

Proceedings of the Meeting of the Leeds City Council held  
Civic Hall, Leeds on Wednesday, 16th November, 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

**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

**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  
Brian Cleasby  
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 Lobley

**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

**51 Announcements**

- a) The Lord Mayor reported the recent death of Sir Jimmy Savile, OBE, KCSG, and Council stood in silent tribute.
- b) The Lord Mayor also reported the recent death of Geraldine Connor who was a promoter of good race relations within the City and Council stood in silent tribute.

**52 Suspension of Council Procedure Rules**

It was moved by Councillor J Lewis, seconded by Councillor Lobley under Council Procedure Rule 22.1, that Procedure Rule 3.1 (time limits for business) be suspended to allow the business of the ordinary meeting to be extended by the duration of the Extraordinary meeting and

**RESOLVED** – That Council Procedure Rule 3.1 be suspended to allow the business of the ordinary meeting to be extended by thirty minutes.

**53 Minutes**

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

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2011 be approved.

**54 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.

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 61 of this meeting as follows:-

Cllr D Blackburn                      Chair of Green Leeds Board

Cllr C Townsley                      In relation to EB minute 96, President of Horsforth Choral Society

- b) Councillor M Harris declared a personal and prejudicial interest in minute 61 of this meeting due to business interests in relation to Executive Board minutes 123 and 124 as a Director of Andel and left the meeting during discussion of this item.

- c) Members declared personal interests in minute 65 of this meeting as follows:-

Cllr D Blackburn                      Chair of Green Leeds Board

Cllr B Anderson                      Member, Leeds Initiative Climate Change Partnership

Cllr G Latty                              Member, Leeds Initiative Health and Wellbeing Board

Cllr G Wilkinson                      Member, Green Leeds

Cllr R Pryke                      Member of Aire Valley Regeneration Board, Leeds  
East North East Housing and Leeds Initiative  
Climate Change Partnership

d)      Councillor M Harris declared a personal and prejudicial interest in minute 65 of this meeting due to business interests as a Director of Andel and left the meeting during discussion of this item.

e)      Members declared personal interests in minute 63 of this meeting as follows:-

Cllr P Harrand                      Member, Leeds Learning Disabilities Partnership Board

Cllr A Lamb                          Member, Children's Trust Board

Cllr A Lowe                          Member, West North West Health and Social Care Partnership

Cllr G Latty                          Member, Leeds Initiative Health and Wellbeing Board

Cllr P Latty                          Member, Early Years Service Challenge and Advisory Partnership

Cllr W Hyde                          Member, Halton Moor and Osmondthorpe Project for the Elderly

Cllr A Gabriel                      NHS Employee

Cllr S Hamilton                      NHS Employee

Cllr E Taylor                        NHS Employee

Cllr R Pryke                        Member, Richard Hill Elderly Aid Management Committee

f)      Members declared personal interests in minute 64 of this meeting as follows:-

Cllr N Dawson                      Employee of National Power Grid

Cllr D Blackburn                      Chair of Climate Change Environment Working Group

Cllr S Bentley                        Homeowner with solar panels involved

Cllr B Anderson                      Member, Leeds Initiative Climate Change Partnership

Cllr J Procter                        Member, Aire Valley Regeneration Board

Cllr G Latty                          Member, ALMO Outer North West Area Panel

Cllr P Wadsworth                      Member, ALMO - West/North West Homes Leeds  
Member, Leeds Housing Forum

Cllr G Wilkinson                      Member, ALMO - East/North East Homes Leeds  
Member, ALMO Area Panel Outer North East

Cllr R Wood Member, ALMO Outer West Area Panel

Cllr R Pryke Member, Richard Hill Elderly Aid Management Committee, Leeds Initiative Climate Change Partnership, Leeds East North East Homes.

g) Councillor J Illingworth declared a personal and prejudicial interest in minute 64 as he has solar panels fitted to his residence and left the meeting during discussion of this item

h) Councillor M Harris declared a personal and prejudicial interest in minute 64 due to business interests and left the meeting during discussion of this item.

