

Proceedings of the Meeting of the Leeds City Council held
Civic Hall, Leeds on Wednesday, 14th September, 2016

PRESENT: The Vice Chair of Council Councillor James McKenna in the Chair.

WARD

ADEL & WHARFEDALE

Barry John Anderson
Caroline Anderson
Billy Flynn

ALWOODLEY

Neil Alan Buckley
Dan Cohen
Peter Mervyn Harrand

ARDSLEY & ROBIN HOOD

Karen Renshaw
Jack Dunn
Lisa Mulherin

ARMLEY

Alison Natalie Kay Lowe
James McKenna
Alice Smart

BEESTON & HOLBECK

Angela Gabriel
Adam Ogilvie
David Congreve

BRAMLEY & STANNINGLEY

Caroline Gruen
Julie Heselwood
Kevin Ritchie

BURMANTOFTS & RICHMOND HILL

Denise Ragan
Asghar Khan
Ron Grahame

WARD

CALVERLEY & FARSLEY

Andrew Carter

CHAPEL ALLERTON

Eileen Taylor
Mohammed Rafique
Jane Dowson

CITY & HUNSLET

Elizabeth Nash
Patrick Davey
Mohammed Iqbal

CROSS GATES & WHINMOOR

Janette Walker
Pauleen Grahame
Peter John Gruen

FARNLEY & WORTLEY

David Blackburn
Ann Blackburn
Terry Wilford

GARFORTH & SWILLINGTON

Sarah Field
Mark Dobson
Stuart McKenna

GIPTON & HAREHILLS

Salma Arif
Arif Hussain
Kamila Maqsood

GUISELEY & RAWDON

Graham Latty
Paul John Spencer Wadsworth
Pat Latty

HAREWOOD

Ryan Stephenson
Rachael Procter
Matthew Robinson

HEADINGLEY

Al Garthwaite
Neil Walshaw
Jonathon Pryor

HORSFORTH

Dawn Collins
Brian Cleasby

HYDE PARK & WOODHOUSE

Christine Denise Towler

Javaid Akhtar

KILLINGBECK & SEACROFT

Graham Hyde
Catherine Dobson
Brian Michael Selby

KIPPAX & METHLEY

Mary Elizabeth Harland
James Lewis
Keith Ivor Wakefield

KIRKSTALL

Lucinda Joy Yeadon
John Anthony Illingworth
Fiona Venner

MIDDLETON PARK

Paul Anthony Truswell
Judith Blake
Kim Groves

MOORTOWN

Alex Sobel
Rebecca Charlwood
Sharon Hamilton

MORLEY NORTH

Robert Gettings
Thomas Leadley

MORLEY SOUTH

Judith Elliott
Neil Dawson

OTLEY & YEADON

Colin Campbell
Ryk Downes

PUDSEY

Josephine Patricia Jarosz
Richard Alwyn Lewis
Mick Coulson

ROTHWELL

David Nagle
Karen Bruce
Barry Stewart Golton

ROUNDHAY

Eleanor Tunnicliffe
Christine Macniven
Ghulam Hussain

TEMPLE NEWSAM

Debra Coupar
Helen Hayden
Michael Lyons

WEETWOOD

Jonathan Bentley
Susan Bentley
Judith Mara Chapman

WETHERBY

Gerald Wilkinson
Alan James Lamb
John Michael Procter

32 Announcements

- a) The Chair reminded those present that the meeting was to be webcast.
- b) The Chair congratulated all of the athletes on their recent medal successes at the Olympics and Paralympics in Rio.
- c) The Chair informed Council of the recent success of the City in the Yorkshire in Bloom Awards which included a Gold for Leeds in the City category.
- d) The Chair reported the retirement of Nigel Richardson, Director of Children's Services and Peter Marrington, Head of Scrutiny and Member Development.
- e) The Chair reported the recent death of Harry Jepson OBE, president of the Leeds Rhinos.
- f) The Chair also informed Council that this would be the last Council meeting attended by John Wilson, Sergeant at Mace before his retirement and thanked John on behalf of all former Lord Mayors for the support provided over the years.

Councillors Blake, Andrew Carter, Golton, Leadley and D Blackburn also paid tribute to John Wilson and the support he had given to all Members of council in his role as Sergeant at Mace over the last 25 years.

