

Proceedings of the Meeting of the Leeds City Council held  
Civic Hall, Leeds on Wednesday, 15th January, 2014

**PRESENT:** The Lord Mayor Councillor Thomas Murray in the Chair

**WARD**

**ADEL & WHARFEDALE**

Barry John Anderson

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

Neil Taggart

**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**

Debra Coupar

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 & RAWSON**

Graham Latty  
Paul John Spencer Wadsworth  
Pat Latty

**HAREWOOD**

Ann Castle  
Rachael Procter  
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  
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  
Michael Lyons

**WEETWOOD**

Jonathan Bentley  
Susan Bentley  
Judith Mara Chapman

**WETHERBY**

Gerald Wilkinson  
Alan James Lamb  
John Michael Procter

**83 Announcements**

a) The Lord Mayor informed Council that Councillor Mitchell had recently given birth to Asher Anthony Mitchell Gaunt.

b) The Lord Mayor congratulated the following, who had recently been honoured in the New Year Honours list:-

Professor Nicola Cullum - Dames Commander OBE  
Linda Pollard – CBE  
Geoffrey Lister – CBE  
Tina Brown – MBE  
Peter Latham – MBE  
Mrs Quirk – MBE  
Rosalind Adrianna – MBE  
Sarah Williams – MBE  
Pauline Gavin - OBE

c) The Lord Mayor reminded all those present that the Council meeting was been webcast.

d) The Lord Mayor reported the recent death of Nelson Mandela and Mrs Carole Carter, and Council stood in silent tribute.

**84 Minutes**

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

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2013 be approved.

**85 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**86 Communications**

The Chief Executive informed Council that responses To Council resolutions had been received from;

Lord Freud MP, Minister for Welfare Reform with regard to a White Paper on Housing Benefit Reform considered at Council in September 2013.

Jo Swinson MP, Minister for Employment Relations and Consumer Affairs with regard to a White Paper on the payday lending market considered at Council in September 2013.

The Rt Hon Michael Fallon MP, Minister of State for Business and Energy regarding the White Paper on the sale of Royal Mail Shares considered at Council in November 2013.

The responses had previously been circulated to all Members of Council.

**87 Deputations**

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

1) Leeds Children’s Mayor regarding the winning manifesto – Life Cycle of Leeds.

- 2) New Farnley Vision Group regarding the Village Design statement.
- 3) Leeds International Piano Competition Committee regarding the Competition.

**RESOLVED** - That the subject matter in respect of the deputations be referred to the Executive Board for consideration.

**88 Recommendations of the General Purposes Committee - Housing Advisory Board**

It was moved by Councillor Wakefield, seconded by Councillor G Harper and

**RESOLVED -**

- (a) To appoint a Housing Advisory Board to discharge the functions as set out in the terms of reference attached at appendix 1 of the report ;
- (b) To appoint six Elected Members to the Housing Advisory Board;
- (c) To agree that the Housing Advisory Board may select up to three non-voting co-optees, with some specialist skill or knowledge which would be of assistance to the Housing Advisory Board, to be appointed for a term of office which relates to a particular issue; and
- (d) That the quorum for the Board be 4, including two Councillors and 1 tenant/leaseholder voting co-opted member.
- (e) That the following Members be appointed to the Housing Advisory Board:

	<b>Liberal Dem</b>	<b>Cons</b>
<b>Labour</b>		
Cllr P Gruen (Chair)	Cllr Jonathan Bentley	Cllr Barry Anderson
Cllr Alison Lowe		
Cllr Kamila Maqsood		
Cllr Paul Truswell		

- (f) That further to the recommendation of General Purposes Committee that full Council co-opt ;
  - Three tenants/leaseholders
  - Three people who are independent of the Council as voting members of the Housing Advisory Board for the terms of office indicated in the report submitted to that committee,
  - to co-opt those named in the table below as voting members of the Housing Advisory Board, with a term of office up to the annual meeting in 2014, (with the intention that the terms of office will be reviewed at that meeting):

