

Proceedings of the Meeting of the Leeds City Council held
Civic Hall, Leeds on Wednesday, 13th November, 2024

PRESENT: The Lord Mayor Councillor Marshall-Katung in the Chair.

WARD

ADEL & WHARFEDALE

Caroline Anderson
Billy Flynn
Barry John Anderson

ALWOODLEY

Neil Buckley
Lyn Buckley

Dan Cohen

ARDSLEY & ROBIN HOOD

Stephen Holroyd-Case
Karen Renshaw

ARMLEY

Lou Cunningham
Andy Parnham

BEESTON & HOLBECK

Shaf Ali
Andrew Scopes
Annie Maloney

BRAMLEY & STANNINGLEY

Tom Hinchcliffe
Kevin Ritchie

BURMANTOFTS & RICHMOND HILL

Nkele Manaka
Luke Farley
Asghar Khan

WARD

CALVERLEY & FARSLEY

Craig Timmins
Peter Carlill
Andrew Carter

CHAPEL ALLERTON

Mohammed Rafique
Jane Dowson

Eileen Taylor

CROSS GATES & WHINMOOR

James Gibson
Jessica Lennox
Pauleen Grahame

FARNLEY & WORTLEY

Kate Haigh
David Blackburn
Adrian McCluskey

GARFORTH & SWILLINGTON

Sarah Field

Mark Dobson

GIPTON & HAREHILLS

Mothin Ali
Asghar Ali
Salma Arif

GUISELEY & RAWDON

Sonia Leighton
Oliver Edwards
Eleanor Thomson

HAREWOOD

Sam Firth
Ryan Stephenson
Matthew James Robinson

HEADINGLEY & HYDE PARK

Tim Goodall
Abdul Hannan
Jonathon Pryor

HORSFORTH

John Garvani
Raymond Jones
Emmie Bromley

HUNSLET & RIVERSIDE

Mohammed Iqbal
Paul Wray
Ed Carlisle

KILLINGBECK & SEACROFT

David Jenkins
Katie Dye
John Tudor

KIPPAX & METHLEY

James Lewis
Michael Millar
Mary Harland

KIRKSTALL

Fiona Elizabeth Venner
Andy Rontree
Hannah Bithell

LITTLE LONDON & WOODHOUSE

Javaid Akhtar
Abigail Marshall-Katung

MIDDLETON PARK

Rob Chesterfield
Emma Pogson-Golden
Wayne Dixon

MOORTOWN

Mohammed Shahzad
Mahalia France-Mir
Sharon Hamilton

MORLEY NORTH

Simon Brown
Robert Finnigan

MORLEY SOUTH

Jane Senior
Wyn Kidger
Oliver Newton

OTLEY & YEADON

Sandy Edward Charles Lay
Ryk Downes
Colin Campbell

PUDSEY

Dawn Seary
Trish Smith
Simon Seary

ROTHWELL

Conrad Hart-Brooke
Diane Chapman
Barry Stewart Golton

ROUNDHAY

Lisa Martin
Jordan Bowden
Zara Hussain

TEMPLE NEWSAM

Helen Hayden
Nicole Lloyd
Debra Coupar

WEETWOOD

Emma Flint
Julie Heselwood
Izaak Wilson
WETHERBY
Alan James Lamb
Penny Stables
Norma Harrington

45 Minutes of the last Meeting

It was moved by Councillor Flint, seconded by Councillor Stephenson and

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 11th September 2024 be approved.

46 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interests.

47 Communications

There were no communications.

48 Deputations

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

- 1) Leeds Childrens Mayor
- 2) Leeds Ageing without Children
- 3) West Yorkshire Somali Community.
- 4) A group asking the West Yorkshire Pension Fund to reconsider investments.

RESOLVED – That the subject matter in respect of deputation 1 be referred to the Director of Children and Families for consideration in consultation with the relevant Executive Member, that the subject matter in respect of deputation 2 be referred to the Director of Adults and Health for consideration in consultation with the relevant Executive Member, that the subject matter in respect of deputation 3 be referred to the Director of City Development for consideration in consultation with the relevant Executive Member and that the subject matter in respect of deputation 4 be referred to the Strategy & Resources Directorate for consideration in consultation with the relevant Executive Member(s).

On the requisition of Councillors Dobson and Dixon the voting on the motion to refer Deputation 4 to the Strategy & Resources Directorate for consideration in consultation with the relevant Executive Member(s) in the name of Councillor Flint was recorded as follows;

YES -64

Akhtar, A Ali, S Ali, Arif, Bithell, Bowden, Bromley, Carlill, Coupar, Dowson, Dye, Edwards, Farley, Flint, France-Mir, Garvani, Gibson, Grahame, Haigh, Hamilton, Hannan, Harland, Hayden, Heselwood, Hinchcliffe, Holroyd-Case, Z Hussain, Iqbal, Jenkins, Jones, Leighton, Lennox, Lewis, Lloyd, Maloney, Manaka, Martin, McCluskey, Millar, Parnham, Pryor, Rafique, Renshaw, Ritchie, Rontree, Scopes, Shahzad, Taylor, Thomson, Timmins, Tudor, Venner, Wilson, Wray, Campbell, Chapman, Golton, Lay, M Ali, Blackburn, Carlisle, Cunningham, Goodall, Stables,

NO – 22

B Anderson, C Anderson, L Buckley, N Buckley, Carter, Cohen, Firth, Flynn, Harrington, Lamb, D Seary, S Seary, Stephenson, Brown, Finnigan, Senior, Chesterfield, Dixon, Pogson-Golden, Kidger, Dobson, Field.

