

Proceedings of the Meeting of the Leeds City Council held
Civic Hall, Leeds on Wednesday, 13th July, 2011

PRESENT: The Lord Mayor Councillor Reverend Alan Leonard Taylor in the Chair

WARD

ADEL & WHARFEDALE

John Leslie Carter
Clive Fox
Barry John Anderson

ALWOODLEY

Dan Cohen
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

Asghar Khan
Ron Grahame
Ralph Pryke

WARD

CALVERLEY & FARSLEY

Joseph William Marjoram
Rod Wood
Andrew Carter

CHAPEL ALLERTON

Mohammed Rafique
Jane Dowson
Eileen Taylor

CITY & HUNSLET

Patrick Davey
Mohammed Iqbal
Elizabeth Nash

CROSS GATES & WHINMOOR

Pauleen Grahame
Peter John Gruen
Suzi Armitage

FARNLEY & WORTLEY

Ann Blackburn
John Hamilton Hardy
David Blackburn

GARFORTH & SWILLINGTON

Mark Dobson
Thomas Murray
Andrea McKenna

GIPTON & HAREHILLS

Arif Hussain
Kamila Maqsood

GUISELEY & RAWDON

Paul Wadsworth
Pat Latty
Graham Latty

HAREWOOD

Rachael Procter
Matthew James Robinson
Ann Castle

HEADINGLEY

Neil Walshaw
Martin Hamilton
Jamie Matthews

HORSFORTH

Dawn Collins

Christopher Townsley

HYDE PARK & WOODHOUSE

Gerry Harper
Javaid Akhtar
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
Lucinda Joy Yeadon

MIDDLETON PARK

Judith Blake
Kim Groves
Geoffrey Driver

MOORTOWN

Rebecca Charlwood
Sharon Hamilton
Mark Daniel Harris

MORLEY NORTH

Robert William Gettings
Thomas Leadley
Robert Finnigan

MORLEY SOUTH

Neil Dawson
Shirley Varley
Judith Elliott

OTLEY & YEADON

Colin Campbell
Ryk Downes
Graham Peter Kirkland

PUDSEY

Richard Alwyn Lewis
Mick Coulson
Josephine Patricia Jarosz

ROTHWELL

Karen Bruce
Barry Stewart Golton
Donald Michael Wilson

ROUNDHAY

Christine McNiven
Ghulam Hussain
Matthew Lobleby

TEMPLE NEWSAM

Katherine Mitchell
Michael Lyons
William Schofield Hyde

WEETWOOD

Susan Bentley
Judith Mara Chapman
Ben Chastney

WETHERBY

Alan James Lamb
John Michael Procter
Gerald Wilkinson

19 Announcements

- a) The Lord Mayor reported the recent death of Lord Harewood, the Seventh Earl of Harewood and Council stood in silent tribute.
- b) The Lord Mayor reported that he had recently received a letter from the Duke and Duchess of Cambridgeshire thanking Council for their congratulations on their recent wedding.
- c) The Lord Mayor welcomed the Mayor of Durban and guests to the Council Meeting.

20 Minutes

It was moved by Councillor J Lewis, seconded by Councillor Lobley and

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 26th May 2011 be approved.

21 Declarations of Interest

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

The City Solicitor set out the position in respect of potential interests in relation to White Paper Motion 10 (Trade Union facilities), in the light of Counsel's advice on the matter.

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

- a) Members declared personal interests in minute 24(c) of this meeting as follows:-

Cllr D Blackburn	Chair of Climate Change and Environment Working Group, which is up for an allowance under this item
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- b) Members declared personal interests in minute 28 of this meeting as follows:-

Cllr W Hyde	Chair of Cross Gates Good Neighbours
Cllr L Carter	Member of West Yorkshire Police Authority.
- c) Members declared personal interests in minute 33 of this meeting as follows:-

Cllr R Feldman	Member, Leeds Jewish Care Services
Cllr D Cohen	Member, Leeds Jewish Care Services
Cllr W Hyde	Member, Scrutiny Board (Health and Well-Being and Adult Social Care) Member, Halton Moor and Osmondthorpe Project for the Elderly
Cllr G Latty	Member, Scrutiny Board (Health and Well-Being and Adult Social Care)

Cllr R Wood	Member, Robert Salter Charity
Cllr M Robinson	A member of family is in a care home in Leeds.
Cllr M Lobley	Member of CARE/WRVS, Leeds.