<b>Tenant/Leaseholder</b>	<b>Independent representative</b>
David Atkinson	Timothy Woods
Ted Wilson	Matthew Walker
Jo Hourigan	Andrew Feldhaus

**89 Recommendations of the Licensing Committee - Licensing Act Statement of Licensing Policy 2014-2018**

It was moved by Councillor Charlwood, seconded by Councillor G Harper and

**RESOLVED** - That the Licensing Act 2003 Statement of Licensing Policy 2014-18 be approved as the new policy.

**90 Recommendations of the Executive Board - Localised Council Tax Support Scheme**

It was moved by Councillor Wakefield, seconded by Councillor G Harper and

**RESOLVED -**

To adopt a local Council Tax Support scheme that:

Continues to:

- Protect lone parents with children under 5, carers and customers in receipt of severe or enhanced disability premium from reductions in support;
- Protects people in receipt of Armed Forces Compensation Payments from reductions in support and includes continuing the longstanding policy whereby the Council has exercised its discretion to disregard war pensions in full;
- Support people moving into work by continuing to apply the current run-on scheme which sees qualifying people who move into work continuing to receive the same level of support for the first 4 weeks of work;
- Reduces Council Tax Support entitlement for all other working age customers as calculated under the rules of the Current Council Tax Support scheme by 26% rather than the 19% reduction that the current scheme provides.

**91 Report on Calculation of the Council Tax and Business Rates Tax Bases for 2014/15**

It was moved by Councillor Wakefield, seconded by Councillor G Harper and

**RESOLVED –**

- (a) To agree that, in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012, the amount calculated by the Council as its council tax base for the year 2014/15 shall be 211,767 for Leeds and for each parish as listed in Section 3.5, of the report, and detailed in Appendix 1 of the report;
- (b) To note the indicative business rates shares set out in Section 3.9, of the report, and delegate authority to the Deputy Chief Executive to make the detailed calculations and to submit the final figures to the Department for Communities and Local Government on or before 31<sup>st</sup> January 2014.

**92 Report on Appointments**

It was moved by Councillor G Harper, seconded by Councillor Nash and

**RESOLVED –**

That the appointment referred to in paragraph 4 of this report be approved, namely that Councillor Hardy be appointed to replace Councillor Walker on Plans Panel (South & West).

**93 Report on Attendance at Meetings**

It was moved by Councillor G Harper, seconded by Councillor Nash and

**RESOLVED** – That the absence of Councillor Mitchell from meetings of the authority for a period of six months from this meeting be approved.

**94 Questions**

Q1 Councillor A Carter to the Chair of the West Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel

Will the Chair of the West Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel assure me that she will raise the issue of the closure of the Pudsey Custody Suite at the next session of the Police and Crime Panel?

The Chair of the West Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel replied.

Q2 Councillor Lay to the Executive Member (Health & Well-being):-

Could the Executive portfolio holder for Health & Well-being update council on the future of sexual health services in the City?

The Executive Member (Health & Well-being) replied.

Q3 Councillor J Harper to the Executive Member (Children's Services):-

Could the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services please update Council on the implications for the city of changes to legislation regarding school organisation and the provision of school places?

The Executive Member (Children's Services) replied.

Q4 Councillor Finnigan to the Executive Member (Neighbourhoods, Planning and Support Services):-

Can the Executive Board Member for Housing confirm the political make-up of the new Housing Committee which replaced the ALMO boards when they were abolished?

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

Q5 Councillor Groves to the Executive Member (Adult Social Care):-

Please can the Executive Member for Adult Social Care comment on how reforms to welfare are affecting people with disabilities?

The Executive Member (Adult Social Care) replied.

Q6 Councillor Wood to the Executive Member (Development and the Economy):-

What measures has the Executive Board Member put in place to ensure that the 'Cycle City Ambition Grant - Highway to Health' project does not have unintended impacts?