ABSTAIN – 2

Hart-Brooke, Smith

49 Procedural Motion

It was moved by Councillor Flint, seconded by Councillor Stephenson and

RESOLVED - To move that under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule (CPR) 22.1 (Suspension of CPRs), that CPR 3.3 (time limits for business) be suspended, and that a maximum of 30 minutes be allowed for item 13 (Executive Board minutes) which shall not continue beyond 4.00pm including summing up rights, and that a maximum of 1 hour 30 minutes be allowed for the report items (items 5/6/7/8/9/10&11).

At the conclusion of the procedural motion and prior to the commencement of the next item Councillor Lamb raised a point of order in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14.15 (Points of Order) regarding Council Procedure Rule 10.5 and the suitability of Deputation 4, having previously taken advice on the matter the Lord Mayor informed the meeting that she did not consider there had been a breach of the Council Procedure Rules and moved to the next item.

50 Recommendations of the Executive Board - Leeds Community Safety Strategy 2024-2027

The report of the Director of Communities, Housing and Environment recommending adoption of the Leeds Community Safety Strategy was moved by Councillor Harland, seconded by Councillor Hamilton and

RESOLVED -

- a) That the Leeds Community Safety Strategy 2024-27 attached as Appendix 1 to this report be adopted.
- b) To note that the Director of Communities, Housing and Environment will lead and implement the Strategy which will supersede the Leeds Community Strategy 2021 - 2024.
- c) To note that the strategy forms part of the budget and policy framework and is not eligible for call-in.

51 Recommendations of the Executive Board - Youth Justice Service Plan - 2024-2027

The report of the Director of Children and Families recommending adoption of the Leeds Youth Justice Service Plan was moved by Councillor Hayden, seconded by Councillor Jenkins and

RESOLVED -

- a) That the Leeds Youth Justice Service Plan be approved, and the Plan formally adopted as part of the Budget and Policy Framework.
- b) To note that the responsible officers for implementation will be the Service Delivery Manager, Leeds Youth Justice Service and the Head of Service, Children Looked After and YJS. The Youth Justice Service Partnership Board has statutory responsibility to monitor performance, ensuring the delivery of service improvements and the meeting of local priorities.

52 Recommendations of the Executive Board - Gambling Act 2005 – Review of Statement of Licensing Policy

The report of the Director of Communities, Housing and Environment recommending adoption of the Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Licensing Policy 2025-2027 was moved by Councillor Coupar, seconded by Councillor Gibson and

RESOLVED – That the Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Licensing Policy 2025-2027 be approved with effect from 31st January 2025.

53 Report on Appointment of Chief Executive/Head of Paid Service

It was moved by Councillor Lewis, seconded by Councillor Lamb and

RESOLVED – That the report of the Interim Assistant Chief Executive, People, Digital and Change be noted and that the recommendation of the Employment Committee of 24 October 2024 to appoint Ed Whiting to the post of Chief Executive/Head of Paid Service be approved.

54 Report on Attendance at Meetings

It was moved by Councillor Flint, seconded by Councillor Farley and

RESOLVED – That the report of the City Solicitor on attendance at meetings be noted and the absence of Councillor Smart from meetings of the authority for a period of six months from the date of this meeting be approved.

55 Report on Appointments

It was moved by Councillor Flint, seconded by Councillor Farley and

RESOLVED – That the report of the City Solicitor on appointments be approved, namely;

- Councillor Blackburn to be appointed to City Plans Panel.
- Councillor Blackburn to be appointed to Adults & Health Scrutiny Board
- Councillor Stables to be appointed to Development Plan Panel
- Councillor M Ali to be appointed to Infrastructure, Investment & Inclusive Growth Scrutiny Board
- Councillor Blackburn to replace Councillor Carlisle on Scrutiny Board Strategy & Resources

To note the recent appointment of Councillor Martin to the West Yorkshire Combined Authority Economy Committee.

56 Report on Plans Panel and Development Plan Panel Annual Report, 2023-24

It was moved by Councillor Pryor, seconded by Councillor Heselwood and

RESOLVED – That the report of the Chief Planning Officer presenting to Council the 2023-24 Plans Panel and Development Plan Panel Annual Report be received and noted.

At the conclusion of this item Council adjourned from 15.08 to 15.15.

57 Executive Questions

Q1 Councillor Harrington to the Leader of Council:-

Will the Leader of Council agree to sign the National Council for Voluntary Organisation's open letter to the Chancellor objecting to her increase in Employers' National Insurance contributions, which will cost the voluntary sector £1.4 billion a year?

The Leader of Council replied.

Q2 Councillor Hart-Brooke to the Executive Member (Resources):-

At the last Council meeting the Executive Member said that releasing a provisional value of the U1 number plate would be “commercially sensitive”, despite the Council routinely publishing a provisional value on the many valued buildings it has auctioned off. Can I clarify whether the Executive Member meant the issue was “commercially” or did she mean “politically” sensitive?

The Executive Member (Resources) replied.

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

Please can the Executive Member comment on the recent award for Gascoigne House?

The Executive Member (Housing) replied.

