



Proceedings of the Meeting of the Leeds City Council held  
Civic Hall, Leeds on Wednesday, 16th January 2013

**PRESENT:** The Lord Mayor Councillor Ann Castle in the Chair

**WARD**

**ADEL & WHARFEDALE**

Barry John Anderson  
John Leslie Carter  
Clive Fox

**ALWOODLEY**

Neil Alan Buckley  
Dan Cohen  
Peter Mervyn Harrand

**ARDSLEY & ROBIN HOOD**

Karen Renshaw  
Jack Dunn  
Lisa Mulherin

**ARMLEY**

Alison Natalie Kay Lowe  
James McKenna  
Janet Harper

**BEESTON & HOLBECK**

Angela Gabriel  
Adam Ogilvie  
David Congreve

**BRAMLEY & STANNINGLEY**

Caroline Gruen  
Ted Hanley  
Neil Taggart

**BURMANTOFTS & RICHMOND HILL**

Maureen Ingham  
Asghar Khan  
Ron Grahame

**WARD**

**CALVERLEY & FARSLEY**

Andrew Carter  
Joseph William Marjoram  
Rod Wood

**CHAPEL ALLERTON**

Eileen Taylor  
Mohammed Rafique  
Jane Dowson

**CITY & HUNSLET**

Elizabeth Nash  
Patrick Davey  
Mohammed Iqbal

**CROSS GATES & WHINMOOR**

Pauleen Grahame  
Peter John Gruen

**FARNLEY & WORTLEY**

David Blackburn  
Ann Blackburn  
John Hamilton Hardy

**GARFORTH & SWILLINGTON**

Andrea McKenna  
Mark Dobson  
Thomas Murray

**GIPTON & HAREHILLS**

Roger Harington  
Arif Hussain  
Kamila Maqsood

**GUISELEY & RAWDON**

Graham Latty  
Paul Wadsworth  
Pat Latty

**HAREWOOD**

Rachael Procter  
Matthew James Robinson

**HEADINGLEY**

Janette Walker  
Neil Walshaw  
Martin Hamilton

**HORSFORTH**

Dawn Collins  
Brian Cleasby

**HYDE PARK & WOODHOUSE**

Christine Denise Towler  
Gerry Harper  
Javaid Akhtar

**KILLINGBECK & SEACROFT**

Graham Hyde  
Veronica Morgan  
Brian Michael Selby

**KIPPAX & METHLEY**

Mary Elizabeth Harland  
James Lewis  
Keith Ivor Wakefield

**KIRKSTALL**

Lucinda Joy Yeadon  
John Anthony Illingworth  
Bernard Peter Atha

**MIDDLETON PARK**

Paul Anthony Truswell  
Judith Blake  
Kim Groves

**MOORTOWN**

Alex Sobel  
Rebecca Charlwood  
Sharon Hamilton

**MORLEY NORTH**

Robert Finnigan  
Robert William Gettings  
Thomas Leadley

**MORLEY SOUTH**

Judith Elliott  
Neil Dawson  
Shirley Varley

**OTLEY & YEADON**

Sandy Edward Charles Lay  
Colin Campbell  
Ryk Downes

**PUDSEY**

Josephine Patricia Jarosz  
Richard Alwyn Lewis  
Mick Coulson

**ROTHWELL**

David Nagle  
Karen Bruce  
Barry Stewart Golton

**ROUNDHAY**

Bill Urry  
Christine Macniven  
Ghulam Hussain

**TEMPLE NEWSAM**

Judith Cummins  
Katherine Mitchell  
Michael Lyons

**WEETWOOD**

Jonathan Bentley  
Susan Bentley  
Judith Mara Chapman

**WETHERBY**

Gerald Wilkinson  
Alan James Lamb  
John Michael Procter

## **71 Announcements**

- a) The Lord Mayor reported the recent death of Sapper Richard Walker from Leeds who was killed in action on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2013 in Afghanistan. Council stood in silent tribute.
- b) The Lord Mayor congratulated the following, who had recently been honoured in the New Year Honours list:-
- Mrs Catherine Grace Turner, OBE  
Miss Nicola Adams, MBE  
Mr Malcolm Brown, MBE  
Mr Alistair Edward Brownlee, MBE  
Miss Hannah Cockcroft, MBE  
Mr Robert Emile Collins, MBE  
Mr Peter Grubb, MBE  
Mrs Inderjeet Hunjan, MBE  
Mrs Jillian Lesley Johnson, MBE  
Mr Michael Rossiter, MBE  
Mrs Joyce Fieldhouse, British Empire Medal  
Mrs Joan Villiers, British Empire Medal
- c) The Lord Mayor congratulated Councillor Tom Murray on his selection as Lord Mayor elect.