d) Members declared personal interests in minute 31 of this meeting as follows:-

Cllr B Anderson	Member, Leeds Initiative Executive
Cllr A Carter	Member, Calverley Charity – The Workhouse Allotment Member, Farsley Charity
Cllr R Feldman	Member, Leeds Jewish Care Services
Cllr P Harrand	Member, Leeds Learning Disabilities Partnership Board
Cllr G Latty	Member, Scrutiny Board (Health and Well-Being and Adult Social Care)
Cllr W Hyde	Member, Scrutiny Board (Health and Well-Being and Adult Social Care) Member, Halton Moor and Osmondthorpe Project for the Elderly
Cllr J Marjoram	Member, Calverley Charity – The Workhouse Allotment Member, Farsley Charity
Cllr R Wood	Member, Robert Salter Charity
Cllr D Atkinson	67 Valley Road, Bramley, Leeds LS13 1EU 21 Warrels Avenue, Bramley, Leeds, LS13
Cllr P Davey	56 Church Lane, Crossgates, Leeds LS15 8BD 3 Meadow Garth, Bramhope, Leeds LS16 9DY
Cllr N Dawson	38 Clarke Street, LS28 5NH 40 Clarke Street, LS28 5NH
Cllr M Dobson	24 Beech Grove Avenue, LS25 1EF 25 Lidgett Lane, Garforth, LS25 1EH 37c Stocks Rise, Leeds, LS14
Cllr A Hussain	13 Brompton Grove, Leeds, LS11 58 Bayswater Crescent, Leeds, LS8 5QQ 11 Kepler Grove, Leeds, LS8 7 Trafford Avenue, Leeds, LS9 9 Winfield Grove, Leeds, LS2 64 Easterly Road, Leeds, LS8 7 Kitchener Close, Leeds, LS9 36 Amberton Crescent LS8
Cllr G Hussain	2 Easterly Mount LS8 107 St Wilfred's Crescent LS8 283 Harehills Lane LS8

41 Foundry Place LS9
10 Potternewton View LS7
41 Bayswater Row LS8
65 Bayswater Road LS8
82 St Wilfred's Crescent LS8
33 St Wilfred's Grove LS8
51 Eilers Road LS8
93 St Wilfred's Avenue LS8
2 Bexley Avenue LS8
25 Thorn Crescent LS8
4 Compton Row LS9
458 Oakwood Lane LS8
18 Ashton Mount LS8
15 Sunningdale Walk LS17
17 Copgrove Road LS8
36 and 38 Amberton Approach LS8
1A Florence Street LS9
71 Upland Road LS8

Cllr M Iqbal

52 Headingley Mount LS6
54 Headingley Mount LS6
56 Headingley Mount LS6
11a Roundhay Mount, LS8
14 Roundhay Mount, LS8
31 Roundhay Mount, LS8
4 Roundhay Grove LS8
74 Headingley Avenue, LS6
13 Manor Drive, LS6
16 Manor Drive, LS6
25 Norwood Place, LS6
13 Norwood Road, LS6
39 Mayville Avenue, LS6
65 Headingley Lane, LS6
18 Autumn Avenue, LS6
5 Royal Park View, LS6
9 Milan Road, LS8
4 Berkeley Street, LS8
537 Harrogate Road, Leeds, LS17 9NA
17 Manor Drive, Leeds, LS6
11 Trentham Row, LS11

Cllr A Khan

17 Grovehall Drive, LS11 7LL
186 Tempest Road, LS11 7DH
21 Lucas Street, LS6

Cllr A Lowe

36 Sholebroke Avenue, LS7 3EY
52 Reginald Terrace, LS7 3HB

Cllr A McKenna

Mother is resident of a care home run by Southern Cross

Cllr C Macniven

5 Marshall Court, LS19 7ZD

Cllr K Maqsood

47 Savile Place, Chapeltown, LS7 3EP
75 Mexborough Place, Chapeltown, LS7 3EB
350A Dewsbury Road, Beeston, LS11 7BU

Cllr T Murray	Director of Learning Partnerships
Cllr K Parker	Granddaughter in receipt of Housing Benefit
Cllr M Rafique	43 Burley Lodge Road, Leeds 6 26 Bayswater Crescent, Leeds 8 25 Bayswater Terrace, Leeds 8 17 Baldoran Terrace, Leeds 8
Cllr E Taylor	39 St Martin's Road, LS7
Cllr Fox	Close relation in receipt of benefits.
Cllr A Carter	Close family member in receipt of disability benefit.
Cllr Akhtar	

e) Members declared personal interests in minute 30 of this meeting as follows:-

Cllr J Akhtar	Member of the GMB
Cllr S Armitage	Member of Unison
Cllr B Atha	Member of Equity
Cllr D Atkinson	Member of USDAW
Cllr J Blake	Member of the GMB
Cllr K Bruce	Member of Unite
Cllr R Charlwood	Member of Unite
Cllr D Congreve	Member of Unison
Cllr M Coulson	Member of the GMB
Cllr P Davey	Member of Unite
Cllr N Dawson	Member of Unison
Cllr M Dobson	Member of Unite
Cllr J Dowson	Member of Unite
Cllr G Driver	Member of UCU
Cllr J Dunn	Member of the TGWU and Unite
Cllr A Gabriel	Member of Unison
Cllr P Grahame	Member of the GMB
Cllr R Grahame	Member of the GMB

