



Proceedings of the Meeting of the Leeds City Council held
Civic Hall, Leeds on Wednesday, 18th April, 2007

PRESENT: The Lord Mayor Councillor Mohammed Iqbal in the Chair

WARD

ADEL & WHARFEDALE

Clive Fox
Barry John Anderson
John Leslie Carter

ALWOODLEY

Peter Mervyn Harrand
Ronald David Feldman
Ruth Feldman

ARDSLEY & ROBIN HOOD

Karen Renshaw
Jack Dunn

ARMLEY

Janet Harper
Alison Natalie Jane Lowe
James McKenna

BEESTON & HOLBECK

David Congreve
Angela Gabriel
Adam Ogilvie

BRAMLEY & STANNINGLEY

Neil Taggart
Angela Denise Atkinson
Ted Hanley

BURMANTOFTS & RICHMOND HILL

David Hollingsworth
Ralph Pryke
Richard Brett

WARD

CALVERLEY & FARSLEY

Frank Robinson
Andrew Carter
Amanda Lesley Carter

CHAPEL ALLERTON

Jane Dowson
Sharon Hamilton
Mohammed Rafique

CITY & HUNSLET

Mohammed Iqbal
Elizabeth Nash
Patrick Davey

CROSSGATES & WHINMOOR

Peter John Gruen
Pauleen Grahame

FARNLEY & WORTLEY

Luke Russell
David Blackburn
Ann Blackburn

GARFORTH & SWILLINGTON

Thomas Murray
Andrea Harrison
Mark Russell Phillips

GIPTON & HAREHILLS

Alan Leonard Taylor
Javaid Akhtar

GUISELEY & RAWDON

Graham Latty
Stuart Andrew

HAREWOOD

Alec Shelbrooke
Ann Castle
Rachael Procter

HEADINGLEY

Martin Hamilton
David Morton
James John Monaghan

HORSFORTH

Brian Cleasby
Christopher Townsley
Andrew Barker

HYDE PARK & WOODHOUSE

Linda Rhodes-Clayton
Penny Ewens
Kabear Hussain

KILLINGBECK & SEACROFT

Brian Michael Selby
Graham Hyde
Veronica Morgan

KIPPAX & METHLEY

Keith Ivor Wakefield
John Keith Parker
James Lewis

KIRKSTALL

Elizabeth Minkin
John Anthony Illingworth

MIDDLETON PARK

Debra Ann Coupar
Geoffrey Driver
Judith Blake

MOORTOWN

Richard Harker
Mark Daniel Harris
Brenda Lancaster

MORLEY NORTH

Thomas Leadley
Robert Finnigan
Stewart McArdle

MORLEY SOUTH

Christopher James Beverley
Judith Elliot
Terrence Grayshon

OTLEY & YEADON

Ryk Downes
Graham Peter Kirkland
Colin Campbell

PUDSEY

Mick Coulson
Josephine Patricia Jarosz
Richard Alwyn Lewis

ROTHWELL

Barry Stewart Golton
Donald Michael Wilson
Steve Smith

ROUNDHAY

Paul Wadsworth
Matthew Lobley
Valerie Kendall

TEMPLE NEWSAM

Michael Lyons
William Schofield Hyde
David Schofield

WEETWOOD

Judith Mara Chapman
Brian David Timothy Jennings
Susan Bentley

WETHERBY

John Michael Procter
Gerald Wilkinson
Andrew Millard

105 Announcements

- (a) The Lord Mayor reported that the Civic Hall Warden, Roy Wordsworth, was seriously ill and that he had sent best wishes to Roy and his family on behalf of the Council.
- (b) The Lord Mayor reported that Councillor Mulherin had given birth to a son on 19th March 2007.
- (c) The Lord Mayor announced that Councillor Millard would not be seeking re-election in May and Council offered appreciation for his services.

106 Minutes

It was moved by Councillor M Hamilton seconded by Councillor Hanley and

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 18th April 2007 be approved.

