

Proceedings of the Meeting of the Leeds City Council held  
Civic Hall, Leeds on Wednesday, 11th September, 2019

**PRESENT:** The Lord Mayor Councillor Eileen Taylor in the Chair.

**WARD**

**ADEL & WHARFEDALE**

Billy Flynn  
Barry John Anderson  
Caroline Anderson

**ALWOODLEY**

Peter Mervyn Harrand  
Dan Cohen  
Neil Alan Buckley

**ARDSLEY & ROBIN HOOD**

Lisa Mulherin  
Karen Renshaw  
Ben Garner

**ARMLEY**

Lou Cunningham  
Alice Smart  
James McKenna

**BEESTON & HOLBECK**

Andrew Scopes  
Angela Gabriel  
Gohar Almas

**BRAMLEY & STANNINGLEY**

Julie Heselwood  
Kevin Ritchie  
Caroline Gruen

**BURMANTOFTS & RICHMOND HILL**

Denise Ragan  
Ron Grahame  
Asghar Khan

**WARD**

**CALVERLEY & FARSLEY**

Peter Carlill  
Andrew Carter  
Amanda Carter

**CHAPEL ALLERTON**

Jane Dowson  
Eileen Taylor  
Mohammed Rafique

**CROSS GATES & WHINMOOR**

Jessica Lennox  
Pauleen Grahame  
Peter John Gruen

**FARNLEY & WORTLEY**

Ann Forsaith  
Ann Blackburn  
David Blackburn

**GARFORTH & SWILLINGTON**

Suzanne McCormack

**GIPTON & HAREHILLS**

Kamila Maqsood  
Salma Arif

**GUISELEY & RAWDON**

Paul John Spencer Wadsworth  
Graham Latty  
Pat Latty

**HAREWOOD**

Ryan Stephenson  
Matthew James Robinson  
Sam Firth

**HEADINGLEY & HYDE PARK**

Neil Walshaw  
Jonathon Pryor  
Alison Garthwaite

**HORSFORTH**

Jackie Shemilt  
Dawn Collins  
Jonathon Taylor

**HUNSLET & RIVERSIDE**

Paul Wray  
Elizabeth Nash  
Mohammed Iqbal

**KILLINGBECK & SEACROFT**

Katie Dye  
Paul Drinkwater  
David Jenkins

**KIPPAX & METHLEY**

Mirelle Midgley  
Mary Elizabeth Harland  
James Lewis

**KIRKSTALL**

John Anthony Illingworth  
Hannah Bithell  
Fiona Elizabeth Venner

**LITTLE LONDON & WOODHOUSE**

Abigail Marshall Katung  
Kayleigh Brooks  
Javaid Akhtar

**MIDDLETON PARK**

Paul Anthony Truswell  
Kim Groves  
Judith Blake

**MOORTOWN**

Mohammed Shahzad  
Rebecca Charlwood  
Sharon Hamilton

**MORLEY NORTH**

Robert Finnigan  
Robert Gettings MBE JP  
Andy Hutchison

**MORLEY SOUTH**

Wyn Kidger  
Judith Elliott  
Neil Dawson

**OTLEY & YEADON**

Ryk Downes  
Colin Campbell  
Sandy Edward Charles Lay

**PUDSEY**

Trish Smith  
Simon Seary  
Mark Harrison

**ROTHWELL**

Diane Chapman  
Barry Stewart Golton  
Carmel Hall

**ROUNDHAY**

Jacob Goddard

Angela Wenham

**TEMPLE NEWSAM**

Nicole Sharp  
Debra Coupar  
Helen Hayden

**WEETWOOD**

Chris Howley  
Jonathan Bentley  
Christine Knight

**WETHERBY**

Norma Harrington  
Alan James Lamb

**33 Announcements and Late Items**

- a) The Lord Mayor informed Members that Councillor Tunnicliffe had recently given birth to a baby boy.
- b) The Lord Mayor informed Members that she had agreed to the inclusion of a late item of business, a report Updating Members on Leeds City Council's Preparations for the UK's Exit from the European Union which had been referred from Executive Board after the despatch of the Council agenda.
- c) The Lord Mayor informed Members that she had agreed to the circulation of a report on the Leeds Core Strategy Selective Review which was not available at the time of the Council agenda despatch.
- d) The Lord Mayor reminded those present that the meeting was to be webcast.