Cllr K Groves	Member of the GMB
Cllr P Gruen	Member of Prospect
Cllr S Hamilton	Member of Unison
Cllr T Hanley	Member of Unite
Cllr G Harper	Member of the GMB and Unite
Cllr J Hardy	Member of the GMB
Cllr J Harper	Member of Unison
Cllr A Hussain	Member of the GMB
Cllr G Hussain	Member of Unison
Cllr G Hyde	Member of UCATT
Cllr J Illingworth	Member of Unite and UCU
Cllr M Iqbal	Member of the GMB
Cllr J Jarosz	Member of the GMB
Cllr A Khan	Member of the GMB and CWU
Cllr J Lewis	Member of the GMB
Cllr R Lewis	Member of the GMB
Cllr A Lowe	Member of the TGWU and Unite
Cllr M Lyons	Member of ASLEF
Cllr C MacNiven	Member of Unison
Cllr K Maqsood	Member of Unison
Cllr J McKenna	Member of the TGWU
Cllr K Mitchell	Member of Unite
Cllr V Morgan	Member of the GMB
Cllr L Mulherin	Member of Unison
Cllr E Nash	Member of GMB
Cllr A Ogilvie	Member of Unite

Cllr M Rafique	Member of Unison
Cllr K Renshaw	Member of Unison
Cllr B Selby	Member of the GMB Panel Chair for Tribunals Service
Cllr E Taylor	Member of Unite
Cllr K Wakefield	Member of GMB
Cllr N Walshaw	Member of GMB
Cllr L Yeadon	Member of GMB
Cllr P Harrand	Member, West Yorks. Fire and Rescue Authority
Cllr K Parker	Son a member of a Union.
Cllr Campbell	Wife a member of the GMB and he is an NUT member.
Cllr Taggart	Member of Unite
Cllr Fox	Member of Action for Older People.

22 **Communications**

The Executive Member (Adult Health and Social Care) informed Council of the current position in Leeds following recent announcements in respect of Southern Cross Care Provider.

23 **Deputations**

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

- 1) Tenfold, the Leeds learning disability forum regarding people with learning disabilities who live in Leeds.
- 2) Lingfields and Fir Trees Residents Group regarding resources in the Moor Allerton area with particular reference to the Open House Community Centre.
- 3) Carr Manor Road Safety Group regarding road safety issues in the Carr Manor area.
- 4) Morley Town Council regarding the possible closure of Knowle Manor.

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

24 **Reports**

a) Appointments

It was moved by Councillor J Lewis, seconded by Councillor Lobley and

RESOLVED –

- a) That the report of the City Solicitor on appointments, be noted, namely:-
- Councillor M Hamilton to Scrutiny Board (Safer and Stronger Communities).
 - Councillor M Hamilton to Development Plan Panel.
 - Councillor Feldman to replace Councillor J L Carter on the Standards Committee.
 - Councillor Cleasby to Scrutiny Board (Regeneration).
 - Councillor Bentley to Scrutiny Board (Sustainable Economy and Culture).
 - Councillors Charlwood and Akhtar to Member Management Committee.
 - Councillor Rafique to General Purposes Committee.
 - Councillor Ewens to replace Councillor Cleasby on Scrutiny Board (Regeneration).
- b) That the appointment of Councillor Maqsood as a Support Executive Member by the Leader of Council be noted.

b) Scrutiny Board's Annual Report

It was moved by Councillor Wakefield, seconded by Councillor J Lewis and

RESOLVED – That the report of the Chief Officer, Democratic and Central Services, presenting the Scrutiny Board's Annual Report to Council, prepared in accordance with Article 6 of the Constitution, be approved.

c) Independent Remuneration Panel – Members Allowances

It was moved by Councillor J Lewis, seconded by Councillor Nash that the report of the Chief Officer, Democratic and Central Services, presenting the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel, along with its recommendations and a response to those recommendations be approved, and that Council authorise the City Solicitor to move any consequential changes to the Members' Allowance Scheme.

An amendment was moved by Councillor J Matthews, seconded by Councillor M Hamilton to add at the end of the recommendation the following :-

'That Council ask that the Executive Board to formally establish a Climate Change and Environmental Working Group as an Advisory Committee to the Executive and that the Advisory Committee meet in accordance with Access to Information Procedure Rules, thus ensuring the meetings are held in public and publish proper Agendas and Minutes.'

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

RESOLVED – That the report of the Chief Officer, Democratic and Central Services presenting the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel with suggested amendments, be approved and that the City Solicitor be authorised to make any consequential changes to the Members' Allowance Scheme.

25 Questions

Q1 Councillor Marjoram to the Executive Member (Development and the Economy):-

Does the Executive Board Member for City Development believe that private firms with enough money should be able control the actions of a Council registered Civil Enforcement Officer?

The Executive Member (Environmental Services) replied.

Q2 Councillor Hamilton to the Executive Member (Adult Health and Social Care):-

Would the Executive Board Member for Adult Health & Social Care outline current timescales the Council is taking to install adaptations to allow older people to remain in their homes?

The Executive Member (Neighbourhoods, Housing and Regeneration) replied.

Q3 Councillor Driver to the Leader of Council:-

Would the Leader of Council join me in welcoming the announcement that the new NHS National Commissioning Board will be based at Quarry House in Leeds?

The Leader of Council replied.

Q4 Councillor Finnigan to the Executive Member (Adult Health and Social Care):-

Can the Executive Board Member for Adult Services confirm the total number of places available in private residential care homes across the Morley area during week commencing 4th July 2011.

The Executive Member (Adult Health and Social Care) replied.