107 Declarations of Interest

The Lord Mayor announced that a list of written declarations submitted by Members was on deposit in the public galleries and had been circulated to each Member's place in the Chamber.

Following an invitation to declare further individual interests declarations in accordance with the Council's Code of Practice were made as follows:

- (a) Members declared personal interests in respect of the first deputation referred to in minute 109 as follows:

Councillor Elliott as Treasurer of the Royal Society of St George
Councillor Grayshon as Webmaster of the Royal Society of St George
Councillor Beverley as a member of the Royal Society of St George

- (b) Members declared personal interests in minute 111 of this meeting as follows:

Atkinson	- Board Director of Leeds Bradford Airport
Elliott	- Director of South South East ALMO
Anderson	- Director of West North West ALMO
Latty	- Former Director of North West Homes ALMO
Wadsworth	- Director of an ALMO
Wilkinson	- Director of an ALMO
Lobley	- Involved with the Oakwood Town and District Centres Scheme and as Acting Chairman of Community Action for Roundhay Elderly
Kendall	- Member of Community Action for Roundhay Elderly
Castle	- Alternate Member of Airport Board
Anderson	- Member of Leeds Bradford Airport
Chapman	- Director of West North West ALMO and Alternate Director of Leeds Bradford Airport
Golton	- Director of Leeds Bradford Airport

- Lowe - Member of an ALMO Board
- Barker - Director of Leeds Bradford Airport
- Campbell - Director of Leeds Bradford Airport

(c) Members declared personal interests in minute 112 of this meeting as follows:-

- Atkinson - Director of Leeds Bradford Airport
- Chapman - Alternate Director of Leeds Bradford Airport
- Golton - Director of Leeds Bradford Airport
- Barker - Director of Leeds Bradford Airport
- Campbell - Director of Leeds Bradford Airport
- W Hyde - Director of Leeds Bradford Airport

(Further declarations are referred to in minute 112)

(d) Members declared personal interests in minute 114 of this meeting as follows:

- Wakefield - School Governor
- J Lewis - Governor of Kippax North Infants and Juniors and Methley Primary
- Finnigan - Member of Morley Town Council
- Elliott - Member of Morley Town Council
- Grayshon - Member of Morley Town Council
- Wilkinson - Member of Wetherby Town Council
- Fox - Member of Arthington and Bramhope Parish Councils
- Ewens - Member of the University of Leeds Court

(e) Members declared personal interests in minute 116 of this meeting as follows:

- Blake - Member of Leeds PCT Board
- S Hamilton - NHS Employee

(f) Councillors Harris and Chapman declared personal and prejudicial interests in minute 118 of this meeting with regard to Jewish community interests in the matter

(g) Members declared personal interests in minute 121 of this meeting as follows:

- Akhtar - Governor of Harehills Primary and Wykebeck Primary Schools
- Barker - Governor of Horsforth Featherbank Infant School
- Bentley - Governor of Iveson Primary School
- Campbell - Governor of Queensway Primary School
- Chapman - Governor of Weetwood Primary School
- Cleasby - Governor of Westbrook Lane Primary School