The Executive Member (Development and the Economy) replied.

Q7 Councillor S Bentley to the Executive Member (Children's Services):-

Can the Executive Member for Children's Services tell me what consideration was given to utilising low carbon vehicles in the recent decision to procure 36 new vehicles for the transport of children with special needs and adults?

The Executive Member (Neighbourhoods, Planning and Support Services) replied in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11.3(b).

Q8 Councillor Selby to the Executive Member (Leisure and Skills):-

Does Cllr Yeadon believe the work of the Council and its partners to tackle youth unemployment will be affected by the recent decision by the Department for Education to reduce funding for full time 18 year old students?

The Executive Member (Leisure and Skills) replied.

Q9 Councillor Finnigan to the Executive Member (Development and the Economy):-

Can the Executive Board Member for Development confirm the total amount of New Homes Bonus that will be generated with the housing units granted Planning Permission in outline or at reserved matters stages in Morley since the beginning of 2012 should all such development go ahead?

The Executive Member (Neighbourhoods, Planning and Support Services) replied in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11.3(b).

Q10 Councillor Congreve to the Executive Member (Neighbourhoods, Planning and Support Services):-

Could the Executive Member with responsibility for housing inform me of how many tenancies are now in arrears, that were not in arrears when compared to the same time 12 months ago?

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

Q11 Councillor Lamb to the Executive Member (Development and the Economy):-

Does the Executive Board Member for Development and the Economy have full confidence in his part night street-lighting programme?

The Executive Member (Development and the Economy) replied.

Q12 Councillor Lay to the Executive Member (Adult Social Care):-

Could the Executive portfolio holder for Adult Social Care update council on the percentage of Homecare delivered by the council's own Adult Service Care team?

The Executive Member (Adult Social Care) replied.

Q13 Councillor Congreve to the Executive Member (Health & Wellbeing):-

Could the Executive Member for Health & Wellbeing update members on recent developments in health funding for the city?

The Executive Member (Health & Wellbeing) 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:-

- Q14 Councillor A Blackburn to the Executive Member (Neighbourhoods, Planning and Support Services).
- Q15 Councillor S Hamilton to the Executive Member (Neighbourhoods, Planning and Support Services).
- Q16 Councillor Wadsworth to the Executive Member (Environment).
- Q17 Councillor M Hamilton to the Executive Member (Leisure and Skills).
- Q18 Councillor J Marjoram to the Leader of Council.
- Q19 Councillor G Latty to the Executive Member (Adult Social Care).
- Q20 Councillor J Marjoram to the Executive Member (Development and the Economy).
- Q21 Councillor Anderson to the Executive Member (Neighbourhoods, Planning and Support Services).
- Q22 Councillor Wilkinson to the Executive Member (Neighbourhoods, Planning and Support Services).

**95 Minutes**

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

**RESOLVED** – 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.

**96 Motion to Suspend Council Procedure Rules**

During the debate under minute 95 above, it was moved by Councillor G Harper, seconded by Councillor Nash that under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 22.1 that Council Procedure Rule 3.3 be suspended to allow consideration of the Executive Board minutes for an additional 10 minutes until 4.20pm, comments on the other minutes will then follow until 4.40pm with the Leader of Council commencing his summing up at 4.40pm for a period up to 10 minutes.

Upon being put to the vote, the motion was carried.

**97 Back Bench Community Concerns**

Council heard the following Community Concerns;



1)Councillor Charlwood - The upkeep of the Woodlea estate, including the surrounding green land owned by the NHS and also the upkeep of the mansion building site.

2)Councillor Akhtar - Health and Well-Being in Hyde Park and Woodhouse.

3)Councillor Finnigan – New Homes Bonus and its impact in Morley.

4)Councillor Campbell –To raise issues relating to aids and adaptations for the elderly and disabled.

5)Councillor Buckley – Problems with community access to local schools as a result of PFI contracts.