Q5 Councillor Renshaw to the Executive Member (Adult Health and Social Care):-

Would the Executive Member for Adult Health and Social Care please update council on progress to improve employment opportunities for people with disabilities?

The Executive Member (Adult Health and Social Care) replied.

Q6 Councillor J Procter to the Executive Member (Leisure):-

Can the Executive Board Member for Leisure please inform Council how many tickets to date have been sold for Opera in the Park and how much income his policy to charge for this event has generated?

The Executive Member (Leisure) replied.

Q7 Councillor Matthews to the Leader of Council:-

Does Councillor Wakefield still agree with me that members of the public are regularly being put at unacceptable risk in Headingley as a result of irresponsible private hire drivers illegally plying for hire?

The Executive Member (Environmental Services) replied.

Q8 Councillor Lowe to the Executive Member (Children's Services):-

Would the Executive Member for Children's Services please update Council on the performance of the Leeds Mentoring Service?

The Executive Member (Children's Services) replied.

Q9 Councillor Gettings to the Executive Member (Development and the Economy):-

Is it possible for Council to have a brief update on the progress of the Leeds Arena?

The Executive Member (Development and the Economy) replied.

Q10 Councillor Macniven to the Executive Member (Neighbourhoods, Housing and Regeneration):-

Can the Executive Board Member for Neighbourhoods, Housing and Regeneration update Members on efforts to tackle Leeds' longstanding burglary problem?

The Executive Member (Neighbourhoods, Housing and Regeneration) replied.

Q11 Councillor Lobley to the Leader of Council:-

Following recent local media reports does the Leader of Council have any plans to reduce staff mileage rates to the 45p per mile recommended by Government for 2011/12?

The Leader of Council replied.

Q12 Councillor Golton to the Leader of Council:-

Can the Leader of Council confirm his commitment to diverting waste from landfill?

The Executive Member (Environmental Services) 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:-

Q13 Councillor K Bruce to the Executive Member (Leisure).

Q14 Councillor Khan to the Executive Member (Development and the Economy).

- Q15 Councillor Robinson to the Executive Member (Development and the Economy).
- Q16 Councillor Pryke to the Leader of Council.
- Q17 Councillor Jarosz to the Leader of Council.
- Q18 Councillor E Taylor to the Executive Member (Environmental Services).
- Q19 Councillor Harrand to the Leader of Council.
- Q20 Councillor Bentley to the Leader of Council.
- Q21 Councillor Gabriel to the Executive Member (Neighbourhoods, Housing and Regeneration).
- Q22 Councillor Walshaw to the Executive Member (Children's Services).
- Q23 Councillor Lamb to the Executive Member (Children's Services).
- Q24 Councillor Hamilton to the Executive Member (Adult Health and Social Care).
- Q25 Councillor Armitage to the Executive Member (Development and the Economy).
- Q26 Councillor Charlwood to the Executive Member (Children's Services).
- Q27 Councillor Lamb to the Executive Member (Leisure).
- Q28 Councillor Campbell to the Executive Member (Leisure).
- Q29 Councillor Mitchell to the Executive Member (Leisure).
- Q30 Councillor Loblely to the Leader of Council.
- Q31 Councillor Pryke to the the Executive Member (Environmental Services).
- Q32 Councillor Marjoram to the Leader of Council.
- Q33 Councillor Townsley to the Executive Member (Leisure).
- Q34 Councillor Marjoram to the Leader of Council.
- Q35 Councillor Pryke to the Executive Member (Development and the Economy).
- Q36 Councillor Marjoram to the Leader of Council.
- Q37 Councillor Marjoram to the Executive Member (Leisure).
- Q38 Councillor Marjoram to the Leader of Council.
- Q39 Councillor Loblely to the Executive Member (Environmental Services).

26 Recommendations of the Executive Board

- a) Natural Resources and Waste Development Plan Document: Formal Submission

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

RESOLVED – That the recommendations of the Executive Board, as presented by the report of the City Solicitor, with regard to the Natural Resources and Waste Development Plan Document: Formal Submission, be approved.

b) Children and Young People's Plan 2011/15

It was moved by Councillor Wakefield, seconded by Councillor Blake and

RESOLVED – That the recommendations of the Executive Board, as presented by the report of the City Solicitor, with regard to the Children and Young People's Plan 2011/15, be approved.

c) New Vision and Strategic Plans

It was moved by Councillor Wakefield, seconded by Councillor J Lewis and

RESOLVED – That the recommendations of the Executive Board, as presented by the report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Planning, Policy and Improvement), with regard to the Vision for Leeds 2011 to 2030, the City Priority Plan 2011 to 2015 and the Council Business Plan 2011 to 2015, be approved.

27 Recommendations of the Standards Committee

It was moved by Councillor Nash, seconded by Councillor Feldman and

RESOLVED – That the annual report of the Standards Committee be received in accordance with the recommendations of the report of the City Solicitor.

28 Minutes

It was moved by Councillor Wakefield, seconded by Councillor J Lewis, that the minutes be received in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2.2(i) and that it be noted that the next meeting of the Executive Board will consider the amendment of minute 22 of the Executive Board meeting held on 22nd June 2011 to incorporate Councillor Andrew Carter's comments.