Downes	- Governor of Ashfield School, Otley and Rufford Park School
Ewens	- Governor of Leeds Central Federation of Schools
Harker	- Governor of Moortown Primary School
Hollingsworth	- Governor of Shakespeare Primary and Brownhill Primary Schools
Hussain	- Governor of Bankside Primary and Rosebank Primary Schools
Pryke	- Governor of Ebor Gardens Primary School
Smith	- Governor of Oulton Primary School
Taylor	- Governor of Harehills Primary and Oakwood Primary Schools
Wilson	- Governor of Rothwell Primary and Rothwell Haigh Road Primary Schools
Finnegan	- Governor of Victoria Primary School, Morley; Churwell Primary School and Joseph Priestley College, Morley
Elliott	- Governor of Fountain Primary School, Morley; Newlands Primary School, Morley and Woodkirk High School, Morley
Grayshon	- Governor of Newlands Primary School, Morley and Seven Hills School, Morley
J L Carter	- Governor of Adel School
Anderson	- Governor of Cookridge Holy Trinity School
R D Feldman	- Governor of Allerton High and Brodetsky Primary Schools
Mrs R Feldman	- Governor of Alwoodley Primary School
Harrand	- Governor of Wigton Moor Primary School
Mrs A Carter	- Governor of Calverley Parkside Primary School
A Carter	- Governor of Farsley Springbank Primary and Farsley Westroyd Primary Schools
R Procter	- Governor of Bardsey Primary School
Wilkinson	- Governor of Collingham Lady Elizabeth Hastings Primary School
Wadsworth	- Governor of Allerton Grange High and Rufford Park Primary Schools
Kendall	- Governor of Roundhay High School
Castle	- Governor of Central Leeds Federation
Shelbrooke	- Governor of East Garforth Primary
W Hyde	- Governor of Colton Primary and Temple Moor High Schools
Schofield	- Governor of Whitkirk High School
Bale	- Governor of Guiseley Primary and Yeadon Westfield Primary Schools
D Blackburn	- Governor of Whingate Primary and Lower Wortley Primary
A Blackburn	- Governor of Rycroft Primary and Lawns Park Primary
Russell	- Governor of Cobden Primary
McArdle	- Governor of Asquith Primary
Low	- Governor of Raynville Primary

Nash	– Governor of New Bewerley Primary
Taggart	– Governor of Bramley Primary
Morgan	– Governor of Our Lady of Good Counsel Primary and Grange Farm Primary
Renshaw	– Governor of Seven Hills Primary and East Ardsley Primary
G Hyde	– Governor of Parkland Primary and Seacroft Grange Primary
Dunn	– Governor of Thorpe Park Primary
Jarosz	– Governor of Tyersal Primary
Gabriel	– Governor of St Anthonys RC Primary and Hugh Gaitskell Primary
Selby	– Governor of Cross Flatts Primary and Grange Farm Primary
Coupar	– Governor of Sharp Lane Primary
Ogilvie	– Governor of Cottingley Primary
S Hamilton	– Governor of Hillcrest Primary
Dowson	– Governor of Bracken Edge Primary
Rafique	– Governor of Chapel Allerton Primary
Harper	– Governor of Pudsey Primrose Hill Primary
Murray	– Governor of Swillington Primary School
Driver	– Governor of Middleton Primary and Windmill Primary
Harrison	– Governor of Garforth Green Lane Primary
Grahame	– Governor of St Gregory’s RC Primary
Gruen	– Governor of Hillcrest Primary
R Lewis	– Governor of Pudsey Southroyd J & I and Pudsey Greenside J & I
Blake	– Governor of Westwood Primary
Davey	– Governor of St Francis of Assisi Primary
Wadsworth	– Governor of Rufford Park Primary, Gledhow Primary
Kendall	- Governor of Roundhay High School

- (h) Councillor Lancaster declared a personal and prejudicial interest in minute 122 of this meeting having a son serving in the armed forces.
- (i) Councillor Murray declared a personal and prejudicial interest in minute 117 of this meeting as a member of CEO Learning Partnerships
- (j) Councillors Wakefield and Driver declared personal interests in minute 117 of this meeting as members of the NED of the Learning and Skills Council and of Leeds Thomas Danby Corporation respectively
- (k) Councillors Hussain and Akhtar declared personal interests in minute 123 of this meeting having family connections with the Kashmiri community.

108 **Communications**

The Chief Executive reported that the Council had been awarded the Charter of Member Development and, at the invitation of the Lord Mayor, Mr M Leitch

of the Local Government Office for Yorkshire and the Humber presented the award to the Leader of Council.