i) Members declared personal interests in minute 62 of this meeting as follows:-

Cllr T Murray Chief Executive of Learning Partnerships

Cllr K Wakefield Chair of Leeds Skills Board

Cllr B Anderson Member, Leeds Initiative Housing and Regeneration Board

Cllr J Procter Member, Aire Valley Regeneration Board  
Member, Sustainable Economy and Culture Board

j) Members declared personal interests in minute 66 of this meeting as follows:-

Cllr N Dawson Relatives work for local media

k) Members declared personal interests in minute 67 of this meeting as follows:-

Cllr N Dawson Relative in HM Armed Forces

Cllr G Hyde Relative in HM Armed Forces

Cllr J Jarosz Relative in HM Armed Forces

Cllr V Morgan Relative in HM Armed Forces

Cllr W Hyde Member, Reserve Forces and Cadets Assoc for Yorks. and the Humber

l) Members declared personal interests in minute 68 of this meeting as follows:-

Cllr M Robinson Member, Leeds School Sports Federation  
Member, Leeds Sports Federation

Cllr P Harrand Member, Leeds Sports Federation

Cllr C Townsley Season ticket holder at Leeds Rhinos

## 55 Communications

a) The Chief Executive reported that he had recently received a response from the Direct Communications Unit at the Home Office in respect of the Community Policing White Paper agreed at the September 2011 Council meeting.

- b) The Chief Executive informed Council of his reasons for stepping down last month from the Board of the Leeds, York and North Yorkshire Chamber of Commerce.

## 56 Deputations

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

- 1) Leeds and District Branch of the National Federation of the Blind regarding Shire View – The Resource Centre for blind and partially sighted people.
- 2) Scott Hall Tenants and Residents Association regarding the need for proper crossing facilities on Scott Hall Road (by Scott Hall Grove).
- 3) Access Committee for Leeds regarding celebrating the volunteers of Leeds.
- 4) Leeds Cycle Action Group regarding cycling provision in Leeds achieving health and carbon reduction goals.

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

## 57 Reports

- a) Amendments to the Officer Delegation Scheme (Executive Functions)

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

**RESOLVED** – That the report of the Director of Resources on Amendments to the Officer Delegation Scheme (Executive Functions), Executive Member Portfolios, and other consequential amendments, as detailed in the report, be noted.

- b) State of the City Council Meeting

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

**RESOLVED** – That the report of the City Solicitor seeking suspension of Council Procedure Rules to allow the format of the State of the City Council meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2011 to be different to that of an ordinary Council meeting be approved, subject to Members noting that Sir Bob Kerslake will not be available to address Council as set out in the report (page 28 of the agenda) and as set out in the draft order paper (page 33 of the agenda).

## 58 Suspension of Council Procedure Rules

It was moved by Councillor Lobley, seconded by Councillor G Latty, that leave of Council be given to suspend Council Procedure Rule 11.2 (Notice of questions) to allow the questions to be taken in an order different to that notified.

**RESOLVED** – That leave of Council be given to reorder the questions, as follows:-

- That Q10 in the name of Cllr A Carter be asked as Q1.
- That Q1 in the name of Cllr A Carter be asked as Q6.
- That Q6 in the name of Cllr Lobley be asked as Q10.

## 59 Questions

- Q1 (Formerly Q10) - Councillor A Carter to the Leader of Council:-
- Will the Leader of Council explain his reasons for resigning his position from the Leeds Chamber of Commerce?
- The Leader of Council replied.
- Q2 Councillor Pryke to the Leader of Council:-
- Does the Leader of Council still believe that a referendum should be held on the East Leeds Incinerator, and when will it take place?
- The Leader of Council replied.
- Q3 Councillor Jarosz to the Executive Member (Children's Services):-
- Would the Executive Board Member responsible for Health update Council on the future of Children's Cardiac Surgery Services in Leeds?
- In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11.3(b), Councillor Mulherin replied on behalf of the Executive Member (Children's Services).
- Q4 Councillor D Blackburn to the Executive Member (Environmental Services):-
- Would the Executive Member for Environmental Services like to comment on the Government's recent announcement on the Feed In Tariff and its potential effect on the proposed Council Solar PV scheme?
- The Executive Member (Environmental Services) replied.
- Q5 Councillor A Hussain to the Executive Member (Neighbourhoods, Housing and Regeneration):-
- Does the Executive Member for Neighbourhoods, Housing & Regeneration support the Government's plans to boost Right to Buy sales?
- The Executive Member (Neighbourhoods, Housing and Regeneration) replied.
- Q6 (formerly Q1) - Councillor A Carter to the Executive Member (Development and the Economy):-
- Would the Executive Member for City Development give me a categorical assurance that should Bradford Metropolitan District Council move ahead with their proposals to construct 2,700 houses in the Green Belt as part of their Holme Wood and Tong Neighbourhood Development Plan that Leeds City Council will be a statutory objector?
- The Executive Member (Development and the Economy) replied.
- Q7 In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11.1(c) Councillor Townsley, on behalf of Councillor Cleasby, asked the Executive Member (Development and the Economy):-
- Does the Executive Board Member for Development and the Economy believe that land designated for employment usage in the vicinity of the airport is in a viable location?

