Member (Development and the Economy).

Q20 Councillor Robinson to the Executive Member (Children's Services).

Q21 Councillor S Bentley to the Executive Member (Leisure and Skills).

Q22 Councillor Marjoram to the Executive Member (Leader of Council).

Q23 Councillor Lamb to the Executive Member (Leisure and Skills).

Q24 Councillor Wood to the Executive Member (Neighbourhood, Planning and Support Services).

Q25 Councillor Marjoram to the Executive Member (Leader of Council).

28 Minutes

It was moved by Councillor Wakefield, seconded by Councillor J Lewis that the minutes be received in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2.2(i).

Council Procedure Rule 4, providing for the winding up of business, was applied prior to all notified comments on the minutes having been debated.

The meeting was suspended at 4.55 pm and resumed at 5.25 pm.

29 Back Bench Community Concerns

During discussion on this item it was moved by Councillor G Latty, seconded by Councillor Lamb, and leave of Council was given to allow the introduction of a sixth Community Concern in the name of Councillor Robinson.

- 1) Councillor Lay – The future of Wharfedale Hospital and the provision of intermediate care in the Wharfe Valley and the north of the City.

Councillor Mulherin responded.

- 2) Councillor A Blackburn – Vandalism of playgrounds in public parks

Councillor Dobson responded.

- 3) Councillor J Procter – Ward Councillors have concerns about the impact of the East Leeds Extension, in relation to the North East quadrant. If the necessary road infrastructure is not built prior to any development taking place, there could be considerable disruption.

Residents should not be inconvenienced by development, without infrastructure improvements also being made at the appropriate time.

Councillor P Gruen responded.

- 4) Councillor Truswell – The particularly high levels of smoking in the Middleton and Belle Isle area and the impact this has on people's quality of life.

Middleton Park Members wish to call on Council colleagues to support efforts to address the wider determinants of health to help reduce persistent health inequalities.

Councillor Mulherin responded.

- 5) Councillor Khan – The significant increase in the number of people in our area raising concern about the potentially devastating impact of welfare reforms on their families.

Councillor G Hyde responded.

- 6) Councillor Robinson – Ward Councillors are concerned about the overall progress and lack of community engagement in the proposed establishment of an independent Children's home in Barwick in Elmet.

Councillor Blake responded.

30 White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor A Carter) - Planning Applications for PAS land

It was moved by Councillor A Carter, seconded by Councillor P Gruen, and

RESOLVED – That this Council views with great concern the activities of landowners and house builders who appear to be making a concerted and deliberate attack on localism by preparing to inundate the Council with planning applications for PAS land.

Council calls for an all-party delegation to visit the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government to seek his urgent intervention in this matter.

On the requisition of Councillors J Procter and G Latty, the voting on the motion in the name of Councillor A Carter was recorded as follows:-

YES

Akhtar, Anderson, Atha, J Bentley, S Bentley, A Blackburn, Blake, Bruce, Buckley, Campbell, A Carter, J L Carter, Chapman, Charlwood, Cleasby, Cohen, Collins, Congreve, Coulson, Cummins, Davey, Dawson, Dobson, Downes, Dowson, Dunn, Elliott, Finnigan, Gabriel, Gettings, Golton, P Grahame, R Grahame, Groves, C Gruen, P Gruen, M Hamilton, S Hamilton, Hanley, Hardy, Harington, Harland, G Harper, J Harper, Harrand, A Hussain, G Hussain, G Hyde, Illingworth, Ingham, Iqbal, Jarosz, Khan, Lamb, G Latty, P Latty, Lay, Leadley, J Lewis, R Lewis, Lowe, Lyons, Macniven, Maqsood, Marjoram, A McKenna, J McKenna, Mitchell, Morgan, Mulherin, Murray, Nagle, Nash, Ogilvie, J Procter, Rafique, Renshaw, Robinson, Selby, Sobel, E Taylor, Towler, Townsley, Truswell, Urry, Varley, Wadsworth, Wakefield, Walker, Walshaw, Wilkinson, Wood, Yeadon.

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NO

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ABSTAIN

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31 Withdrawal of Amendment

Under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 14.11, with the consent of the seconder and of Council, Councillor Campbell withdrew the amendment in his name during debate of item 30 above.

32 White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Blake) - Child Friendly City

Under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 14.11, with the consent of the seconder, leave of Council was given to withdraw the motion in the name of Councillor Blake.

33 Suspension of Council Procedure Rules and Variation of Order of Business

It was moved by Councillor J Lewis and seconded by Councillor G Latty that under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 22.1 (Suspension of Council Procedure Rules), Council Procedure Rules 12.1 (Motions on Notice) and 13.1 (Motions and Amendments Requiring Notice) be suspended to allow the introduction of an Emergency Motion.

34 Emergency Motion (in the name of Councillor Mulherin) - Children's Heart Surgery in Leeds

It was moved by Councillor Mulherin, seconded by Councillor G Latty, and

RESOLVED – That this Council notes with great concern the decision by the Joint Committee of Primary Care Trusts not to retain Leeds as a designated surgical centre for children's congenital cardiac surgery services.

The decision will leave 5.5 million people in Yorkshire and Humber, and the 14 million people living within a 2 hour drive of Leeds, severely and disproportionately disadvantaged. Council believes the decision fails to adequately acknowledge the

gold standard provision Leeds offers to patients and families as a result of the co-location of services.

This Council confirms its support for a referral of the JCPCT's decision to the secretary of state, given the significant adverse impact the plan would have on the population of this region and our local health services.

On the requisition of Councillors J Lewis and Lowe, the voting on the motion in the name of Councillor Mulherin was recorded as follows:-

YES

Akhtar, Anderson, Atha, J Bentley, S Bentley, A Blackburn, Blake, Bruce, Buckley, Campbell, A Carter, J L Carter, Chapman, Charlwood, Cleasby, Cohen, Collins, Congreve, Coulson, Cummins, Davey, Dawson, Dobson, Downes, Dowson, Dunn, Elliott, Finnigan, Gabriel, Gettings, Golton, P Grahame, R Grahame, Groves, C Gruen, P Gruen, M Hamilton, S Hamilton, Hanley, Hardy, Harington, Harland, G Harper, J Harper, Harrand, A Hussain, G Hussain, G Hyde, Illingworth, Ingham, Iqbal, Jarosz, Khan, Lamb, G Latty, P Latty, Lay, Leadley, J Lewis, R Lewis, Lowe, Lyons, Macniven, Maqsood, Marjoram, A McKenna, J McKenna, Mitchell, Morgan, Mulherin, Murray, Nagle, Nash, Ogilvie, J Procter, Rafique, Renshaw, Robinson, Selby, Sobel, E Taylor, Towler, Townsley, Truswell, Urry, Varley, Wadsworth, Wakefield, Walker, Walshaw, Wilkinson, Wood, Yeadon.

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NO

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ABSTAIN

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Council rose at 7.20 pm.