

A meeting of the Council will be held in the Civic Hall, Leeds on Wednesday, 12th September, 2018 at 1.00 pm

Members of the Council are invited to attend and transact the following business:

- 1 Minutes of the last Meeting** 1 - 16

To approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 11th July 2018.
- 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 Report on Scrutiny at Leeds City Council - Annual Report 2017/18** 17 - 32

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.
- 6 Report - Community Committee Annual Report** 33 - 58

To consider the report of the Director of Communities and Environment bringing the Community Committees' Annual Report to the attention of council. It looks at progress made over the last twelve months, outlines the changes which have taken place during 2017 to 2018 and gives examples of some of the work the community committees have carried out within their communities to improve the lives of local people.

- 7 **Questions**
- To deal with questions in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11.
- 8 **Minutes of the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Executive Board** 59 - 72
- To receive the minutes in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2.2(i).
- 9 **Report on Devolution** 73 - 86
- To consider a report of the Chief Executive updating Members on matters related to the progress of Devolution and matters regarding the Leeds City Region LEP and the West Yorkshire Combined Authority.
- 10 **White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Cohen) - Education Standards** 87 - 88
- This Council believes that schools, teachers and pupils in Leeds are working hard to improve outcomes, and wishes to congratulate everyone who succeeded in their exams this year. However Council believes that there is a fundamental lack of ambition from the Council at a strategic level that is continuing to fail many young learners.
- At Key Stage 2 the percentage of pupils in Leeds reaching the expected standard in reading, writing and maths has improved, but the pace of change is painfully slow, leaving Leeds still lagging behind national averages across many groups and measures.
- Vulnerable learners in Leeds fare worse than their peers nationally. The attainment gap at Early Years between disadvantaged pupils in Leeds and non-disadvantaged pupils nationally was 26 percentage points in 2016 and 2017, whilst at Key Stage 2 the gap was even worse. SEN pupils in Leeds performed less well than SEN pupils nationally across all categories in 2016-17.
- Council acknowledges the challenges involved in improving performance, but believes that for too long this administration has neglected the education side of children's services. A Council aiming to be the best in the UK should be looking to exceed, not merely reach, national averages, yet a report card of the administration's efforts over the last 8 years would surely read "must try harder".
- This Council therefore calls on the Director of Children and Families to bring a report to Executive Board setting out the steps necessary to make urgent and sustained improvement to education standards at all levels in the city.

This Council notes with concern that according to recent research, eight million metric tonnes of plastic waste ends up in the world's oceans each year, endangering marine life, and the Ellen MacArthur Foundation estimates that by 2050 the weight of plastic in the oceans will exceed that of fish. There is also a growing understanding of the risks posed to human health by toxic chemicals present in plastics.

This Council, therefore, resolves to:

1. Phase out the use of single use plastics by this Council and its supply chain by the end of 2019, and ensure that any single use plastics still in use because of existing contracts have a definite end date for their use.
2. End the sale and provision of single use plastic products, such as bottles, cups, cutlery, drinking straws and food containers, in council buildings.
3. Investigate the possibility of requiring pop-up food and drink vendors at Council events to avoid single use plastics as a condition of their contract.
4. Work with tenants and operators in commercial properties owned by this Council to support the phasing out of single use plastic cups, bottles, cutlery, straws and food containers.
5. Work with event organisers to create policy in which single use disposable plastic cups and glasses are replaced at all city events with reusable or deposit scheme cups and glasses, and that single use plastic food containers are not provided.
6. Bring a report to the Executive Board within 6 months highlighting the progress made.

"This Council and everyone in Leeds remembers the devastating impact of the Storm Eva floods in Leeds over the Christmas period in 2015 and in particular the destruction caused to thousands of residential and business properties.

Council recalls commitments made at that time by Government Ministers to ensure delivery of Phase 2 of the Leeds Flood Alleviation scheme to prevent a repeat of the damage and misery caused by Storm Eva.

Council is therefore deeply concerned by a letter received from the Environment Agency rejecting the Council's proposed flood defence scheme and only offering to fund a lower cost scheme with a reduced level of protection that would not prevent a reoccurrence of the 2015 floods.

Council calls for the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to meet Council representatives as soon as possible to ensure sufficient Government funding is provided to deliver Phase 2 of the Leeds Flood Alleviation scheme in its entirety to a 1 in 200 year standard.”



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