The Executive Member (Development and the Economy) replied.

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

Would the Executive Board Member for Children's Services care to comment on the recent report by the Institute for Fiscal Studies describing the largest Government cut in education spending since the 1950s?

The Executive Member (Children's Services) replied.

Q9 Councillor Iqbal to the Executive Member (Leisure):-

Would the Executive Board Member for Leisure care to comment on the route that the Olympic Torch will take through the city when it visits next June?

The Executive Member (Leisure) replied.

Q10 (formerly Q6) - Councillor Lobley to the Executive Member (Environmental Services):-

Will the Executive Board Member for Environmental Services tell me if Council Staff are still being paid by the Airport to patrol the approach roads of the airport?

The Executive Member (Environmental Services) replied.

Q11 Councillor Matthews to the Executive Member (Development and the Economy):-

Can the Executive Board member for Development and the Economy inform Council whether he supports the Inner North West Area Committee's cross party recommendation that the former Royal Park School site should be transferred to the Royal Park Community Consortium?

The Executive Member (Development and the Economy) 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:-

Q12 Councillor Gabriel to the Executive Member (Neighbourhoods, Housing and Regeneration).

Q13 Councillor A McKenna to the Executive Member (Children's Services).

Q14 Councillor Robinson to the Leader of Council.

Q15 Councillor Downes to the Executive Member (Children's Services).

Q16 Councillor Akhtar to the Executive Member (Development and the Economy).

Q17 Councillor Lowe to the Leader of Council.

Q18 Councillor Cohen to the Executive Member (Children's Services).



- Q19 Councillor Bentley to the Leader of Council.
- Q20 Councillor Marjoram to the Executive Member (Development and the Economy).
- Q21 Councillor Bentley to the Executive Member (Development and the Economy).
- Q22 Councillor Fox to the Executive Member (Neighbourhoods, Housing and Regeneration).
- Q23 Councillor Pryke to the Leader of Council.
- Q24 Councillor Cohen to the Executive Member (Children's Services).
- Q25 Councillor Matthews to the Leader of Council.
- Q26 Councillor Marjoram to the Leader of Council.
- Q27 Councillor Matthews to the Executive Member (Environmental Services).
- Q28 Councillor Marjoram to the Executive Member (Resources and Corporate).
- Q29 Councillor Townsley to the Executive Member (Leisure).

**60 Motion to Suspend Council Procedure Rules**

During the debate under minute 59 above, it was moved by Councillor Matthews, seconded by Councillor Loble, that under Council Procedure Rule 22.1, Procedure Rule 11.1(a) be suspended to allow question time to be extended by a period of 10 minutes.

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

**61 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).

An amendment (reference back) was moved by Councillor D Blackburn , seconded by Councillor A Blackburn, to add the following at the end of item 7:-

'To ask the Executive Board to reconsider the decision in relation to the Waste Solutions for Leeds – Residual Waste Treatment PFI Project as contained in Minute 123, Page 56 of the Executive Board minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2011.'

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

**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.

On the requisitions of Councillors A Blackburn and Loble, the voting on the amendment (reference back) was recorded as follows:-

PRESENT

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## YES

Bentley, A Blackburn, D Blackburn, Campbell, Chapman, Chastney, Collins, Davey, Downes, Golton, M Hamilton, W Hyde, Kirkland, Matthews, Pryke, Robinson, Townsley, Wilson.