## **72 Late Items**

The Lord Mayor reported that she had agreed to the inclusion of a late item in respect of the Natural Resources and Waste Development Plan Document which had been recommended to Council by the Executive Board after the Council Summons was despatched.

## **73 Minutes**

It was moved by Councillor J Lewis, seconded by Councillor G Latty and

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the two Council meetings held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2012 and the State of the City Council meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2012 meeting be approved.

## **74 Declarations of Interest**

The Lord Mayor announced that a list of written declarations submitted by Members was attached to the Order Paper and had been circulated to each Member's place in the Chamber and was also available in the public galleries.

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 R Grahame declared 'other' interests in minute 81 of this meeting as a member of East Leeds Plans Area Committee.

## **75 Communications**

The Chief Executive informed Council that a response had been received from Nick Boles, MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Planning, in response to the resolution of Council at its November 2012 meeting regarding Planning Permissions. The response had previously been circulated to all Members of Council.

## **76 Deputations**

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

- 1) Leeds Children's Mayor regarding the winning manifesto – 'Leeds offers fun, free, fitness for the family'.
- 2) Friends of Woodhouse Moor regarding the route of NGT.

**RESOLVED –**

- a) That the subject matter in respect of Deputation 1 be referred to the Executive Board for consideration.
- b) That the subject matter in respect of Deputation 2 be referred to the West Yorkshire Integrated Transport Authority for consideration.

**77 Calculation of the Council Tax and Business Rates tax bases for 2013/14 and determinations in relation to Council Tax premiums and discounts**

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

**RESOLVED –**

- a) To agree that in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax base) (England) Regulations 2012, the amount calculated by the Council as its council tax base for the year 2013/2014 shall be 208,529 for Leeds and for each Parish, as listed in Section 3.12 and Appendix 1 of the report.
- b) That, in principle, the business rates data contained within the National Non-Domestic Rates Return 1 2013-14, attached as Appendix 2 to the report, be agreed, and authority delegated to the Director of Resources to make any necessary detailed amendments and to submit a final version to DCLG on or before 31st January 2013;
- c) That the removal of the classes of council tax exemptions, as set out in Section 3.3 of the report, be noted.
- d) That it be agreed, in accordance with Section 11A of the Local Government Act 1992, that the discounts under Section 11(2)(a) of that Act for prescribed Class C and D properties, shall not apply.
- e) That it be agreed, under Section 11B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, that from 1st April 2013, Leeds City Council will charge a 50% council tax premium on empty dwellings that have been unoccupied for more than two years;
- f) To agree that the current 10% discount for furnished dwellings that are not anyone's sole or main residence should cease with effect from 31st March 2013.

**78 Recommendations of the December Executive Board - Consultation outcomes on local Council Tax support scheme.**

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

**RESOLVED** – To adopt a local Council Tax Support Scheme that:-

- a) protects lone parents with children under 5, carers and customers in receipt of severe or enhanced disability premium from reductions in support;
- b) protects people in receipt of Armed Forces Compensation Payments from reductions in support and includes continuing the longstanding policy whereby the Council has exercised its discretion to disregard war pensions in full;
- c) continues to support people moving into work by continuing to apply the current run-on scheme which sees qualifying people who move into work continuing to receive the same level of support for the first 4 weeks of work;
- d) removes the Second Adult Rebate scheme; and
- e) reduces Council Tax Support entitlement for all other working age customers by 19% as calculated using the Government's default scheme regulations which mirror and replace the current Council Tax Benefit regulations.

**79 Recommendations of the January Executive Board regarding the Natural Resources & Waste Development Plan Document**

It was moved by Councillor P Gruen, seconded by Councillor J Lewis, and

**RESOLVED** – That, following the Executive Board recommendations, the Natural Resource and Waste Plan Document (the submitted DPD and Post Submission Changes) be adopted, with 16<sup>th</sup> January 2013 as the Date of Adoption, pursuant to Section 23 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

**80 Questions**

Q1 Councillor A Carter to the Executive Member (Neighbourhoods, Planning and Support Services):-

Will the Executive Board Member for Neighbourhoods, Planning and Support Services tell Council whether the financial institutions supposedly backing the Beeston Hill and Holbeck and Little London PFI scheme have now obtained appropriate consents from their boards to back the scheme?