Councillor A Carter made further comment on this matter, particularly in respect of Phase 2 and 3 sites.

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.

29 Suspension of Council Procedure Rules

During the debate under minute 28 above, it was moved by Councillor Lobley, seconded by Councillor J Procter, that under Council Procedure Rule 22.1, Council Procedure Rule 3.1(a) be suspended to allow comments to be made on the minutes to the end of page 14 on the Order Paper.

Upon being put to the vote, the motion was lost.

On the requisition of Councillors J Procter and Lobley, the voting on the motion to suspend Council Procedure Rules in the name of Councillor Lobley was recorded as follows:-

YES

Anderson, Bentley, A Blackburn, D Blackburn, Campbell, A Carter, J L Carter, Castle, Chapman, Chastney, Cohen, Collins, Downes, Elliott, Ewens, Feldman, Finnigan, Fox, Gettings, Golton, M Hamilton, Harrand, W Hyde, Kirkland, Lamb, G Latty, P Latty, Leadley, Lobley, Marjoram, Matthews, J Procter, Pryke, Robinson, Townsley, Varley, Wadsworth, Wilkinson, Wilson, Wood.

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NO

Akhtar, Armitage, Atha, Blake, Bruce, Charlwood, Congreve, Coulson, Dawson, Dobson, Dowson, Driver, Dunn, Gabriel, P Grahame, R Grahame, Groves, Gruen, S Hamilton, Hanley, Hardy, G Harper, J Harper, A Hussain, G Hyde, Illingworth, Iqbal, Jarosz, Khan, J Lewis, R Lewis, Lowe, Lyons, MacNiven, Maqsood, A McKenna, J McKenna, Mitchell, Morgan, Mulherin, Murray, Nash, Ogilvie, Parker, Rafique, Renshaw, Selby, Taggart, E Taylor, Wakefield, Walshaw, Yeadon.

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ABSTAIN

Davey.

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

30 White Paper Motion - Trade Union Facilities

As Councillor Lamb commenced the moving of the following White Paper Motion:-

This Council understands and recognises the valuable role played by Trades Unions in ensuring effective industrial relations and reaffirms the principle of providing reasonable support to Trades Unions including time off for stewards for this purpose.

However, this Council believes that given the current state of the public finances taxpayer subsidy of full time Trade Union officials should now be brought to an end. The £417,000 annual cost to taxpayers in Leeds for 15 full time convenors is now unjustifiable both in terms of the massive budget pressure faced by Leeds City Council and the programme of cuts to frontline services currently being undertaken by the Labour administration.

This Council also notes the wider context of the huge donations that Trade Unions are able to offer to the Labour Party.

Councillor J Lewis moved, seconded by Councillor Nash and it was

RESOLVED – That, in accordance with Council Procedure rule 13.2(g), debate be adjourned to allow further legal advice to be sought by Members.

31 White Paper Motion - Welfare Reforms

It was moved by Councillor Atha, seconded by Councillor Driver that this Council condemns the scale and severity of proposed Government welfare reforms, along with the speed with which they are being introduced.

Council notes with concern that these proposals risk denying vital support to those seeking a more independent life and will result in a welfare system that is unable to stabilise the lives of vulnerable people at times of economic or personal change.

Council further notes that these reforms risk increasing pressure on homelessness services and undermining wider efforts to establish stable, sustainable local communities.

Council requests that the Chief Executive writes to the Welfare Bill's sponsor Iain Duncan-Smith (Secretary of State for Work and Pensions) to call for Ministers to establish a sustainable system that protects those in need and promotes meaningful employment opportunities.

An amendment was moved by Councillor Golton, seconded by Councillor Hamilton to delete 'condemns' after 'This Council' and replace with *"notes the concerns of many over"*

Delete 'severity' in line one and replace with *"depth"*

After paragraph 1 insert new paragraph:-

"Council believes that the welfare system as it stands is unfit for purpose and unsustainable, in many cases penalising those it seeks to benefit and rewarding those it doesn't."

Delete 'with concern' in paragraph 2, line 1 and replace with *"concerns expressed by a range of individuals and organisations"*

Insert *"concerns"* after 'notes' in paragraph 3 line 1

After paragraph 3 insert new paragraph

"Council welcomes the constructive and consultative approach the government has taken with the elements of the Bill dealing with DLA where it listened to concerns of service users and stakeholders and adapted proposals accordingly. Council calls on the government to adopt the same approach with regard to the concerns noted above. Council further resolves to adopt an all-party approach to ensuring that the views of Leeds residents are effectively articulated to the Government."

The amended White Paper would read as below:-

'This council notes the concerns of many over the scale and depth of proposed Government welfare reforms, along with the speed with which they are being introduced.

Council believes that the welfare system as it stands is unfit for purpose and unsustainable, in many cases penalising those it seeks to benefit and rewarding those it doesn't.

Council notes concerns expressed by a range of individuals and organisations that these proposals risk denying vital support to those seeking a more independent life and will result in a welfare system that is unable to stabilise the lives of vulnerable people at times of economic or personal change.

