

Proceedings of the Meeting of the Leeds City Council held
Civic Hall, Leeds on Wednesday, 27th March, 2019

PRESENT: The Lord Mayor Councillor Graham Latty in the Chair.

WARD

ADEL & WHARFEDALE

Barry John Anderson
Caroline Anderson
Billy Flynn

ALWOODLEY

Dan Cohen
Neil Alan Buckley
Peter Mervyn Harrand

ARDSLEY & ROBIN HOOD

Karen Renshaw
Ben Garner
Lisa Mulherin

ARMLEY

Alice Smart
James McKenna
Alison Natalie Kay Lowe
BEESTON & HOLBECK

Angela Gabriel
Gohar Almas
Andrew Scopes

BRAMLEY & STANNINGLEY

Kevin Ritchie
Caroline Gruen
Julie Heselwood
BURMANTOFTS & RICHMOND HILL

Ron Grahame
Asghar Khan
Denise Ragan

WARD

CALVERLEY & FARSLEY

Amanda Carter
Peter Carlill

CHAPEL ALLERTON

Eileen Taylor
Mohammed Rafique
Jane Dowson

CROSS GATES & WHINMOOR

Pauleen Grahame
Peter John Gruen
Jessica Lennox

FARNLEY & WORTLEY

Ann Blackburn
David Blackburn
Matt Gibson

GARFORTH & SWILLINGTON

Mark Dobson
Sarah Field
Suzanne McCormack

GIPTON & HAREHILLS

Salma Arif
Arif Hussain
Kamila Maqsood

GUISELEY & RAWDON

Graham Latty
Pat Latty
Paul John Spencer Wadsworth

HAREWOOD

Matthew James Robinson
Sam Firth
Ryan Stephenson

HEADINGLEY & HYDE PARK

Jonathon Pryor
Alison Garthwaite
Neil Walshaw

HORSFORTH

Jonathon Taylor
Jackie Shemilt

HUNSLET & RIVERSIDE

Elizabeth Nash
Mohammed Iqbal
Paul Wray

KILLINGBECK & SEACROFT

Paul Drinkwater
David Jenkins
Katie Dye

KIPPAX & METHLEY

Mary Elizabeth Harland
James Lewis
Keith Ivor Wakefield

KIRKSTALL

Hannah Bithell
Fiona Elizabeth Venner
John Anthony Illingworth

LITTLE LONDON & WOODHOUSE

Kayleigh Brooks
Javaid Akhtar
Gerry Harper

MIDDLETON PARK

Kim Groves
Judith Blake
Paul Anthony Truswell

MOORTOWN

Rebecca Charlwood
Sharon Hamilton
Mohammed Shahzad

MORLEY NORTH

Andy Hutchison
Thomas Leadley

MORLEY SOUTH

Judith Elliott
Neil Dawson
Wyn Kidger

OTLEY & YEADON

Colin Campbell
Sandy Edward Charles Lay
Ryk Downes

PUDSEY

Simon Seary
Mark Harrison
Richard Alwyn Lewis

ROTHWELL

Barry Stewart Golton
Carmel Harrison
Karen Bruce

ROUNDHAY

Eleanor Tunnicliffe
Angela Wenham
Jacob Goddard

TEMPLE NEWSAM

Debra Coupar
Helen Hayden
Michael Lyons

WEETWOOD

Jonathan Bentley
Christine Knight
James Gibson

WETHERBY

Norma Harrington
Alan James Lamb

90 Announcements

(a) The Lord Mayor reminded those present that the meeting was to be webcast.

(b) The Lord Mayor informed Council that the following Councillors would not be seeking re-election to Council, and said a few words in respect of each Councillor and thanked them for their work over many years on behalf of the Council:-

Councillor Harper
Councillor Lowe
Councillor Lyons
Councillor Wakefield

(c) The Lord Mayor informed Council that Doug Meeson the Chief Officer (Financial Services) and Lorraine Hallam the Chief Officer (HR) were retiring and thanked them for their work over many years.

