

SCRUTINY BOARD (RESOURCES AND COUNCIL SERVICES)

Meeting to be held in Civic Hall, Leeds, on
Monday, 19th November, 2012 at 10.00 am

(A pre-meeting will take place for ALL Members of the Board at 9.30 a.m.)

MEMBERSHIP

Councillors

- S Bentley - Weetwood;
J L Carter - Adel and Wharfedale;
N Dawson - Morley South;
P Grahame (Chair) - Cross Gates and Whinmoor;
R Grahame - Burmantofts and Richmond Hill;
J Hardy - Farnley and Wortley;
A Lowe - Armley;
C Macniven - Roundhay;
R Wood - Calverley and Farsley;

Please note: Certain or all items on this agenda may be recorded

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A G E N D A

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1			<p>APPEALS AGAINST REFUSAL OF INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS</p> <p>To consider any appeals in accordance with Procedure Rule 25* of the Access to Information Procedure Rules (in the event of an Appeal the press and public will be excluded).</p> <p>(* In accordance with Procedure Rule 25, notice of an appeal must be received in writing by the Chief Democratic Services Officer at least 24 hours before the meeting).</p>	
2			<p>EXEMPT INFORMATION - POSSIBLE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC</p> <p>1 To highlight reports or appendices which officers have identified as containing exempt information, and where officers consider that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, for the reasons outlined in the report.</p> <p>2 To consider whether or not to accept the officers recommendation in respect of the above information.</p> <p>3 If so, to formally pass the following resolution:-</p> <p>RESOLVED – That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following parts of the agenda designated as containing exempt information on the grounds that it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the press and public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information, as follows:- No exempt items on this agenda.</p>	

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LATE ITEMS

To identify items which have been admitted to the agenda by the Chair for consideration.

(The special circumstances shall be specified in the minutes.)

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To disclose or draw attention to any disclosable pecuniary interests for the purposes of Section 31 of the Localism Act 2011 and paragraphs 13-18 of the Members' Code of Conduct. Also to declare any other significant interests which the Member wishes to declare in the public interest, in accordance with paragraphs 19 -20 of the Members' Code of Conduct.

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTES

To receive any apologies for absence and notifications of substitutes.

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MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

To confirm as a correct record, the minutes of the previous meeting held on 15th October 2012

(Copy attached)

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EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES - 17TH OCTOBER 2012

To receive for information the minutes of the Executive Board held on 17th October 2012

(Copy attached)

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FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2013 TO 2017

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To consider a report by the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development which provides an update on the development of the Council's financial strategy. The accompanying report was considered by Executive Board on 17th October 2012.

(Report attached)

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WELFARE REFORMS PREPARATIONS

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To consider a report by the Director of Resources which provides information on the preparations underway for the welfare reforms that come into effect from April 2013. The report explains the process for developing a local Council Tax Support scheme and progress made in respect of a Discretionary Housing Payment policy and proposals for a local welfare scheme to replace elements of the Social Fund.

The report also provides an update on the preparations for the implementation of the Social Sector Size Criteria changes that impact on ALMO and Housing Association tenants.

(Report attached)

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WORK SCHEDULE

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To consider a report by the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development which sets out the Board's draft work schedule for the 2012-13 Municipal year.

(Report attached)

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DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

To note that the next meeting will take place on Monday 17th December 2012 at 10.00am in the Civic Hall, Leeds. (Pre Meeting for Board Members at 9.30am)