The Executive Member (Neighbourhoods, Planning and Support Services replied.

Q2 Councillor Chapman to the Executive Member (Development and the Economy):-

Can the Executive Member for Development and the Economy confirm that one of the options currently being considered for the West Park Centre is to carry out the required electrical work as soon as possible, so the temporary closure can be lifted and people can get back to using it again?

The Executive Member (Development and the Economy) replied.

Q3 Councillor Bruce to the West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service Representative:-

As a nominated member of the fire authority could Cllr Selby update colleagues on the outcome of the recent West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service consultation?

The West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service Representative replied.

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

Can the Executive Member for Environment update Council on the current position regarding the proposed Bulk Fuel Purchasing Scheme?

The Executive Member (Environment) replied.

Q5 Councillor P Truswell to the Executive Member (Development and the Economy):-

Can the Executive Member confirm how the Council plans to boost opportunities to cycle in Leeds, particularly given the recent success of Yorkshire's bid for the Grand Depart section of the Tour de France in 2014?

The Executive Member (Development and the Economy) replied.

Q6 Councillor G Latty to the Executive Member (Environment):-

Was the Executive Board Member for Environmental Services satisfied with the amount of notice given to residents about the changes to bin collection days over the Christmas period?

The Executive Member (Environment) replied.

Q7 Councillor Golton to the Executive Member (Environment):-

Can the Executive Member for Environmental Services and Licensing reiterate the aims of the Feed Leeds policy?

The Executive Member (Environment) replied.

Q8 Councillor Mitchell to the Executive Member (Leisure and Skills):-

What does the Executive Member feel the main benefits of an apprenticeship are for employers and can he update colleagues on the work the Council is doing with businesses in relation to apprenticeships?

The Executive Member (Leisure and Skills) 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:-

Q9 Councillor Nagle to the Executive Member (Adult Social Care).

- Q10 Councillor Anderson to the Executive Member (Development and the Economy).
- Q11 Councillor Golton to the Executive Member (Children's Services).
- Q12 Councillor C Gruen to the Executive Member (Health and Well-being).
- Q13 Councillor T Hanley to the Executive Member (Children's Services).
- Q14 Councillor B Anderson to the Executive Member (Environment).
- Q15 Councillor S Bentley to the Executive Member (Environment).
- Q16 Councillor K Renshaw to the Executive Member (Neighbourhoods Planning and Support Services).
- Q17 Councillor D Cohen to the Executive Member (Health and Wellbeing).
- Q18 Councillor Cleasby to the Leader of Council.
- Q19 Councillor Buckley to the Executive Member (Health and Wellbeing).
- Q20 Councillor B Anderson to the Executive Member (Development and the Economy).
- Q21 Councillor B Anderson to the Executive Member (Development and the Economy).
- Q22 Councillor B Anderson to the Executive Member (Environment).
- Q23 Councillor B Anderson to the Executive Member (Environment).
- Q24 Councillor B Anderson to the Executive Member (Development and the Economy).
- Q25 Councillor J Marjoram to the Chairman, West Yorkshire Integrated Transport Authority.

## **81 Minutes**

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

**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.

## **82 Back Bench Community Concerns**

During discussion on this item, it was moved by Councillor G Latty, seconded by Councillor Lamb, that Leave of Council be given to allow the introduction of a sixth Community Concern in the name of Councillor P Latty.

- 1) Councillor Finnigan – Concerns regarding Morley Fire Station.

Councillor Selby responded.

- 2) Councillor Taylor – Outreach work undertaken in the Chapel Allerton ward to address infant mortality rates, particularly in connection to teenage pregnancies, and improve the health and wellbeing of children and young parents.

Councillor Mulherin responded.

- 3) Councillor Urry – Impact of the closure of Leeds Remploy factory on individuals, direct culpability of Government, creation of other opportunities for employment of displaced people in Leeds in our wards and the wider Leeds Community.

Councillor Ogilvie responded.

- 4) Councillor Robinson – Concerns about flooding in Collingham and the impact on local people. We call for more effective Council intervention on this matter to prevent this problem continuing to cause misery to residents.

Councillor R Lewis responded.

- 5) Councillor M Hamilton– The benefits to Headingley and other Leeds areas of a compulsory licensing scheme for private landlords.