(d) The Lord Mayor referred to the recent attacks in New Zealand and expressed sympathy to all those that had been affected.

(e) The Lord Mayor reported the recent death of Honorary Alderman Graham Platt.

Council stood in silent tribute.

91 Minutes of the last Meeting

It was moved by Councillor Dowson, seconded by Councillor Cohen and

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 27th February 2019 be approved.

92 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interests.

93 Communications

There were no communications.

94 Deputations

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

- 1) St Gemma's Hospice and the 'Just one day event'.
- 2) Central Yorkshire Scouts
- 3) Advonet, Connect in the North and Tenfold on the ambition for Leeds to be the best city for people with a learning disability to live in.
- 4) Leeds Community Foundation and the Healthy Holiday Programme

RESOLVED – That the subject matter in respect of deputation 1 be referred to the Director of Resources and Housing for consideration in consultation with the relevant Executive Member, that the subject matter in respect of deputations 2 and 4 be referred to the Director of Children & Families for consideration in consultation with the relevant Executive Member, that the subject matter in respect of deputation 3 be referred to the Director of Adults and Health for consideration in consultation with the relevant Executive Member.

95 Recommendations of the Executive Board - Local Flood Risk Management Strategy

The report of the Director of City Development presenting the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy was moved by Councillor R Lewis, seconded by Councillor Dowson and

RESOLVED –

- a) That the contents of the report; the outcome of the consultation undertaken and the comments of the Scrutiny Board (Infrastructure, Investment and Inclusive Growth), as detailed in Appendix 5 of the report be noted.
- b) That the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy as appended to the submitted report, be approved by Full Council in line with the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules, and be formally adopted and published by the Council.
- c) That it be noted that the Strategy will be implemented by 30th April 2019.

96 Report on Appointments

It was moved by Councillor Dowson, seconded by Councillor Harper and

RESOLVED – That the report of the City Solicitor on appointments be approved, namely that Alison Lowe Member of Forum Central and Chief Executive, Touchstone be appointed to the Health and Wellbeing Board as the Representative of the Third Sector (appointed by Council as an additional appropriate person) to take effect following the Leeds City Council local elections in May 2019 to replace Heather Nelson, Black Health Initiative, and Anthony Kealy, Locality Director, NHS England North (Yorkshire and the Humber) be appointed to the Health and Wellbeing Board as the representative of NHS (England) (appointed by Council as an additional appropriate person to replace Moira Dumma (NHSE).

97 Licensing Annual Report

It was moved by Councillor Harland seconded by Councillor J Lewis and

RESOLVED – That the Licensing annual report be received.

98 Annual Report of the Standards and Conduct Committee

It was moved by Councillor Nash, seconded by Councillor Dowson and

RESOLVED - That the report of the City Solicitor be received and the matters set out in the annual report be noted.

99 Corporate Governance and Audit Committee Annual Report

It was moved by Councillor Ritchie, seconded by Councillor Dowson and

RESOLVED - That the report of the City Solicitor be received and the matters set out in the annual report reflecting the work of the Committee be noted.

100 Report on the Leeds Award

It was moved by Councillor Dowson, seconded by Councillor Harper and

RESOLVED – That the recommendations of the Leeds Award Panel to nominate Mr Tony Harrison to receive the Leeds Award, as presented by the report of the City Solicitor, be approved.

101 Procedural Motion

It was moved by Councillor Dowson , seconded by Councillor Cohen and

RESOLVED – That leave of Council be given to suspend Council Procedure Rule 11.2 (Notice of Questions) to allow Question 4 in the name of Cllr Ritchie to be heard as Q5 and Q5 in the name of Cllr Cohen to be heard as Q4.

102 Executive Questions

Q1 Councillor B Anderson to the Executive Member (Regeneration, Transport and Planning):-

Will the Executive Board Member for Regeneration, Transport and Planning commit to looking in more detail at outer area town and district centres as part of the phase 2 bid to the Future High Street Fund, to include areas such as Pudsey, Garforth, Horsforth, Kippax, Morley, Wetherby, Boston Spa, Otley, Farsley, Guiseley, Yeadon and Rothwell?

