



Proceedings of the Meeting of the Leeds City Council held
Civic Hall, Leeds on Wednesday, 28th March, 2012

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

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

Michael Lyons
William Schofield Hyde

WEETWOOD

Susan Bentley
Judith Mara Chapman
Ben Chastney

WETHERBY

Alan James Lamb
John Michael Procter
Gerald Wilkinson

99 Announcements

- a) The Lord Mayor informed Council that the following Councillors would not be seeking re-election to Council, said a few words in respect of each Councillor and thanked them for their work over the years on behalf of the Council:-

Councillor Denise Atkinson, MBE
Councillor Ben Chastney
Councillor Geoff Driver
Councillor Penny Ewens
Councillor Ronnie Feldman
Councillor Graham Kirkland
Councillor Matthew Lobley
Councillor Keith Parker

At the conclusion of this announcement, Councillor Stuart Golton informed Council that the Lord Mayor, Councillor Reverend Alan Taylor, would also not be seeking re-election to Council and he said a few words in respect of the Lord Mayor and thanked him for his work over the years on behalf of the Council.

Councillor Feldman thanked Council on behalf of the retiring Councillors for the kind words that had been said at this meeting.

- b) The Lord Mayor informed Council that, following the recent death of 6 soldiers in Afghanistan, he had written to the Commanding Officer of the Yorkshire Regiment expressing sympathy from Council and the citizens of Leeds, and Council stood in silent tribute.

100 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 15 minutes.

101 Minutes

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

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd February 2012 be approved.

102 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 Members' Code of Conduct were made as follows:-

- a) Councillor Cleasby declared a personal interest in deputation 4 as he, and a family member, were allotment holders (minute 104 refers).
- b) Councillor R Grahame declared a personal interest in minute 106 of this meeting as a Member of GMBATO.

c) Members declared personal interests in minute 109 of this meeting as follows:-

Cllr B Anderson	Member, Leeds Initiative – Stronger Communities Partnership
Cllr A Carter	Member, LGA Urban Commission
Cllr L Carter	Vice Chair, West Yorkshire Police Authority Member, Leeds Initiative Safer and Stronger Communities Board
Cllr P Harrand	Member, Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny Board
Cllr A Lamb	Member, Childrens and Families Scrutiny Board
Cllr P Latty	Member, Childrens and Families Scrutiny Board
Cllr J Marjoram	Member, Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny Board
Cllr B Cleasby	Member of The Caravan Club and a member of The Camping and Caravanning Club of Great Britain - when not in use caravan is in paid storage.
Cllr Leadley	Chairman of Lee Fair Committee since 1995.

d) Councillor Varley declared a personal interest in minute 107 of this meeting as a Member of the Adult Health and Social Care Scrutiny Board and Morley Elderly Action.

e) Members declared personal interests in minute 110 of this meeting as follows:-

Cllr T Murray	Chief Executive of Learning Partnerships Director of IGEN
Cllr P Gruen	Member of Leeds City Region Employment and Skills Board
Cllr K Wakefield	Chair of Leeds Skills Board
Cllr J Dowson	Chair of 11-19 Learning Support Partnership
Cllr A Lowe	Member of Yorkshire and Humber Employers Committee
Cllr C Macniven	Employed on a freelance basis by Learning Partnerships
Cllr K Maqsood	Director of Leeds Education Achievement Project
Cllr Hanley	North and Yorkshire Business Forum

Cllr R Grahame	Member of East Leeds Regeneration Board Member of East Leeds Plans Panel Member of ALMO ENEH
Cllr B Anderson	Member, Leeds Initiative Board Member, Leeds Initiative Housing and Regeneration Board Member, Leeds Initiative, City Centre Partnership
Cllr A Carter	Member, Assoc. of West Yorks. Authorities Member, Leeds Initiative, Economy Partnership Member, Leeds Initiative, Integrated Transport Partnership Member, WYITA Member, Leeds Initiative Assembly Member, Leeds Initiative Executive
Cllr D Collins	Member, Scrutiny Board Regeneration
Cllr C Fox	Member, Scrutiny Board, Sustainable Economy and Culture
Cllr W Hyde	Member, Aire Valley Regeneration Board Member, WYITA
Cllr J Procter	Member, Aire Valley Regeneration Board Member, East Leeds Regeneration Board Member, Leeds Initiative Sustainable Economy and Culture Board
Cllr P Wadsworth	Member, Scrutiny Board Sustainable Economy and Culture
Cllr G Wilkinson	Member, Scrutiny Board Regeneration

f) Members declared personal interests in minute 111 of this meeting as follows:-