109 Deputations

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

- 1 Royal Society of St George (Leeds Branch) seeking the Council's support for their Annual Festival and Family Fun Day
- 2 Wharfe Meadows Action Group regarding the proposed fencing of the River Wharfe in Otley
- 3 Sikh Welfare Trust regarding the provision of community language teaching in Leeds Secondary Schools
- 4 Parents and Carers Action Group to save Terry Yorath House

RESOLVED – That the subject matter of the deputations be referred to the Executive Board for consideration.

110 Reports

Reports admitted to the agenda in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2.2(f) were considered as follows:

(a) Attendance at Meetings – Councillor Mulherin

It was moved by Councillor M Hamilton seconded by Councillor Hanley and

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

(b) Leader of Council

It was moved by Councillor M Hamilton seconded by Councillor J Procter and

RESOLVED – That the term of office of Councillor A Carter as Leader of the Council as agreed at the Annual Meeting 2006 be extended to 24th May 2007.

111 Questions

- 1 Councillor Wakefield to the Executive Member (City Services)

Can the Executive Member for Learning please tell me what progress is being made toward the Council meeting their 40% recycling target by 2020?

The Executive Member (City Services) replied

2 Councillor Bentley to the Lead Executive Member (Children's Services)

Could the Lead Executive Board member for Children's Services tell me about recent developments in the care of our Looked after Children?

The Lead Executive Member (Children's Services replied)

3 Councillor Lobley to the Leader of Council

Could the Leader of Council please give an update on proposals for the Oakwood area in the Town & District Centre Scheme

The Leader of Council replied.

4 Councillor Grayshon to the Leader of Council

Could the Leader of Council confirm that the finance is available to support the Morley Bottoms Regeneration Project

The Leader of Council replied

5 Councillor Hanley to the Leader of Council

Will the leader of the Council add his support to Cllr Wakefield's call that the people of our city should be given the opportunity to decide how the money from the sale of Leeds Bradford Airport is spent?

The Leader of Council replied

6 Councillor Campbell to the Leader of Council

Could the Executive Board member for Development advise me about plans for the future of Otley Civic Centre?

The Leader of Council replied

7 Councillor Schofield to the Leader of Council

Could the Leader of Council please confirm the Council's commitment to investing in Crossgates through the Town & District Centre Scheme

The Leader of Council replied

8 Councillor Lyons to the Executive Member (City Services)

Can the Executive Board Member for City Services please confirm the locations which are being considered for your administration's planned incinerator?

The Executive Member (City Services) replied

- 9 Councillor Monaghan to the Support Executive Member (Children's Services)

Could the Executive Board Member for City Services comment on the recent Beacon Status Award for the Healthy Schools Initiative

The Support Executive Member (Children's Services) replied

- 10 Councillor Kendall to the Executive Member (Adult Health and Social Care)

Could the Executive Board Member for Adult Health and Social Care tell me if he supports the campaign by Help the Aged, Age Concern England, The Association of Directors of Social Services, Carers UK, the Joseph Rowntree Foundation and other organisations for the government to provide substantial extra funds to care for the elderly?

The Executive Member (Adult Health and Social Care) replied

- 11 Councillor Illingworth to the Executive Member (Neighbourhoods and Housing)

Why are the defective uPVC doors on the Moor Grange Estate not being replaced in accordance with the resolution of the Leeds North West Homes Capital Programme Committee on 15 November 2006?

Councillor Anderson, Lead Member replied on behalf of the Executive Member.

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 responses would be sent to each Member of Council:

- 12 Councillor Hussain to the Executive Member (Leisure)
13 Councillor Castle to the Executive Member (Neighbourhoods and Housing)
14 Councillor Coupar to the Executive Member (Adult Health and Social Care)
15 Councillor Bentley to the Executive Member (Adult Health and Social Care)
16 Councillor R Lewis to the Executive Member (Neighbourhoods and Housing)

112 **Recommendations of the Executive Board**

It was moved by Councillor A Carter seconded by Councillor Harris

That the Chief Executive be authorised to effect the removal of non-executive directors from the Leeds Bradford International Airport Board before completion of the transaction in accordance with the recommendation of the Executive Board.