Q4 Councillor Goddard to the Executive Member (Economy, Transport & Sustainable Development):-

In the light of continued and persistent breaching of its planning conditions by Leeds Bradford Airport, both in the number and type of aircraft allowed to operate at night, can you give an assurance that the Council intends to vigorously pursue its decisions to issue LBA with a Breach of Condition Notice and Enforcement Notices, in the event of LBA failing to comply, through legal action if necessary?

The Executive Member (Economy, Transport & Sustainable Development) replied.

Q5 Councillor Hussain to the Executive Member (Communities, Customer Services and Community Safety):-

Please can the Executive Member update Council on events this year to mark the 16 Days of Action for the White Ribbon Campaign?

The Executive Member (Communities, Customer Services and Community Safety) replied.

Q6 Councillor B Anderson to the Leader of Council

Does the Leader of Council support Unite the Union's legal challenge against the government's removal of winter fuel allowance for pensioners?

The Leader of Council replied.

Q7 Councillor Chapman to the Executive Member (Climate, Energy, Environment and Green Spaces):-

Given the problems being experienced with vehicle obstructions hindering bin collections, will the Executive Member consider introducing a requirement for bin crews to provide photographic evidence to help us explain issues to our residents.

The Executive Member (Climate, Energy, Environment and Green Spaces) replied.

Q8 Councillor Thomson to the Executive Member (Adult Social Care, Active Lifestyles & Culture):-

Please can the Executive Member update council on the HomeFirst programme?

The Executive Member (Adult Social Care, Active Lifestyles & Culture) replied.

Q9 Councillor Dixon to the Executive Member (Climate, Energy, Environment and Green Spaces):-

Will the Council's Administration commit to reinvesting the money that is raised from charging cars to park in Leeds parks back into our parks?

The Executive Member (Climate, Energy, Environment and Green Spaces) replied.

Q10 Councillor France-Mir to the Executive Member (Children and Families).

Following the deputation in January 2024 by our care leavers, please can the Executive Member provide an update on the Council's support for care leavers?

The Executive Member (Children and Families) 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:-

Q11 Councillor Stephenson to the Executive Member (Children and Families).

Q12 Councillor Hart-Brooke to the Executive Member (Climate, Energy, Environment and Green Spaces).

Q13 Councillor Dowson to the Executive Member (Climate, Energy, Environment and Green Spaces).

Q14 Councillor Dixon to the Executive Member (Climate, Energy, Environment and Green Spaces).

Q15 Councillor Cohen to the Executive Member (Adult Social Care, Active Lifestyles and Culture).

Q16 Councillor Downes to the Executive Member (Adult Social Care, Active Lifestyles and Culture).

Q17 Councillor Dixon to the Executive Member (Climate, Energy, Environment and Green Spaces).

Q18 Councillor Flynn to the Leader of Council.

Q19 Councillor Downes to the Executive Member (Economy, Transport & Sustainable Development)

- Q20 Councillor Chesterfield to the Executive Member (Climate, Energy, Environment and Green Spaces).
- Q21 Councillor N Buckley to the Executive Member (Economy, Transport & Sustainable Development).
- Q22 Councillor Hart-Brooke to the Executive Member (Climate, Energy, Environment and Green Spaces).
- Q23 Councillor Carlisle to the Leader of Council.
- Q24 Councillor Stephenson to the Executive Member (Adult Social Care, Active Lifestyles and Culture).
- Q25 Councillor Hart-Brooke to the Executive Member (Climate, Energy, Environment and Green Spaces).
- Q26 Councillor D Seary to the Executive Member (Children and Families).
- Q27 Councillor Campbell to the Leader of Council.
- Q28 Councillor Cohen to the Executive Member (Adult Social Care, Active Lifestyles and Culture).
- Q29 Councillor Firth to the Leader of Council.
- Q30 Councillor L Buckley to the Executive Member (Economy, Transport & Sustainable Development).
- Q31 Councillor B Anderson to the Executive Member (Communities, Customer Services and Community Safety).
- Q32 Councillor Lamb to the Leader of Council.
- Q33 Councillor Robinson to the Executive Member (Economy, Transport & Sustainable Development).
- Q34 Councillor N Buckley to the Executive Member (Climate, Energy, Environment and Green Spaces).
- Q35 Councillor Harrington to the Executive Member (Climate, Energy, Environment and Green Spaces).
- Q36 Councillor Harrington to the Executive Member (Climate, Energy, Environment and Green Spaces).
- Q37 Councillor Harrington to the Executive Member (Climate, Energy, Environment and Green Spaces).
- Q38 Councillor Stephenson to the Executive Member (Children and Families).
- Q39 Councillor Stephenson to the Executive Member (Housing).
- Q40 Councillor Firth to the Executive Member (Economy, Transport & Sustainable Development).

- Q41 Councillor Firth to the Executive Member (Economy, Transport & Sustainable Development).
- Q42 Councillor Firth to the Executive Member (Climate, Energy, Environment and Green Spaces).
- Q43 Councillor Firth to the Executive Member (Climate, Energy, Environment and Green Spaces).
- Q44 Councillor Stephenson to the Executive Member (Children and Families).

58 Procedural Motion

It was moved by Councillor Flint, seconded by Councillor Stephenson and

RESOLVED - That further to the earlier Procedural Motion agreeing to debate minutes until no later than 4.00pm and due to the time taken on earlier business that under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule (CPR) 22.1 (Suspension of CPRs), that CPR 3.3 (time limits for business) be suspended to allow the Executive Board minutes to be formally received.