Cllr B Anderson	Member, Leeds Initiative Housing and Regeneration Board Member, Leeds Initiative Stronger Communities Partnership
Cllr L Carter	Member, Leeds Initiative Safer and Stronger Communities Board
Cllr P Harrand	Member, Scrutiny Board Safer and Stronger Communities

g) Members declared personal interests in minute 112 of this meeting as follows:-

Cllr M Coulson	Member of West Yorkshire Integrated Transport Authority Chair of West Yorkshire Scrutiny Committee
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Integrated Transport

Cllr P Gruen	Substitute Member Leeds City Region Transport Panel
Cllr J Harper	Member of West Yorkshire Integrated Transport Authority
Cllr A Khan	Member of West Yorkshire Integrated Transport Authority Passenger Transport Consultative Committee
Cllr J Lewis	Member of West Yorkshire Integrated Transport Authority
Cllr R Lewis	Member of West Yorkshire integrated Transport Authority District Liaison Committee West Yorkshire Passenger Transport Authority Local Transport Plan Steering Group
Cllr M Lyons	Member of West Yorkshire Integrated Transport Authority
Cllr J McKenna	Member of West Yorkshire Integrated Transport Authority Passenger Consultative Committee
Cllr V Morgan	Member of West Yorkshire Integrated Transport Authority
Cllr N Walshaw	Member of West Yorkshire Integrated Transport Authority Passenger Consultative Committee
Cllr Illingworth	Dig2ride Director and Company Secretary
Cllr B Cleasby	Member of the Cyclists Touring Club
Cllr J Marjoram	Member of the British Cycling Association

h) Members declared personal interests in minute 113 of this meeting as follows:-

Cllr B Anderson	Member, Leeds Initiative City Centre Partnership
Cllr A Carter	Member, Leeds Initiative economy Partnership Member, Leeds Initiative Going Up A League Board
Cllr L Carter	Member, Leeds Initiative Safer and Stronger Communities

103 Communications

There were no communications.

104 Deputations

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

- 1) Leeds Act Group in conjunction with 'Stop The Traffik' Organisation Regarding the role of communities and Local Authorities in stopping human trafficking.
- 2) Leeds University Union Regarding the Council's report on the impact of tuition fees in Leeds.
- 3) Leeds Link Regarding the Health and Wellbeing Bill and its impact in Leeds.
- 4) Leeds and District Gardeners' Federation Regarding allotment provision in Leeds.
- 5) Young People Regarding seeking a 20 mile per hour speed limit on Haven Chase, Cookridge.

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

105 Questions

Q1 Councillor A Carter to the Executive Member (Children's Services):-

Will the Executive Board Member for Children's Services tell me what steps are taken by the Local Education Authority to ensure that schools that receive poor Ofsted inspection results are able to achieve a rigorous recovery in teaching and learning standards and what measures are taken to strengthen school leadership teams?

The Executive Member (Children's Services) replied.

Q2 Councillor Pryke to the Leader of Council:-

Would the Leader of Council explain what he meant when he told Council last month "whatever the national negotiations are, we should be determined to make sure that our low paid staff actually get the reward they deserve and not back away from it?"

The Leader of Council replied.

Q3 Councillor Lowe to the Leader of Council:-

Would the Leader of Council like to comment on the wording of the question that will appear on the mayoral referendum paper in May?

The Leader of Council replied.

Q4 Councillor D Blackburn to the Executive Member (Environmental Services):-

Will the Executive Member for Environmental Services update Council on Leeds City Council's Free Insulation Scheme, Wrap Up Leeds?

The Executive Member (Environmental Services) replied.

