

Proceedings of the Meeting of the Leeds City Council held
Civic Hall, Leeds on Wednesday, 8th May, 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

Adam Ogilvie
David Congreve

BRAMLEY & STANNINGLEY

Caroline Gruen
Ted Hanley
Neil Taggart

BURMANTOFTS & RICHMOND HILL

Maureen Ingham
Asghar Khan
Ron Grahame

WARD

CALVERLEY & FARSLEY

CHAPEL ALLERTON

Eileen Taylor
Mohammed Rafique
Jane Dowson

CITY & HUNSLET

Elizabeth Nash
Patrick Davey
Mohammed Iqbal

CROSS GATES & WHINMOOR

Debra Coupar
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 John Spencer Wadsworth
Pat Latty

HAREWOOD

Rachael Procter
Matthew James Robinson

HEADINGLEY

Janette Walker
Neil Walshaw
Martin Hamilton

HORSFORTH

Christopher Townsley
Dawn Collins
Brian Cleasby

HYDE PARK & WOODHOUSE

Christine Denise Towler

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

WEETWOOD

Jonathan Bentley
Susan Bentley

WETHERBY

Gerald Wilkinson
Alan James Lamb
John Michael Procter

99 Announcements

- a) The Lord Mayor reported the recent death of Honorary Alderman Binks, MBE, and Council stood in silent tribute.
- b) The Lord Mayor reported that Councillor Chapman had submitted her apologies for the meeting due to the change in date.
- c) The Lord Mayor welcomed Councillor Debra Coupar who had recently been elected in the Cross Gates and Whinmoor by-election.
- d) The Lord Mayor reminded those present that the meeting was to be webcast.

100 Late Item

The Lord Mayor reported that she had agreed to the inclusion of a late item in respect of the Standards and Conduct Committee Annual Report to allow it to be considered prior to the end of the municipal year.

101 Minutes

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

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 27th February 2013 be approved.

102 Declarations of Interest

The Lord Mayor invited Members to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

- a) Councillor Lowe declared an 'other' interests in minute 112 of this meeting as a director of Touchstone.

103 Communications

The Deputy Chief Executive informed Council that a response had been received via Stuart Andrew, MP, from Lord Freud, Minister for Welfare Reform, in response to the resolution of Council at its January meeting regarding child poverty. The response had previously been circulated to all Members of Council.

104 Deputations

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

- 1) Regional Asylum Activism Project regarding asylum support and the destitution of asylum seekers.
- 2) Wyke Beck Valley Community Forum regarding the post of Wyke Beck Valley Ranger and 5 local nature reserves in Wyke Beck Valley.
- 3) West Park Centre Campaign Group regarding West Park Centre.
- 4) West Park Residents Association regarding New Generation Transport.

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

105 Report on Leeds Award

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

RESOLVED – That the recommendations of the Leeds Award Panel to nominate the Leeds Rhinos to receive the Leeds Award, as presented by the report of the Chief Officer Democratic and Central Services, be approved.

106 Report on Amendments to the Officer Delegation Scheme (Executive Functions) - Director of Public Health

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

RESOLVED –

- a) That the report of the City Solicitor on amendments to the Officer Delegation Scheme (Executive Functions), approved by the Leader, with effect from 1st April 2013, be noted.
- A new delegation to the Director of Public Health, as set out in Appendix A to the report.
 - An amendment to the delegation to the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods, as set out in Appendix B to the report.
- b) To note that the Monitoring Officer had also amended the Constitution to update it following the decision of the Leader and legislative changes.

107 Report on Appointments

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

RESOLVED – That the report of the City Solicitor on appointments be approved, namely that Councillor Harland fill the current vacancy on Licensing Committee.

108 Annual Report of the Standards Committee

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

RESOLVED – That annual report of the Standards and Conduct Committee, as presented by the City Solicitor, be noted.

