



- 8 **Report on Scrutiny at Leeds City Council - Annual Report 2017/18** 357 - 372

To consider the report of the City Solicitor presenting the Scrutiny Boards Annual Report to Council, prepared in accordance with Article 6 of the Constitution.

- 9 **Report on Amendments to the Executive Arrangements** 373 - 378

To consider the report of the City Solicitor presenting to Council an amendment to the Leader's executive arrangements for the 2018/19 Municipal year.

- 10 **Questions**

To deal with questions in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11.

- 11 **Minutes of the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Executive Board** 379 - 412

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

- 12 **Report on Devolution** 413 - 422

To consider a report of the Chief Executive updating Members on matters related to the progress of Devolution, Transport and matters regarding the Leeds City Region LEP and the West Yorkshire Combined Authority.

- 13 **White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Buckley) - Transport** 423 - 424

This Council notes the continuing decline in bus patronage in Leeds, down by 18% in the last 20 years. Given this background Council believes that now, more than ever, Leeds should be looking to develop a long term and ambitious transport plan that will deliver improved air quality, boost growth and jobs and provide a 21<sup>st</sup> century transport system that residents in Leeds deserve.

This Council welcomes the ongoing consultation but requests a report to be brought to Executive Board as soon as possible refreshing the Council's approach to transport set out in the interim Leeds Transport Strategy with a view to establishing a truly ambitious transport strategy and securing the necessary investment to deliver it.

- 14 **White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Lay) - NHS and Health Care Funding** 425 - 426

Whilst this Council welcomes the recent moderate funding increase announced by the Government to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the NHS it notes with some concern that opportunities to improve Social Care have been

missed again. We find this particularly disappointing when Government itself has clearly recognised the link between the health and social care sectors with the creation of the Cabinet post of Secretary of Health and Social Care.

In the Council's opinion social care is and remains an integral and crucial element to providing safe, effective and timely care in the NHS and the wider health and social care sectors. Furthermore it is Council's view that social care requires 'parity of esteem', a long term funding solution and support, like NHS funding, from central taxation.

Council's also notes that future funding for social care in the City cannot continue to be passed onto communities in the form of the Social Care Precept. This Council therefore calls on Government to seek to introduce a single ring-fenced tax for health and social care in line with the recently produced report 'Health and Social Care - Delivering a Secure Funding Future'. This single tax would replace the current National Insurance taxation and provisions and would be fairer, transparent and equitable.

Furthermore this Council calls on Government to seek to introduce an independent Office of Budget Responsibility of Health and Social Care who would oversee and be responsible for the spending of this ring-fenced tax.

Finally, it is the view of this Council that only such radical proposals will secure the future of the NHS for a further thirty years and help bring to an end the prolonged period of underfunding for and neglect of Social Care.

15      **White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Blake) - Inclusive Growth**      427 - 428

This Council believes Inclusive Growth is key to addressing inequalities, poverty and social exclusion in Leeds.

Council therefore welcomes commitments from major stakeholders in the city to implement the Inclusive Growth Strategy and will work to encourage other stakeholders and businesses in Leeds to pledge their support.

Council calls for a future State of the City meeting to monitor progress on the implementation of the strategy.

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