Q5 Councillor Lyons to the Executive Member (Leisure):-

Please could the Executive Member for Leisure update Council on the fantastic events taking place in Leeds as part of the 2012 Olympic Games?

Q6 Councillor W Hyde to the Executive Member (Neighbourhoods, Housing and Regeneration):-

Will the Executive Board Member for Neighbourhoods and Housing please indicate which Traveller sites he is proposing to consult about in the Temple Newsam ward?

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

Q7 Councillor Matthews to the Executive Member (Neighbourhoods, Housing and Regeneration):-

Can the Executive Member for Neighbourhoods and Housing confirm how many calls were made to the out of hours noise nuisance service between October 2011 and February 2012?

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

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

Please could the Executive Member for Children's Services update Council on the progress of the foster carer recruitment plan?

The Executive Member (Children's Services) replied.

Q9 Councillor A Blackburn to the Executive Member (Environmental Services):-

Bearing in mind comments made at the time of the announcement of the reduction of Feed In Tariffs, can the Executive Member for Environmental Services tell me what progress has been made in finding an alternative way of funding solar panels for domestic properties?

The Executive Member (Environmental Services) replied.

Q10 Councillor Renshaw to the Executive Member (Adult Health and Social Care):-

Will the Executive Member for Adult Health and Social Care please update Council on developments with the Council's Reablement Service?

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

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

Will the Executive Board Member for City Development and the Economy inform the Council when he intends to make a decision on lowering the rents for traders at Kirkgate Market?

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 Bentley to the Executive Member (Children's Services).
- Q13 Councillor E Taylor to the Executive Member (Environmental Services).
- Q14 Councillor K Bruce to the Executive Member (Adult Health and Social Care).
- Q15 Councillor G Latty to the Executive Member (Development and the Economy).
- Q16 Councillor Pryke to the Executive Member (Environmental Services).
- Q17 Councillor G Hyde to the Executive Member (Development and the Economy).
- Q18 Councillor Driver to the Executive Member (Neighbourhoods, Housing and Regeneration).
- Q19 Councillor Lamb to the Leader of Council.
- Q20 Councillor Chastney to the Executive Member (Development and the Economy).
- Q21 Councillor Fox to the Leader of Council.
- Q22 Councillor Cleasby to the Executive Member (Development and the Economy).
- Q23 Councillor Marjoram to the Leader of Council.
- Q24 Councillor Harrand to the Leader of Council.

106 Recommendations of the General Purposes Committee

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

RESOLVED – That the recommendations of the General Purposes Committee, as presented by the amended report of the Director of Resources, with regard to the implementation of the 2012/13 Pay Policy Statement, be approved.

107 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).

Council Procedure Rule 4, providing for the winding up of business, was applied prior to all notified comments on the minutes having been debated.

The meeting was suspended at 5.10 pm and resumed at 5.40 pm.

108 Chinese Olympic Committee Delegation

During the debate on the minutes above, the Leader of Council and the Lord Mayor welcomed Mr Yang Shu'an, Chairman of the Chinese Olympic Committee, and his delegation, and Consul General Pan from the Consulate General of China and his associate to Leeds on behalf of Council and the citizens of Leeds.

109 White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor J L Carter) - Gypsy and Traveller Sites in Leeds

It was moved by Councillor J L Carter, seconded by Councillor J Procter that this Council notes with concern that the ruling administration's policy of providing more authorised Gypsy and Traveller sites in Leeds is taking place behind closed doors, without affording a chance for public scrutiny or debate in respect of its search for sites.

Council is also concerned that the ruling administration is using all its power and influence over Council officers to stop members of the opposition being able to debate site selection openly and in public.

- 1 Council calls on the administration to publicly release the site names being considered for a Gypsy and Traveller site, which currently amounts to nearly 90 in total.
- 2 Ensure full and meaningful consultation takes place on any plans to build more Travellers' sites in Leeds, at each stage of the process; and
- 3 commits to holding local plebiscites in order to effectively gauge whether local communities near proposed sites are in favour of the proposals.

This Council further notes that there is a one party Labour working group who are considering site selection and calls on the ruling administration to stop this undemocratic working practice, on this key issue for residents in Leeds, by ensuring such working groups represent all Members of Council.