**34 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 10<sup>th</sup> July 2019 be approved.

**35 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interests.

**36 Communications**

The Chief Executive informed Council that a response to a Council resolution had been received from Nigel Adams MP, the Minister of State for Sport, Media and Creative Industries in respect of the White Paper on TV Licenses for the over 75s considered at Council in July.

The response had previously been circulated to all Members of Council.'

**37 Deputations**

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

- 1) A group of residents regarding Britannia Quarry in Morley.
- 2) A group regarding 'save TV Harrison sports ground'
- 3) Support After Rape and Sexual Violence Leeds (SARSVL)
- 4) A group of residents regarding climate change and the airport expansion.

**RESOLVED** – That the subject matter in respect of deputations 1 and 3 be referred to the Director of Communities & Environment for consideration in consultation with the relevant Executive Member and that the subject matter in respect of deputations 2 and 4 be referred to the Director of City Development for consideration in consultation with the relevant Executive Member.

**38 Procedural Motion**

It was moved by Councillor Mulherin, seconded by Councillor Walshaw that in accordance with the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 14.9(a) to seek leave of Council to alter the wording of the motion in her name by the inclusion of an additional recommendation;

d) To reflect the Council's declaration of Climate Emergency in March 2019, Council commits to including measures to address the Climate Emergency in subsequent Core Strategy Reviews. This should include a strategic plan to deliver more trees in the city, a greater emphasis on how new housing developments are accessed i.e. not solely by the private car and a clear commitment to review Spatial Policy 12 of the Core Strategy relating to growth at Leeds Bradford Airport, as a matter of urgency, and notes that the Council has already committed to bringing a timetable to Development Plan Panel this Autumn.

**RESOLVED** – That leave of Council be given to Councillor Mulherin to alter the wording of the motion in her name by the inclusion of the additional recommendation.

### **39 Recommendations of the Executive Board - Adoption of the Core Strategy Selective Review**

The Director of City Development submitted a report seeking Council approval to adopt the Core Strategy Selective Review (CSSR), having noted the Inspectors' final Report on the Plan accepted the Inspectors recommended Main Modifications and noted the deletion and amendment of original Core Strategy Policies that will be superseded by the CSSR, with leave of Council an altered motion was moved by Councillor Mulherin, seconded by Councillor Walshaw that Council

a) Notes the Inspector's final Report of the Core Strategy Selective Review and accept the Main Modifications of the Inspector, as detailed in her Report (August 2019) presented at **Appendix 1**;

b) Adopts the Core Strategy Selective Review (version for Adoption) at **Appendix 2**, with effect from 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019, pursuant to Section 23 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended);

c) Notes the Core Strategy policies that will be superseded by the Plan (as set out in Appendix 1a of the Plan at **Appendix 2**); and

d) To reflect the Council's declaration of Climate Emergency in March 2019, Council commits to including measures to address the Climate Emergency in subsequent Core Strategy Reviews. This should include a strategic plan to deliver more trees in the city, a greater emphasis on how new housing developments are accessed i.e. not solely by the private car and a clear commitment to review Spatial Policy 12 of the Core Strategy relating to growth at Leeds Bradford Airport, as a matter of urgency, and notes that the Council has already committed to bringing a timetable to Development Plan Panel this Autumn.

An amendment was moved by Councillor Andrew Carter, seconded by Councillor B Anderson

To insert the following wording as Recommendations (d) and (e) on item 5 to read as follows:

(d) Council welcomes the emphasis the inspector has placed on housing delivery between 1/4/12 and 31/3/17 in the different HMCAs when making decisions about future housing allocations, as highlighted by paragraph 3.7.2 (c) and Main Modification 3 of her report.

(e) Council further notes the key issues that have not been addressed in the Leeds Core Strategy Selective Review particularly around climate change and the Climate Emergency. Council commits to including measures to address the Climate Emergency in subsequent Core Strategy Reviews. This should include a

strategic plan to deliver more trees in the city, a greater emphasis on how new housing developments are accessed i.e. not solely by the private car and a clear commitment to review Spatial Policy 12 of the Core Strategy relating to growth at Leeds Bradford Airport, as a matter of urgency.

