



Proceedings of the Meeting of the Leeds City Council held at the
Civic Hall, Leeds on Wednesday, 20th June, 2007

PRESENT: The Lord Mayor Councillor Brian Cleasby in the Chair

WARD

ADEL & WHARFEDALE

John Leslie Carter
Clive Fox
Barry John Anderson

ALWOODLEY

Ruth Feldman
Peter Mervyn Harrand
Ronald David Feldman

ARDSLEY & ROBIN HOOD

Jack Dunn
Lisa Mulherin
Karen Renshaw

ARMLEY

James McKenna
Janet Harper
Alison Natalie Kay Lowe

BEESTON & HOLBECK

Adam Ogilvie
David Congreve
Angela Gabriel

BRAMLEY & STANNINGLEY

Ted Hanley
Neil Taggart
Angela Denise Atkinson

BURMANTOFTS & RICHMOND HILL

Richard Brett
David Hollingsworth
Ralph Pryke

WARD

CALVERLEY & FARSLEY

Amanda Lesley Carter
Frank Robinson
Andrew Carter

CHAPEL ALLERTON

Mohammed Rafique
Jane Dowson
Sharon Hamilton

CITY & HUNSLET

Patrick Davey
Mohammed Iqbal
Elizabeth Nash

CROSS GATES & WHINMOOR

Pauleen Grahame
Peter John Gruen
Suzi Armitage

FARNLEY & WORTLEY

Ann Blackburn
Luke Russell
David Blackburn

GARFORTH & SWILLINGTON

Mark Dobson
Thomas Murray
Andrea Harrison

GIPTON & HAREHILLS

Arif Hussain
Roger Harington
Alan Leonard Taylor

GUISELEY & RAWDON

Stuart Andrew
John Bale
Graham Latty

HAREWOOD

Rachael Procter
Alec Shelbrooke
Ann Castle

HEADINGLEY

James John Monaghan
Martin Hamilton
David Morton

HORSFORTH

Andrew Barker
Brian Cleasby
Christopher Townsley

HYDE PARK & WOODHOUSE

Kabeer Hussain
Linda Valerie Rhodes-Clayton
Penny Ewens

KILLINGBECK & SEACROFT

Veronica Morgan
Brian Michael Selby
Graham Hyde

KIPPAX & METHLEY

James Lewis
Keith Ivor Wakefield
John Keith Parker

KIRKSTALL

John Anthony Illingworth
Bernard Peter Atha
Elizabeth M Minkin

MIDDLETON PARK

Judith Blake
Debra Ann Coupar
Geoffrey Driver

MOORTOWN

Brenda Lancaster
Richard Harker
Mark Daniel Harris

MORLEY NORTH

Robert William Gettings
Thomas Leadley
Robert Finnigan

MORLEY SOUTH

Terrence Grayshon
Christopher James Beverley
Judith Elliot

OTLEY & YEADON

Colin Campbell
Ryk Downes
Graham Peter Kirkland

PUDSEY

Richard Alwyn Lewis
Mick Coulson
Josephine Patricia Jarosz

ROTHWELL

Steve Smith
Barry Stewart Golton
Donald Michael Wilson

ROUNDHAY

Valerie Kendall
Paul Wadsworth
Matthew Lobley

TEMPLE NEWSAM

Jacqueline Langdale
Michael Lyons
William Schofield Hyde

WEETWOOD

Susan Bentley
Judith Mara Chapman
Brian David Timothy Jennings

WETHERBY

Alan James Lamb
John Michael Procter
Gerald Wilkinson

13 **Announcements**

- (a) The Lord Mayor referred to the recent death of Honorary Alderman Joe Kitchen MBE JP and Council stood in silent tribute.
- (b) The Lord Mayor announced the recent award of honours relevant to the City, including the award of CBEs to Councillor Atha and Honorary Freeman Jane Tomlinson.
- (c) The Lord Mayor congratulated Councillor Russell on his recent engagement to be married.

14 **Minutes**

It was moved by Councillor J Procter seconded by Councillor Gruen and

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on 24th May 2007 be approved.