During the discussion it was moved by Councillor Harris seconded by Councillor M Hamilton and

RESOLVED – That under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 13.2, the question be now put

The motion being put to the vote it was

RESOLVED – That the Chief Executive be authorised to effect the removal of non-executive directors from the Leeds Bradford International Airport Board before completion of the transaction in accordance with the recommendation of the Executive Board.

On the requisition of Councillors Taggart and Hanley the voting on the motion that the question be now put was recorded as follows:

YES

Akhtar, Anderson, Andrew, Barker, Bentley, A Blackburn, D Blackburn, Brett, Campbell, A Carter, J L Carter, Mrs A Carter, Castle, Chapman, Cleasby, Downes, Ewens. Mrs R Feldman, R D Feldman, Fox, Golton, M Hamilton, Harker, Harrand, Harris, Hollingsworth, Hussain, W Hyde, Jennings, Kendall, Kirkland, Lancaster, Latty, Lobley, Millard, Monaghan, Morton, Phillips, J Procter, R Procter, Pryke, Rhodes-Clayton, Robinson, Russell, Schofield, Shelbrooke, Smith, Townsley, Wadsworth, Wilkinson, Wilson

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NO

Beverley, Blake, Congreve, Coulson, Coupar, Davey, Dowson, Driver, Dunn, Elliott, Finnigan, Gabriel, Grahame, Grayson, Gruen, S Hamilton, Hanley, Harper, Harrison, G Hyde, Illingworth, Jarosz, Leadley, J Lewis, R Lewis, Lowe, Lyons, McKenna, Minkin, Morgan, Murray, Nash, Ogilvie, Parker, Rafique, Renshaw, Selby, Taggart, Wakefield

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ABSTAIN

McArdle

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On the requisition of Councillors Taggart and Gruen the voting on the motion to accept the recommendation of the Executive Board was recorded as follows:

YES

Akhtar, Anderson, Andrew, Barker, Bentley, A Blackburn, D Blackburn, Brett, Campbell, A Carter, J L Carter, Mrs A Carter, Castle, Chapman, Cleasby, Downes, Ewens, Mrs R Feldman, R D Feldman, Fox, Golton, M Hamilton Harker, Harrand, Harris, Hollingsworth, Hussain, W Hyde, Jennings, Kendall, Kirkland, Lancaster, Latty, Lobley, McArdle, Millard, Monaghan, Morton, Phillips, J Procter, R Procter, Pryke, Rhodes-Clayton, Robinson, Russell, Schofield, Shelbrooke, Smith, Taylor, Townsley, Wadsworth, Wikinson, Wilson

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NO

Blake, Coulson, Coupar, Davey, Dowson, Driver, Dunn, Elliott, Finnigan, Gabriel, Grahame, Gruen, S Hamilton, Hanley, Harper, Harrison, G Hyde, Illingworth, Jarosz, Leadley, J Lewis, R Lewis, Lowe, Lyons, McKenna, Minkin, Morgan, Murray, Nash, Ogilvie, Parker, Rafique, Renshaw, Selby, Taggart, Wakefield

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ABSTAIN

Beverley

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(Further to the declarations of interest referred to in minute 107(c) Councillor Atkinson indicated her declaration to be personal and prejudicial and left the meeting during discussion of this matter, Councillors Anderson, Castle, Downes and Selby declared personal interests as Airport Board members or Alternate members and Councillor Cleasby as a member of the Airport Consultative Committee)

113 **Amendments to the Constitution**

It was moved by Councillor A Carter seconded by Councillor Harris and

RESOLVED - That the report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) on amendments to the Constitution approved by the Leader and the Monitoring Officer further to Executive Board decisions in relation to the Council Change Programme be noted.