109 Motion to Suspend Council Procedure Rules

It was moved by Councillor J Lewis, seconded by Councillor G Latty, that under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 22.1 (Suspension of Council Procedure Rules), Council Procedure Rule 11 (Questions) be suspended in order that all questions receive only written responses.

RESOLVED – That Council Procedure Rule 11 be suspended in order that all questions receive only written responses.

110 Questions

- Q1 Councillor Buckley to the Executive Member (Health and Wellbeing)
- Q2 Councillor S Golton to the Executive Member (Neighbourhoods, Planning and Support Services).
- Q3 Councillor Lyons to the Executive Member (Adult Social Care).
- Q4 Councillor Ingham to the Executive Member (Environment).
- Q5 Councillor Lamb to the Executive Member (Children's Services).

- Q6 Councillor S Bentley to the Executive Member (Children's Services).
- Q7 Councillor Khan to the Executive Member (Leisure and Skills).
- Q8 Councillor A Hussain to the Executive Member (Neighbourhoods, Planning and Support Services).
- Q9 Councillor Anderson to the Executive Member (Neighbourhoods, Planning and Support Services).
- Q10 Councillor Lay to the Executive Member (Leader of Council).
- Q11 Councillor Hardy to the Executive Member (Neighbourhoods, Planning and Support Services).
- Q12 Councillor Robinson to the Executive Member (Health and Wellbeing).
- Q13 Councillor J Bentley to the Executive Member (Neighbourhoods, Planning and Support Services).
- Q14 Councillor Robinson to the Executive Member (Resources and Corporate Functions).
- Q15 Councillor J Bentley to the Executive Member (Environment).

111 Motion to Suspend Council Procedure Rules

It was moved by Councillor J Lewis, seconded by Councillor G Latty, that under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 22.1 (Suspension of Council Procedure Rules), Council Procedure Rule 3 (Time Limits for Business) be suspended to allow minutes to conclude by 4.10 pm.

RESOLVED – That Council Procedure Rule 3 be suspended to allow minutes to conclude by 4.10 pm.

112 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 J Procter, seconded by Councillor G Latty, to add the following at the end of item 9:-

‘In respect of minute 194, page 52 of the meeting of Executive Board 13th March 2013, to ask Executive Board to reconsider its decision.’

A second amendment (Reference Back) was moved by Councillor Golton, seconded by Councillor Downes, to add the following at the end of item 9:-

‘To ask the Executive Board to reconsider the decision in relation to Housing Delivery, as contained in minute 201, page 57 of the Executive Board minutes of 13th March 2013.’

Both amendments (References Back) were 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.

113 Suspension of Council Procedure Rules

During consideration of the minutes, the following motions to suspend Council Procedure Rules were moved:-

- Councillor G Latty, seconded by Councillor Lamb, moved that under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 22.1 (Suspension of Council Procedure Rules), that Council Procedure Rule 12.1 (Motions on Notice) 13.1 (Motions and Amendments Requiring Notice) be suspended to allow the introduction of an amendment (reference back) in the name of Councillor J Procter.
- Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Downes, moved that under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 22.1 (Suspension of Council Procedure Rules), that Council Procedure Rule 12.1 (Motions on Notice) 13.1 (Motions and Amendments Requiring Notice) be suspended to allow the introduction of an amendment (reference back) in the name of Councillor Golton.

Upon being put to the vote it was

RESOLVED – That both suspensions be approved and that Councillors J Procter and Golton be allowed to introduce the amendments (References Back) in their names.

114 Back Bench Community Concerns

- 1) Councillor Bruce – Concerns regarding the potential impact of High Speed 2 on communities in the Woodlesford area. Morley Fire Station.

Councillor R Lewis responded.

- 2) Councillor – Concerns regarding obstacles on pavements and forecourts.

Councillor Gruen responded.

- 3) Councillor Wilkinson – Concerns about the proposed closure of Primrose Hill Care Home, Boston Spa.

Councillor Yeadon responded.