15 **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) Councillor Leadley declared a personal interest in minute 17(a) of this meeting as a member of Plans Panels (West) and (City Centre) and of the Development Plan Panel.
- (b) Councillors Brett and Harker declared personal interests in minute 19 of this meeting as members of the Children Leeds Partnership.
- (c) Members declared personal interests in minute 21 of this meeting as follows:
 - Atha - Chairman of the Board of Northern Ballet Theatre (referred to in item 9 of the 13th June Executive Board minutes)
 - Leadley - For minute 94 page 148 and minute 89 page 221 – Member of Plans Panel West, City Centre Plans Panel and Development Plans Panel. For minute 130 page 110 – Member of METRO
 - Gruen - Northern Ballet and Phoenix Dance and as an ALMO member
 - G Hyde - ALMO Member
 - Driver - ALMO Member
 - Parker - ALMO Member
 - Murray - Director of Learning Partnerships
 - Congreve - WYPTE Member
 - Jarosz - WYPTE Member

- Lyons - WYPTE Member
- Rafique - Employee of Education Leeds
- Wakefield - Learning and Skills Council
- A Blackburn - ALMO Member

(d) Members declared personal interests in minute 22 of this meeting as follows:

- Leadley - Close relative of a disabled adult
- Brett - Member of Management Committee of Burmantofts Senior Action
- D Blackburn - Mother is in receipt of Home Care
- A Blackburn - Mother-in-law is in receipt of Home Care
- Russell - Fiancée has own care business in Nottinghamshire
- McKenna - Employee of Armley Helping Hands
- Lowe - Chief Executive of Touchstone
- Bale - Parent and joint carer of an LCC service user and Member of Management Committee for Community Links

(e) Members declared personal interests in minute 24 of this meeting as follows:

- Ogilvie - Director of Green Leeds
- Beverley - Wife is a member of a Parish Council

(f) Further declarations made during the meeting are referred to at minute 22 (Councillors Atkinson, Illingworth and Lowe)

16 Deputations

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

- 1 Parents of Fountain Primary School Regarding the Loss of Teachers at the School.
- 2 Lingfield and Fir Trees Residents Group Requesting Community Use of the Fir Tree Primary School site.
- 3 'Kommunity' Regarding the Protection of Tinshill Recreation Ground.

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

17 Reports

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

(a) Scrutiny Boards' Annual Report to Council 2006/07

It was moved by Councillor Driver seconded by Councillor J Procter and

RESOLVED – That the Annual Report of Scrutiny Boards prepared in accordance with Article 6 of the Constitution be approved.

(b) Appointments

It was moved by Councillor J Procter seconded by Councillor Gruen and

RESOLVED – That the report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) on appointments be noted and that the following addition be approved:

Councillor Ewens to replace Councillor Bentley on Scrutiny Board (Health and Adult Social Care)

18 Questions

1 Councillor Selby to the Leader of Council

Can the Leader of Council please tell me how much Leeds United owed the authority in unpaid car parking charges from the beginning of the 2005-2006 season until the club was put in administration in May 2007?

The Executive Member (Development and Regeneration) replied.

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

In the light of the recent review of Leeds Children and Young People's Plan and our forthcoming Joint Area Review Inspection, can the Lead Executive Board Member for Children's Services please tell us his views on the progress of Children's Services in the city?

The Children's Services Lead Executive Member replied.

3 Councillor D Blackburn to the Executive Member (Development and Regeneration).

Would the Executive Member for Development agree with me, that the proposals recently announced on changes to planning rules by Ruth Kelly M.P. will result in less accountability locally and bring the planning system into further disrepute with the general public

The Executive Member (Development and Regeneration) replied

4 Councillor Harington to the Executive Member (Leisure)

Can the Executive Member for Leisure please inform me what work the Council has done to champion the cause of the city's involvement in the 2012 Olympics?

The Executive Member (Leisure) replied

5 Councillor Taylor to the Executive Member (Environmental Services)

Would the Executive Board member for Environmental Services update us on the progress of the garden waste collection service pilot scheme?

The Executive Member (Environmental Services) replied

- 6 Councillor D Blackburn to the Executive Member (Development and Regeneration)

Bearing in mind the Governments wish to continue to further reduce the number of Post Offices. What is the Executive Member responsible for Development doing to help to expand the facilities made available to the Leeds Credit Union, so all neighbourhoods that lose banking or Post Office facilities are covered?

The Executive Member (Development and Regeneration) replied.

- 7 Councillor Lyons to the Executive Member (Environmental Services)

Can the Executive Board Member for Environmental Services please tell me where his administration plan to site their incinerator?

The Executive Member (Environmental Services) replied

- 8 Councillor Downes to the Executive Member (Learning)

Would the Executive Board Member for Learning welcome the recent HMI report on Cockburn High School?

The Executive Member (Learning) replied

- 9 Councillor Wakefield to the Leader of Council

Can the Leader of Council confirm that the Council is still committed to the 'Narrowing the Gap' agenda, particularly with regard to improving the lives of children and families in the most deprived parts of the city?

The Leader of Council replied

- 10 Councillor Townsley to the Executive Member (Neighbourhoods and Housing)

Would the Executive Member for Neighbourhoods & Housing care to comment on the impact Labour's budget amendment would have had on Area Committee funding?