Councillor P Gruen responded.

- 6) Councillor P Latty – Dog Fouling in Guiseley and Rawdon.

Councillor M Dobson responded.

During the consideration of Community Concerns, the meeting was suspended at 5.00 pm and resumed at 5.25 pm.

### **83 White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor J Procter) - Education**

It was moved by Councillor J Procter, seconded by Councillor G Latty that this Council notes with growing concern the shortage of school places in Leeds meaning that in some cases parents have to accept that their children will not attend a local school.

This Council further notes that the requirement to deliver more new housing in the city is likely to place further strain on school place planning. While the recent meeting to address basic need provision in the city has made a start, this Council believes that there is still a need for a coherent strategy to deal with a shortage in school places and the continuing growth in both birth rates and housing.

This Council therefore instructs officers to bring forward proposals to Executive Board by Spring 2013 that will fully fund the required education provision within the authority, whether this is through use of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) or Section 106 agreements or other sources of funding, and that these proposals should complement the plans being developed as part of the Core Strategy.

An amendment was moved by Councillor Blake, seconded by Councillor Congreve, to delete all after 'this Council' and replace with:

'reaffirms its commitment to tackling the projected shortage of school places in the city as a key priority.



Council notes with concern that last year there were 3000 more pupils entering Leeds primary schools than moving up to secondary school. This unprecedented rise in the birth rate together with the significant ambitions for housing growth outlined in the core strategy presents a major challenge to planning school places for the city.

Council welcomes the grip on this issue taken by the administration and the progress made to date to address the challenge through closer inter-departmental working post Education Leeds and by establishment of a cross-party working group.

Council officers will shortly report to Executive Board on the draft Community Infrastructure Levy charging regime. This will look at the role of Section 106 agreements and the CIL in meeting infrastructure requirements. It will examine how they can help to meet the additional demands for school provision in areas of new housing development.

However Council acknowledges that the issue is exacerbated by the Government's schools policy and particularly the investment in free schools, which sit outside our ability to plan education provision.

Therefore Council requests the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Education, following consideration of the Section 106 and CIL report by Executive Board, to highlight our concerns, to clarify the reality of the funding situation and to express our willingness to work with Government departments to find a comprehensive funding and planning solution to address future basic need requirements.'

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

**RESOLVED** – That this Council reaffirms its commitment to tackling the projected shortage of school places in the city as a key priority.

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express our willingness to work with Government departments to find a comprehensive funding and planning solution to address future basic need requirements.'

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

YES

Akhtar, Atha, Blake, Bruce, Charlwood, Congreve, Coulson, Cummins, Davey, Dawson, Dobson, Dowson, Dunn, Gabriel, P Grahame, R Grahame, Groves, C Gruen, P Gruen, S Hamilton, Hanley, Hardy, Harington, Harland, G Harper, J Harper, A Hussain, G Hussain, G Hyde, Illingworth, Ingham, Iqbal, Jarosz, Khan, J Lewis, R Lewis, Lowe, Lyons, Macniven, Maqsood, A McKenna, J McKenna, Mitchell, Morgan, Mulherin, Murray, Nagle, Nash, Ogilvie, Rafique, Renshaw, Selby, Sobel, Taggart, E Taylor, Towler, Truswell, Urry, Walker, Walshaw, Yeadon.

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NO

Anderson, J Bentley, S Bentley, Buckley, Campbell, A Carter, J L Carter, Chapman, Cleasby, Cohen, Collins, Elliott, Finnigan, Fox, Golton, M Hamilton, Harrand, Lamb, G Latty, P Latty, Lay, Leadley, Marjoram, J Procter, Varley, Wadsworth, Wilkinson, Wood.

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ABSTAIN

A Blackburn, D Blackburn, Gettings.

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**84 White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor A Blackburn) - Energy Bill Revolution Campaign**

It was moved by Councillor A Blackburn, seconded by Councillor C Campbell, and

**RESOLVED** - That this Council notes that the combination of rising fuel prices and the UK's energy inefficient houses have a major impact on fuel poverty and health.

Over the next 15 years the Government will raise an average of £4 billion every year in carbon taxes through the European Emissions Trading Scheme and the Carbon Floor Price. Recycling this revenue back into energy efficiency measures could lower people's bills, cut carbon emissions, create jobs and help combat global warming.