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

It was moved by Councillor Lewis, seconded by Councillor Flint 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).

At the conclusion of this item Council adjourned from 15.55 to 16.15.

60 White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Lamb) - Jobs Tax

It was moved by Councillor Lamb, seconded by Councillor N Buckley that this Council notes that the Labour Government inherited the fastest growing economy in the G7, with mortgage interest rates falling and inflation back to the Bank of England target after the impact of the COVID pandemic and the energy price crisis because of the war in Ukraine.

The independent Office for Budget Responsibility (OBR) forecasts that growth will now be lower, inflation will rise and mortgage interest rates will increase as a result of the Chancellor's budget on 30 October.

The OBR also forecasts that the policies in the budget directly:

- increase tax take to an historic high at 38 per cent of GDP by 2029-30;
- lower medium-term GDP growth to 1.5 per cent;
- push up CPI inflation, projected to rise to 2.6 per cent by 2025;
- increase borrowing by £19.6 bn this year and by £32.3 bn over the next five years;
- reduce real household disposable income by 2029;
- raise the bank rate and five-year gilt yield higher than forecast; and
- cut wages by £7.5 bn as a result of a hike in employers' national insurance.

This Council rejects the Chancellor's tax on jobs, which will hit businesses in Leeds. According to the OBR: *"policy changes leave nominal and real earnings growth lower over the remainder of the forecast as employers pass on the national insurance contribution rise"*. The OBR further notes: *"in 2025/26 firms will pass on 60 per cent of the higher costs to workers and consumers, via lower wages and higher prices"*.

Council believes this budget is a tax on working people.

An amendment was moved by Councillor Dobson, seconded by Councillor Dixon

After the penultimate paragraph insert the following:

Further, this Council recognises the vital role GP services and primary care plays in reducing pressure on NHS A&E in Leeds and in the improvement of health outcomes, and Council is therefore alarmed that the Labour Government has progressed a budget that will result in a cut in funding for GP services as a result of the unfunded NI rise.

The Amended White Paper would then read:

This Council notes that the Labour Government inherited the fastest growing economy in the G7, with mortgage interest rates falling and inflation back to the Bank of England target after the impact of the COVID pandemic and the energy price crisis because of the war in Ukraine.

The independent Office for Budget Responsibility (OBR) forecasts that growth will now be lower, inflation will rise and mortgage interest rates will increase as a result of the Chancellor's budget on 30 October.

The OBR also forecasts that the policies in the budget directly:

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This Council rejects the Chancellor's tax on jobs, which will hit businesses in Leeds. According to the OBR: *"policy changes leave nominal and real earnings growth lower over the remainder of the forecast as employers pass on the national insurance contribution rise"*. The OBR further notes: *"in 2025/26 firms will pass on 60 per cent of the higher costs to workers and consumers, via lower wages and higher prices"*.

Further, this Council recognises the vital role GP services and primary care plays in reducing pressure on NHS A&E in Leeds and in the improvement of health outcomes, and Council is therefore alarmed that the Labour Government has progressed a budget that will result in a cut in funding for GP practices, pharmacies and hospices as a result of the unfunded NI rise.

Council believes this budget is a tax on working people.

A second amendment was moved by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Downes

Delete all of the first paragraph after "This Council notes" and have the current second paragraph follow on immediately after "notes".

Insert “and the Chancellor’s” after “(OBR)”.

Delete the entire paragraph starting “This Council rejects”.

Insert the following final paragraph: “Council therefore calls on the administration to use what influence it has with the Chancellor to ask her to bring forward a range of measures to reduce the tax burden on those with low income starting with a raising of the threshold at which tax is paid in line with inflation.”

The amended White Paper would thus read:

“This Council notes the independent Office for Budget Responsibility (OBR) and the Chancellor’s forecasts that growth will now be lower, inflation will rise and mortgage interest rates will increase as a result of the Chancellor’s budget on 30 October.

The OBR also forecasts that the policies in the budget directly:

- increase tax take to an historic high at 38 per cent of GDP by 2029-30;
- lower medium-term GDP growth to 1.5 per cent;
- push up CPI inflation, projected to rise to 2.6 per cent by 2025;
- increase borrowing by £19.6 bn this year and by £32.3 bn over the next five years;
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Council believes this budget is a tax on working people.

Council therefore calls on the administration to use what influence it has with the Chancellor to ask her to bring forward a range of measures to reduce the tax burden on those with low income starting with a raising of the threshold at which tax is paid in line with inflation.”

A third amendment was moved by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor M Ali

Delete all between “This Council notes” and “This Council rejects” and replace with:

“that in the recent budget the Chancellor has done nothing to end the age of austerity, and little to encourage the green economy or deal with climate change.

Further the budget is unlikely to help with the financial position of this council or help to address the cuts in living standards of many citizens in Leeds”.

The amended White Paper would then read:

“This Council notes that in the recent budget the Chancellor has done nothing to end the age of austerity, and little to encourage the green economy or deal with climate change.

Further the budget is unlikely to help with the financial position of this council or help to address the cuts in living standards of many citizens in Leeds.

This Council rejects the Chancellor’s tax on jobs, which will hit businesses in Leeds. According to the OBR: *“policy changes leave nominal and real earnings growth lower over the remainder of the forecast as employers pass*

on the national insurance contribution rise". The OBR further notes: "in 2025/26 firms will pass on 60 per cent of the higher costs to workers and consumers, via lower wages and higher prices".