To deliver this Council calls for the publication of a clear timetable to set out future reviews of the Leeds Core Strategy and to provide more detail to residents on the proposed SAP Review.

This item was circulated after the despatch of the summons with the approval of the Chair as at the time of the despatch the Executive Board of the 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019 had not met and considered the item.

Upon being put to the vote the amendment in the name of Councillor Andrew Carter was declared lost and upon being put to the vote it was

**RESOLVED** – That this Council;

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**40 LATE ITEM - An update on Leeds City Council's preparations for the UK's exit from the European Union a referral from the Executive Board meeting on the 4th September 2019.**

The Chief Executive submitted a report referred by Executive Board on the 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019 updating Members on the preparations that Leeds City Council has been making for the UK's exit from the European Union, due to take place on 31 October 2019. In March 2019 Executive Board approved the Council's strategic response plan for Brexit and the paper provided an update on key developments as part of the ongoing review and implementation of that plan.

The report also described ongoing work to understand the potential impact of Brexit on the Leeds economy and the implementation of support for EU citizens in Leeds to access the EU Settlement Scheme, the report was moved by Councillor Blake and seconded by Councillor Lewis.

This item was circulated after the despatch of the summons with the approval of the Chair as at the time of the despatch the Executive Board of the 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019 had not met and considered the item.

**RESOLVED** – To note the current position with regard to Leeds City Council's preparations for the UK's exit from the European Union.

**41 Recommendations of the General Purposes Committee - Establishing a North Yorkshire and West Yorkshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Vascular Services)**

That the report of the City Solicitor putting forward recommendations from the General Purposes Committee that met on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2019, in relation to approving arrangements for establishing a North Yorkshire and West Yorkshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee was moved by Councillor Blake, seconded by Councillor Dowson and

**RESOLVED** -

- a) appoint a mandatory North Yorkshire and West Yorkshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Vascular Services) together with the authorities set out in paragraph 3.3 of the attached report.
- b) approve the terms of reference for the mandatory North Yorkshire and West Yorkshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Vascular Services) set out at Appendix 1.
- c) delegate relevant functions, as set out in Appendix 1, which shall be exercisable by the mandatory North Yorkshire and West Yorkshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Vascular Services), subject to the terms and conditions specified.
- d) to appoint the following members from the Council's Scrutiny Board (Adults, Health and Active Lifestyles) as the Council representatives to serve on the mandatory North Yorkshire and West Yorkshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Vascular Services):

Councillor Helen Hayden and Councillor Graham Latty.

**42 Report on Appointments**

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

**RESOLVED** - That the report of the City Solicitor on appointments and the additional recommendation on the order paper be approved, namely that Councillor B Anderson replace Councillor Seary on North and East Plans Panel and Councillor Cunningham replace Councillor Tunnicliffe on Scrutiny Board (Strategy and Resources).

**43 Report on attendance at meetings**

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

**RESOLVED** – That approval be given to the absence of Councillor Tunnicliffe and Councillor Field from meetings of the authority for a period of six months from the date of this meeting.

**44 Report on the Leeds Award**

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

**RESOLVED** – That the recommendations of the Leeds Award Panel to nominate Jamie Jones-Buchanan and Barbara Taylor Bradford to receive the Leeds Award, as presented by the report of the City Solicitor, be approved.

**45 Report on Leeds Community Committees Annual Report 2018 to 2019**

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

**RESOLVED** – That the report of the Director of Communities and Environment presenting to Council the Community Committees' Annual report for 2018/19 be received and that the work now being progressed to further improve the effectiveness, community engagement role and improvement work of Community Committees be noted.

**46 Executive Questions**

Q1 Councillor Wadsworth to the Executive Member (Environment and Active Lifestyles):-

Would the Executive Member for Environment and Active Lifestyles like to take this opportunity to apologise to residents across the city who did not have their bins collected over the summer months due to numerous route failures?

The Executive Member (Environment and Active Lifestyles) replied.

Q2 Councillor Golton to the Executive Member (Communities):-

Can the Executive Member for Communities confirm whether she believes Airey Homes are a social and architectural legacy worth preserving, or outdated, defective constructions unworthy of investment?

The Executive Member (Communities) replied.