114 **Minutes**

It was moved by Councillor A Carter seconded by Councillor M Hamilton and

RESOLVED – That the minutes submitted to Council in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2.2(m) be received.

Council Procedure Rule 4 providing for the winding up of business was applied prior to all notified comments on the minutes having been debated.

(The meeting was suspended at 5.50 pm and resumed at 6.30 pm)

115 Variation in the Order of Business

It was moved by Councillor M Hamilton seconded by Councillor J Procter and

RESOLVED – That under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 22.1, Rule 2.2 be suspended to vary the order of business by taking items as notified on the Summons in the order of 10, 15, 12, 11, 13, 14 and 16.

116 White Paper Motion- Leeds Children's Hospital

It was moved by Councillor J Lewis seconded by Councillor Grahame

That this Council welcomes the record investment in the NHS in Leeds since 1997, but regrets the recent news that plans for a dedicated Children's Hospital in Leeds have suffered a setback. This Council urges all Leeds' elected politicians to continue to support the public demand and calls for its speedy construction.

An amendment was moved by Councillor Harris seconded by Councillor A Carter

delete all after 'This Council' and replace with :

"deplores the government's failure to secure a Children's Hospital for Leeds. Just as with their failure to provide the funding for supertram, this once again demonstrates how Leeds is being treated as a second class city by Tony Blair and how ineffective our Labour MPs are at influencing their government. Council notes that whilst it may be desirable to approach these matters on a non-partisan basis, such an approach has signally failed to produce the desired effect in the past."

The amendment was carried and upon being put as the substantive motion it was

RESOLVED –That this Council deplores the government's failure to secure a Children's Hospital for Leeds. Just as with their failure to provide the funding for supertram, this once again demonstrates how Leeds is being treated as a second class city by Tony Blair and how ineffective our Labour MPs are at influencing their government. Council notes that whilst it may be desirable to approach these matters on a non-partisan basis, such an approach has signally failed to produce the desired effect in the past.

On the requisition of Councillors Hanley and McKenna the voting was recorded as follows:

On the Amendment

YES

Akhtar, Anderson, Andrew, Barker, Bentley, Beverley, A Blackburn, D Blackburn, Brett, Campbell, A Carter, J L Carter, Mrs A Carter, Castle, Chapman, Cleasby, Downes, Ewens, Mrs R Feldman, R D Feldman, Fox,

Golton, M Hamilton, Harker, Harrand, Harris, Hollingsworth, Hussain, W Hyde, Kendall, Kirkland, Lancaster, Latty ,Lobley, Millard, Monaghan, Morton, Phillips, J Procter, R Procter, Pryke, Rhodes-Clayton, Robinson, Russell, Schofield, Shelbrooke, Smith, Taylor, Townsley, Wadsworth, Wilkinson, Wilson

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NO

Blake, Coulson, Coupar, Davey, Dowson, Driver, Elliott, Finnigan, Grahame, Grayshon, Gruen, Hanley, Harper, Harrison, G Hyde, Illingworth, Jarosz, Jennings, Leadley, J Lewis, R Lewis, Lowe, Lyons, McKenna, Minkin, Morgan, Nash, Ogilvie, Parker, Rafique, Selby, Wakefield

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ABSTAIN

McArdle

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On the substantive motion

YES

Akhtar, Anderson, Andrew, Barker, Bentley, Beverley, A Blackburn, D Blackburn, Brett, Campbell, A Carter, J L Carter, Mrs A Carter, Castle, Chapman, Cleasby, Downes, Ewens, Mrs R Feldman, R D Feldman, Fox, Golton, M Hamilton, Harker, Harrand, Harris, Hollingsworth, Hussain, W Hyde, Kendall, Kirkland, Lancaster, Latty ,Lobley, Millard, Monaghan, Morton, Phillips, J Procter, R Procter, Pryke, Rhodes-Clayton, Robinson, Russell, Schofield, Shelbrooke, Smith, Taylor, Townsley, Wadsworth, Wilkinson, Wilson