33 Minutes

It was moved by Councillor Ogilvie, seconded by Councillor G Latty and

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 29th June 2016 be approved.

34 Declarations of Interest

There were no declaration of interests.

35 Communications

There were no communications

36 Deputations

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

- 1) A group of students regarding student safety in Leeds.
- 2) A Group concerned about the sale of puppies in Leeds
- 3) A group wanting to raise awareness of childhood cancer.
- 4) A group concerned about the general degradation of the Mabgate area

RESOLVED - That the subject matter in respect of deputations 1 and 2 be referred to the Director of Environment and Housing for consideration in consultation with the

relevant Executive Member, that the subject matter in respect of deputations 3 be referred to the Director of Public Health for consideration in consultation with the relevant Executive Member and the subject matter in respect of deputation 4 be referred to the Directors of City Development and Environment and Housing for consideration in consultation with the relevant Executive Member(s).

37 Recommendations of the Executive Board - LDF Aire Valley Leeds Area Action Plan Submission

It was moved by Councillor R Lewis, seconded by Councillor Ogilvie and

RESOLVED – That the submission of the Draft Aire Valley Leeds Area Action Plan and the Sustainability Report to the Secretary of State for independent examination pursuant to Section 20 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 be approved.

38 Recommendations of the Licensing Committee - Licensing Act 2003 Statement of Licensing Policy

It was moved by Councillor Selby, seconded by Councillor Ogilvie and

RESOLVED - That the amended Licensing Act 2003 Statement of Licensing Policy 2014-18 be approved as the new policy with effect from 14th September 2016.

39 Report on Amendments to the Executive Arrangements

It was moved by Councillor Ogilvie, seconded by Councillor C Dobson and

RESOLVED - That the report of the City Solicitor on amendments to the Executive Arrangements be noted.

40 Report on Community Committee Annual Report

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

RESOLVED – That the report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Citizens and Communities) presenting to Council the Community Committees' Annual report for 2015/16 be received and that the work now being progressed to further improve the effectiveness, profile and community engagement role of Community Committees be noted.

41 Questions

Q1 Councillor Robinson to the Leader of Council:-

Will the Leader of Council take this opportunity to rule out a Leeds "congestion charge"?

The Leader of Council replied.

Q2 Councillor Cleasby to the Executive Member (Regeneration Transport and Planning):-

Could the executive member for transport please advise council of the level of usage of the new Apperley Bridge and Kirkstall Forge stations?

The Executive Member (Regeneration Transport and Planning) replied.

Q3 Councillor Ritchie to the Leader of Council :-

Can the Leader of the Council update Members on proposals for the Olympic Homecoming event?

The Leader of Council replied.

Q4 Councillor D Blackburn to the Executive Member (Environment and Sustainability):-

Could the Executive Member for Environment and Sustainability tell me what procedures, if any, are in place for dealing with side waste that is left by refuse collection crews?

The Executive Member (Environment and Sustainability) replied.

Q5 Councillor Maqsood to the Executive Member (Children and Families):-

Would the Executive Member care to comment on the Government's vision for school improvement and standards?

The Executive Member (Children and Families) replied.

Q6 Councillor Stephenson to the Executive Member (Communities):-

Will the Executive Board Member for Communities inform Council how many older people are currently on a waiting list for sheltered or independent living accommodation in Leeds?

The Executive Member (Communities) replied.

Q7 Councillor J Bentley to the Executive Member (Children and Families):-

Could the executive member please confirm her support for the expansion of St Chad's school in my ward on to lands covered by fields in trust?

The Executive Member (Children and Families) replied.

Q8 Councillor Harland to the Executive Member (Communities):-

Can the Executive Member offer her support to the WASPI campaign to bring in transitional arrangements to support women negatively affected by state pension equalisation?

The Executive Member (Communities) 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 Sustainability)

Q10 Councillor Arif to the Executive Member (for Employment, Enterprise and Opportunity)

Q11 Councillor C Anderson to the Executive Member (Environment and Sustainability).