- 4) Councillor Lay – To seek Leeds City Council support for the Otley Business Improvement District (BID) application and its implementation in helping to regenerate Otley Town Centre.

Councillor R Lewis responded.

- 5) Councillor Dawson – Provision of community support for personnel in the British Armed Forces through the Heroes welcome scheme.

Councillor P Gruen responded.

The meeting was suspended at 4.50 pm and resumed at 5.20 pm.

115 Roll of Honour - Councillor Suzi Armitage

The Lord Mayor invited Councillors Wakefield, J L Carter, Downes, Gettings and A Blackburn to address Council on the work of Councillor Armitage, following which Councillor Wakefield unveiled the Roll of Honour.

116 Suspension of Council Procedure Rules

It was moved by Councillor J Lewis, seconded by Councillor G Latty, that that under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 22.1 (Suspension of Council Procedure Rules), that Council Procedure Rule 12.1 (Motions on Notice) 13.1 (Motions and Amendments Requiring Notice) be suspended to:-

- a) allow the introduction of the Emergency Motion detailed in the order paper below, and
- b) allow the introduction of amendments in respect of the motions in the name of Councillors Cohen, Ogilvie and Golton, set out below. Details of the amendments were set out in the Order Paper.

RESOLVED – That Council Procedure Rules 12.1 and 13. be suspended to allow the introduction of an Emergency Motion and amendments in respect of the motions in the name of Councillor Cohen, Ogilvie and Golton.

117 Emergency Motion (in the name of Councillor Illingworth) - Children's Congenital Cardiac Services

It was moved by Councillor Illingworth, seconded by Councillor G Latty, and

RESOLVED – That this Council considers that the Safe and Sustainable review of Children's Congenital Cardiac Services in England failed to achieve those standards of probity, transparency and efficiency that the public are entitled to expect. Council therefore notes the recent high court judgement that confirmed these concerns. This Council remains dismayed by:-

- the narrow focus of some aspects the review;
- the serious factual inaccuracies;
- the geographic and institutional bias;
- the lack of transparency and objectivity;
- the failure to declare obvious personal interests;
- the lack of evidence supporting some of the proposed changes;

Council calls for NHS England to cease work on the implementation of the Safe and Sustainable review and for a Parliamentary Select Committee inquiry into the conduct of the review, and related events, from 2008 to the present day.

Council was disappointed by the recent controversy over standards of children's cardiac care which must have caused distress to patients and families in Leeds and the wider region and calls on the Secretary of State for Health to reconsider holding a formal inquiry into the circumstances surrounding it.

Council further calls for NHS England to undertake a fresh appraisal, conducted entirely in public, with equitable representation from all affected areas and

professional advice from the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence. This appraisal should critically evaluate the evidence for risks and benefits, and aim to optimise both the long-term welfare of the affected families and the immediate interests of the affected children.

118 White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Cohen) - Kirkgate Market

was moved by Councillor Cohen, seconded by Councillor Lamb, that this Council recognises the huge appeal of Kirkgate Market for residents of Leeds and visitors to the city in terms of the diversity of choice, quality of products, value for money and as a widely respected and highly recognisable city landmark.

This Council therefore calls for full and proper consultation with traders on the future of Kirkgate Market and in particular on the best management model to adopt to deliver a thriving and successful market to the benefit of both shoppers and market traders in Leeds.

This Council notes the disappointing way in which market traders and market trader representatives have been treated in recent years and commits to ensuring a more positive, open relationship between traders and market management.

The Kirkgate Market Strategy does not deliver a full resolution to the problems experienced at the market in recent times and therefore this Council commits to bringing forward revised proposals to Executive Board within the next 2 months.

This revised strategy should offer:-

1. a mutually agreed model of market management which ensures a fairer relationship with traders and their representatives;
2. provision to guarantee traders the ability to assign their leases; and
3. a commitment to genuinely heal the rifts that have developed in the past and still exist.

