



Proceedings of an extraordinary the Meeting of the Leeds City Council held  
Civic Hall, Leeds on Wednesday, 7th December, 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  
Ronald David Feldman

**ARDSLEY & ROBIN HOOD**

Jack Dunn  
Lisa Mulherin  
Karen Renshaw

**ARMLEY**

Alison Natalie Kay Lowe

**BEESTON & HOLBECK**

Adam Ogilvie  
Angela Gabriel

**BRAMLEY & STANNINGLEY**

Ted Hanley  
Neil Taggart

**BURMANTOFTS & RICHMOND HILL**

Asghar Khan  
Ron Grahame  
Ralph Pryke

**WARD**

**CALVERLEY & FARSLEY**

Joseph William Marjoram

**CHAPEL ALLERTON**

Mohammed Rafique  
Jane Dowson  
Eileen Taylor

**CITY & HUNSLET**

Mohammed Iqbal

**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

**GIPTON & HAREHILLS**

Arif Hussain  
Kamila Maqsood

**GUISELEY & RAWDON**

Paul Wadsworth  
Pat Latty  
Graham Latty

**HAREWOOD**

Matthew James Robinson  
Ann Castle

**HEADINGLEY**

Neil Walshaw  
Martin Hamilton  
Jamie Matthews

**HORSFORTH**

Dawn Collins  
Brian Cleasby  
Christopher Townsley

**HYDE PARK & WOODHOUSE**

Javaid Akhtar  
Penny Ewens

**KILLINGBECK & SEACROFT**

Veronica Morgan  
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

**TEMPLE NEWSAM**

Katherine Mitchell  
Michael Lyons  
William Schofield Hyde

**WEETWOOD**

Susan Bentley  
Judith Mara Chapman  
Ben Chastney

**WETHERBY**

John Michael Procter  
Gerald Wilkinson

**70 Announcements**

The Lord Mayor reported the recent death of Wayne Baxter, the Council's Chief Procurement Officer, and Gary Speed, MBE, the former Leeds United footballer, and Council stood in silent tribute.

**71 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations made at this meeting.

**72 Questions**

Q1 Councillor Wilkinson to Gary Williamson, Chamber of Commerce:-

Will the President of the Chamber of Commerce confirm that the Executive Board Member for Neighbourhoods, Housing and Regeneration and the MP for East Leeds requested the Chamber to prepare papers for the East Leeds Regeneration Board?

Gary Williamson, replied.

Q2 Councillor Golton to Dr Ian Cameron, Director of Public Health:-

Central to the Government's NHS reforms is the opportunity to introduce real accountability to local communities. Can you tell us what is being done in Leeds to prepare for this agenda?

Dr Ian Cameron replied.

Q3 Councillor G Hyde to Neil McLean, LEP:-

What new powers does Neil McLean think partners should be lobbying Government to devolve to the City Region level?

Neil McLean replied.

Q4 Councillor Walshaw to Joanne Pollard, CO<sub>2</sub> Sense:-

How important does Joanne Pollard believe the development of green industries will be to delivering increased economic growth within the city?

Joanne Pollard replied.

Q5 Councillor Castle to CS Money, West Yorkshire Police:-

In light of the recent report into the failings of different agencies to protect vulnerable children from sexual exploitation by male gangs, including the case of a girl in Leeds, will the representative from West Yorkshire Police Force explain what action the Council and partner agencies are taking to prevent young people in Leeds suffering abuse and grooming?

CS Money replied.

Q6 Councillor Campbell to Neil McLean, LEP:-

What do you think should be our priorities to make Leeds more attractive as an opportunity for investment?

Neil McLean replied.

Q7 Councillor Rafique to CS Money, West Yorkshire Police:-

To what extent does CS Money believe strong partnership working enabled the containment of potential public disorder during the summer, given that disorder and rioting escalated in other cities such as London and Manchester during the same period?

CS Money replied.

Q8 Councillor Mulherin to Dr Ian Cameron, Director of Public Health:-

What does Ian Cameron see as the city's biggest health challenges and what will be the role of partnership working in tackling these?

Ian Cameron replied.

Q9 Councillor Cohen to the Leader of Council:-

Will the Leader of Council confirm the total cost of arranging and servicing the State of the City council meeting, including the cost of commissioning, producing and distributing the reports, and at a time when we are making such efforts to cut costs across the city, does he really think this represents the best value for money to the residents of Leeds?

The Leader of Council replied.

Q10 Councillor Chapman to Gary Williamson, Chamber of Commerce:-

Given the level of youth unemployment, do you think employers are getting the balance right between providing opportunities for young people and developing their own workforce?

Gary Williamson replied.

Q11 Councillor Armitage to Kathryn Fitzsimons, Chair, Third Sector Leeds:-

To what extent does Katherine Fitzsimons believe the future of care for our older people relies upon strong partnership working between the Council and third sector organisations?

Kathryn Fitzsimons 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 J Lewis to Neil Mclean, LEP.

Q13 Councillor Marjoram to the Executive Member (Environmental Services).

Q14 Councillor Matthews to Neil Mclean, LEP.

Q15 Councillor Gabriel to Neil Mclean, LEP.

Q16 Councillor E Taylor to Joanne Pollard, CO<sub>2</sub> Sense.

- Q17 Councillor Marjoram to the Leader of Council.
- Q18 Councillor Downes to Gary Williamson, Chamber of Commerce.
- Q19 Councillor Hanley to CS Money, West Yorkshire Police.
- Q20 Councillor Dowson to Dr Ian Cameron, Director of Public Health.
- Q21 Councillor Hamilton to Neil Mclean, LEP.
- Q22 Councillor Driver to Kathryn Fitzsimons, Chair, Third Sector Leeds .
- Q23 Councillor Mcniven to Gary Williamson, Chamber of Commerce.

**73 State of the City Report**

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

**RESOLVED** – That the State of the City report be received.

**74 Dr Tony Travers**

At the conclusion of the meeting, Dr Tony Travers addressed Council on the future of Local Government and linked this to the wider local government resource review and the financial challenges facing local authorities.

Council rose at 5.25 pm.