The Executive Member (Regeneration, Transport and Planning) replied.

Q2 Councillor Bentley to the Executive Member (Environment and Active Lifestyles):-

Would the Executive Member inform Council how many warnings and Fixed Penalty Notices have been issued under the Dog related requirements of the Public Spaces Prohibition Orders since they were introduced in July 2018.

The Executive Member (Environment and Active Lifestyles) replied.

Q3 Councillor Bithell to the Leader of Council :-

Please could the Leader of Council provide an update on Channel 4's plan to move to Leeds?

The Leader of Council replied.

Q4 Councillor Cohen to the Executive Member (Learning, Skills and Employment):-

Does the Executive Member for Learning, Skills and Employment believe it is important to send out consistent messages to young people about matters affecting them?

The Executive Member (Learning, Skills and Employment) replied.

Q5 Councillor Ritchie to the Executive Member (Regeneration, Transport and Planning):-

Could the Executive Member comment on the lack of Government funding for road maintenance?

The Executive Member (Regeneration, Transport and Planning) replied.

Q6 Councillor Bentley to the Executive Member (Resources and Sustainability):-

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Would the Executive Member inform Council how many customers White Rose Energy is currently supplying and if this is in line with targets or expectations set when the company was established?

The Executive Member (Resources and Sustainability) replied.

Q7 Councillor Ragan to the Executive Member (Communities):-

Please can the Executive Member for Communities provide an update on what we are doing to support Universal Credit claimants in Leeds since its full roll out in October 2018?

The Executive Member (Communities) replied.

Q8 Councillor Hayden to the Executive Member (Children and Families):-

Can the Executive Member for Children and Families please comment on the recent national increase in violence involving young people?

The Executive Member (Children and Families) replied.

Q9 Councillor Robinson to the Executive Member (Regeneration, Transport and Planning):-

Would the Executive Member for Regeneration, Transport and Planning agree with me that when the Council issues fines to utility companies who have run late in carrying out work on Leeds' Highways, the funds raised from such fines should be ring-fenced to be spent on Highways works in the communities that experienced the over-stay?

The Executive Member (Regeneration, Transport and Planning) 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:-

Q10 Councillor Downes to the Executive Member (Environment and Active Lifestyles):-

Q11 Councillor Khan to the Executive Member (Health, Wellbeing and Adults).

Q12 Councillor Ragan to the Executive Member (Environment and Active Lifestyles).

Q13 Councillor C Anderson to the Executive Member (Health, Wellbeing and Adults).

Q14 Councillor Dye to the Executive Member (Resources and Sustainability).

Q15 Councillor Dawson to the Chair of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority Transport Committee.

Q16 Councillor Flynn to the Executive Member (Regeneration, Transport and Planning).

Q17 Councillor C Anderson to the Executive Member (Environment and Active Lifestyles).

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- Q18 Councillor Flynn to the Executive Member (Children and Families).
- Q19 Councillor Shemilt to the Executive Member (Environment and Active Lifestyles).
- Q20 Councillor Robinson to the Executive Member (Regeneration, Transport and Planning).
- Q21 Councillor Wadsworth to the Executive Member (Environment and Active Lifestyles).
- Q22 Councillor Robinson to the Executive Member (Regeneration, Transport and Planning).

103 Procedural Motion

It was moved by Councillor Cohen, seconded by Councillor B Anderson that under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 13.2(c) that the order of business be changed so that the reference back in his name falling within the Learning, Skills & Employment portfolio of the Executive board minutes be heard first within the Executive Board minutes (prior to the Resources and Sustainability Portfolio).

Upon being put to the vote the procedural motion was lost.

104 Minutes of the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Executive Board

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

An amendment was moved by Councillor Cohen, seconded by Councillor Stephenson

To add the following at the end of item 12:

'To ask the Executive Board to reconsider the decision in relation to minute 177, resolution (d) of the Executive Board minutes of 20th March 2019'

Upon being put to the vote the amendment (reference back) was declared lost and upon being put to the vote it was

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.