This Council therefore resolves to:-

1. Support the Energy Bill Revolution Campaign calling for the Government to recycle revenues from carbon taxes into improving the energy efficiency of UK homes.
2. Notify local Members of Parliament of its support for the campaign and urge them to sign Early Day Motion 47 – "Reducing Fuel Bills through Energy Efficiency.

**85 White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Blake) - Poverty**

It was moved by Councillor Blake, seconded by Councillor Hanley, that this Council expresses its deep concern about the profound impact of child poverty on outcomes for educational attainment, employment, health and safeguarding.

With 23.4% of children and young people in Leeds growing up in poverty, Council reaffirms its commitment to work with partners to achieve the ambitions set out in the Leeds Child Poverty Strategy.

However, with 59% of poor children living in a household where at least one adult works, Council also reiterates, in the strongest possible terms, the damaging cumulative impact of Government welfare reforms on low income families in this city.

Council requests that officers produce a report for consideration by the Executive Board detailing the anticipated impact of welfare reform on both child poverty and advice services in the city.

Given that economic deprivation has a direct correlation to reduced outcomes for children, especially in areas of entrenched poverty, Council calls on the Government to:-

- Reassess welfare reforms in light of the impact on its own commitment to eradicate child poverty by 2020.
- Swiftly empower the newly created Financial Conduct Authority to limit the impact of high cost credit and high interest rates on poor families with a view to ultimately ensuring all families have access to mainstream financial services.
- Reinstate the Early Intervention Grant to help support some of our most challenging and vulnerable young people.

Council therefore instructs the Chief Executive to write to all Leeds MPs asking them to work with us to highlight the devastating impact of child poverty on our communities and to lobby the Government to take action on the issues above.

An amendment was moved by Councillor S Bentley, seconded by Councillor Golton, to insert the following in the second paragraph, after '*Leeds Child Poverty Strategy*':-

‘and the constructive, all party approach that Leeds has taken in engaging with the government on this issue to date.

Council welcomes the positive coalition government policies to help tackle child deprivation and inequality, including:-

- § The pupil premium which will total £28 million extra funding for Leeds pupils entitled to free school meals in 2013/14.
- § The raising of the income tax threshold that has resulted in people earning the minimum wage paying half the income tax they did in 2010.
- § The expansion of early learning for two year olds.
- § The creation of an apprenticeship academy and apprenticeship hub network as part of the Leeds City Region Deal.
- § The £1 billion youth contract to help young unemployed people find work.
- § The removal of child benefit from the highest earning families.’

In the eighth paragraph/third bullet point, after '*Reinstate*', insert words '*the cut to*'.

The amended motion would read:-

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With 23.4% of children and young people in Leeds growing up in poverty, Council reaffirms its commitment to work with partners to achieve the ambitions set out in the Leeds Child Poverty Strategy and the constructive, all party approach that Leeds has taken in engaging with the government on this issue to date.

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- § Swiftly empower the newly created Financial Conduct Authority to limit the impact of high cost credit and high interest rates on poor families with a view to ultimately ensuring all families have access to mainstream financial services.
- § Reinstate the cut to the Early Intervention Grant to help support some of our most challenging and vulnerable young people.

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A second amendment was moved by Councillor Lamb, seconded by Councillor Latty, to delete all after 'health and safeguarding' and replace with:-

This Council believes that welfare plays a vital role in providing a safety net for people experiencing financial challenges in their day to day lives. However, Council also believes that the welfare system should encourage people back into work and not discourage employment or provide an alternative lifestyle choice as the current system does.

Council notes that eradicating child poverty, while a worthy ambition, was a commitment introduced by the previous government and further notes that their record in addressing the child poverty agenda during far better economic times was completely lamentable.

This Council regards child poverty as an issue of the utmost importance and that far reaching reform of the policies and structures put in place by the previous Government should be introduced along with new initiatives from Leeds City Council. The following actions should be considered:

- § Giving consideration to further increasing the tax threshold to £12,500 thereby providing hard working families with a living wage without placing the onus on the private sector to pay higher wages that are not affordable in the current climate.
- § Swiftly empower the newly created Financial Conduct Authority to limit the impact of high cost credit and high interest rates on poor families with a view to ultimately ensuring all families have access to mainstream financial services.
- § Supporting far reaching reform of the education system including innovative projects such as University Technical Colleges that would see poor performing schools challenged and our young people prepared for the world of work.