The Executive Member (Neighbourhoods and Housing) 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 responses would be sent to each Member of Council

- 11 Councillor Rafique to the Executive Member (Neighbourhoods and Housing)
12 Councillor M Hamilton to the Leader of Council
13 Councillor Illingworth to the Leader of Council.

19 Recommendations of the Executive Board

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

RESOLVED – That the recommendations of the Executive Board as detailed in the report of the Chief Executive with regard to the Council Plan and the report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) with regard to the review of the Children and Young People’s Plan be approved

20 Recommendations of the Standards Committee

It was moved by Councillor Kirkland seconded by Councillor Nash and

RESOLVED - That the Standards Committee annual report 2006/07 as detailed in the report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) be noted.

21 Minutes

It was moved by Councillor Harris seconded by Councillor J Procter 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.

On the requisition of Councillors Gruen and Taggart the voting on the motion to receive the minutes was recorded as follows:

YES

Anderson, Andrew, Bale, Barker, Bentley, Brett, Campbell, A Carter, J L Carter, Mrs A Carter, Castle, Chapman, Downes, Elliott, Ewens, Mrs R Feldman, R D Feldman, Fox, Gettings, Golton, Grayshon, M Hamilton, Harker, Harrand, Harris, Hollingsworth, K Hussain, W Hyde, Jennings, Kendall., Kirkland, Lamb, Lancaster, Latty, Leadley, Lobley, Monaghan, Morton, J Procter, R Procter, Pryke, Rhodes-Clayton, Shelbrooke, Smith, Taylor, Townsley, Wadsworth, Wilkinson, Wilson

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NO

Armitage, Atha, Atkinson, Blake, Congreve, Coulson, Coupar, Davey, Dobson, Dowson, Driver, Gabriel, Grahame, Gruen, S Hamilton, Hanley, Harington, Harper, Harrison, A Hussain, G Hyde, Illingworth, Iqbal, Jarosz, Langdale, J Lewis, R Lewis, Lowe, Lyons, McKenna, Minkin, Morgan, Murray, Nash, Ogilvie, Parker, Rafique, Renshaw, Selby, Taggart, Wakefield

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ABSTAIN

Beverley, A Blackburn, D Blackburn, Russell

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(The meeting was suspended at 5.00 pm and resumed at 5.25 pm)

22 White Paper Motion - Award of Contracts for Adult Social Services

It was moved by Councillor Coupar seconded by Councillor Dowson

That this Council deplores the distress and uncertainty caused to vulnerable people and their carers because of the inability of the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and his department to ensure that contracts are awarded and renewed in a timely and transparent manner.

An amendment was moved by Councillor Harrand seconded by Councillor Kendall

Delete all after “uncertainty caused” and replace with:

“by tactics being used to turn Terry Yorath House, its residents and their carers into a means of fulfilling a political objective. This council applauds the efforts of Leeds City Council to design, in consultation with the residents of Terry Yorath House, a service that will enable them to lead fulfilling lives with the dignity and privacy they deserve.”

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

RESOLVED – That this Council deplores the distress and uncertainty caused by tactics being used to turn Terry Yorath House, its residents and their carers into a means of fulfilling a political objective. This council applauds the efforts of Leeds City Council to design, in consultation with the residents of Terry Yorath House, a service that will enable them to lead fulfilling lives with the dignity and privacy they deserve.

During the debate on this item members declared personal interests as follows:

Councillor Atkinson - In receipt of social care
Councillor Illingworth - His wife being Chair of Bethel Day Centre
Councillor Lowe - Director of Volition

On the requisition of Councillors Gruen and Taggart the voting on the amendment was recorded as follows:

YES

Anderson, Andrew, Bale, Barker, Bentley, A Blackburn, D Blackburn, Brett, Campbell, A Carter, J L Carter, Mrs A Carter, Castle, Chapman, Downes, Elliott, Ewens, Mrs R Feldman, R D Feldman, Fox, Gettings, Golton, Grayshon, M Hamilton, Harker, Harrand, Harris, Hollingsworth, K Hussain, W Hyde, Jennings, Kendall, Kirkland, Lamb, Lancaster, Latty, Lobley, Monaghan, Morton, J Procter, R Procter, Pryke, Rhodes-Clayton, Russell, Shelbrooke, Smith, Taylor, Townsley, Wadsworth, Wilkinson, Wilson

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NO

Armitage, Atha, Atkinson, Blake, Congreve, Coulson, Coupar, Davey, Dobson, Dowson, Driver, Gabriel, Grahame, Gruen, S Hamilton, Hanley, Harington, Harper, Harrison, A Hussain, Illingworth, Iqbal, Jarosz, Langdale, J Lewis, R Lewis, Lowe, Lyons, McKenna, Minkin, Morgan, Murray, Nash, Ogilvie, Parker, Rafique, Renshaw, Selby, Taggart, Wakefield

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ABSTAIN

Beverley, Leadley

23 White Paper Motion - Reduction in Packaging

It was moved by Councillor A Blackburn seconded by Councillor Russell

That this Council recognises the need to take action to reduce the waste stream, with this in mind Council instructs its Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to request that the Government bring in improved legislation which puts the onus on suppliers and manufacturers to cut down on packaging, particularly from non-renewable sources.