Q3 Councillor Jenkins to the Executive Member (Resources):-

Please can the Executive Member comment on the Chancellor's recent budget statement?

The Executive Member (Resources) replied.

Q4 Councillor Finnigan to the Executive Member (Climate Change, Transport and Sustainable Development):-

Does the Leader of Council agree with me that following the granting of planning permission for over 2000 new homes on Morley greenfield sites that Morley needs a new primary school to provide additional school places?

The Executive Member (Climate Change, Transport and Sustainable Development) replied.

Q5 Councillor Akhtar to the Executive Member (Learning, Skills and Employment):-

Please could the Executive Member for Learning, Skills and Employment update Council on the Year of Reading?

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

Q6 Councillor J Taylor to the Executive Member (Climate Change, Transport and Sustainable Development):-

Does the Executive Board Member for Climate Change, Transport and Sustainable Development agree with me that the recently concluded Selective Review of the Core Strategy should have included a review of Spatial Policy 12 Managing the Growth of Leeds Bradford International Airport?

The Executive Member (Climate Change, Transport and Sustainable Development) replied.

Q7 Councillor Bentley to the Executive Member (Environment and Active Lifestyles):-

Would the Executive Member please tell Council how much income has been generated, and costs incurred, over the past two years from the use of Beckett Park as a car park for spectators at Headingley Stadium?

The Executive Member ((Environment and Active Lifestyles)) replied.

Q8 Councillor Brooks to the Executive Member (Health, Wellbeing and Adults):-

Can the Executive Member for Health, Wellbeing and Adults comment on the Chancellor's recent announcement on the outcome of the Spending Review, specifically in relation to adult social care?

The Executive Member (Health, Wellbeing and Adults) 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:-

Q9 Councillor A Blackburn to the Executive Member (Environment and Active Lifestyles).

Q10 Councillor Hamilton to the Executive Member (Communities).

Q11 Councillor Robinson to the Executive Member (Communities).

Q12 Councillor Campbell to the Executive Member (Climate Change, Transport and Sustainable Development).

Q13 Councillor Garthwaite to the Executive Member (Climate Change, Transport and Sustainable Development).

Q14 Councillor Scopes to the Executive Member (Children and Families).

Q15 Councillor B Anderson to the Leader of Council.

Q16 Councillor Golton to the Executive Member (Climate Change, Transport and Sustainable Development ).

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

- Q18 Councillor Stephenson to the Executive Member (Environment and Active Lifestyles).
- Q19 Councillor Hall to the Executive Member (Learning, Skills and Employment).
- Q20 Councillor C Anderson to the Executive Member (Climate Change, Transport and Sustainable Development).
- Q21 Councillor Hall to the Executive Member (Environment and Active Lifestyles).
- Q22 Councillor Collins to the Executive Member (Environment and Active Lifestyles).
- Q23 Councillor Howley to the Executive Member (Climate Change, Transport and Sustainable Development).
- Q24 Councillor Flynn to the Executive Member (Children & Families).
- Q25 Councillor Cohen to the Executive Member (Environment and Active Lifestyles).
- Q26 Councillor B Anderson to the Executive Member (Climate Change, Transport and Sustainable Development).
- Q27 Councillor Robinson to the Executive Member (Climate Change, Transport and Sustainable Development).
- Q28 Councillor Firth to the Executive Member (Climate Change, Transport and Sustainable Development).
- Q29 Councillor Flynn to the Executive Member (Resources).
- Q30 Councillor B Anderson to the Executive Member (Environment and Active Lifestyles).
- Q31 Councillor Robinson to the Executive Member (Climate Change, Transport and Sustainable Development).
- Q32 Councillor B Anderson to the Executive Member (Environment and Active Lifestyles).
- Q33 Councillor Flynn to the Executive Member (Health, Wellbeing and Adults).
- Q34 Councillor B Anderson to the Executive Member (Communities).
- Q35 Councillor B Anderson to the Executive Member (Environment and Active Lifestyles).
- Q36 Councillor B Anderson to the Executive Member (Climate Change, Transport and Sustainable Development).

**47 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).

**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

**48 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.

**49 White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Wadsworth) - Waste Strategy**

It was moved by Councillor Wadsworth, seconded by Councillor B Anderson that this Council believes that the people of Leeds deserve a truly ambitious waste strategy that delivers against their increased desire to recycle and fully contributes to tackling the recently declared Climate Emergency.