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## NO

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

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## ABSTAIN

A Carter, J L Carter, Castle, Fox, Harrand, Lamb, G Latty, P Latty, Lobley, J Procter, Wadsworth, Wilkinson, Wood.

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The meeting was suspended at 5.30 pm and resumed at 5.50 pm.

### **62 White Paper Motion - East Leeds Housing and Regeneration Board**

It was moved by Councillor A Carter, seconded by Councillor J L Carter, that this Council condemns the way in which responsibilities held by the Council regarding regeneration in East Leeds were proposed to be guided by a body with no democratic legitimacy. This Council believes such an unconstitutional move would have undermined transparency but also, by virtue of the body's make up, held conflicting interests which might have compromised the Council's legal position with regard to planning law.

This Council calls on the Chief Executive of the Council to investigate the process which led to the formation of the East Leeds Housing and Regeneration Board and to provide a full report to Executive Board with recommendations for constitutional changes to prevent any similar activity occurring in the future.

An amendment was moved by Councillor Wakefield, seconded by Councillor Gruen to delete all after 'This Council' and replace with:-

'recognises the importance of delivering widespread and lasting regeneration in East Leeds, providing local people with significantly improved housing, transport and economic opportunities.

Council further recognises that without government financial support, existing regeneration efforts in the area are at risk of stalling. Council therefore welcomes efforts to forge stronger working relationships with partners in order to deliver progress for local people.

Council acknowledges that transparency and democratic accountability will be integral to any such partnership arrangements. Council therefore notes the Executive Board's recent introduction of a framework to ensure consistent

governance arrangements for partnerships created through sub-groups of the Leeds Initiative.'

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

**RESOLVED** – That this Council recognises the importance of delivering widespread and lasting regeneration in East Leeds, providing local people with significantly improved housing, transport and economic opportunities.

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### **63 White Paper Motion - NHS**

It was moved by Councillor Yeadon, seconded by Councillor Mulherin, that this Council remains deeply concerned about the scale of change proposed in the Government's Health and Social Care Bill and the potential impact on NHS patients and their families in Leeds of a massive reorganisation coupled with current funding cuts.

Council further notes the prolonged anxiety and instability these proposals have already caused NHS staff, patients and stakeholders. This Council believes that implementing the proposed reforms risks diminishing access to locally and regionally-based services, reducing accountability and increasing bureaucracy.

The reduction in weighting of health inequalities in the NHS funding formula presents a worrying reflection of national priorities and a very real concern in a city where life expectancy is 12 years higher in our wealthiest suburbs than it is in the most deprived areas.

This Council believes access to health services free at the point of need should be a right not a privilege and therefore commits to doing all it can to protect NHS services in Leeds.

Council further believes that patients receive the best care when services integrate and staff work effectively together. Proposals to introduce significant competition and fragmentation into the service threaten to undermine this principle and risk patient care.

Council requests that the Chief Executive writes to the Secretary of State for Health and Leeds MPs on Council's behalf urging them to prioritise the protection of vital regional health services and to reducing persistent health inequalities. Council further requests that within that Letter the Prime Minister is asked to fulfil his promise to enhance NHS funding in real terms, to maintain waiting time targets and to stop top down reorganisations.

An amendment was moved by Councillor Hamilton, seconded by Councillor Chapman, to delete all after 'This Council' and replace with:-

'welcomes the changes to the Government's Health and Social Care Bill following the listening exercise and Future Forum report earlier this year, and welcomes a number of improvements to the bill.

However, this Council remains concerned about a number of other issues and calls on the Government to continue to listen to the concerns of patients, doctors, NHS staff and the general public.

This Council believes access to health services free at the point of need should be a right not a privilege and welcomes the Government's commitment to this. It also welcomes the fact that the government is fulfilling its promises to enhance NHS funding in real terms, and reduce bureaucracy, thus releasing a further £4.5 billion for front line clinical services over the life of this Parliament. It calls on Her Majesty's Official Opposition to support the government's policy of ring-fencing the NHS budget.

This Council therefore requests that the Chief Executive writes to the Secretary of State supporting the thrust of the NHS reforms, but asking that he continues to listen and respond to the remaining concerns being expressed in particular by health professionals as the bill passes through parliament. The letter should also stress the importance of addressing regional inequalities in the healthcare system throughout the UK, as well as the Council's determination to use its enhanced role in the scrutiny of health to ensure that the founding values of the NHS are upheld.'

