

## DEPUTATION ONE – MAYOR FOR THE DAY

THE LORD MAYOR: Good afternoon, and welcome. The last time I saw you, you were on the stage dressed up in your Lord Mayor's outfit dancing on the Leeds Light Up – it was a really good night with all the celebs.

Please do relax. I know that it is very interesting, your contribution to policy, so please relax, they are all friends in here, and do it in your own time. Carry on. You could introduce – is it your mum?

EMILY HUMPHREYS: No, it is my teacher.

TEACHER: No, I would be so proud if she was my daughter but I am her teacher.

EMILY HUMPHREYS: Good afternoon. My name is Emily Humphreys. I go to Bramley St Peter's C of E Primary School. I am ten years old. My issue is about poor hygiene leading to children missing school. My slogan is, "Don't Get Ill – Get Soap".

Did you know over 4,000 children die every single day from poor hygiene? That's 20 primary schools just like mine every day...

Children all around the world need to know that although you can't see germs, they can cause illnesses if you get them in your tummy. How many children in Leeds miss school due to upset tummies? How can we help the children of Leeds to keep in school and learning? The answer is we need to encourage children to wash their hands with soap after going to the toilet.

Now I am Mayor for the Day here are three things I would like to put forward as proposals for your consideration.

1. I would run a competition for all the primary schools in Leeds. Each child would have to design a poster, reminding children to wash their hands with soap after going to the toilet. The school council from each school would pick their favourite ones. In-school prizes could be given for each class's winner (in our school we gave novelty bath sponges). The winners from each school could be sent to us and we would then choose our top five which, as well as receiving prizes, would also be printed up to be sent back to schools in Leeds for display on the back of toilet doors.
2. I would write a letter for every head teacher in Leeds explaining to them that they need to ensure there is soap in every toilet in their school; also asking them to remind their children to tell them if soap has run out.
3. In all the school I would encourage them to raise money for Water Aid. Our own bucket collection, encouraging children and parents to *Spend a Penny* for Water Aid could easily be copied and has proved successful.

Thank you. Emily Humphreys. (Applause)

THE LORD MAYOR: Thank you, Emily, for attending and for what you have said. I do not think myself or many experienced councillors in this Chamber could have stood up

in front of this body at aged ten and made such a wonderful speech that you have. Well done – very, very well done – and a very solid policy.

You will be kept informed of the consideration which your comments will receive and thank you again for attending. (Applause)

Councillor Gruen?

COUNCILLOR GRUEN: Can I just formally vote that this matter be referred to the Executive Board. Thank you very much for a very impressive speech.

COUNCILLOR LOBLEY: Yes, congratulations and may I second that. Thank you.

THE LORD MAYOR: Can we vote on that, please. (*A vote was taken*) I do not think I need to call on those against. That is unanimous. Well done, Emily, and thank you very much. (Applause)