Council believes this budget is a tax on working people."

The amendments in the name of Councillor Dobson, Councillor Campbell and Councillor Blackburn were declared lost and upon being put to the vote the motion in the name of Councillor Lamb was also declared lost.

61 White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Lay) - Leeds General Infirmary

It was moved by Councillor Lay, seconded by Councillor Golton that this Council is dismayed that the Chancellor of the Exchequer did not commit in her recent Autumn Statement to funding approvals for the long planned new hospital buildings on the Leeds General Infirmary site, as requested via letter by all political groups on Leeds City Council.

Council is concerned that further delay to getting spades in the ground on this project will lead to higher construction costs for the taxpayer, a drag on economic growth in the city, and worsened health outcomes for our citizens.

Council calls on the Government to recognise the significant investment already made to demolish and clear the city centre site for construction, and to confirm the inclusion of this project as one of those 'in build' schemes that qualify for 'swift' delivery through the New Hospital Programme, and for the funding to be committed by the end of this year.

An amendment was moved by Councillor C Anderson, seconded by Councillor Flynn

Insert the following new paragraph between the second and third paragraphs:

"Council further notes that the proposed hospital development unlocks land for the Leeds Innovation Village, delivering more than 4,000 new jobs and £13 billion of economic benefit as a go-to destination for research, healthtech and digital innovation. This will put Leeds at the heart of the £160 million West Yorkshire Healthtech and Digital Tech Investment Zone."

Motion would read:

"This Council is dismayed that the Chancellor of the Exchequer did not commit in her recent Autumn Statement to funding approvals for the long planned new hospital buildings on the Leeds General Infirmary site, as requested via letter by all political groups on Leeds City Council.

"Council is concerned that further delay to getting spades in the ground on this project will lead to higher construction costs for the taxpayer, a drag on economic growth in the city, and worsened health outcomes for our citizens.

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"Council calls on the Government to recognise the significant investment already made to demolish and clear the city centre site for construction, and to confirm the

inclusion of this project as one of those 'in build' schemes that qualify for 'swift' delivery through the New Hospital Programme, and for the funding to be committed by the end of this year."

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

Delete all after "This Council" and replace with:

...endorses the letter to the Chancellor of 16th October 2024 from the leaders of all political groups on the Council and worded as follows:

"We are writing as representatives of all political groups in Leeds to express the full support of the city for the business case developed by Leeds Teaching Hospitals Trust (LTHT) as part of the Hospitals of the Future programme. This essential and long overdue modernisation of Leeds General Infirmary (LGI) site in Leeds city centre is a catalyst for much wider city and West Yorkshire health and economic plans, promoting growth and helping tackle inequality. We note that the government has announced a Review of the New Hospital Programme and that Leeds is one of the schemes included in this. We have set out below the reasons why we believe further delay would be costly and not in the best interests of our city.

LTHT is one of the largest and busiest acute trusts in the country yet has some of the oldest estate. The rebuilding of LGI was initially announced as a prioritised investment project by the then Government and Prime Minister in 2019. The Trust secured approval of its business case in 2020, enabling it to proceed. However, subsequent delays have led to costs now exceeding £300m. Finite resources are being wasted on operationally sustaining an ageing estate with increased risk to the continued delivery of specialist clinical services which serve Leeds and the West Yorkshire region. Furthermore, the ambition to transform healthcare services and, in addition, establish a leading health and med-tech innovation village in the heart of Leeds City Centre have stalled for more than four years.

Perhaps most importantly, the impact on Leeds residents is significant with outmoded capacity impacting on many of our clinical pathways and contributing to delays and long waits for services. Some of the buildings date back more than 150 years and the Trust is faced with ageing infrastructure, leaking roofs, damp, and crumbling walls and ceilings which are inadequate for patient care. To increase specialist capacity, enable operational and long-term sustainable efficiencies, sustain clinical services such as maternity, and provide much-needed improvements for patients and staff, a new modern hospital is needed. Without this, it is impossible to develop healthcare facilities reflective of the 21st Century, deliver against the net zero carbon agenda, and achieve Leeds's ambitious plans to tackle inequality and promote citizen health.

Our strategic plans in Leeds closely align with the need to transform health and care over a ten-year period. These plans outline how transition to new buildings and equipment will speed up assessment, treatment and discharge and promote better integration and partnership working with social care, public health and community services, enabling more effective targeting of resources into the communities that need extra support.

The Trust's estimated £1.45bn health Investment plans are also a catalyst for regeneration for the city and beyond, unlocking land and estate to deliver more than 4,000 new jobs, 500-1000 new homes, and £13bn of economic

benefit as the centre piece for the West Yorkshire Investment Zone. The LGI site also sits at the heart of the Leeds Innovation Arc, a 130-hectare area of the City Centre. With a location at the junction between the city's education, civic and commercial centres, it presents a rare opportunity within the heart of a UK major city centre to deliver an innovation hub of scale with the new hospitals as the anchor for health and digital led regeneration.

The key risks of not approving the Leeds hospitals scheme to proceed as already approved are strategic, economic and clinical. These include, but are not limited to:

Costs increasing above the £300m estimated delay costs already incurred.

Significant investment (estimated at £630m in backlog maintenance alone) being required to continue to operationally maintain ageing estate.

A risk to regional clinical service delivery due to the condition of the estate.