Council understands that many of these issues are national in scope but recognises the significant difference that solutions local to Leeds can make to this important issue. This Council therefore calls for a report to be brought to Executive Board into what co-ordinated strategies can be introduced in Leeds to help to deliver these goals.'

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

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- Reinstate the Early Intervention Grant to help support some of our most challenging and vulnerable young people.

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On the requisition of Councillors Lamb and G Latty, the voting on the first amendment in the name of Councillor S Bentley was recorded as follows:-

YES

J Bentley, S Bentley, Campbell, Cleasby, Elliott, Finnigan, Gettings, Golton, M Hamilton, Lay, Leadley, Varley.

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NO

Akhtar, Anderson, Atha, A Blackburn, D Blackburn, Blake, Bruce, Buckley, J L Carter, Charlwood, Cohen, Collins, Congreve, Coulson, Cummins, Davey, Dawson, Dobson, Dowson, Dunn, Fox, Gabriel, P Grahame, R Grahame, Groves, C Gruen, P Gruen, S Hamilton, Hanley, Hardy, Harington, Harland, G Harper, J Harper, Harrand, A Hussain, G Hussain, G Hyde, Illingworth, Ingham, Iqbal, Jarosz, Khan, Lamb, G Latty, P Latty, J Lewis, R Lewis, Lowe, Lyons, Macniven, Maqsood, Marjoram, A McKenna, J McKenna, Mitchell, Morgan, Mulherin, Murray, Nagle, Nash, Ogilvie, J Procter, Rafique, Renshaw, Selby, Sobel, Taggart, E Taylor, Towler, Truswell, Urry, Wadsworth, Walker, Walshaw, Wilkinson, Wood, Yeadon.

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ABSTAIN

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On the requisition of Councillors Lamb and G Latty, the voting on the second amendment in the name of Councillor Lamb was recorded as follows:-

YES

Anderson, Buckley, J L Carter, Cohen, Collins, Elliott, Finnigan, Fox, Gettings, Harrand, Lamb, G Latty, P Latty, Leadley, Marjoram, J Procter, Varley, Wadsworth, Wilkinson, Wood.

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NO

Akhtar, Atha, J Bentley, S Bentley, A Blackburn, D Blackburn, Blake, Bruce, Charlwood, Cleasby, Congreve, Coulson, Cummins, Davey, Dawson, Dobson, Dowson, Dunn, Gabriel, Golton, P Grahame, R Grahame, Groves, C Gruen, P Gruen, M Hamilton, S Hamilton, Hanley, Hardy, Harington, Harland, G Harper, J Harper, A Hussain, G Hussain, G Hyde, Illingworth, Ingham, Iqbal, Jarosz, Khan, Lay, J Lewis, R Lewis, Lowe, Lyons, Macniven, Maqsood, A McKenna, J McKenna,

Mitchell, Morgan, Mulherin, Murray, Nagle, Nash, Ogilvie, Rafique, Renshaw, Selby, Sobel, Taggart, E Taylor, Towler, Truswell, Urry, Walker, Walshaw, Yeadon.

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ABSTAIN

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On the requisition of Councillors J Lewis and Taggart, the voting on the motion in the name of Councillor Blake was recorded as follows:-

YES

Akhtar, Atha, A Blackburn, D Blackburn, Blake, Bruce, Charlwood, Congreve, Coulson, Cummins, Davey, Dawson, Dobson, Dowson, Dunn, Gabriel, P Grahame, R Grahame, Groves, C Gruen, P Gruen, S Hamilton, Hanley, Hardy, Harington, Harland, G Harper, J Harper, A Hussain, G Hussain, G Hyde, Illingworth, Ingham, Iqbal, Jarosz, Khan, J Lewis, R Lewis, Lowe, Lyons, Macniven, Maqsood, A McKenna, J McKenna, Mitchell, Morgan, Mulherin, Murray, Nagle, Nash, Ogilvie, Rafique, Renshaw, Selby, Sobel, Taggart, E Taylor, Towler, Truswell, Urry, Walker, Walshaw, Yeadon.

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NO

Anderson, Buckley, J L Carter, Cohen, Collins, Fox, Harrand, Lamb, G Latty, P Latty, Marjoram, J Procter, Wadsworth, Wilkinson, Wood.

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ABSTAIN

J Bentley, S Bentley, Campbell, Cleasby, Elliott, Finnigan, Gettings, Golton, M Hamilton, Lay, Leadley, Varley.

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Council rose at 7.45 pm.