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NO

Blake, Coulson, Coupar, Davey, Dowson, Driver, Elliott, Finnigan, Grahame, Grayshon, Gruen, Hanley, Harper, Harrison, G Hyde, Illingworth, Jarosz, Leadley, J Lewis, R Lewis, Lowe, Lyons, McKenna, Minkin, Morgan, Nash, Ogilvie, Parker, Rafique, Selby

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ABSTAIN

Jennings, McArdle

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117 White Paper Motion - Teaching English for Speakers of Other Languages

It was moved by Councillor Harris seconded by Councillor Grayshon and

RESOLVED - That this Council notes that recent reports from the Audit Commission and statements by the Prime Minister have highlighted the role that teaching English for Speakers of Other Languages has in ensuring both migrant workers and immigrants are able to play a full role in British society.

Council therefore condemns the recent decision of the Learning and Skills Council at a national level to reduce funding for ESOL teaching, in particular to reduce access to such courses by removing automatic fee remission and restricting free tuition to priority groups, primarily those who are unemployed or receiving income based benefits.

Council therefore supports the call of the 'Leeds Learning Partnership Skills for Life Sub Group' for the LSC to reverse this change in policy.

On the requisition of Councillors Harris and Harker the voting was recorded as follows:

YES

Akhtar, Anderson, Andrew, Barker, Bentley, A Blackburn, D Blackburn, Blake, Brett, Campbell, A Carter, J L Carter, Mrs A Carter, Castle, Chapman, Cleasby, Congreve, Coulson, Coupar, Davey, Downes, Dowson, Driver, Dunn, Elliott, Ewens, Mrs R Feldman, R D Feldman, Fox, Gabriel, Golton, Grahame, Grayshon, Gruen, M Hamilton, S Hamilton, Hanley, Harker, Harper, Harrand, Harris, Harrison, Hollingsworth, Hussain, G Hyde, W Hyde, Illingworth, Jarosz, Kendall, Kirkland, Lancaster, Latty, Leadley, J Lewis, R Lewis, Lobley, Lowe, Lyons, McArdle, McKenna, Millard, Minkin, Monaghan, Morgan, Morton, Nash, Ogilvie, Parker, Phillips, J Procter, R Procter, Pryke, Rafique, Renshaw, Rhodes-Clayton, Robinson, Russell, Selby, Shelbrooke, Smith, Taggart, Taylor, Townsley, Wadsworth, Wakefield, Wilkinson, Wilson

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NO

Beverley

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(Councillor Murray, having declared a personal and prejudicial interest, left the meeting during consideration of this item)

118 White Paper Motion - Cemetery Provision in Leeds

It was moved by Councillor Wakefield seconded by Councillor Rafique

That this Council expresses its concern regarding the growing crisis in cemetery provision across Leeds.

An amendment was moved by Councillor J Procter seconded by Councillor Campbell

Delete all after “This Council” and add

“congratulates those who provide a first class cemetery service to the people of Leeds and notes there is no crisis within the service”.

The amendment was carried and upon being put as the substantive motion it was

RESOLVED – That this Council congratulates those who provide a first class cemetery service to the people of Leeds and notes there is no crisis within the service.

(Councillors Harris and Chapman, having declared personal and prejudicial interests left the meeting during consideration of this item)

119 Suspension of Council Procedure Rules

During the debate under minute 118 above it was moved by Councillor M Hamilton seconded by Councillor Hanley and

RESOLVED – That under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 22.1, Procedure Rule 3.2 be suspended to allow the debate on all White Paper Motions to be concluded.

120 White Paper Motion - Sustainable Communities Bill

It was moved by Councillor Anderson seconded by Councillor Shelbrooke

That this Council fully supports the provisions set out in the Sustainable Communities Bill, in particular addressing the following problems:

1. The degeneration of local communities, deteriorating high streets, cuts to the number of post offices, declining civic participation and environmental degradation.
2. Lack of a coherent Government strategy to address this decline.
3. Lack of transparency in the allocation of resources to local communities.