An increasing risk to the Trust's ability to maintain specialist clinical service delivery particularly in Maternity and Neonatal services.

A failure to meet the growing demand for specialist services and increased waiting times with impacts in primary care and community services.

A failure to meet national and local sustainability and net zero targets.

Further delays to the delivery of the Trust and city-wide ambition to establish the Innovation Village and deliver a much-needed economic boost to the local and regional economy to increase productivity.

In conclusion, there are huge benefits in going ahead with the hospital modernisation programme and no advantages to maintaining the current position. The scheme delivers health and economic benefit and value for money in accordance with HM Treasury calculations, delivering a benefit to cost ratio of 12.09 meaning that for every £1 spent, the plans will deliver more than £12 of benefit.

It is for these reasons that Leeds health and care partners and the whole city stands fully in support of the programme and believe it exemplifies a key development of local, regional and national significance. We are calling for a clear commitment to take the Leeds scheme out of the Review process, for it to be added to the list of projects permitted to go ahead as planned under the New Hospital Programme, and for provision to be made in the Budget on 30 October.

I am aware you have information collated from the business case and from national NHS Colleagues but if you have any further queries or require any

further information on the scheme our colleagues at LTHT will be glad to assist.

Likewise if you need any further clarity from the council my office will also provide assistance.

Once again, thanks and best wishes.”

The amendment in the name of Councillor C Anderson was declared lost the amendment in the name of Councillor Venner was carried and upon being put to the vote it was

RESOLVED – That this Council endorses the letter to the Chancellor of 16th October 2024 from the leaders of all political groups on the Council and worded as follows:

“We are writing as representatives of all political groups in Leeds to express the full support of the city for the business case developed by Leeds Teaching Hospitals Trust (LTHT) as part of the Hospitals of the Future programme. This essential and long overdue modernisation of Leeds General Infirmary (LGI) site in Leeds city centre is a catalyst for much wider city and West Yorkshire health and economic plans, promoting growth and helping tackle inequality. We note that the government has announced a Review of the New Hospital Programme and that Leeds is one of the schemes included in this. We have set out below the reasons why we believe further delay would be costly and not in the best interests of our city.

LTHT is one of the largest and busiest acute trusts in the country yet has some of the oldest estate. The rebuilding of LGI was initially announced as a prioritised investment project by the then Government and Prime Minister in 2019. The Trust secured approval of its business case in 2020, enabling it to proceed. However, subsequent delays have led to costs now exceeding £300m. Finite resources are being wasted on operationally sustaining an ageing estate with increased risk to the continued delivery of specialist clinical services which serve Leeds and the West Yorkshire region. Furthermore, the ambition to transform healthcare services and, in addition, establish a leading health and med-tech innovation village in the heart of Leeds City Centre have stalled for more than four years.

Perhaps most importantly, the impact on Leeds residents is significant with outmoded capacity impacting on many of our clinical pathways and contributing to delays and long waits for services. Some of the buildings date back more than 150 years and the Trust is faced with ageing infrastructure, leaking roofs, damp, and crumbling walls and ceilings which are inadequate for patient care. To increase specialist capacity, enable operational and long-term sustainable efficiencies, sustain clinical services such as maternity, and provide much-needed improvements for patients and staff, a new modern hospital is needed. Without this, it is impossible to develop healthcare facilities reflective of the 21st Century, deliver against the net zero carbon agenda, and achieve Leeds’s ambitious plans to tackle inequality and promote citizen health.

Our strategic plans in Leeds closely align with the need to transform health and care over a ten-year period. These plans outline how transition to new buildings and equipment will speed up assessment, treatment and discharge and promote better integration and partnership working with social care, public health and community services, enabling more effective targeting of resources into the communities that need extra support.

The Trust's estimated £1.45bn health Investment plans are also a catalyst for regeneration for the city and beyond, unlocking land and estate to deliver more than 4,000 new jobs, 500-1000 new homes, and £13bn of economic benefit as the centre piece for the West Yorkshire Investment Zone. The LGI site also sits at the heart of the Leeds Innovation Arc, a 130-hectare area of the City Centre. With a location at the junction between the city's education, civic and commercial centres, it presents a rare opportunity within the heart of a UK major city centre to deliver an innovation hub of scale with the new hospitals as the anchor for health and digital led regeneration.

The key risks of not approving the Leeds hospitals scheme to proceed as already approved are strategic, economic and clinical. These include, but are not limited to:

Costs increasing above the £300m estimated delay costs already incurred.

Significant investment (estimated at £630m in backlog maintenance alone) being required to continue to operationally maintain ageing estate.

A risk to regional clinical service delivery due to the condition of the estate.

An increasing risk to the Trust's ability to maintain specialist clinical service delivery particularly in Maternity and Neonatal services.

A failure to meet the growing demand for specialist services and increased waiting times with impacts in primary care and community services.

A failure to meet national and local sustainability and net zero targets.

Further delays to the delivery of the Trust and city-wide ambition to establish the Innovation Village and deliver a much-needed economic boost to the local and regional economy to increase productivity.

In conclusion, there are huge benefits in going ahead with the hospital modernisation programme and no advantages to maintaining the current position. The scheme delivers health and economic benefit and value for money in accordance with HM Treasury calculations, delivering a benefit to cost ratio of 12.09 meaning that for every £1 spent, the plans will deliver more than £12 of benefit.