Council notes with disappointment the July Executive Board report 'A Waste Strategy for the City of Leeds' that entirely fails to deliver against these objectives or set out a strategy that will improve the services available to Leeds residents. Council is also concerned by the breakdown of the refuse collection service over the summer months, inconveniencing residents in a number of areas across the city.

This Council therefore calls for an urgent report to Executive Board that responds to the problems with refuse collection experienced over the summer, and calls on the administration to bring forward a Waste Strategy for Leeds that takes a lead on this agenda, delivering the enhanced collection services that residents want and deserve.

An amendment was moved by Councillor J Bentley, seconded by Councillor Campbell

Delete the entire third paragraph and replace it with the following:

“This Council therefore calls for a report to the October Executive Board that responds to the problems with refuse collection experienced over the summer, includes an action plan for the delivery of the route rationalisation programme together with budgeted cost savings, and calls on the administration to bring forward a Waste Strategy for Leeds that takes a lead on this agenda, delivering the enhanced collection services that residents want and deserve.”

The White Paper would then read:

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A second amendment was moved by Councillor Rafique, seconded by Councillor Lewis

Delete all after “This Council” and replace with:

“..... notes that under this Labour Administration the percentage of domestic waste sent to landfill in Leeds has reduced to less than 3% in 2019. Council notes that despite huge cuts to its budget by Conservative and Liberal Democrat led Governments, Leeds is one of the last remaining councils in the country to provide a free garden waste collection service.

Council believes further ambitious action is needed to help residents and businesses in Leeds recycle, reuse or reduce waste produced in the city. However, Council is disappointed the Chancellor’s recent budget statement contained no funding for measures to help do this. Council believes this underlines the lack of urgency from Government on this issue, especially given that urgent action is needed now due to the Climate Emergency.

Council welcomes that in the face of continuing Government delays and inaction on this agenda, an interim waste strategy was agreed by Executive Board in July. Council particularly welcomes that the interim strategy includes making preparations to expand food waste collections in Leeds. Council notes Executive Board agreed a further report should be submitted to a future meeting on work with outside groups, such as young people, to harness the appetite for this agenda.

Council commits to write to the Secretary of State to request they urgently confirm and progress the Government’s national waste strategy and support this Council and other local authorities to reform waste collections by reversing the damaging cuts to local government funding since 2010 and by providing additional funding for measures to increase recycling and reduce the amount of waste produced.”

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

**RESOLVED** – That this Council notes that under this Labour Administration the percentage of domestic waste sent to landfill in Leeds has reduced to less than 3% in 2019. Council notes that despite huge cuts to its budget by Conservative and Liberal Democrat led Governments, Leeds is one of the last remaining councils in the country to provide a free garden waste collection service.

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**50 White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Golton) - Tree Planting**

It was moved by Councillor Golton, seconded by Councillor J Bentley that this Council notes that it declared a Climate Change Emergency this year with a commitment to make the City of Leeds carbon neutral by 2030.

This Council also notes the recent report from the Committee on Climate Change which calls for doubling the current number of trees planted annually in the UK in order to achieve the Government's target to be carbon neutral by 2050.

The desire for carbon offsetting will also see further demand for tree planting and maintenance.

This Council therefore regrets the current under-resourced state of the Council's tree management section, which is unable to respond to current demand, let alone deliver a future Leeds Treecover Revolution.

Council therefore calls upon the Executive Member(s) responsible for Climate Change and the Environment to commission a report to be published by December this year to identify the land, resources and training needed to respond to deliver our City's target for achieving sufficient Treecover to deliver a carbon neutral city by 2030."

An amendment was moved by Councillor Robinson, seconded by Councillor Buckley;

In Paragraph 5 of the motion insert the following wording:

'to establish a "20 for 1" initiative, where the Council plants 20 trees for every 1 tree that is lost and'

Motion will read:

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A second amendment was moved by Councillor Mulherin, seconded by Councillor Rafique

Remove all after "tree planting and maintenance" and replace with:

"This Council notes it has planted over 80,000 trees in the last 5 years with plans to plant millions more by 2030. Council is working with the University of Leeds to survey and better understand canopy coverage in the city and identify how best to expand it to meet our targets. Council is also in conversations with the Woodland Trust around securing funding for schools to carry out tree planting, so a new tree is planted for every young person in Leeds.