A second amendment was moved by Councillor G Latty, seconded by Councillor Lamb, to Delete all after 'This Council' and insert the following:-

'commits to doing all it can to support NHS services in Leeds.

Council recognises that health inequalities and differences in life expectancy in Leeds were not tackled effectively by the previous Government in over a decade of running the NHS, and that during this time services suffered from repeated meddling and micromanagement that did not result in improved outcomes for patients. Council views these failures as both a damning indictment of the status quo and an argument in favour of reform. Council notes that the Health and Social Care Bill aims to build the NHS around the patient, integrate services more fully, hold decision-makers to account, reduce bureaucracy and get better value for money in a climate where the cost of care and the demand for services are both increasing.

Council acknowledges the scale of the proposed reforms and notes that the Government paused to listen to concerns and consult on the best way forward. Council believes that this process will result in improved health services for the people of Leeds.'

Motion would read:-

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

**RESOLVED** – That this Council remains deeply concerned about the scale of change proposed in the Government's Health and Social Care Bill and the potential impact on NHS patients and their families in Leeds of a massive reorganisation coupled with current funding cuts.

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(The provision of Council Procedure Rule 3.1(d) was applied following the debate on this motion.)

#### **64 White Paper Motion - Feed in Tariffs**

It was moved by Councillor D Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Finnigan, that this Council believes that the nonsensical proposals from Central Government to cut the Feed In Tariff by half from 12<sup>th</sup> December 2011 will have a disastrous effect on efforts to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> levels and fuel poverty in our city.

Council further believes that such a change as this at short notice will not only mean that schemes like Leeds City Council's proposals to fit solar panels to 5,000 Council homes will no longer be viable, but will result in a major loss of employment in the renewables sector.

Council therefore requests that:-

- 1) the Chief Executive be asked to write to the Minister expressing our concerns;
- 2) that all Leeds MPs be contacted to ask them for their support in this matter;
- 3) that a Cross Party delegation be organised to lobby the Minister;
- 4) that an early report go to the Executive Board on possible ways the Council's Solar PV scheme can be saved.

An amendment was moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Lamb to delete all after 'This Council' and insert the following:-

'notes that the large take-up and success of renewable schemes has led to a situation where the generous Feed in Tariff rate is unsustainable at current levels, threatening to breach the spending cap for the initiative.

Council regrets that the current administration failed to act quickly enough to take advantage of the current Feed in Tariff when it would have brought maximum benefit to the people of Leeds.

Council urges the administration to develop realistic proposals for improving energy efficiency in Leeds that are not overly dependent on subsidies.'

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

**RESOLVED** – That this Council believes that the nonsensical proposals from Central Government to cut the Feed In Tariff by half from 12<sup>th</sup> December 2011 will have a disastrous effect on efforts to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> levels and fuel poverty in our city.

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## **65 White Paper Motion - Waste Solution Referendum**

It was moved by Councillor Pryke, seconded by Councillor Campbell that this Council believes that the current administration should stand by its commitment to hold a referendum on their preferred waste solution option of an incinerator at Cross Green. Council therefore requests the relevant Executive Board Member to make the necessary arrangements to hold a referendum on this issue.

An amendment was moved by Councillor Dobson, seconded by Councillor E Taylor, to delete all after 'this Council' and replace with:-

'understands that if it were to now scrap the procurement process for a waste treatment plant and not take further action to divert more of the city's waste from landfill, the cost to the Leeds tax-payer would be hundreds of millions of pounds.

Council acknowledges that it was under the previous administration, of which the Liberal Democrats were a Member, that possible locations in East Leeds for the waste treatment plant, including the market site, were offered up as potential sites for use by developers in 2007.

Furthermore Council also recognises that a proposal by the Labour Group for a referendum was rejected by the Liberal Democrats before the terms and scope of the procurement process for a waste treatment plant were agreed by the Executive Board in July 2008.'

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

**RESOLVED** – That this Council understands that if it were to now scrap the procurement process for a waste treatment plant and not take further action to divert more of the city's waste from landfill, the cost to the Leeds tax-payer would be hundreds of millions of pounds.