During the consideration of Community Concerns, the meeting was suspended at 5.00 pm and resumed at 5.30 pm.

## **98 Announcements**

Immediately after the adjournment for tea the Lord Mayor congratulated Councillor David Congreve on his selection as Lord Mayor elect for 2014/15 and Councillor Janet Harper who would be Lady Mayoress for 2014/15.

## **99 White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor A Carter) - PCSOs**

It was moved by Councillor A Carter, seconded by Councillor G Latty that this Council re-affirms its commitment to fund 5 PCSOs in every ward in Leeds in 2014/15 under the deployment arrangements that are currently in place.

An amendment was moved by Councillor P Gruen, seconded by Councillor G Harper

Delete all after “This Council” and replace with:

faces unprecedented financial challenges due to the imposition of Government cuts in grant, particularly in Northern metropolitan cities like Leeds.

Within this context the Administration will place before Council a budget in February which will include recommendations regarding the funding and deployment of PCSOs.

The amendment in the name of Councillor P Gruen was carried, and upon being put as the substantive motion, it was

**RESOLVED** – That this Council faces unprecedented financial challenges due to the imposition of Government cuts in grant, particularly in Northern metropolitan cities like Leeds.

Within this context the Administration will place before Council a budget in February which will include recommendations regarding the funding and deployment of PCSOs.

On the requisition of Councillors G Latty and J Procter, the voting on the amendment was recorded as follows:-

YES - 56

Akhtar, Atha, Blake, Charlwood, Congreve, Coulson, Coupar, Davey, Dawson, Dobson, Dowson, Gabriel, , P Grahame, R Grahame, Groves, C Gruen, P Gruen, S Hamilton, Hanley, Hardy, Harington, Harland, G Harper J Harper, A Hussain, G

Hussain, G Hyde, Illingworth, Ingham, Iqbal, Jarosz, Khan, J Lewis, R Lewis, Lyons, Macniven, Maqsood, A McKenna, J McKenna, Morgan, Mulherin, Nagle, Nash, Ogilvie, Rafique, Renshaw, Selby, Sobel, E Taylor, Towler, Truswell, Urry, Wakefield, Walker, Walshaw and Yeadon.

NO - 29

Anderson, J Bentley, S Bentley, A Blackburn, D Blackburn, Buckley, A Carter, Campbell, Castle, Chapman, Cleasby, Cohen, Collins, Downes, Elliott, Finnigan, Golton, Lamb, G Latty, P Latty, Lay, Leadley, J Procter, Robinson, Townsley, Varley, Wadsworth, Wilkinson, Wood.

ABSTAIN- 0

**100 White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor P Gruen) - Planning**

It was moved by Councillor P Gruen, seconded by Councillor Congreve that Council believes there is a genuine need for new houses throughout the city to provide affordable homes for first time buyers and opportunities for independent living for our growing elderly population.

Council also recognises the impact of good housing design and planning on improving health and wellbeing for all residents.

To achieve this, Council believes that:

1. the coalition government's National Planning Policy Framework should include the same level of prioritisation for brownfield sites as the previous planning guidance, which was shaped under the last government. This is as currently an unnecessary emphasis is being placed on greenfield land.
2. prompt, strong and democratic local decision making is needed so that local communities can collaborate with Town Halls through the development and adoption of their Neighbourhood Plans as an effective mechanism for determining planning applications.

To facilitate this, Council recommends the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government to:

1. restore the sequential brownfield/ greenfield presumption; and,
2. reaffirm the primary importance of democratic, local planning in decision making by amending the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 so that all decisions, which accord with an up to date and adopted Local Plan, are decided locally and have no automatic right of appeal to a Planning Inspector.

Council requests that the Chief Executive writes to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government and the Leeds MPs in order to outline Council's recommendations.

An amendment was moved by Councillor Leadley, seconded by Councillor Elliott;

Delete all after "Council believes there is a genuine need for new houses throughout the city to provide affordable homes for first-time buyers", and insert; "and social renting tenants, and to adjust the city's housing stock to match its growing elderly population.