Council also notes that new woodland areas will double tree canopy coverage in the River Aire catchment as part of the innovative Natural Flood Management approach taken by this Council with the Leeds Flood Alleviation Scheme.

Council will continue to use its local leadership role to work with landowners, community groups and businesses through the White Rose Forest partnership to increase tree cover in the Leeds City Region by a third, as part of work towards the creation of the new Northern Forest stretching from Hull to Merseyside.

However, Council notes that most land in the Leeds metropolitan district is in private ownership and believes national Government should find ways to encourage farmers and other land owners to make further land available for tree and woodland planting to increase the tree canopy.

Council deeply regrets that Conservative and Liberal Democrat imposed austerity has so far cut the council's budget by £266m a year, with the direct impact that many valued council services have been stretched to breaking point including tree management, with no end to the cuts in sight.

Council therefore calls on the Government to reverse cuts to council funding, adopt the council's ambitious target of carbon neutrality by 2030 as opposed to 2050, and provide significant funding to enable further tree planting to help meet the carbon neutrality target."

Full motion will then read:

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However, Council notes that most land in the Leeds metropolitan district is in private ownership and believes national Government should find ways to encourage farmers and other land owners to make further land available for tree and woodland planting to increase the tree canopy.

Council deeply regrets that Conservative and Liberal Democrat imposed austerity has so far cut the council's budget by £266m a year, with the direct impact that many valued council services have been stretched to breaking point including tree management, with no end to the cuts in sight.

Council therefore calls on the Government to reverse cuts to council funding, adopt the council's ambitious target of carbon neutrality by 2030 as opposed to 2050, and provide significant funding to enable further tree planting to help meet the carbon neutrality target."

On the requisition of Councillors Lamb and Robinson the voting on the amendment in the name of Councillor Robinson was recorded as follows;

YES - 33

B Anderson, C Anderson, A Blackburn, D Blackburn, Buckley, Campbell, Amanda Carter, Chapman, Cohen, Collins, Downes, Elliott, Finnigan, Firth, Flynn, Forsaith, Golton, Hall, Harrington, M Harrison, Hutchison, Kidger, Lamb, G Latty, P Latty, Lay, Robinson, Seary, Shemilt, Smith, Stephenson, Taylor and Wadsworth.

NO – 54

Akhtar, Almas, Arif, Bithell, Blake, Brooks, Carlill, Charlwood, Coupar, Cunningham, Dawson, Dowson, Drinkwater, Dye, Gabriel, Garner, Garthwaite, Goddard, P Grahame, R Grahame, Groves, C Gruen, P Gruen, Hamilton, Harland, Hayden, Heselwood, Illingworth, Iqbal, Jenkins, Khan, Knight, Lennox, J Lewis, Maqsood, Marshall Katung, McKenna, Midgley, Mulherin, Nash, Pryor, Rafique, Ragan, Renshaw, Ritchie, Scopes, Shahzad, Sharpe, Smart, Truswell, Venner, Walshaw, Wenham and Wray.

ABSTAIN - 0

On the requisition of Councillors Dowson and Lewis the voting on the substantive motion in the name of Councillor Mulherin was recorded as follows;

YES - 54

Akhtar, Almas, Arif, Bithell, Blake, Brooks, Carlill, Charlwood, Coupar, Cunningham, Dawson, Dowson, Drinkwater, Dye, Gabriel, Garner, Garthwaite, Goddard, P Grahame, R Grahame, Groves, C Gruen, P Gruen, Hamilton, Harland, Hayden, Heselwood, Illingworth, Iqbal, Jenkins, Khan, Knight, Lennox, J Lewis, Maqsood, Marshall Katung, McKenna, Midgley, Mulherin, Nash, Pryor, Rafique, Ragan, Renshaw, Ritchie, Scopes, Shahzad, Sharpe, Smart, Truswell, Venner, Walshaw, Wenham and Wray.