An amendment was moved by Councillor Ogilvie seconded by Councillor Taggart

Delete all after “take action to reduce the waste stream” and replace with the following:

“and therefore urges the Council to do its utmost to increase recycling in our city and all municipal buildings.

With this in mind, Council also instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to request that the Government bring in improved legislation which puts the onus on suppliers and manufacturers to cut down on packaging, particularly from non-renewable sources.”

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

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY –That this Council recognises the need to take action to reduce the waste stream, with this in mind Council instructs its Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to request that the Government bring in improved legislation which puts the onus on suppliers and manufacturers to cut down on packaging, particularly from non-renewable sources.

On the requisition of Councillors Gruen and Atha the voting on the amendment was recorded as follows:

YES

Armitage, Atha, Atkinson, Beverley, Blake, Congreve, Coulson, Coupar, Davey, Dobson, Dowson, Driver, Gabriel, Grahame, Gruen, S Hamilton, Hanley, Harington, Harper, Harrison, A Hussain, Illingworth, Iqbal, Jarosz, Langdale, J Lewis, R Lewis, Lyons, McKenna, Minkin, Morgan, Murray, Nash, Ogilvie, Parker, Rafique, Renshaw, Selby, Taggart, Wakefield

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NO

Anderson, Andrew, Bale, Barker, Bentley, Brett, Campbell, A Carter, J L Carter, Mrs A Carter, Castle, Chapman, Downes, Elliott, Ewens, Mrs R Feldman, R D Feldman, Fox, Gettings, Golton, Grayshon, M Hamilton, Harker, Harrand, Harris, Hollingsworth, K Hussain, W Hyde, Jennings, Kendall, Kirkland, Lamb, Lancaster, Latty, Leadley, Loble, Monaghan, Morton, J Procter, R Procter, Pryke, Rhodes-Clayton, Russell, Shelbrooke, Smith, Taylor, Townsley, Wadsworth, Wilkinson, Wilson

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ABSTAIN

A Blackburn

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24 White Paper Motion - Delegation of Powers to Area Committees

It was moved by Councillor J Lewis seconded by Councillor R Lewis

That this Council believes that Area Committees should have more power, financial resources and greater freedoms to take decisions about their communities locally.

Council therefore resolves to set up an all party working group to bring forward a report to consider its recommendation by the end of this municipal year

An amendment was moved by Councillor J L Carter seconded by Councillor Chapman

Delete all after "This council believes that" and replace with:

"Area Committees should have more power, and notes the work conducted by Councillor Judith Chapman which will result in new proposals coming to the Executive Board in Autumn this year."

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

RESOLVED – That this Council believes that Area Committees should have more power, and notes the work conducted by Councillor Judith Chapman which will result in new proposals coming to the Executive Board in Autumn this year.

(The provisions of Council Procedure Rule 4 providing for the winding up of business were applied to the conclusion of the debate on this item)

25 White Paper Motion Submitted Under the Provisions of Council Procedure Rule 3.1(d) - Governance Arrangements

It was moved by Councillor Atha seconded by Councillor Selby

That this Council calls for an all party working group to be established to examine the governance arrangements of this Council's assets and services, including its democratic processes

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

Delete: all after "This Council" and insert the following:

"recognises that its current governance arrangements were introduced by the last Labour administration a number of years ago. This Council further recognises that these governance arrangements in some respects mitigate against proper democratic oversight and comment.

Council therefore calls upon the Chief Executive to bring forward a report, no later than the October cycle of meetings, with recommendations as to how Councillors can be better involved with the decision making process within Council operations and also on the increasing number of outside bodies to which funding is delegated, particularly by the Government. Council further instructs the Chief Officer to bring forward a new system of officer delegation to reflect greater democratic involvement."

With the consent of Council the mover of the motion accepted the amendment which, upon being put as the substantive motion, it was

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY – That this Council recognises that its current governance arrangements were introduced by the last Labour administration a number of years ago. This Council further recognises that these governance arrangements in some respects mitigate against proper democratic oversight and comment.

Council therefore calls upon the Chief Executive to bring forward a report, no later than the October cycle of meetings, with recommendations as to how Councillors can be better involved with the decision making process within Council operations and also on the increasing number of outside bodies to which funding is delegated, particularly by the Government. Council further instructs the Chief Officer to bring forward a new system of officer delegation to reflect greater democratic involvement.

Council rose at 7.10 pm