An amendment was moved by Councillor R Lewis, seconded by Councillor Taylor, to delete all after the first paragraph and replace with:-

‘Council welcomes the proposals in the Kirkgate Market Strategy to significantly invest in and revitalise one of the city’s greatest landmarks in order to secure its long-term sustainable future.

Council reiterates its on-going commitment to support the Market and its traders, as is demonstrated by its investment of £12.3m. Furthermore, with an estimated 10 to 15 million new visitors expected to visit the regenerated Victoria Gate and Lower Kirkgate, Council underlines its intention to support the Market in making the most of this exciting opportunity.

Council envisages a thriving and successful Market at the heart of the city’s 21st century retail offer and acknowledges the extensive research, advice and consultation already undertaken with a wide range of stakeholders to ensure this is the case.

Council welcomes the commitment in the Kirkgate Market Strategy to continue to work constructively with traders on future key proposals and to directly include them in new management arrangements.’

The amended motion would read:-

'This Council recognises the huge appeal of Kirkgate Market for residents of Leeds and visitors to the city in terms of the diversity of choice, quality of products, value for money and as a widely respected and highly recognisable city landmark.

'Council welcomes the proposals in the Kirkgate Market Strategy to significantly invest in and revitalise one of the city's greatest landmarks in order to secure its long-term sustainable future.

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

RESOLVED – That this Council recognises the huge appeal of Kirkgate Market for residents of Leeds and visitors to the city in terms of the diversity of choice, quality of products, value for money and as a widely respected and highly recognisable city landmark.

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

YES

Akhtar, Atha, J Bentley, S Bentley, A Blackburn, Blake, Bruce, Campbell, Charlwood, Cleasby, Congreve, Coulson, Coupar, Cummins, Davey, Dawson, Dobson, Downes, Dowson, Dunn, Elliott, Finnigan, Gettings, Golton, P Grahame, R Grahame, Groves, C Gruen, P Gruen, S Hamilton, Hanley, Hardy, Harington, Harland, J Harper, A Hussain, G Hussain, G Hyde, Illingworth, Ingham, Iqbal, Jarosz, Khan, Lay, Leadley, J Lewis, R Lewis, Lowe, Macniven, Maqsood, A McKenna, J McKenna, Mitchell, Morgan, Mulherin, Murray, Nagle, Nash, Ogilvie, Rafique, Renshaw, Selby, Sobel, Taggart, E Taylor, Towler, Townsley, Truswell, Urry, Varley, Wakefield, Walker, Walshaw, Yeadon.

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NO

Anderson, D Blackburn, Buckley, J L Carter, Cohen, Collins, Fox, Harrand, Lamb, G Latty, J Procter, Robinson, Wilkinson, Wood.

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On the requisition of Councillors Lamb and G Latty, the voting on the substantive motion was recorded as follows:-

YES

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NO

Anderson, A Blackburn, D Blackburn, Buckley, J L Carter, Cohen, Collins, Fox, Harrand, Lamb, G Latty, J Procter, Robinson, Wilkinson, Wood.

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119 White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Ogilvie) - Skills

It was moved by Councillor Ogilvie, seconded by Councillor Mitchell, that this Council regrets that the Coalition Government did not do more to encourage skills development in its recent budget in order to promote economic recovery and social justice.

Council notes with deep concern the poor performance of the Government's Work Programme, which resulted in only 3.6% of people referred to the Programme moved into work – less than the DWP's own estimation of the number of people who would have found work if the Programme did not exist.

It is with disappointment that Members also recognise this comes on top of the Government's extensive welfare change programme, compounding the economic misery of households currently struggling with unemployment in very difficult economic circumstances.

Council acknowledges that local action has been taken, and resources invested, to limit the cumulative impact on vulnerable households of multiple changes to the welfare system.

Leeds City Council has also already demonstrated its commitment to innovative partnership working within employment and skills, as exemplified by the Apprenticeship Training Agency and a range of activities including pre-employment support.

In order to enable the Council to now make meaningful progress in tackling poverty locally, members urge Government to devolve the delivery of work-orientated training and welfare support to local authorities.