Council believes that good Planning and design will improve health and well-being.

To achieve this Council believes that;

1 Any National Planning Policy Framework must have a presumption to use brownfield land first, to avoid loss of green enclaves in built-up areas and erosion of Green Belt.

2 Once a Local Development Framework is adopted, Neighbourhood Plans should follow soon after to give a sound background against which Planning applications should be determined.

3 Council acknowledges that the LDF target of providing land for 74,000 new dwellings gross in sixteen years in Leeds is unnecessary and would mean large loss of Green Belt. A target of 50,000 new dwellings gross would be ample and ambitious, and avoid loss of Green Belt and urban green space.

Council urges the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government to;

1 Restore sequential testing and presumption in favour of using brownfield land first;

2 Amend the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to allow third-party appeals against grants of Planning permission where preliminary screening by the Planning Inspectorate has shown that there is a reasonably arguable case;

3 Set a Leeds LDF Core Strategy target of building around 50,000 new dwellings gross from 2012 until 2028.

Council asks the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government and all Leeds Members of Parliament to outline Council's recommendations."

A second amendment was moved by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Downes;

Insert the following at the end of the second paragraph :

"and will review its current planning controls to use the Local Development Framework and supplementary design guides to improve the quality of new buildings in Leeds"

and to replace 'To achieve this, Council believes that:' with

"Council further believes that :"

The revised motion would read :

"Council believes there is a genuine need for new houses throughout the city to provide affordable homes for first time buyers and opportunities for independent living for our growing elderly population.

Council also recognises the impact of good housing design and planning on improving health and wellbeing for all residents and will review its current planning controls to use the Local Development Framework and supplementary design guides to improve the quality of new buildings in Leeds.

Council further believes that :

1. the coalition government's National Planning Policy Framework should include the same level of prioritisation for brownfield sites as the previous planning guidance, which was shaped under the last government. This is as currently an unnecessary emphasis is being placed on greenfield land.

2. prompt, strong and democratic local decision making is needed so that local communities can collaborate with Town Halls through the development and adoption of their Neighbourhood Plans as an effective mechanism for determining planning applications.

To facilitate this, Council recommends the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government to:

1. restore the sequential brownfield/ greenfield presumption; and,
2. reaffirm the primary importance of democratic, local planning in decision making by amending the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 so that all decisions, which accord with an up to date and adopted Local Plan, are decided locally and have no automatic right of appeal to a Planning Inspector.

Council requests that the Chief Executive writes to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government and the Leeds MPs in order to outline Council's recommendations."

A third amendment was moved by Councillor J Procter, seconded by Councillor Cohen;

Replace: 'the coalition government's National Planning Policy Framework should include the same level of prioritisation for brownfield sites as the previous planning guidance, which was shaped under the last government. This is as currently an unnecessary emphasis is being placed on greenfield land.'

With: 'the coalition government's National Planning Policy Framework should be amended to restore the formal sequential approach to land release and prioritisation of brownfield sites over greenfield sites.'

And insert as point 3: 'make a strong commitment to working proactively with housing developers to deliver bespoke designs and ensure high standards of housing quality on completed schemes.'

Revised motion would read:

'Council believes there is a genuine need for new houses throughout the city to provide affordable homes for first time buyers and opportunities for independent living for our growing elderly population.

Council also recognises the impact of good housing design and planning on improving health and wellbeing for all residents.

To achieve this, Council believes that:

1. the coalition government's National Planning Policy Framework should be amended to restore the formal sequential approach to land release and prioritisation of brownfield sites over greenfield sites.
2. prompt, strong and democratic local decision making is needed so that local communities can collaborate with Town Halls through the development and adoption of their Neighbourhood Plans as an effective mechanism for determining planning applications.
3. make a strong commitment to working proactively with housing developers to deliver bespoke designs and ensure high standards of housing quality on completed schemes.