Council further welcomes the powers that will be given to support the sustainability of local communities by requiring central Government to:

1. Protect the local environment;
2. Tackle social exclusion and poverty;
3. Increase local participation in democracy; and
4. Ensure the prudent use of natural resources

An amendment was moved by Councillor J Lewis seconded by Councillor Blake

Delete all after:

“That this Council fully supports the provisions set out in the Sustainable Communities Bill.”

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“Council further welcomes the powers that will be given to support the sustainability of local communities by requiring central Government to:

1. Promote local economic activity, such as local shops and services;
2. Protect the local environment;
3. Tackle social exclusion and poverty;
4. Increase local participation in democracy; and
5. Ensure the prudent use of natural resources”

The amendment was lost and upon being put to the vote it was

RESOLVED - That this Council fully supports the provisions set out in the Sustainable Communities Bill, in particular addressing the following problems:

- 1 The degeneration of local communities, deteriorating high streets, cuts to the number of post offices, declining civic participation and environmental degradation.
- 2 Lack of a coherent Government strategy to address this decline.
- 3 Lack of transparency in the allocation of resources to local communities.

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- 4 Ensure the prudent use of natural resources

121 White Paper Motion - Primary Schools in Leeds

It was moved by Councillor Gruen seconded by Councillor Davey

That Council believes that Primary Schools should not only be beacons of educational excellence and well being, but are also essential centres for community activity and cohesion.

Council therefore states its view that in Leeds we need a diverse network of schools, including small village schools, firmly based on the needs of local communities. Council rejects any theoretical model, which contemplates that only 2 forms of entry provide a viable solution throughout Leeds.

An amendment was moved by Councillor Harker seconded by Councillor Procter

Delete all after 1st paragraph and add the following:

“In Leeds we have primary schools to be proud of; a rich and diverse patchwork of successful provision including large urban schools and small village schools working to ensure that all our children are happy, healthy,

safe, successful and free from the effects of poverty. This strong and dynamic system of primary education, increasingly linked to some outstanding early years provision, is further developing, through the Extended Services agenda, to meet the needs of their families and their local communities.”

The mover and seconder of the motion having accepted the amendment with the consent of Council, the amendment was put as the substantive motion and it was

RESOLVED - That Council believes that Primary Schools should not only be beacons of educational excellence and well being, but are also essential centres for community activity and cohesion.

In Leeds we have primary schools to be proud of; a rich and diverse patchwork of successful provision including large urban schools and small village schools working to ensure that all our children are happy, healthy, safe, successful and free from the effects of poverty. This strong and dynamic system of primary education, increasingly linked to some outstanding early years provision, is further developing, through the Extended Services agenda, to meet the needs of their families and their local communities.

122 White Paper Motion - British Forces Postal Service

It was moved by Councillor A Carter seconded by Councillor J Procter and

RESOLVED - That this Council condemns the decision that British forces and their families who are stationed overseas can no longer receive parcels free of charge as they could in 2003.

This Council believes it is an appalling and disgraceful way to treat our dedicated and hardworking troops and their families given the hardship they face in areas of conflict across the world and therefore asks that the Government reinstates this service as a matter of urgency.

(Councillor Lancaster, having declared a personal and prejudicial interest, left the meeting during consideration of this item)

123 White Paper Motion - Identification of Kashmiri as a Separate Category within the 2011 Census

It was moved by Councillor Hussain seconded by Councillor Akhtar and

RESOLVED - That this Council urges the Government to include Kashmiri as a separate category in questions on ethnic group and identity in the 2011 Census and other national surveys, and to consider the inclusion of other groups not adequately represented in the 2011 Census ethnic group categories.

This Council asks the Chief Executive to write to the National Statistician to request this change and to write to the Local Government Association, seeking their support and that of other local authorities.

Council rose at 10.10 pm