Council further notes concerns that these reforms risk increasing pressure on homelessness services and undermining wider efforts to establish stable, sustainable local communities.

Council welcomes the constructive and consultative approach the government has taken with the elements of the Bill dealing with DLA where it listened to concerns of service users and stakeholders and adapted proposals accordingly. Council calls on the government to adopt the same approach with regard to the concerns noted above. Council further resolves to adopt an all-party approach to ensuring that the views of Leeds residents are effectively articulated to the Government.

Council requests that the Chief Executive writes to the Welfare Bill's sponsor Iain Duncan-Smith (Secretary of State for Work and Pensions) to call for ministers to establish a sustainable system that protects those in need and promotes meaningful employment opportunities.'

A second amendment was moved by Councillor Marjoram, seconded by Councillor Robinson, to delete wording between "This council" and "Council therefore requests" and replace with:

"notes the growth in benefit dependency witnessed in the UK over recent years. With over 5 million people claiming benefits in 2010 this Council believes that proposals contained in the Welfare Reform Bill (2011) bring a fresh approach to breaking cycles of deprivation by encouraging employment and by simplifying the benefits system to ensure that housing benefit costs are controlled and that resources can be allocated to the most vulnerable in society.

The Council encourages the Government to ensure that any concerns raised are examined and if necessary acted upon, but that the important work of breaking cycles of deprivation is prioritised and introduced as quickly as possible."

Delete all after "Council therefore requests" and replace with:

"that the Chief Executive writes to the Welfare Bill's sponsor Iain Duncan-Smith (Secretary of State for Work and Pensions) expressing support for the proposals contained in the Bill and urging him to continue in his efforts to introduce a simpler, fairer and employment focussed benefits system in the United Kingdom."

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The Council encourages the Government to ensure that any concerns raised are examined and if necessary acted upon, but that the important work of breaking cycles of deprivation is prioritised and introduced as quickly as possible.

Council therefore requests that the Chief Executive writes to the Welfare Bill's sponsor Iain Duncan-Smith (Secretary of State for Work and Pensions) expressing support for the proposals contained in the Bill and urging him to continue in his efforts to introduce a simpler, fairer and employment focussed benefits system in the United Kingdom."

The amendments were lost and, upon the motion being put to the vote, it was

RESOLVED – That this Council condemns the scale and severity of proposed Government welfare reforms, along with the speed with which they are being introduced.

Council notes with concern that these proposals risk denying vital support to those seeking a more independent life and will result in a welfare system that is unable to stabilise the lives of vulnerable people at times of economic or personal change.

Council further notes that these reforms risk increasing pressure on homelessness services and undermining wider efforts to establish stable, sustainable local communities.

Council requests that the Chief Executive writes to the Welfare Bill's sponsor Iain Duncan-Smith (Secretary of State for Work and Pensions) to call for Ministers to establish a sustainable system that protects those in need and promotes meaningful employment opportunities.

On the request of Councillors J Lewis and Nash, the voting on the first amendment in the name of Councillor Golton was recorded as follows:-

YES

Bentley, Campbell, Chapman, Chastney, Downes, Elliott, Ewens, Finnigan, Gettings, Golton, M Hamilton, Harris, Kirkland, Leadley, Matthews, Pryke, Townsley, Varley, Wilson.

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NO

Akhtar, Anderson, Armitage, Atha, Atkinson, A Blackburn, Blake, Bruce, A Carter, J L Carter, Castle, Charlwood, Cohen, Collins, Congreve, Coulson, Davey, Dawson, Dobson, Dowson, Driver, Dunn, Feldman, Fox, Gabriel, P Grahame, R Grahame, Groves, Gruen, S Hamilton, Hanley, Hardy, G Harper, J Harper, Harrand, A Hussain, G Hussain, G Hyde, W Hyde, Illingworth, Iqbal, Jarosz, Khan, Lamb, G Latty, P Latty, J Lewis, R Lewis, Loble, Lowe, Lyons, MacNiven, Maqsood, Marjoram, A McKenna, J McKenna, Mitchell, Morgan, Mulherin, Murray, Nash, Ogilvie, Parker, J Procter, Rafique, Renshaw, Robinson, Selby, Taggart, E Taylor, Wadsworth, Wakefield, Walshaw, Wilkinson, Wood, Yeadon.

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ABSTAIN

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On the request of Councillors J Lewis and Nash, the voting on the second amendment in the name of Councillor Marjoram was recorded as follows:-

YES

Anderson, A Carter, J L Carter, Castle, Cohen, Collins, Feldman, Fox, Harrand, W Hyde, Lamb, G Latty, P Latty, Lobley, Marjoram, J Procter, Robinson, Wadsworth, Wilkinson, Wood.

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NO

Akhtar, Armitage, Atha, Atkinson, A Blackburn, Blake, Bruce, Charlwood, Congreve, Coulson, Davey, Dawson, Dobson, Dowson, Driver, Dunn, Gabriel, P Grahame, R Grahame, Groves, Gruen, S Hamilton, Hanley, Hardy, G Harper, J Harper, Harris, A Hussain, G Hussain, G Hyde, Illingworth, Iqbal, Jarosz, Khan, J Lewis, R Lewis, Lowe, Lyons, MacNiven, Maqsood, A McKenna, J McKenna, Mitchell, Morgan, Mulherin, Murray, Nash, Ogilvie, Parker, Rafique, Renshaw, Selby, Taggart, E Taylor, Wakefield, Walshaw, Yeadon.