It is for these reasons that Leeds health and care partners and the whole city stands fully in support of the programme and believe it exemplifies a key development of local, regional and national significance. We are calling for a clear commitment to take the Leeds scheme out of the Review process, for it to be added to the list of projects permitted to go ahead as planned under the New Hospital Programme, and for provision to be made in the Budget on 30 October.

I am aware you have information collated from the business case and from national NHS Colleagues but if you have any further queries or require any further information on the scheme our colleagues at LTHT will be glad to assist.

Likewise if you need any further clarity from the council my office will also provide assistance.

Once again, thanks and best wishes.”

On the requisition of Councillors Flint and Coupar the voting on the substantive motion in the name of Councillor Venner was recorded as follows;

YES -77

Akhtar, A Ali, S Ali, Arif, Bithell, Bowden, Bromley, Carlill, Coupar, Dowson, Dye, Edwards, Farley, Flint, Garvani, Gibson, Grahame, Haigh, Hamilton, Hannan, Harland, Hayden, Heselwood, Hinchcliffe, Holroyd-Case, Z Hussain, Iqbal, Jenkins, Jones, Khan, Leighton, Lennox, Lewis, Lloyd, Maloney, Manaka, Martin, McCluskey, Millar, Parnham, Pryor, Rafique, Renshaw, Ritchie, Rontree, Scopes, Shahzad, Taylor, Thomson, Timmins, Tudor, Venner, Wilson, Wray, M Ali, Blackburn, Carlisle, Cunningham, Goodall, Stables, B Anderson, C Anderson, L Buckley, N Buckley, Cohen, Firth, Flynn, Harrington, Lamb, Robinson, D Seary, S Seary, Stephenson, Field, Chesterfield, Dixon, Pogson-Golden.

NO – 0

ABSTAIN – 13

Kidger, Smith, Brown, Finnigan, Newton, Senior, Dobson, Campbell, Chapman, Downes, Golton, Hart-Brooke, Lay,

62 White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Farley) - Employment Rights Bill

It was moved by Councillor Farley, seconded by Councillor Heselwood that this Council supports the Government's new landmark Employment's Rights Bill that will improve the lives of thousands of workers in Leeds by raising living standards for all.

Council welcomes measures in the Bill to provide protection against unfair dismissal from day one; establish parental and bereavement leave from day one; end exploitative zero-hour contracts; end unscrupulous practices of fire and rehire and fire and replace; make flexible working the norm where practical; deliver stronger protections for pregnant women and new mothers; and strengthen statutory sick pay.

Council supports the Bill will establish a new Fair Work Agency to enforce employment rights such as holiday pay and provide support to employers looking for guidance on how to comply with the law.

Council further supports the Government's commitment to increase the national living wage by 6.7% to give a much-needed pay rise to thousands of low paid working people in Leeds, and is a significant step towards delivering a genuine living wage for all workers.

Council is pleased the Bill will modernise Trade Union laws to help in their vital role representing workers' interests and improving working conditions.

Council believes the Bill will complement this Administration's achievements on inclusive growth in Leeds and as part of this Council commits to bring a report to a future Executive Board meeting to ensure the measures in the bill support work to

ensure the future of our city is more inclusive and that all in the city can benefit from the Leeds economy growing.

An amendment was moved by Councillor Cohen, seconded by Councillor B Anderson

Delete all after “This Council” and replace with:

“notes the Labour government’s own impact assessment states the Employment Rights Bill will cost businesses up to £4.5 billion a year and will therefore reduce investor confidence; indeed, the impact assessment contains 302 mentions of ‘uncertainty’ and 432 mentions of ‘risk’ for businesses.

“Wage bills are expected to increase due to policies in the Bill, which combined with the impact of the Chancellor’s decision to increase Employers’ National Insurance contributions will - according to the independent Office for Budget Responsibility (OBR), result in 60 per cent of costs being passed on in lower wages and higher prices - a tax on working people.

“Council notes that the proposed uplift to the local government settlement will be eaten up by the Chancellor’s decision to increase the National Living Wage and Employer National Insurance contributions for the wider supply chain. The Council will therefore be no better off because of the recent Budget, nor policies in this Bill.

“Council does, however, welcome that the Labour government ignored calls by Labour councillors in Leeds to impose a wealth tax on those who create jobs, enterprise and opportunity in the UK economy.

“Council believes the Bill will complement this administration’s achievements on inclusive decline in Leeds, noting the OBR’s observation that the UK economy will now grow less than forecast because of Budget policies announced by this Labour government.”

A second amendment was moved by Councillor Chapman, seconded by Councillor Hart-Brooke

Delete all after “This Council” and replace it with:

“welcomes many of the substantive issues addressed in the Employment Rights Bill currently progressing through Parliament. However, it is regretted that many of the benefits proposed will not be delivered until 2026.

Council is concerned that living standards for most people will, at best, stagnate or, worse decline as a result of the Governments decisions to increase employers NI contributions, to retain the 2 child benefit cap, to increase the cost of bus travel, to remove the winter fuel allowance and to increase student fees.

After 14 years of misery under a Conservative Government (with decisions regularly lamented by this Administration) this Council is concerned that our residents are still to see an improvement in their daily lives and urges the Government to urgently review the impact of its recent decisions”.

The amended White Paper motion would then read:

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Council is concerned that living standards for most people will, at best, stagnate or, worse decline as a result of the Governments decisions to increase employers NI contributions, to retain the 2 child benefit cap, to increase the cost of bus travel, to remove the winter fuel allowance and to increase student fees.