- Q12 Councillor Golton to the Executive Member (Communities).
- Q13 Councillor C Gruen to the Executive Member (Regeneration Transport and Planning).
- Q14 Councillor Gettings to the Executive Member (Children and Families).
- Q15 Councillor Jarosz to the Executive Member (Health, Wellbeing and Adults).
- Q16 Councillor Robinson to the Executive Member (Children and Families).
- Q17 Councillor J Bentley to the Executive Member (Regeneration Transport and Planning).
- Q18 Councillor M Dobson to the Executive Member (Environment and Sustainability).
- Q19 Councillor D Blackburn to the Executive Member (Environment and Sustainability).
- Q20 Councillor Smart to the Executive Member (Children and Families).
- Q21 Councillor Robinson to the Leader of Council.
- Q22 Councillor J Bentley to the Executive Member (Regeneration Transport and Planning).
- Q23 Councillor C Anderson to the Executive Member (Environment and Sustainability).
- Q24 Councillor S Bentley to the Executive Member (Resources & Strategy).
- Q25 Councillor R Stephenson to the Leader of Council.
- Q26 Councillor Campbell to the Executive Member (Environment and Sustainability).
- Q27 Councillor Robinson to the Executive Member (Regeneration Transport and Planning).
- Q28 Councillor Robinson to the Leader of Council.
- Q29 Councillor Robinson to the Executive Member (Regeneration Transport and Planning).
- Q30 Councillor Stephenson to the Executive Member (Communities).
- Q31 Councillor Collins to the Leader of Council.

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

It was moved by Councillor Blake, seconded by Councillor Ogilvie 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 Council adjourned from 16.20 to 16.50

43 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.

44 White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Andrew Carter) - Elections

It was moved by Councillor Andrew Carter, seconded by Councillor Wadsworth that this Council believes it is vital that elections are conducted in a legal, fair and transparent manner. We note that when these principles are compromised, as happened in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets, there can be a damaging breakdown of trust which undermines people's confidence in local democracy.

This Council therefore welcomes the recommendations made in the recent 'Securing the Ballot' review into electoral fraud carried out by Sir Eric Pickles.

We call on officers within the Elections, Licensing and Registration Service to work closely with Government and the Electoral Commission to ensure that Leeds is ready and able to respond to the review's recommendations and any changes to legislation or guidance that follow.

Council asks that a report is prepared for Executive Board, or the relevant committee, setting out what actions are necessary to ensure we continue to safeguard the integrity of the election process in Leeds.

An amendment was moved by Councillor J Bentley, seconded by Councillor Chapman, in second paragraph following "welcomes the" insert: "majority of the" In second paragraph following "Sir Eric Pickles" insert: "but is concerned that proposals to fragment the current role of the Electoral Commission will weaken that organisation rather than strengthen it."

"Council further believes that the recommendations of the Pickles Review will fail to substantially improve democracy in the absence of a wider programme of electoral reform at both local and national level."

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

RESOLVED - That this Council believes it is vital that elections are conducted in a legal, fair and transparent manner. We note that when these principles are compromised, as happened in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets, there can be a damaging breakdown of trust which undermines people's confidence in local democracy.

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45 White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor James Lewis) - Austerity in Local Government

It was moved by Councillor James Lewis, seconded by Councillor Coupar that this Council believes the Conservative and Liberal Democrat Coalition Governments made the wrong political choice to cut the council's core grant funding by £214m since 2010 with £100m still to be taken away from the Council's budget. Council is pleased to note the Chancellor of the Exchequer who presided over the last six years of austerity is no longer in post.

Council notes that the Government's decision to impose such a sustained and counterproductive period of austerity had an unfair and damaging impact on the city and the effects have been felt hardest by our most deprived and vulnerable residents in Leeds, with 14,000 more people in the city now living in deprivation compared to 2010.

Council further notes that had Leeds received the same level of government funding per person as Wokingham in Berkshire, the council with the lowest levels of cuts, we would have an additional £100 million per annum in our budget.

Council calls on the new Chancellor of the Exchequer to ensure the council receives a much needed increase in core grant funding through a fair funding allocation to take account of deprivation and need. This should include the direct reallocation of funding repatriated from the European Union to local councils to tackle poverty and deprivation and support economic growth.

Council further calls for HM Treasury to agree to allow councils to delay making a decision on whether or not to accept a four year funding settlement until after the Autumn Statement has been delivered.