At the conclusion of this item Council adjourned from 16.30 to 17.00

105 Report on Devolution

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

RESOLVED – That the report of the Chief Executive updating Members on matters in respect of devolution be received.

106 White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor B Anderson) - Extra Care and Specialist Housing for Older People

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It was moved by Councillor B Anderson, seconded by Councillor Shemilt that this Council believes that more could be done to deliver additional extra care and specialist housing for older people in Leeds.

Council notes the work done in recent years to deliver extra care housing schemes through the HRA but believes that through better use of council assets and public sector owned land and by giving more priority to older people's housing schemes more of this type of housing could be delivered to communities in Leeds. This is a particular concern in outer areas and in towns such as Wetherby, Pudsey, Horsforth, Guiseley and Otley.

Council believes that by providing more specialist homes of this nature family homes and homes for first time buyers would organically come onto the housing market which would provide much needed ownership opportunities for families and younger people seeking to buy either their first home or their first family home.

Council regrets the complete absence of administration councillors speaking on the accessibility requirements on new housing developments at the Core Strategy Selective Review.

This Council calls for a new approach to this agenda to start with a report to be brought to Executive Board examining how the delivery of extra care and specialist housing for older people could be enhanced and accelerated and how this approach could free up other homes to address housing need across the city.

An amendment was moved by Councillor Lay, seconded by Councillor Golton

Replace the words "such as Wetherby, Pudsey, Horsforth, Guiseley and Otley" in the second paragraph with "within the Leeds District".

The second paragraph would then read:

"Council notes the work done in recent years to deliver extra care housing schemes through the HRA but believes that through better use of council assets and public sector owned land and by giving more priority to older people's housing schemes more of this type of housing could be delivered to communities in Leeds. This is a particular concern in outer areas and in towns within the Leeds District."

A second amendment was moved by Councillor Coupar, seconded by Councillor Charlwood

Delete all after "This Council" and replace with:

"supports the Leeds Vision for Extra Care which aims to deliver 1000 Extra Care Housing places in Leeds by 2028. Council notes the excellent progress made towards this, as reported to Executive Board in December, including:

- The flexible use of council land to secure the delivery of almost 240 new extra care places by 2022;
- The use of £30m capital funding to directly deliver 200 new extra care places by 2022.

Council notes that 3 of the schemes that will provide the above places will be located in outer areas and 4 schemes will be located in inner areas.

Council further notes these schemes are in addition to 3 extra care facilities in Leeds already delivered or currently close to delivery, notably at the Council's own award Minutes approved at the meeting held on Wednesday 22nd May 2019

winning scheme at Wharfedale View, alongside schemes facilitated by the council at Boston Spa and Cookridge. Together, these schemes will contribute 154 extra care places in the city.

Council notes the delivery of Extra Care Housing is on top of the programme of 1,500 new general council homes that will be delivered over the next five years.

Council believes more Extra Care Housing and general social housing is needed in all areas of Leeds. Council will continue to take a flexible approach to maximise the use of council assets and build on our partnerships with Registered Providers to ensure further units can be delivered.

Council believes further Government action is urgently needed to properly address the housing crisis created by the lack of affordable housing. Council also remains particularly concerned by the Government's failure to address the rising demand for older people's social care and the continued delays to the publication of the Government's Social Care Green Paper.

This Council will continue to lead the way in investing and prioritising the delivery of new council housing and Extra Care Housing in Leeds. Council calls on the Government to do the same by providing funding to enable delivery of the housing desperately needed to meet demand."

The amendment in the name of Councillor Lay was declared lost, the second amendment in the name of Councillor Coupar was carried and upon being put to the vote it was

RESOLVED – That this Council supports the Leeds Vision for Extra Care which aims to deliver 1000 Extra Care Housing places in Leeds by 2028. Council notes the excellent progress made towards this, as reported to Executive Board in December, including:

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107 Procedural Motion

It was moved by Councillor Dowson, seconded by Councillor Cohen and

RESOLVED – That under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule(CPR) 22.1 (Suspension of CPRs), that CPR 3.4 (time limits for business) be suspended to allow an additional 15 minutes on Item 15, the White Paper on the Climate Emergency.