This Council urges the Government to follow the lead of the Government in the Republic of Ireland in making unauthorised encampments a criminal rather than a civil offence.

After the motion was moved and seconded, Councillor J Lewis, seconded by Councillor Nash, moved under provisions of Council Procedure Rule 22.1, that Council Procedure Rule 13.1 be suspended to allow the introduction of the amendment below in the name of Councillor Gruen.

Having received leave of Council, Councillor Gruen, seconded by Councillor Atha, moved the following motion:-

To delete all after 'This Council' and replace with:-

'recognises that the £2m spent on legal and clean up costs related to unauthorised traveller encampments by the previous administration made no progress towards a lasting solution for the people of Leeds and was not a good use of taxpayers money.

It is acknowledged that a new approach is needed to alleviate the disruption that unauthorised encampments can cause for communities. Council places on record its thanks to the Scrutiny Board (Environment & Neighbourhoods) for their thorough investigation into this issue, and acknowledges their recommendation that additional permanent pitches be provided for 'Leeds-based' travellers.

Council encourages officers to complete their search of potential traveller sites, in line with criteria agreed by Executive Board, as swiftly and as thoroughly as possible. Council endorses the commitment to publicise the findings of this review once it is complete, along with the commitment to undertake comprehensive consultation before any planning application for a new site is submitted.

It is believed that the provision of additional sites, coupled with the strongest possible enforcement action against unauthorised encampments, will result in a reduction in the disruption that unauthorised sites cause Leeds residents. Council therefore offers its support to this approach.'

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

RESOLVED – That this Council recognises that the £2m spent on legal and clean up costs related to unauthorised traveller encampments by the previous administration made no progress towards a lasting solution for the people of Leeds and was not a good use of taxpayers money.

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On the requisition of Councillors Lobley and Wadsworth, the voting on the amendment was recorded as follows:-

YES

Akhtar, Armitage, Atha, A Blackburn, D 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, Leadley, J Lewis, R Lewis, Lowe, Lyons, Macniven, Maqsood, A McKenna, J McKenna, Morgan, Mulherin, Murray, Nash, Ogilvie, Parker, Rafique, Renshaw, Selby, Taggart, E Taylor, Wakefield, Walshaw, Yeadon.

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NO

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

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ABSTAIN

Downes, Ewens

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

YES

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NO

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

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ABSTAIN

A Taylor.

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

110 White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor G Hyde) - Economic Growth in Leeds

Under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 14.11, with the consent of the seconder, leave of Council was given to withdraw the motion in the name of Councillor G Hyde.

111 White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Matthews) - Late Night Noise Nuisance

It was moved by Councillor Matthews, seconded by Councillor Bentley, that this Council believes that late night noise nuisance is a severe blight on the wellbeing of residents in many Leeds communities.

This Council believes that the decision of the Executive Member for Environment to stop recording the volume of calls that this service receives demonstrates that the current administration does not view late night noise nuisance as a priority.

Given the extreme concern expressed by residents about noise nuisance, this Council requests that the Chief Executive carry out an urgent review of the late night noise nuisance service with recommendations to be put to the Executive Board at a meeting in the near future.

After the motion was moved and seconded, Councillor J Lewis, seconded by Councillor Nash, moved under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 22.1 that Council Procedure Rule 13.1 be suspended to allow the introduction of the amendment below in the name of Councillor Dobson.

Having received leave of Council, Councillor Dobson, seconded by Councillor Gruen, moved the following amendment:-

That this Council believes that late night noise nuisance is a severe blight on the wellbeing of residents in many Leeds communities.

Council acknowledges that the tackling of noise nuisance at night remains a key priority of this administration, a fact recognised by the decision of the Council to continue to fund the service in the face of the worst cuts imposed on the authority in living memory by Cllr Matthew's LibDem/Tory coalition Government.