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ABSTAIN

Bentley, Campbell, Chapman, Chastney, Downes, Elliott, Ewens, Finnigan, Gettings, Golton, M Hamilton, Kirkland, Leadley, Matthews, Pryke, Townsley, Varley, Wilson.

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On the requisition of Councillors J Lewis and Nash, the voting on the motion recorded as follows:-

YES

Akhtar, Armitage, Atha, Atkinson, A Blackburn, Blake, Bruce, Charlwood, Congreve, Coulson, Davey, Dawson, Dobson, Dowson, Driver, Dunn, Gabriel, P Grahame, R Grahame, Groves, Gruen, S Hamilton, Hanley, Hardy, G Harper, J Harper, A Hussain, G Hussain, G Hyde, Illingworth, Iqbal, Jarosz, Khan, J Lewis, R Lewis, Lowe, Lyons, MacNiven, Maqsood, A McKenna, J McKenna, Mitchell, Morgan, Mulherin, Murray, Nash, Ogilvie, Parker, Rafique, Renshaw, Selby, Taggart, E Taylor, Wakefield, Walshaw, Yeadon.

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NO

Anderson, Bentley, Campbell, A Carter, J L Carter, Castle, Chapman, Chastney, Cohen, Collins, Downes, Ewens, Feldman, Fox, Golton, M Hamilton, Harrand, W Hyde, Kirkland, Lamb, G Latty, P Latty, Lobley, Marjoram, Matthews, J Procter, Pryke, Robinson, Townsley, Wadsworth, Wilkinson, Wilson, Wood.

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ABSTAIN

Elliott, Finnigan, Gettings, Harris, Leadley, Varley.

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The provisions of Council Procedure Rule 3.1(d) were applied at the conclusion of the debate on this motion.

32 Motion Without Notice

Following the resolution earlier in the meeting to adjourn the debate in respect of the White Paper motion in the name of Councillor Lamb on Trade Union Facilities (minute 30 refers), Councillor J Lewis (for clarification purposes) moved, seconded by Councilor Nash and it was

RESOLVED – That in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13.2(g), debate be adjourned on the White Paper in the name of Councillor Lamb to allow further legal advice to be sought by Members.

On the requisition of Councillors A Carter and J L Carter, the voting on the motion was recorded as follows:-

YES

Akhtar, Armitage, Atha, Atkinson, A Blackburn, Blake, Bruce, Charlwood, Congreve, Coulson, Davey, Dawson, Dobson, Dowson, Driver, Dunn, Elliott, Finnigan, Gabriel, Gettings, P Grahame, R Grahame, Groves, Gruen, S Hamilton, Hanley, Hardy, G Harper, J Harper, A Hussain, G Hyde, Illingworth, Iqbal, Jarosz, Khan, Leadley, J Lewis, R Lewis, Lowe, Lyons, MacNiven, Maqsood, A McKenna, J McKenna, Mitchell, Morgan, Mulherin, Murray, Nash, Ogilvie, Parker, Rafique, Renshaw, Selby, Taggart, E Taylor, Varley, Wakefield, Walshaw, Yeadon.

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NO

Anderson, Bentley, Campbell, A Carter, J L Carter, Castle, Chapman, Chastney, Cohen, Collins, Downes, Feldman, Fox, Golton, M Hamilton, Harrand, Harris, W Hyde, Kirkland, Lamb, G Latty, P Latty, Lobley, Marjoram, Matthews, J Procter, Pryke, Robinson, Townsley, Wadsworth, Wilkinson, Wilson, Wood.

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ABSTAIN

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33 White Paper Motion - Residential Care Homes

It was moved by Councillor R Finnigan, seconded by S Golton that in light of the present financial challenges faced by Southern Cross Care Providers, concerns raised about private sector care standards in a private care hospital exposed by a recent Panorama programme and the Dilnot Commission on funding of care and support which is to report its recommendations next month, this Council agrees to withdraw its proposals to consider closing its residential care homes across the City Council area.

An amendment was moved by Councillor G Latty, seconded by Councillor Lobley, to delete all after “this Council” and replace with:

believes that a new approach to funding and delivery of social care is required.

“Council further believes that across the country, care standards in both public and privately operated care homes have, in some cases, been unacceptable and calls on the Care Quality Commission (CQC) to improve its approach to inspecting these facilities with a view to improving the overall standard of elderly care provided in residential care homes.

This Council understands the significant cost implications of continuing to deliver an “in-house” focused residential care service for the city’s older people alongside the urgent need to improve and rationalise Council owned facilities to meet decent standards and believes that through effective consultation with service users and their families a more financially sustainable service model can be achieved.”

Under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 14.11, with the consent of the seconder and of Council, Councillor Yeadon withdrew the amendment in her name.