108 White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor J Blake) - Climate Emergency

It was moved by Councillor Blake, seconded by Councillor Bentley that this Council notes that many Leeds residents are demanding action on climate change as demonstrated through actions such as the recent 'Youth Strike.'

Council accepts that in order to limit the effects of global warming it is necessary for the world population to reduce its annual carbon emissions from the current 6.5 tonnes per person to less than 2 tonnes as soon as possible.

Council recognises that individuals cannot be expected to make this reduction on their own. Society needs leadership at international, national and local level. Council is aware that current plans and actions are not enough. The world is on track to overshoot the Paris Agreement's 1.5°C limit before 2050.

All governments nationally and locally have a duty to limit the negative impacts of global warming. Local councils should not wait for their national governments to change their policies. It is important for the residents of Leeds and the UK that cities commit to carbon neutrality as quickly as possible.

Council notes through collaboration with the Leeds Climate Commission how it is now one of the leading local authorities in the country in this area. This is underlined by the unprecedented scale of investment prioritised by this Council towards carbon reduction measures. This includes our innovative Leeds PIPES district heating scheme, our investment to improve the energy performance of council housing and in area based regeneration schemes to support both private and council housing improvements, and our investment to become the leading authority in the country for changing our fleet to Electric Vehicles.

Council therefore resolves to:

1. Declare a 'Climate Emergency'.
2. Sign up to a science based carbon reduction target that is consistent with achieving the Paris Agreement of no more than 1.5°C global temperature increase.
3. Work to make Leeds Carbon neutral by 2030 and call on central government to provide the funding and powers to make this possible.
4. Work with other organisations and governments within the UK and internationally to determine and implement best practice methods to limit Global Warming to less than 1.5°C.
5. Bring a report to April Executive Board setting out how we can work with the Leeds Climate Commission to run a conversation with residents, Trade Unions, public sector organisations, businesses and the third sector on

developing a plan with the actions and milestones required to reach this target, and report the outcome to Executive Board by the end of 2019.

An amendment was moved by Councillor D Blackburn, seconded by Councillor A Blackburn

Replace the words "Work to make" at the start of resolution 3 and replace them with "Set interim targets and work towards making".

Insert "2019" after the word "April" in resolution 5 and also delete ", and report the outcome to Executive Board by the end of 2019" from the end of that resolution.

Append the following resolutions:

6. Present an interim draft action plan to the Executive before the end of 2019.
7. Agree the final plan by October 2020 for how Leeds will reach carbon neutrality by 2030.
8. All reports to Council should within the shortest time practicable, but at the latest by July 2019, report on the implications of any decisions on climate change.
9. Bring a report to each Council Meeting outlining progress towards addressing the Action Plan as a standard item of business."

The resolutions of the motion would then read as follows:

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5. Bring a report to April 2019 Executive Board setting out how we can work with the Leeds Climate Commission to run a conversation with residents, Trade Unions, public sector organisations, businesses and the third sector on developing a plan with the actions and milestones required to reach this target.
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A second amendment was moved by Councillor Buckley, seconded by Councillor Lamb

Delete all after 'This Council notes' and replace with:

'that global temperatures have increased by 1 degree Celsius from pre-industrial levels. Atmospheric CO₂ levels are above 400 parts per million (ppm). This far exceeds the 350 ppm deemed to be a safe level.

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Council recognises that individuals cannot be expected to make this reduction on their own. Society needs leadership at international, national and local level.

Leeds City Council is already taking the lead in a number of areas. For example its commitment to energy from waste, district heating, solar panels on council buildings and renewing its fleet with electric vehicles are all making a difference. The Government's direction to introduce a Clean Air Zone in Leeds has been taken on enthusiastically and sets an example to other authorities.

Council is aware that our current plans and actions are not enough. The world is on track to overshoot the Paris Agreement's 1.5°C limit before 2050.