NO – 27

B Anderson, C Anderson, Buckley, Campbell, Amanda Carter, Chapman, Cohen, Collins, Downes, Firth, Flynn, Golton, Hall, Harrand, Harrington, M Harrison, Lamb, G Latty, P Latty, Lay, Robinson, Seary, Shemilt, Smith, Stephenson, Taylor and Wadsworth.

ABSTAIN - 7

A Blackburn, D Blackburn, Elliott, Finnigan, Forsaith, Hutchison and Kidger.

**51 White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Charlwood) - Active Travel**

It was moved by Councillor Charlwood, seconded by Councillor Groves that this Council is honoured that double Olympic Gold medal winner Alistair Brownlee MBE has become Leeds' first Active Travel Ambassador.

Council recognises the huge benefits Active Travel can bring to Leeds in terms of tackling climate change and improving public health, particularly for young people at risk of obesity. Council commends the recent exemplary work by teams in Children's Services and Public Health to help Leeds become the first UK city to successfully reduce rates of childhood obesity.

Council welcomes recent local and national investment in infrastructure to support Active Travel measures in Leeds, including investment towards the ambition to expand the city's cycle network from 107 miles to over 500 miles. Council also welcomes the support given to this by a range of outside organisation, including volunteers. Council calls for this approach to continue and urges the Government to provide further funding to help more people in Leeds incorporate walking and cycling as part of their day-to-day journeys.

An amendment was moved by Councillor Forsaith, seconded by Councillor D Blackburn;

Add a fourth paragraph:

Council also notes the low air quality in many parts of Leeds, caused directly by emissions from vehicles and the particular impact that this has on the health of children. In view of Leeds being a Child Friendly City, and having declared a Climate Emergency in March 2019, Council commits to do everything within its power to encourage and enable Active Travel for children and young people travelling to and from their schools and colleges.

A second amendment was moved by Councillor Buckley, seconded by Councillor B Anderson;

Delete all after 'approach to continue' and replace with:

'whilst also recognising the need to invest in the upkeep and improvement of the city's roads and footpaths, and welcomes the commitment made nationally to invest over £61bn in transport infrastructure up to 2021 and to Leeds through the £173.5m made available following the collapse of NGT.

Council commits to working with the Government to ensure further funding is delivered to help more people in Leeds incorporate walking and cycling as part of their day-to-day journeys.'

**Motion will read:**

This Council is honoured that double Olympic Gold medal winner Alistair Brownlee MBE has become Leeds' first Active Travel Ambassador.

Council recognises the huge benefits Active Travel can bring to Leeds in terms of tackling climate change and improving public health, particularly for young people at risk of obesity. Council commends the recent exemplary work by teams in Children's Services and Public Health to help Leeds become the first UK city to successfully reduce rates of childhood obesity.

Council welcomes recent local and national investment in infrastructure to support Active Travel measures in Leeds, including investment towards the ambition to expand the city's cycle network from 107 miles to over 500 miles. Council also welcomes the support given to this by a range of outside organisation, including volunteers. Council calls for this approach to continue, whilst also recognising the need to invest in the upkeep and improvement of the city's roads and footpaths, and welcomes the commitment made nationally to invest over £61bn in transport infrastructure up to 2021 and to Leeds through the £173.5m made available following the collapse of NGT.

Council commits to working with the Government to ensure further funding is delivered to help more people in Leeds incorporate walking and cycling as part of their day-to-day journeys.

The amendment in the name of Councillor B Anderson was declared lost, the amendment in the name of Councillor Forsaith was carried and upon being put to the vote it was

**RESOLVED** – That this Council is honoured that double Olympic Gold medal winner Alistair Brownlee MBE has become Leeds’ first Active Travel Ambassador.

Council recognises the huge benefits Active Travel can bring to Leeds in terms of tackling climate change and improving public health, particularly for young people at risk of obesity. Council commends the recent exemplary work by teams in Children’s Services and Public Health to help Leeds become the first UK city to successfully reduce rates of childhood obesity.

Council welcomes recent local and national investment in infrastructure to support Active Travel measures in Leeds, including investment towards the ambition to expand the city’s cycle network from 107 miles to over 500 miles. Council also welcomes the support given to this by a range of outside organisation, including volunteers. Council calls for this approach to continue and urges the Government to provide further funding to help more people in Leeds incorporate walking and cycling as part of their day-to-day journeys.

