

A meeting of the Council will be held in the Civic Hall, Leeds on Wednesday, 15th January, 2020 at 1.00 pm

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

- 1 Minutes of the last Meeting** 5 - 20

To approve the minutes of the Council Meetings held on 13th November 2019 and 4th December 2019.
- 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 Leeds Award** 21 - 24

To consider the report of the City Solicitor in respect of the outcome of a meeting of the Leeds Award Panel.
- 6 Report on Appointments** 25 - 28

To consider the report of the City Solicitor on appointments.
- 7 Report on the Calculation of the Council Tax and Business Rates Tax Bases for 2020/21** 29 - 76

To consider the report of the Chief Officer - Financial Services seeking agreement to the 2020/21 council tax bases for Leeds and the parish/town councils set out in the report and providing indicative business rates shares for 2020/21 and requesting Council to give delegated authority to the Chief Officer – Financial Services to finalise the shares and to submit them in the National Non-Domestic Rates 1 Return 2020/21 on or before 31st January 2020.

- 8 **Executive Questions**
- To deal with executive questions in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11.
- 9 **Minutes of the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Executive Board** 77 - 96
- To receive the minutes in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2.2(i).
- 10 **Report on Devolution** 97 - 108
- 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.
- 11 **White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Andrew Carter) - Transport in the City** 109 - 110
- This Council is concerned by recent and repeated examples of gridlock and heavy congestion in the City Centre, leading to significant disruption to commuters as they travel in and out of Leeds.
- Council notes the investment being made through Connecting Leeds, including the £173.5m granted by Government, but believes that to get the city moving and to encourage greater growth and productivity a new approach to public transport, not wholly reliant on the bus, is required.
- This Council therefore welcomes the Government commitment to spend £4.2bn on public transport projects outside of London and notes that some of this funding is planned for the Leeds district.
- Council believes this offers a new opportunity to deliver a mass transit scheme for the city which will deliver obvious economic benefits as well as significantly reducing the city's carbon emissions in line with the declared Climate Emergency.
- Council further believes that all areas of the city should be considered for mass transit infrastructure and is concerned that existing WYCA proposals seem to omit North Leeds, and the potential links to Harrogate, York and Wetherby, from any new transport infrastructure plans.
- In light of this announcement made during the election campaign, this Council calls for a report to be brought to the March Executive Board meeting setting out detailed plans as to how a new mass transit scheme can be delivered to all communities in the city and to include analysis of the potential benefits such a scheme would deliver in terms of reducing the carbon footprint in Leeds.

White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor D Blackburn) - Public Transport

Council notes the current uncertain situation with regard to First Bus and other bus operators in West Yorkshire, and believes that the way forward is for West Yorkshire Combined Authority to take over the running of these operations.

Council also believes that appropriate funding should be made available to bring back into operation disused rail infrastructure, such as unused track, and the re-opening of many of the former local railway stations closed many years ago, such as the one in Wortley and the two in Armley.

It is Council's view that only with vibrant publicly owned bus services, running in the interest of the passenger, and expanded local rail services can Leeds (or for that matter, West Yorkshire) achieve a 21st Century public transport system that delivers for its citizens, helps to reduce congestion and is consistent with the aims of the Climate Emergency.

Council also notes that Prime Minister Boris Johnson has stated that he will transform transport in the North. Bearing this in mind Council, therefore, calls on the Chief Executive to write to the Prime Minister asking for the Government to support these aspirations, both in actions and funding.

White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Charlwood) - Funding for Services

Council is proud of its record delivering high quality social care services for adults and children in Leeds, as well as delivering more affordable housing for Leeds residents and providing more school places.

Council believes it is held back from making further improvements in these areas by a lack of action from central Government. Council was disappointed that the Government failed to use the recent Queen's Speech to put forward plans to address the national social care, school buildings or housing crises.

Council therefore requests the Prime Minister use his upcoming budget to provide funding to tackle the social care, school buildings and housing crises, and to thereby enable the council to make further improvements to these services for the people of Leeds.



Tom Riordan
Chief Executive

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