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**66 White Paper Motion - Council Procedure Rule 3.1(d) - BBC Cuts**

It was moved by Councillor Wakefield, seconded by Councillor Ogilvie, that this Council recognises the valuable role of local radio and the reporting of regional current affairs. Council therefore expresses its regret at the anticipated erosion of these services as a result of the recently announced BBC cuts.

Council asks the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Culture, Olympics, Media and Sport, the BBC Director General and the Chair of the BBC Governors. Within that correspondence the Chief Executive is asked to highlight the importance of these regional services, and to reflect particular concern about the anticipated loss of 11 posts at Radio Leeds, and a total of 29 posts across Leeds, Sheffield and York.

An amendment in the name of Councillor Cohen was moved by Councillor Lobley in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12.3(b), seconded by Councillor Robinson, to delete all after 'regional current affairs' and insert the following:-

'Council notes that this reporting is provided by the BBC and also a number of excellent local independent radio stations.

Council recognises that budget issues are a matter for BBC management, but expresses regret at the potential erosion of BBC services. Council believes that consideration should be given to reviewing the high salaries of 'star' personalities, so that budget reductions do not adversely affect regional reporters and lead to staff redundancies. Council also welcomes the decision of the Government to freeze the licence fee.'

Motion would therefore read:-

'This Council recognises the valuable role of local radio and the reporting of regional current affairs. Council notes that this reporting is provided by the BBC and also a number of excellent local independent radio stations.

Council recognises that budget issues are a matter for BBC management, but expresses regret at the potential erosion of BBC services. Council believes that consideration should be given to reviewing the high salaries of 'star' personalities, so that budget reductions do not adversely affect regional reporters and lead to staff redundancies. Council also welcomes the decision of the Government to freeze the licence fee.'

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

**RESOLVED** – That this Council recognises the valuable role of local radio and the reporting of regional current affairs. Council therefore expresses its regret at the anticipated erosion of these services as a result of the recently announced BBC cuts.

Council asks the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Culture, Olympics, Media and Sport, the BBC Director General and the Chair of the BBC Governors. Within that correspondence the Chief Executive is asked to highlight the importance of these regional services, and to reflect particular concern about the anticipated loss of 11 posts at Radio Leeds, and a total of 29 posts across Leeds, Sheffield and York.

**67 White Paper Motion - Council Procedure Rule 3.1(d) - Military Covenants**

It was moved by Councillor Lyons, seconded by Councillor W Hyde, and

**RESOLVED** – That this Council recognises and remembers the sacrifices made by the Armed Services community.

Leeds City Council believes that the Armed Forces community, including serving personnel, veterans and their families, should not be disadvantaged, by virtue of what they do, when accessing public services.

This Council therefore commits to a Community Covenant which will strengthen the partnership between Leeds City Council and the Armed Forces, encourage the integration of military and civilian communities, explore options for giving members of the Armed Forces higher priority for housing, and promote a wider understanding of issues affecting the Armed Forces community.

Council requests that the Chief Executive produces a report, in consultation with local military representatives, for consideration by the Executive Board, which outlines proposals for the establishment of a Leeds Community Covenant.

**68 White Paper Motion - Council Procedure Rule 3.1(d) - Leeds Rhinos**

It was moved by Councillor Parker, seconded by Councillor Anderson, and



**RESOLVED** – That this Council congratulates the Leeds Rhinos rugby league team who, by defeating St Helens, won an unprecedented fourth Super League championship in five years. Council further wishes the team more success in the World Club Challenge in 2012.

This Council will provide Leeds Rhinos with a Civic celebration worthy of their achievements at a suitable time for all parties.

**69 White Paper Motion - Council Procedure Rule 3.1(d) - Sir Jimmy Savile**

It was moved by Councillor A Carter, seconded by Councillor Atha, and

**RESOLVED** – That this Council expresses its sadness at the death of Sir Jimmy Savile and wishes to convey its deep condolences to his family and friends.

Council recognises the huge contribution that Sir Jimmy made to charity, raising more than £40 million over his lifetime, as well as his inimitable contribution to broadcasting over a long and successful career.

Council resolves to ensure there is a fitting tribute to Sir Jimmy that reflects the scale of his achievements and the high regard in which he was held by people in his home town of Leeds, the UK, and around the world.

Council rose at 7:50 pm.