Council further recognises that the noise nuisance service inherited from the previous administration was not as effective as it could have been. Therefore as part of the continued commitment of this administration to improve how noise nuisance is tackled in the future, a range of changes and improvements to the service have now been implemented following a thorough review. Some of these changes include:-

- Amalgamating noise nuisance within the anti-social behaviour team in order to provide a greater 'one council' response to cases.
- Better access to tools from a civil and legal perspective to deal quicker and more effectively with cases.
- Introduction of new telephony to improve response to customer and to provide greater intelligence on types and times of noise complaints.
- Greater partnership working with key groups such as victim support, the police and fire services in order to provide greater support to the customer.

Finally, this Council offers its gratitude to members of the noise nuisance team for their tremendous hard work and dedication in often very challenging and difficult circumstances.

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

RESOLVED – That this Council believes that late night noise nuisance is a severe blight on the wellbeing of residents in many Leeds communities.

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112 White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Downes) - Council Procedure Rule 3.1(d) - Cities Fit for Cycling

It was moved by Councillor Downes, seconded by Councillor Illingworth, and

RESOLVED – That this Council believes that cycling is an extremely efficient form of transport which is good for health and the environment.

This Council notes with concern that the number of cyclists killed on Britain's roads rose by 7 per cent between 2009 and 2010 and that a disproportionate number of cycling accidents involve vans and lorries.

This Council supports successive Governments' commitment to encourage the use of bikes and reduce the number of cyclist-related accidents

This Council supports The Times' 'Cities fit for Cycling' campaign; and calls on the Chief Executive to write to the Government calling for further action to improve cycling infrastructure and reduce the number of casualties on our roads.

113 White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Golton) - Council Procedure Rule 3.1(d) - Gay Quarter

It was moved by Councillor Golton, seconded by Councillor Matthews, that this Council recognises the successful regeneration of Leeds city centre over the past 20 years creating a more attractive and safer environment, leading to substantial job creation.

This Council particularly notes the emergence of businesses catering for Leeds lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities in the Lower Briggate area.

Council believes that recognising this area as the city's gay quarter will encourage further investment and the creation of jobs as well as creating a tolerant and safe environment for all.

This Council therefore supports the campaign to officially recognise this area as the Leeds Gay Quarter and requests that officers bring a report to the Executive Board detailing how this will be achieved.

An amendment was moved by Councillor Wakefield, seconded by Councillor J Lewis, that this Council recognises the successful regeneration of Leeds city centre over the past 20 years creating a more attractive and safer environment, leading to substantial job creation.

This Council particularly notes the emergence of businesses catering for Leeds lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities in the Lower Briggate area'

Delete all after 'Lower Briggate area' and replace with:-

'and further notes that for the first time Stonewall has placed the Council in the Top 50 employers in their Workplace Equality Index.

Council believes that recognising the contribution of the LGBT community to the success of Leeds and aiming to be an LGBT friendly city will encourage further investment and the creation of jobs as well as creating a tolerant and safe environment for all in the City Centre and across the whole district.

This Council requests that officers bring a report to the Executive Board detailing how this will be achieved.

The amended motion would read:-

'This Council recognises the successful regeneration of Leeds city centre over the past 20 years creating a more attractive and safer environment, leading to substantial job creation.

This Council particularly notes the emergence of businesses catering for Leeds lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities in the Lower Briggate area and further notes that for the first time Stonewall has placed the Council in the Top 50 employers in their Workplace Equality Index.

Council believes that recognising the contribution of the LGBT community to the success of Leeds and aiming to be an LGBT friendly city will encourage further investment and the creation of jobs as well as creating a tolerant and safe environment for all in the City Centre and across the whole district.

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A second amendment was moved by Councillor Lamb, seconded by Councillor Lobley, to delete all after 'substantial job creation' and replace with:-

'This Council celebrates the fact that Leeds is a tolerant, diverse and inclusive city, but believes that it is against the spirit of this to segregate certain communities to specific parts of the city.'

Amended motion would read:-

'This Council recognises the successful regeneration of Leeds City Centre over the past 20 years creating a more attractive and safer environment, leading to substantial job creation.

This Council celebrates the fact that Leeds is a tolerant, diverse and inclusive city, but believes that it is against the spirit of this to segregate certain communities to specific parts of the city.'

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

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Council rose at 7.30 pm.