To facilitate this, Council recommends the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government to:

1. restore the sequential brownfield/ greenfield presumption; and,
2. reaffirm the primary importance of democratic, local planning in decision making by amending the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 so that all decisions, which accord with an up to date and adopted Local Plan, are decided locally and have no automatic right of appeal to a Planning Inspector.

Council requests that the Chief Executive writes to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government and the Leeds MPs in order to outline Council's recommendations.'

The first amendment in the name of Councillor Leadley was declared lost

The second amendment in the name of Councillor Campbell and third amendment in the name of Councillor J Procter were carried and, upon being put to the vote, it was

**RESOLVED** – That Council believes there is a genuine need for new houses throughout the city to provide affordable homes for first time buyers and opportunities for independent living for our growing elderly population.

Council also recognises the impact of good housing design and planning on improving health and wellbeing for all residents and will review its current planning controls to use the Local Development Framework and supplementary design guides to improve the quality of new buildings in Leeds

To achieve this Council believes that:

1. the coalition government's National Planning Policy Framework should include the same level of prioritisation for brownfield sites as the previous planning guidance that was shaped under the last government and be amended to restore the formal sequential approach to land release and prioritisation of brownfield sites over greenfield sites as currently there is an unnecessary emphasis being placed on greenfield land.
2. prompt, strong and democratic local decision making is needed so that local communities can collaborate with Town Halls through the development and adoption of their Neighbourhood Plans as an effective mechanism for determining planning applications.
3. make a strong commitment to working proactively with housing developers to deliver bespoke designs and ensure high standards of housing quality on completed schemes.

To facilitate this, Council recommends the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government to:

1. restore the sequential brownfield/ greenfield presumption; and,
2. reaffirm the primary importance of democratic, local planning in decision making by amending the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 so that all decisions, which accord with an up to date and adopted Local Plan, are decided locally and have no automatic right of appeal to a Planning Inspector.

Council requests that the Chief Executive writes to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government and the Leeds MPs in order to outline Council's recommendations.

On the requisition of Councillors R Finnigan and T Leadley, the voting on the amendment in the name of Councillor Leadley was recorded as follows:-

YES - 15

J Bentley, S Bentley, A Blackburn, D Blackburn, Campbell, Chapman, Cleasby, Downes, Elliott, Finnigan, Golton, Lay, Leadley, Townsley, Varley,

NO-57

Akhtar, Atha, Blake, Bruce, Charlwood, Congreve, Coulson, Coupar, Davey, Dawson, Dobson, Dowson, Dunn, Gabriel, , P Grahame, R Grahame, Groves, C Gruen, P Gruen, S Hamilton, Hardy, Harington, Harland, G Harper J Harper, A Hussain, G Hussain, G Hyde, Illingworth, Ingham, Iqbal, Jarosz, Khan, J Lewis, R Lewis, Lyons, Macniven, Maqsood, A McKenna, J McKenna, Morgan, Mulherin, Nagle, Nash, Ogilvie, , Rafique, Renshaw, Selby, Sobel, E Taylor, Towler, Truswell, Urry, Wakefield, Walker, Walshaw and Yeadon.

ABSTAIN-12

Buckley, A Carter, Castle, Cohen, Lamb, G Latty, P Latty, J Procter, Robinson, Wadsworth, Wilkinson, Wood.

**101 White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor D Blackburn) - Energy Efficiency**

It was moved by Councillor D Blackburn , seconded by Councillor A Blackburn that Council believes that much has been done in recent years through schemes such as Wrap Up Leeds to deal with domestic energy efficiency. It also notes with regret that the Leeds City Council programme of domestic energy activities has been adversely affected by major changes to the way the Energy Company Obligation (ECO) operates, that were announced in the Chancellor's Autumn Statement.