An amendment was moved by Councillor Golton, seconded by Councillor Campbell :

Delete first four paragraphs and replace with:

Council notes that all parties agreed on the need for extensive cuts to services to stabilise public finances before the 2010 election, with Alistair Darling pledging to impose budget cuts deeper and tougher than those of Margaret Thatcher, but regrets the government's counter-productive and ideologically driven pursuit of a budget surplus from 2015 onwards.

Council further notes the economic uncertainty created by the EU referendum and calls on the government to clarify how it will ensure that local government funding reform provides a stable platform on which services can flourish.

Council restates the conclusion of the Commission for Local Government that councils must respond to the challenge of funding cuts by empowering individuals, communities and the third sector to pioneer more efficient, locally focussed service delivery.

A second amendment was moved by Councillor Andrew Carter, seconded by Councillor J Procter:

Delete all after 'This Council' and replace with:

'notes the efforts of the Joint Administration in Leeds between 2004 and 2010 to 'narrow the gap' in the city and is concerned that 14,000 more people now live in deprivation since the current Labour administration assumed control in Leeds in 2010.

Council recognises the difficult position that public finances were in in 2010 and believes that measures introduced by the Government to bring the budget deficit and public spending under control were unfortunate but necessary given the legacy left by the Labour Government.

Despite this Council accepts that budget reductions have been significant. As in previous debates this Council acknowledges that Leeds has received unfair funding settlements from all Governments in recent years and agrees that a new relationship between local and central government should be formed to take into account funding and in particular delivering a fairer funding settlement for Leeds.

Council further notes the tendency of the current administration to focus on apportioning blame to central government rather than looking towards solutions that Leeds itself can deliver.

Council calls for HM Treasury to agree to allow councils to delay making a decision on whether or not to accept a four year funding settlement until after the Autumn Statement has been delivered and reiterates its call for a Royal Commission on the future of local government finance.'

The amendments in the name of Councillors Golton and Andrew Carter were declared lost and upon being put to the vote it was

RESOLVED – That this Council believes the Conservative and Liberal Democrat Coalition Governments made the wrong political choice to cut the council's core grant funding by £214m since 2010 with £100m still to be taken away from the Council's budget. Council is pleased to note the Chancellor of the Exchequer who presided over the last six years of austerity is no longer in post.

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Council further calls for HM Treasury to agree to allow councils to delay making a decision on whether or not to accept a four year funding settlement until after the Autumn Statement has been delivered.

46 White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Golton) - Amazon facility at Logic Leeds

Prior to debate on this Motion Councillor Lamb sought clarification from the City Solicitor in respect of any interests Members may have in this matter particularly as it relates to Trade Unions. The City Solicitor advised the meeting.

Under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 14.9 (a) leave of Council was given to Councillor Golton to alter the wording of the motion in his name to include the amendment in the name of Councillor J Bentley.

On the requisitions of Councillors Campbell and Cleasby the voting on this procedural motion was recorded as follows;

YES – 71

Akhtar, Arif, J Bentley, S Bentley, A Blackburn, Blake, Bruce, Campbell, Chapman, Charlwood, Cleasby, Congreve, Coulson, Coupar, Davey, Dawson, M Dobson, Downes, Dowson, Dunn, Elliott, Field, Gabriel, Garthwaite, Golton, P Grahame, R Grahame, C Gruen, P Gruen, Groves, Hamilton, Harland, Hayden, Heselwood, A Hussain, G Hussain, Hyde, Illingworth, Iqbal, Jarosz, A Khan, Leadley, J Lewis, R Lewis, Lowe, Lyons, Macniven, Maqsood, S McKenna, Mulherin, Nagle, Nash, Ogilvie, Pryor, Rafique, Ragan, Renshaw, Ritchie, Selby, Smart, Sobel, E Taylor, Towler, Truswell, Tunnicliffe, Venner, Walker, Walshaw, Wakefield, Wilford and Yeadon.

NO – 0

ABSTAIN – 0

It was moved by Councillor Golton, seconded by Councillor Wilford that this council welcomes the strong economy compassionate city agenda and believes that good quality jobs are essential to ensuring inclusive economic growth.

Council notes that a BBC investigation into a UK based Amazon warehouse found conditions that a stress expert said could cause “physical and mental illness” and supports the GMB campaign for improved working conditions at Amazon warehouses, noting that similar campaigns have had a positive effect, in particular the recent success of the Unite campaign that has forced Sports Direct to improve conditions for workers in its warehouses.