After 14 years of misery under a Conservative Government (with decisions regularly lamented by this Administration) this Council is concerned that our residents are still to see an improvement in their daily lives and urges the Government to urgently review the impact of its recent decisions.

A third amendment was moved by Councillor Stables, seconded by Councillor Goodall

At the end of the first sentence, remove the words “for all”

In the third paragraph, insert the word “that” after the words “the Bill”

Delete the whole of paragraph four.

Delete the final paragraph and replace with:

“However, Council is disappointed that the Government has not gone far enough in the increase to the national minimum wage, and therefore address the continuance of inequalities across our country. This is one of the most pressing issues affecting our society and one which the Government must urgently address. The National Living wage will still not be enough to enable families to have a decent standard of living, at £12.21 / hour. The Rowntree Foundation minimum Living Wage is £12.60/hour and £13.85 in London. This means that many working families will not be able to have a decent standard of living and may still have to access Food Banks. This is a disgrace in one of the richest countries in the world.

Council believes that whilst there are many good points to this Bill, the Government has not gone far enough in reducing the inequalities between the richest and poorest in our country and in Leeds, and it calls for urgent bolder action to address this issue”.

The amended White Paper would then read:

This Council supports the Government’s new landmark Employment’s Rights Bill that will improve the lives of thousands of workers in Leeds by raising living standards.

Council welcomes measures in the Bill to provide protection against unfair dismissal from day one; establish parental and bereavement leave from day one; end exploitative zero-hour contracts; end unscrupulous practices of fire and rehire and fire and replace; make flexible working the norm where practical; deliver stronger protections for pregnant women and new mothers; and strengthen statutory sick pay.

Council supports the Bill that will establish a new Fair Work Agency to enforce employment rights such as holiday pay and provide support to employers looking for guidance on how to comply with the law.

Council is pleased the Bill will modernise Trade Union laws to help in their vital role representing workers’ interests and improving working conditions.

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of inequalities across our country. This is one of the most pressing issues affecting our society and one which the Government must urgently address. The National Living wage will still not be enough to enable families to have a decent standard of living, at £12.21 / hour. The Rowntree Foundation minimum Living Wage is £12.60/hour and £13.85 in London. This means that many working families will not be able to have a decent standard of living and may still have to access Food Banks. This is a disgrace in one of the richest countries in the world.

Council believes that whilst there are many good points to this Bill, the Government has not gone far enough in reducing the inequalities between the richest and poorest in our country and in Leeds, and it calls for urgent bolder action to address this issue.

The amendments in the name of Councillor Cohen, Councillor Chapman and Councillor Stables were declared lost and upon being put to the vote it was

RESOLVED – That this Council supports the Government’s new landmark Employment’s Rights Bill that will improve the lives of thousands of workers in Leeds by raising living standards for all.

Council welcomes measures in the Bill to provide protection against unfair dismissal from day one; establish parental and bereavement leave from day one; end exploitative zero-hour contracts; end unscrupulous practices of fire and rehire and fire and replace; make flexible working the norm where practical; deliver stronger protections for pregnant women and new mothers; and strengthen statutory sick pay.

Council supports the Bill will establish a new Fair Work Agency to enforce employment rights such as holiday pay and provide support to employers looking for guidance on how to comply with the law.

Council further supports the Government’s commitment to increase the national living wage by 6.7% to give a much-needed pay rise to thousands of low paid working people in Leeds, and is a significant step towards delivering a genuine living wage for all workers.

Council is pleased the Bill will modernise Trade Union laws to help in their vital role representing workers’ interests and improving working conditions.

Council believes the Bill will complement this Administration’s achievements on inclusive growth in Leeds and as part of this Council commits to bring a report to a future Executive Board meeting to ensure the measures in the bill support work to ensure the future of our city is more inclusive and that all in the city can benefit from the Leeds economy growing.

On the requisition of Councillors Flint and Coupar the voting on the motion in the name of Councillor Farley was recorded as follows;

YES -62

Akhtar, A Ali, S Ali, Arif, Bithell, Bowden, Bromley, Carlill, Coupar, Dowson, Dye, Edwards, Farley, Flint, Garvani, Gibson, Grahame, Haigh, Hamilton, Hannan, Harland, Hayden, Heselwood, Hinchcliffe, Holroyd-Case, Z Hussain, Iqbal, Jenkins, Khan, Leighton, Lennox, Lewis, Lloyd, Maloney, Manaka, Martin, McCluskey, Millar, Parnham, Pryor, Rafique, Renshaw, Ritchie, Rontree, Scopes, Shahzad, Taylor, Thomson, Timmins, Tudor, Venner, Wilson, Wray, M Ali, Blackburn, Carlisle, Goodall, Stables, Dobson, Chesterfield, Dixon, Pogson-Golden.

NO – 13

B Anderson, C Anderson, L Buckley, N Buckley, Cohen, Firth, Flynn, Harrington, Lamb, Robinson, D Seary, S Seary, Stephenson,

ABSTAIN – 11

Kidger, Brown, Finnigan, Newton, Senior, Campbell, Chapman, Downes, Golton, Hart-Brooke, Lay.

63 Closing Remarks

The Lord Mayor wished Members a Merry Christmas and a safe journey home and thanked Mariana Pexton who was attending her last meeting of Council as Interim Chief Executive.

Council rose at 6.45 pm