Council believes that Leeds still has a long way to go to effectively deal with fuel poverty caused by homes with low-energy efficiency and calls on the Chief Executive to request that the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change meets with an all-party delegation, so the case can be put for resources being made available to resolve some of these issues.

Council also requests that the Chief Executive writes to all Leeds MPs asking them for their support in this matter.

An amendment was moved by Councillor Dobson, seconded by Councillor G Harper;

Council believes that much has been done in recent years through schemes such as Wrap Up Leeds to deal with domestic energy efficiency. It also notes with regret that the Leeds City Council programme of domestic energy activities has been adversely affected by major changes to the way the Energy Company Obligation (ECO) operates that were announced in the Chancellor's Autumn Statement.

Delete all after first paragraph and replace with:

Council acknowledges the disproportionate impact of these recent changes on communities in Leeds due to the unique nature of the city's housing stock. Council therefore welcomes action agreed to date that aims to raise awareness of this situation with Government ministers.

Council reiterates calls for a cross-party meeting with the Secretary of State for Energy with a view to enabling work to commence immediately on projects in Leeds.

Council reaffirms its commitment to a significant and wide-ranging programme of energy efficiency improvements across the city and requests that the Chief Executive writes to all Leeds MPs to secure their assistance in facilitating the changes required to enable the Council to deliver this much needed work.

A second amendment was moved by Councillor Wadsworth, seconded by Councillor Cohen;

Insert after 'domestic energy efficiency' in paragraph 1: 'While a more balanced approach to its implementation would have been preferable, addressing those in most need first, as opposed to an apparent focus on numbers of households, the scheme has delivered significant positives.'

Replace 'It' with 'Council' in paragraph 1.

Insert after 'Chancellor's Autumn Statement' in paragraph 1: 'This Council welcomes the Government's attempts to reduce household energy bills that have, in recent years, begun to spiral out of control. However, Council is concerned that the changes to ECO will not necessarily directly impact on customer bills as was intended.'

Motion will read:

Council believes that much has been done in recent years through schemes such as Wrap Up Leeds to deal with domestic energy efficiency. While a more balanced approach to its implementation would have been preferable, addressing those in most need first, as opposed to an apparent focus on numbers of households, the scheme has delivered significant positives.

Council also notes with regret that the Leeds City Council programme of domestic energy activities has been adversely affected by major changes to the way the Energy Company Obligation (ECO) operates that were announced in the Chancellor's Autumn Statement. This Council welcomes the Government's attempts to reduce household energy bills that have, in recent years, begun to spiral out of control. However, Council is concerned that the changes to ECO will not necessarily directly impact on customer bills as was intended.

Council believes that Leeds still has a long way to go to effectively deal with fuel poverty caused by homes with low-energy efficiency and calls on the Chief Executive to request that the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change meets with an all-party delegation, so the case can be put for resources being made available to resolve some of these issues.

Council also requests that the Chief Executive writes to all Leeds MPs asking them for their support in this matter.

The second amendment in the name of Councillor Wadsworth was declared lost.

The amendment in the name of Councillor Dobson was carried, and it was

**RESOLVED** – That Council believes that much has been done in recent years through schemes such as Wrap Up Leeds to deal with domestic energy efficiency. It also notes with regret that the Leeds City Council programme of domestic energy activities has been adversely affected by major changes to the way the Energy Company Obligation (ECO) operates that were announced in the Chancellor's Autumn Statement.

Council acknowledges the disproportionate impact of these recent changes on communities in Leeds due to the unique nature of the city's housing stock. Council

therefore welcomes action agreed to date that aims to raise awareness of this situation with Government ministers.

Council reiterates calls for a cross-party meeting with the Secretary of State for Energy with a view to enabling work to commence immediately on projects in Leeds. Council reaffirms its commitment to a significant and wide-ranging programme of energy efficiency improvements across the city and requests that the Chief Executive writes to all Leeds MPs to secure their assistance in facilitating the changes required to enable the Council to deliver this much needed work.

Council rose at 7.40pm