The 2018 Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Special Report on global warming, describes the enormous harm that a 2°C rise is likely to cause compared to a 1.5°C rise, and stated that limiting global warming to 1.5°C may still be possible with ambitious action from national and local authorities, the private sector, and local communities.

Council believes that all governments (national, regional and local) have a duty to limit the negative impacts of global warming. Local governments that recognise this should not wait for their national governments to change their policies. It is important for the residents of Leeds and the UK that cities commit to carbon neutrality as quickly as possible.

Council therefore resolves to:

- Declare a 'Climate and Environmental Emergency'
- Sign up to a science based carbon reduction target that is consistent with achieving the Paris Agreement of no more than 1.5°C global temperature increase
- Set interim targets and work towards making Leeds Carbon neutral by 2030 and call on central government to provide the funding and powers to make this possible
- Agree the final plan by October 2020 for how Leeds will reach carbon neutrality by 2030
- Work with other organisations and governments within the UK and internationally to determine and implement best practice methods to limit Global Warming to less than 1.5°C
- Instruct the Chief Executive to bring an urgent report to the next Executive Board meeting setting out milestones and immediate actions the Council should take. This will be followed by an interim draft action plan to go to the Executive before the end of 2019
- Continue to work with the Leeds Climate Commission and other partners across the city and region to deliver this new goal through all relevant strategies and plans
- Request that the Leader of Council take on portfolio responsibility for this issue to ensure appropriate authority and accountability is assigned to this important issue
- Bring a report to Council that outlines progress towards establishing and addressing the action plan as a standing item of business until the issue has been addressed, commencing in July 2019

- Request that the Environment, Housing and Communities Scrutiny Board commence an inquiry on this agenda to ensure that the Council is taking all appropriate action to address climate change.

The amendments in the name of Councillor D Blackburn and Councillor Buckley were declared lost and upon being put to the vote it was

RESOLVED – That this Council notes that many Leeds residents are demanding action on climate change as demonstrated through actions such as the recent ‘Youth Strike.’

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On the requisition of Councillor Dowson and Councillor James Lewis the voting on Councillor Blake’s motion was recorded as follows:

YES – 75

Akhtar, Almas, Arif, Bentley, Bithell, A Blackburn, D Blackburn, Blake, Brooks, Bruce, Campbell, Carlill, Charlwood, Coupar, Dawson, Dobson, Downes, Dowson, Drinkwater, Dye, Elliott, Field, Gabriel, Garner, Garthwaite, M Gibson, J Gibson, Goddard, Golton, P Grahame, R Grahame, Groves, C Gruen, P Gruen, Hamilton, Harland, Harper, C Harrison, Hayden, Heselwood, Hussain, Illingworth, Iqbal, Jenkins, Khan, Kidger, Knight, Lay, Leadley, Lennox, J Lewis, R Lewis, Lowe, Lyons, Maqsood, McCormack, McKenna, Mulherin, Nash, Pryor, Rafique, Ragan, Renshaw, Ritchie, Scopes, Shahzad, Smart, E Taylor, Truswell, Tunnicliffe, Venner, Wakefield, Walshaw, Wenham and Wray.

NO - 0

ABSTAIN – 0

109 White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor C Harrison) - HS2

It was moved by Councillor C Harrison, seconded by Councillor Golton that this Council notes the publication of the Draft Environmental Statement of HS2 Phase 2b. In particular, it recognises the significant impact that construction activity associated with the project will have on the communities of Woodlesford, Oulton, Rothwell, Swillington and Methley between 2024 to 2032. This will involve considerable restriction of liberty, highway closure and reconstruction, disruption to bus and rail services, prohibition of access to parks and green spaces, congestion and severe trading conditions for local businesses.

This Council does not believe that the above potentially disastrous effects of sustained disruption on workers, students and families in these communities is a “price worth paying” for the regeneration of the Leeds South Bank that the Council hopes to achieve through investment related to the proposed HS2 terminus.

Council also notes the already escalating cost of the HS2 project, almost doubling to current estimates of £56 billion, and the resulting pressure to limit compensation and mitigation costs en route.