The amendment in the name of Councillor G Latty was carried and, upon being put as the substantive motion, it was

RESOLVED – That in light of the present financial challenges faced by Southern Cross Care Providers, concerns raised about private sector care standards in a private care hospital exposed by a recent Panorama programme and the Dilnot Commission on funding of care and support which is to report its recommendations next month, this Council believes that a new approach to funding and delivery of social care is required.

Council further believes that across the country, care standards in both public and privately operated care homes have, in some cases, been unacceptable and calls on the Care Quality Commission (CQC) to improve its approach to inspecting these facilities with a view to improving the overall standard of elderly care provided in residential care homes.

This Council understands the significant cost implications of continuing to deliver an “in-house” focused residential care service for the city’s older people alongside the urgent need to improve and rationalise Council owned facilities to meet decent standards and believes that through effective consultation with service users and their families a more sustainable service model can be achieved.

On the requisition of Councillors Finnigan and Matthews, the voting on the amendments was recorded as follows:-

YES

Akhtar, Anderson, Armitage, Atha, Atkinson, Blake, Bruce, J L Carter, Castle, Charlwood, Cohen, Collins, Congreve, Coulson, Davey, Dawson, Dobson, Dowson, Driver, Dunn, Feldman, Fox, Gabriel, P Grahame, R Grahame, Groves, Gruen, S Hamilton, Hanley, Hardy, G Harper, J Harper, Harrand, A Hussain, G Hyde, W Hyde, Illingworth, Iqbal, Jarosz, Khan, Lamb, G Latty, P Latty, J Lewis, R Lewis, Lobley, Lowe, Lyons, MacNiven, Maqsood, Marjoram, A McKenna, J McKenna, Mitchell, Morgan, Mulherin, Murray, Nash, Ogilvie, Parker, J Procter, Rafique, Renshaw, Robinson, Selby, Taggart, E Taylor, Wadsworth, Wakefield, Walshaw, Wilkinson, Yeadon.

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NO

Bentley, A Blackburn, Campbell, Chapman, Chastney, Downes, Elliott, Finnigan, Gettings, Golton, M Hamilton, Harris, Kirkland, Leadley, Matthews, Pryke, Townsley, Varley, Wilson.

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ABSTAIN

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On the requisition of Councillors Finnigan and Leadley, the voting on the substantive motion was recorded as follows:-

YES

Akhtar, Anderson, Armitage, Atha, Atkinson, Blake, Bruce, J L Carter, Castle, Charwood, Cohen, Collins, Congreve, Coulson, Davey, Dawson, Dobson, Dowson, Driver, Dunn, Feldman, Fox, Gabriel, P Grahame, R Grahame, Groves, Gruen, S Hamilton, Hanley, Hardy, G Harper, J Harper, Harrand, A Hussain, G Hyde, W Hyde, Illingworth, Iqbal, Jarosz, Khan, Lamb, G Latty, P Latty, J Lewis, R Lewis, Lobley, Lowe, Lyons, MacNiven, Maqsood, Marjoram, A McKenna, J McKenna, Mitchell, Morgan, Mulherin, Murray, Nash, Ogilvie, Parker, J Procter, Rafique, Renshaw, Robinson, Selby, Taggart, E Taylor, Wadsworth, Wakefield, Walshaw, Wilkinson, Yeadon.

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NO

Bentley, A Blackburn, Campbell, Chapman, Chastney, Downes, Elliott, Finnigan, Gettings, Golton, M Hamilton, Harris, Kirkland, Leadley, Matthews, Pryke, Townsley, Varley, Wilson.

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ABSTAIN

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34 White Paper Motion - City of Sanctuary

It was moved by Councillor Matthews, seconded by Councillor Downes, that Council notes that City of Sanctuary is a national movement to build a culture of hospitality for people seeking sanctuary in the UK. Its goal is to create a network of towns and cities throughout the UK which are proud to be places of safety and which include people seeking sanctuary fully in the life of their communities.

This Council welcomes the extensive work already done by the Leeds City of Sanctuary Group towards gaining formal City of Sanctuary status for Leeds.

This Council therefore recognises the contribution of asylum-seekers and refugees to the City of Leeds and is committed to welcoming and including them in our activities and supports Leeds becoming a recognised 'City of Sanctuary' for refugees and asylum-seekers.

An amendment was moved by P Gruen, seconded by Councillor Murray to delete all after "our activities" and insert "where possible and supports the work being done to move towards Leeds becoming a recognised 'City of Sanctuary' for refugees and asylum-seekers."

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

RESOLVED – That Council notes that City of Sanctuary is a national movement to build a culture of hospitality for people seeking sanctuary in the UK. Its goal is to create a network of towns and cities throughout the UK which are proud to be places of safety and which include people seeking sanctuary fully in the life of their communities.

This Council welcomes the extensive work already done by the Leeds City of Sanctuary Group towards gaining formal City of Sanctuary status for Leeds.

This Council therefore recognises the contribution of asylum-seekers and refugees to the City of Leeds and is committed to welcoming and including them in our activities where possible and supports the work being done to move towards Leeds becoming a recognised 'City of Sanctuary' for refugees and asylum-seekers.

Council rose at 7.15 pm.