Council instructs officers to bring a paper to the Executive Board outlining how the Council could deliver locally-tailored welfare support while also supporting jobseekers back to work.

Council also instructs the Chief Executive to write to all Leeds MPs asking for their support in making the case to Government to devolve employment support to the local authority.

An amendment was moved by Councillor Golton, seconded by Councillor Campbell, to delete first five paragraphs and replace with:

‘Council welcomes the diverse approach that has come from central government to help promote economic recovery and in particular the funding provided through the City Deal to help the Leeds City Region deliver its skills agenda.

However, Council expresses concern that the Labour administration has not fully risen to the opportunities presented by central government and notes the slow rate of progress that it is making with the Apprenticeship Training Agency.

Concerns were raised about this complacency at the meeting of full council in February and the administration was presented with the opportunity to create roles for locally based business engagement officers to work with local businesses to boost economic output and job opportunities. It is unfortunate that this idea was not supported by full Council as it would have provided the opportunity for the Council to improve its so far dismal record on engaging with SMEs to provide apprenticeships for young people.’

Replace ‘now make meaningful progress in tackling poverty’ and replace with ‘boost skills’.

Amended motion would read:-

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A second amendment was moved by Councillor Lamb, seconded by Councillor G Latty, to delete all after 'This Council regrets' and replace with:

'the failure of the previous government to introduce any coherent policies to tackle youth unemployment and its failure to deliver training and employment opportunities to the long term unemployed despite benefiting from a period of economic stability that is not replicated today.

This Council notes the disappointing performance by the current Leeds City Council administration against its own targets and priorities contained in the City Priority Plan and Council Business Plan, particularly with regard to supporting people to improve skills and move into jobs and driving sustainable growth in the Leeds economy.

This Council further notes that since 2010 national unemployment rates have fallen and private sector employment has increased in line with the Government priority to re-balance the economy by supporting job growth in the private sector.

Council applauds the Government for agreeing to the City Deal agenda not just in West Yorkshire but nationally. The opportunity this offers to local authorities to have greater autonomy and deliver local priorities is unprecedented and could introduce a range of exciting new opportunities for the skills agenda in Leeds, as highlighted by the new Apprenticeship Training Agency.

This Council believes that stronger partnership with the private sector will deliver improved outcomes and more opportunities for young people in Leeds. Council therefore instructs officers to bring a report to Executive Board outlining ways in which a stronger partnership can be developed in order to close the skills gap, increase employment and training and offer a brighter a future for young people in Leeds.'

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

RESOLVED - That this Council regrets that the Coalition Government did not do more to encourage skills development in its recent budget in order to promote economic recovery and social justice.

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120 White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Golton) - Deputy Police Commissioner

It was moved by Councillor Golton, seconded by Councillor Leadley, that this Council notes with deep concern the Police and Crime Commissioner's decision to restrict recruitment of a Deputy Commissioner on a salary of £53,000 solely to Labour Party Members.

This Council believes that this appointment politicises and damages the police service, further undermines already weak public confidence in the role of Police and Crime Commissioner and diverts public money for spending on a party political role that would better be spent on front line policing in local neighbourhoods.

This Council therefore instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Police and Crime Commissioner explaining this Council's concerns over the appointment of the Deputy Commissioner and that the funding for her salary should instead be spent on front line policing.

An amendment was moved by Councillor P Gruen, seconded by Councillor Charlwood, to delete all and replace with:-

'This Council notes the flawed Coalition government legislation which allows Police and Crime Commissioners to appoint senior posts without the normally accepted recruitment and employment procedures.

Council believes this is just another example of the wholly unnecessary burden on public finances imposed by the Coalition Government on Leeds taxpayers.'

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

RESOLVED – That this Council notes the flawed Coalition government legislation which allows Police and Crime Commissioners to appoint senior posts without the normally accepted recruitment and employment procedures.

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Council rose at 7.25 pm.