This Council therefore calls on all Leeds MPs to support Ed Milliband MP’s call for a “proper examination and inquiry” into HS2, including a Select Committee hearing.

This Council further calls on the ruling administration to carry out an economic and social impact forecast study on the communities affected by proposed HS2 construction, with published recommendations as to what it considers would be the appropriate type, level and quality of mitigation that this Council would expect HS2 to deliver for those communities, in anticipation of the Environmental Statement which accompanies the future Hybrid Bill.

An amendment was moved by Councillor Buckley, seconded by Councillor Stephenson

Delete all after “This Council” and replace with:

“is aware of the significant potential benefits HS2 will bring to the city that will enable major transformation of the city’s Southbank, delivery of a new transport hub that will also support HS3 and the potential for thousands of new jobs in Leeds. Council is also aware of the support of the Chamber of Commerce and wider business community for HS2 in Leeds, but recognises the significant impact that construction activity associated with the project will have on the communities of Woodlesford, Oulton, Rothwell, Swillington, Garforth, Aberford, Micklegate and Methley between 2024 to 2032.

“Council notes that the proposed configuration of the HS2 terminus in Leeds is a major cause of route disruption in the towns and villages noted above. This Council welcomes that the MP for Elmet and Rothwell has written to the Labour Chair of the Transport Select Committee asking for any Select Committee inquiry into HS2 to include the role of the Council in deciding the configuration of the proposed HS2 terminus. Council further notes that the Labour Chair of the Committee has so far indicated no support for such an inquiry.

“This Council calls on the ruling administration to carry out an economic and social impact forecast study on the communities affected by proposed HS2 construction, with published recommendations as to what it considers would be the appropriate type, level and quality of mitigation that this Council would expect HS2 to deliver for those communities, in anticipation of the Environmental Statement which accompanies the future Hybrid Bill.”

A second amendment was moved by Councillor R Lewis, seconded by Councillor Bruce

Delete all after “This Council” and replace with:

“... believes it is important to continue to robustly challenge HS2 to ensure the concerns of local residents are fully taken into account during construction, as the Council has done in its response to the publication of the Draft Environmental Statement of HS2 Phase 2b. Council will continue to demand that HS2 support communities affected by proposed HS2 construction.

This Council notes that HS2 was a scheme instigated by the Conservative and Liberal Democrat Coalition Government and one that MPs retained all decision making powers over in parliament. Council therefore calls for the Government to ensure an appropriate parliamentary examination and inquiry into HS2 Phase 2B. Any inquiry should cover the former Conservative-Liberal Democrat Coalition Government’s role in determining the route of HS2 through Leeds, as well as whether the Conservative and Liberal Democrat Coalition Government has met this Council’s previous call for the Government to protect existing communities threatened by the route and to provide fair and equitable compensation for Leeds residents.

This Council remains extremely concerned by the chaos regularly faced by passengers on the Northern and Trans-Pennine rail franchises which were put in place by the Conservative and Liberal Democrat Coalition Government and believes the best way to improve services is to return the rail network to public ownership as soon as possible.”

The amendment in the name of Councillor Buckley was declared lost and the second amendment in the name of Councillor R Lewis was carried and upon being put to the vote it was

RESOLVED – That this Council believes it is important to continue to robustly challenge HS2 to ensure the concerns of local residents are fully taken into account during construction, as the Council has done in its response to the publication of the Draft Environmental Statement of HS2 Phase 2b. Council will continue to demand that HS2 support communities affected by proposed HS2 construction.

This Council notes that HS2 was a scheme instigated by the Conservative and Liberal Democrat Coalition Government and one that MPs retained all decision making powers over in parliament. Council therefore calls for the Government to ensure an appropriate parliamentary examination and inquiry into HS2 Phase 2B. Any inquiry should cover the former Conservative-Liberal Democrat Coalition

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This Council remains extremely concerned by the chaos regularly faced by passengers on the Northern and Trans-Pennine rail franchises which were put in place by the Conservative and Liberal Democrat Coalition Government and believes the best way to improve services is to return the rail network to public ownership as soon as possible."

