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**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

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At

THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,  
CIVIC HALL, LEEDS

In the Chair:

THE LORD MAYOR  
(Councillor A Castle)  
(Councillor T Murray)

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**VERBATIM REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS**

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*(In the Chair - the Lord Mayor, Councillor A Castle)*

THE LORD MAYOR: Deputy Lieutenant, distinguished guests, fellow Councillors, welcome to the Annual Meeting of Council. May I remind everyone in the Chamber, please, to ensure that any electronic equipment which might emit irritating sounds during the meeting is switched off. *(laughter)*

I confirm that, following the dispatch of the Summons with accompanying reports on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2013, further papers originally identified on the Summons as to follow were circulated to Members on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2013.

ITEM 1 – ELECTION OF THE LORD MAYOR

THE LORD MAYOR: Item 1, Election of the Lord Mayor. Councillor Wakefield, please.

COUNCILLOR WAKEFIELD: Thank you, Lord Mayor. Lord Mayor, Deputy Lieutenant, distinguished guests, fellow Councillors, ladies and gentlemen. Before I move to the formal nomination of the Lord Mayor of Leeds I would just like to put on record my appreciation for your term of office, Lord Mayor.

You have always been, as I said at the last Council, fair, firm and generous in dealing with some very awkward people in this Chamber – largely over *there!* *(laughter)* We are perfectly behaved! Above all, you and Graham have been really fantastic ambassadors and champions of the city, particularly on the big occasions, and there have been many this year.

Lord Mayor, I now want to formally move that Councillor Thomas Murray be the next Lord Mayor of Leeds. In doing so I would like to welcome in this Chamber Edna, his wife of 42 years, his daughter and son and his son's partner, Lucy, who have come with six grandchildren who they give to Tom and Edna to share, they say, or to look after. Above all, Edna's Aunt Mary – she is not here. Sorry, I thought we were getting Aunt Mary from Australia who had come over specially, but I have just been told not, she is not very well. I am sure she will catch up with you later on.

Lord Mayor, given Tom has got to give a speech later on about himself in this Chamber, the information I give you is to try and balance what he tells you and to give you the right impression of him because some people in this Chamber think next year we are going to have an austere and miserable time under Tom, because he is a vegetarian. Some of you have probably been imagining lentils tonight! It is even worse, because he likes Leonard Cohen – that music you slash your wrists to. This is absolutely a true story, that when you run out of conversation with Tom in a car he starts singing these Leonard Cohen songs to you and even though you are travelling at 60 and 70 miles an hour, the temptation to throw yourself out...*(laughter)*

I can assure you, neither Tom nor Edna are gloomy people. In fact, as I think we will go on now and through the year we will find them great fun. Indeed, I was told from a very secret Scottish source again, whose code name is Christine, that once Tom has had a glass of wine (Edna does not need any alcohol) he is prepared to launch into any wild Scottish dancing – you know that ceilidh stuff and the Gay

Gordons, that is Tom. All I would say to John is, can you lock up the wine this year because that is the last thing we need there!

For those who do not know where their generosity and warmth originate from, it is actually a little place called Consett in the north-east, which is known for its steel and coal industries and a permanent orange glow over the sky. My expert adviser on the north-east, a guy called Alan Gay who specialises in Newcastle United, told me that a lot of people in the north-east think that those people who come from Consett are like hillbillies – they come down from the hills every now and again and try and touch civilisation. Again, I will try and show you that far from Tom and Edna, indeed Tom has shown real drive and ambition throughout his life.

After a difficult childhood Tom set out to prove that commitment to learning and education was the main vehicle to climb out of poverty and improve life chances. Being a sweet-talking Catholic altar boy – who could have thought that about Tom – with a middle name of Jerome (that must have been a real asset in his life when he was young) he, at the age of 15, was able to persuade a rather innocent young woman called Edna that he was the boyfriend for her and later on, after marrying her, he even persuaded her to come to Leeds despite some very formidable opposition from her father, who was a miner.

However, for Tom Leeds was not just about romance and love because his other passion is football and, having won a place at University, he wanted to study in one of the big cities of football – Manchester, Liverpool, London, Birmingham – and Tom chose Leeds against all these because of the great Revie team and the great Eddie Gray. That to me has always struck me as a bit ironic because, according to his son, Colin (and he is here tonight) when Tom played he was far from graceful, fast and skilful. Indeed, Colin said that he hardly moved throughout the 90 minutes and he hardly kicked a ball! As Tom used to say to me, “Not many players got past me” (*laughter*) and the name Chopper Murray did not come easy at all!

I know there are many football fans in here tonight and I just ask you one thing during his term of office, because he is a passionate Newcastle United supporter. Please, do not sing “Have you ever seen the Geordies lift the cup?” because that will really wind him up big time and we will all be in trouble.

Of course, on a serious note, as we all know Tom has been a Councillor for Garforth and Swillington for over 21 years and, given this is his last year, I would like to thank him for his commitment, hard work, care and enthusiasm to the people of that ward. He has been remarkably popular.

He taught at John Smeaton and Royds and many people in Leeds remember Tom as an enthusiastic science and physics teacher. In Methley, which was a part of the Royds School catchment area, people remember Tom as slightly zany but always willing to give extra time to those pupils who struggled with lessons. It is no surprise, therefore, that he transferred his practical education and experience into political commitment to education, which culminated in chairing Education and the Training and Skills committees with great passion and enthusiasm. Indeed, being totally dedicated to those roles he was prepared to take a pay cut and the loss of a senior position in order to carry out those political responsibilities. I have to say, I think that is the quality of the man as well as his commitment.