Council believes it is hypocritical for the Labour administration to have purchased the Amazon warehouse at Logic Leeds without making any efforts to improve working conditions for employees at that site and that having done so undermines the strong economy compassionate city strategy.

Council therefore calls on the Labour administration to use its position as landlord to secure improved working conditions for employees at the Amazon facility at Logic Leeds.

Council further instructs the executive to devise and implement an ethical employer policy to apply to commercial tenants of buildings owned by Leeds City Council that addresses issues of low pay, exploitative working practices and trade union recognition.

Under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 13.2 (d)(motions without notice) and 14.10 (withdrawal of motion) and with the consent of the seconder leave of Council was given to Councillor R Lewis to withdraw the amendment in his name.

On the requisitions of Councillors Campbell and Cleasby the voting on this procedural motion was recorded as follows;

YES – 72

Akhtar, Arif, J Bentley, S Bentley, A Blackburn, D Blackburn, Blake, Bruce, Campbell, Chapman, Charlwood, Cleasby, Coulson, Coupar, Davey , Dawson, C Dobson, M Dobson, Downes, Dowson ,Dunn, Elliott, Field, Gabriel, Garthwaite, Golton, P Grahame, R Grahame, C Gruen, P Gruen, Groves, Hamilton, Harland, Hayden, Heselwood, A Hussain, G Hussain, Hyde, Illingworth, Iqbal, Jarosz, A Khan, Leadley ,J Lewis, R Lewis, Lowe, Lyons, Macniven, Maqsood, S McKenna, Mulherin, Nagle, Nash, Ogilvie, Pryor, Rafique, Ragan, Renshaw, Ritchie, Selby, Smart, Sobel, E Taylor, Towler, Truswell, Tunnicliffe, Venner, Walker, Walshaw, Wakefield ,Wilford and Yeadon.

NO – 0

ABSTAIN – 0

Under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule (CPRs) 22.1(Suspension of CPRs) and with the consent of the seconder Council Procedure Rule 13 was suspended to allow the introduction of an amendment at short notice in the name of Councillor R Lewis.

On the requisitions of Councillors Campbell and Cleasby the voting on this procedural motion was recorded as follows;

YES – 69

Akhtar, Arif, J Bentley, S Bentley, A Blackburn, D Blackburn, Blake, Bruce, Campbell, Chapman, Charlwood, Cleasby, Congreve, Coulson, Coupar, Davey , Dawson, C Dobson, M Dobson, Downes, Dowson ,Field, Gabriel, Garthwaite, Golton, P Grahame, R Grahame, C Gruen, P Gruen, Groves, Hamilton, Harland, Hayden, Heselwood, A Hussain, G Hussain, Hyde, Illingworth, Iqbal, Jarosz, A Khan, J Lewis, R Lewis, Lowe, Lyons, Macniven, Maqsood, S McKenna, Mulherin, Nagle, Nash, Ogilvie, Pryor, Rafique, Ragan, Renshaw, Ritchie, Selby, Smart, E Taylor, Towler, Truswell, Tunnicliffe, Venner, Walker, Walshaw, Wakefield ,Wilford and Yeadon.

NO – 0

ABSTAIN – 2

Elliott and Leadley

An amendment was moved by Councillor R Lewis, seconded by Councillor Rafique:

Delete all after “inclusive economic growth.” and replace with:

“Council believes that this agenda is in a sharp contrast to the recent actions of central government, including the Coalition Government. Indeed, Council notes one Liberal Democrat former member of government has stated a colleague thought “it didn’t really matter what the human consequences were” of government policy.

Council notes the successes of the More Jobs Better Jobs Breakthrough Project and welcomes that this approach seeks to tackle low pay and regenerate places. Council

praises the work of Trade Unions to improve conditions in many sectors, including the GMB's work to improve conditions at Amazon. Council notes that similar campaigns have had a positive effect, in particular the recent success of the Unite campaign that has forced Sports Direct to improve conditions for workers in its warehouses”

Council will seek to address concerns about workplace management with any employer in the City.”

The motion would therefore read:

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NO – 0

ABSTAIN – 0

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

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Council rose at 7.25 pm