On the requisition of Councillor Cohen and Councillor Robinson the voting on the amendments and the substantive motion was recorded as follows;

The amendment in the name of Councillor Buckley

YES – 16

B Anderson, C Anderson, Buckley, Cohen, Flynn, Harrand, Harrington, M Harrison, Lamb, P Latty, Robinson, Seary, Shemilt, Stephenson, J Taylor and Wadsworth.

NO – 67

Akhtar, Almas, Arif, Bithell, A Blackburn, D Blackburn, Blake, Brooks, Bruce, Carlill, Charlwood, Coupar, Dawson, Dowson, Drinkwater, Dye, Elliott, Field, Gabriel, Garner, Garthwaite, J Gibson, M Gibson, Goddard, P Grahame, R Grahame, Groves, C Gruen, P Gruen, Hamilton, Harland, Harper, Hayden, Heselwood, Hussain, Illingworth, Iqbal, Jenkins, Khan, Knight, Leadley, Lennox, J Lewis, R Lewis, Lowe, Lyons, Maqsood, McCormack, McKenna, Mulherin, Nash, Pryor, Rafique, Ragan, Renshaw, Ritchie, Scopes, Shahzad, Smart, E Taylor, Truswell, Tunncliffe, Venner, Wakefield, Walshaw, Wenham and Wray.

ABSTAIN – 4

Bentley, Dobson, Golton and Kidger.

The amendment in the name of Councillor R Lewis

YES – 61

Akhtar, Almas, Arif, Bithell, Blake, Brooks, Bruce, Carlill, Charlwood, Coupar, Dawson, Dowson, Drinkwater, Dye, Gabriel, Garner, Garthwaite, J Gibson, M Gibson, Goddard, P Grahame, R Grahame, Groves, C Gruen, P Gruen, Hamilton, Harland, Harper, Hayden, Heselwood, Hussain, Illingworth, Iqbal, Jenkins, Khan, Knight, Lennox, J Lewis, R Lewis, Lowe, Lyons, Maqsood, McKenna, Mulherin, Nash, Pryor, Rafique, Ragan, Renshaw, Ritchie, Scopes, Shahzad, Smart, E Taylor, Truswell, Tunncliffe, Venner, Wakefield, Walshaw, Wenham and Wray.

NO – 25

B Anderson, C Anderson, Bentley, Buckley, Cohen, Dobson, Downes, Field, Flynn, Golton, Harrand, Harrington, C Harrison, M Harrison, Lamb, P Latty, Lay, Leadley, McCormack, Robinson, Seary, Shemilt, Stephenson, J Taylor and Wadsworth.

ABSTAIN – 4

A Blackburn, D Blackburn, Elliott and Kidger.

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The Substantive Motion in the name of Councillor R Lewis

YES – 61

Akhtar, Almas, Arif, Bithell, Blake, Brooks, Bruce, Carlill, Charlwood, Coupar, Dawson, Dowson, Drinkwater, Dye, Gabriel, Garner, Garthwaite, J Gibson, M Gibson, Goddard, P Grahame, R Grahame, Groves, C Gruen, P Gruen, Hamilton, Harland, Harper, Hayden, Heselwood, Hussain, Illingworth, Iqbal, Jenkins, Khan, Knight, Lennox, J Lewis, R Lewis, Lowe, Lyons, Maqsood, McKenna, Mulherin, Nash, Pryor, Rafique, Ragan, Renshaw, Ritchie, Scopes, Shahzad, Smart, E Taylor, Truswell, Tunncliffe, Venner, Wakefield, Walshaw, Wenham and Wray.

NO – 25

B Anderson, C Anderson, Bentley, Buckley, Cohen, Dobson, Downes, Field, Flynn, Golton, Harrand, Harrington, C Harrison, M Harrison, Kidger, Lamb, P Latty, Leadley, McCormack, Robinson, Seary, Shemilt, Stephenson, J Taylor and Wadsworth.

ABSTAIN – 3

A Blackburn, D Blackburn and Elliott.

Council rose at 8.10 pm