Council also notes the low air quality in many parts of Leeds, caused directly by emissions from vehicles and the particular impact that this has on the health of children. In view of Leeds being a Child Friendly City, and having declared a Climate Emergency in March 2019, Council commits to do everything within its power to encourage and enable Active Travel for children and young people travelling to and from their schools and colleges.

**52 Procedural Motion**

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

**RESOLVED** – That under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule(CPR) 22.1 (Suspension of CPRs), that CPR 12 (Motions on Notice) (White Paper Motions) and 13.1 (Motions and Amendments) be suspended to allow the introduction of a ‘not for debate’ White Paper on Kashmir in the name of Councillor Blake and any associated amendment(s).

**53 Not for Debate White Paper - Kashmir**

It was moved by Councillor Blake, seconded by Councillor Coupar that this council shares the concern of many Leeds residents about the current situation in Kashmir, including Leeds residents who have family and friends in the region.

This Council calls on the British Government to work with the United Nations to ask the Indian Government to reverse the revocation of article 370 sand 35a and to find a permanent political solution that includes self-determination for the people of Kashmir.

An amendment was moved by Councillor Lamb, seconded by Councillor Campbell;

Delete all after ‘Council calls on the’ and replace with:

“United Nations to work with all parties to find a mutually agreeable solution to this issue.”

Motion will read:

This council shares the concern of many Leeds residents about the current situation in Kashmir, including Leeds residents who have family and friends in the region.

This Council calls on the United Nations to work with all parties to find a mutually agreeable solution to this issue.

The amendment in the name of Councillor Lamb was declared lost and upon being put to the vote it was;

**RESOLVED** - That this council shares the concern of many Leeds residents about the current situation in Kashmir, including Leeds residents who have family and friends in the region.

This Council calls on the British Government to work with the United Nations to ask the Indian Government to reverse the revocation of article 370 and 35a and to find a permanent political solution that includes self-determination for the people of Kashmir.

On the requisition of Councillors Dowson and Lewis the voting on the amendment in the name of Councillor Lamb was recorded as follows;

YES – 29

B Anderson, C Anderson, Buckley, Campbell, Amanda Carter, Chapman, Cohen, Collins, Downes, Elliott, Firth, Flynn, Golton, Hall, Harrand, Harrington, Hutchison, Kidger, Lamb, G Latty, P Latty, Lay, Robinson, Seary, Shemilt, Smith, Stephenson, Taylor and Wadsworth.

NO – 54

Akhtar, Almas, Arif, Bithell, Blake, Brooks, Carlill, Charlwood, Coupar, Cunningham, Dawson, Dowson, Drinkwater, Dye, Gabriel, Garner, Garthwaite, Goddard, P Grahame, R Grahame, Groves, C Gruen, P Gruen, Hamilton, Harland, Hayden, Heselwood, Illingworth, Iqbal, Jenkins, Khan, Knight, Lennox, J Lewis, Maqsood, Marshall Katung, McKenna, Midgley, Mulherin, Nash, Pryor, Rafique, Ragan, Renshaw, Ritchie, Scopes, Shahzad, Sharpe, Smart, Truswell, Venner, Walshaw, Wenham and Wray.

ABSTAIN - 3

A Blackburn, D Blackburn, Forsaith.

On the requisition of Councillors Dowson and Lewis the voting on the motion in the name of Councillor Blake was recorded as follows;

YES – 60

Akhtar, Almas, Arif, Bithell, A Blackburn, D Blackburn, Blake, Brooks, Carlill, Charlwood, Coupar, Cunningham, Dawson, Dowson, Drinkwater, Dye, Elliott, Forsaith, Gabriel, Garner, Garthwaite, Goddard, P Grahame, R Grahame, Groves, C Gruen, P Gruen, Hamilton, Harland, Hayden, Heselwood, Hutchison Illingworth, Iqbal, Jenkins, Kidger, Khan, Knight, Lennox, J Lewis, Maqsood, Marshall Katung, McKenna, Midgley, Mulherin, Nash, Pryor, Rafique, Ragan, Renshaw, Ritchie, Scopes, Shahzad, Sharpe, Smart, Truswell, Venner, Walshaw, Wenham and Wray.

NO – 0

ABSTAIN - 0

Council rose at 7.45 pm