As we all know, he has been Chief Executive of an Inner City Charity Education since 2004 focusing on providing motivation, skills and support to children and families so they can lift themselves out of poverty into training and work. Again, no surprise that Tom has created a wonderful Lord Mayor’s Charity named LOFTY,

which is all about offering opportunities, hope and fun to the children of Leeds, especially those who have been disadvantaged by their circumstances.

Given Edna has been a children's social worker with the Council for over 25 years, we all know we are going to see some amazing and inspirational events over the next twelve months and I am totally confident they will have a truly great year as our ambassadors for the city.

Lord Mayor, I know we all wish Tom and Edna a very enjoyable and successful year as Lord Mayor and I now move that Councillor Tom Murray be the next Lord Mayor of Leeds. Thank you. *(Applause)*

THE LORD MAYOR: Councillor Lamb, please.

COUNCILLOR LAMB: Thank you, Lord Mayor. It is a real, real honour on behalf of the swivel-eyed loons *(laughter)* to second the motion before you, but before I do I would like to add my tribute to you, Ann. As a good friend I have been so proud to sit here and watch you as the First Citizen of Leeds with Graham this year. You have done a quite remarkable job in both the big events and in the small events, and I have had the privilege to see you at quite a number and to see just the affection that people have for you. You have been a wonderful servant to the office and I think you have had a fantastic year.

Lord Mayor, I really struggled to know why I was asked to do this. Usually it is left to people who have been here for many, many years. When Tom first became a Councillor for Garforth in 1992 I was still a schoolboy in his ward! *(laughter)* I do not know if that is more embarrassing for him or me! I know he has always had young people in his heart and as a younger Member and the only other serving Mayor in the Chamber, I am happy to offer my services to help him in a job share if he requires! He can be the Day Mayor, I will be the Night Mayor! *(laughter and applause)*

I was trying to think of some funny things to say and I really seriously considered, because one of the things that Tom will now experience that he has not before is he will be joining the wonderful world of Twitter. I did think about doing a joke about it but after all the events of the last week I thought that would be suicidal. *(laughter)* That may pass some people by.

Moving on to more serious matters, the problem with going second in these things is that in this case Keith, as the Leader with all the resources of the Council, has got all the best lines and all the best facts about Tom. The one thing I managed to glean which Keith did not is that Tom has apparently a legendary ability to forget people's names, as his two ward colleagues, Mike and Angela, can testify! *(laughter)*

Turning to the more serious matters at hand, I really did think why would Tom ask me, as someone who has only served for six years, and the only thing I could think was I did not know Tom until about 2006 when I stood against him for election in Garforth and Swillington and I really, as I try and do with everything, threw myself into the election campaign and tried to beat him, and I set a simple target of 3,000 votes to win. For many of you, 3,000 votes is three times more than you need to win your seats. I achieved my target, I got 3,000 and, I think, 56 votes, and still lost! *(laughter)* It was a testament to Tom's popularity that, despite the fact in what was a difficult year for the Labour Party and we really, really threw everything at that campaign, I hope in a positive and constructive way, that he still won quite comfortably in the end.

It was after that in defeat that I learned a lot of valuable things in that campaign and what I learned about Tom Murray is what a kind and generous man he is because he took the time to come over to me afterwards and, despite having just beaten me and obviously I was disappointed, I had put an awful lot of work in, the kindness and generosity of both he and Andrew as well and Mark showed to me in that time, it really showed what a kind, generous man he is.

Also when I was elected a year later and I found myself on Scrutiny with him, he took me under his wing as well...

COUNCILLOR WAKEFIELD: That's where you went wrong! *(laughter)*

COUNCILLOR LAMB: I know! It has all been down hill from there! He has been to me a kind and generous man despite our political differences, and the thing that he has taught me is that you do not need to be nasty in politics. Yes, we have our differences and things that divide us but he has conducted himself in my experience always in the fairest way, he has always been courteous to people even when he disagrees and I cannot think of anyone better and more fitting to serve as Lord Mayor and it is an absolute pleasure, on behalf of the Conservative Group, to second the motion and I hope Tom and Edna have a wonderful, wonderful year, I am sure they will. It is a real pleasure to second that Councillor Tom Murray should serve as Lord Mayor of the City of Leeds for the next year. Thank you, Lord Mayor. *(Applause)*

THE LORD MAYOR: Councillor Campbell.

COUNCILLOR CAMPBELL: Thank you, Lord Mayor. Can I start off by echoing my colleagues by offering my own personal thanks to you for your year in office. As we have already said, it has been an interesting year for you, what with the Olympics and the Jubilee. The memory that stays with me is the West Yorkshire Regiment coming back and parading outside in Millennium Square and you, I suppose, taking the salute and inspecting the troops, which you did very diligently, I may say, every single one of them – one of them twice but there we are! *(laughter)*

Lord Mayor, I think you must admit you have had an excellent year and the city has had an excellent year and excellent value out of you. I think we all need to say thank you very much for all the time and effort you have put in on our behalf.

Lord Mayor, guests, Councillors, on behalf of the Liberal Democrat Group it gives me great pleasure to speak in support of Councillor Tom Murray. As Alan has already said, Keith gets the best lines because he goes first and you really do not want me to repeat Tom's history, so I thought it might be useful for the benefit of our guests here today if we just have a little look at the qualities that a Mayor needs, certainly within Leeds which, thank goodness, has retained its symbolic Mayoralty.

First of all I think the Mayor should be the First Citizen of this culturally diverse and exciting city. Tom, as we have heard, who moved here to make this his home, knows how the strength of Leeds is its ability to welcome people from all communities to make them a member of the Leeds community.

I think also the Mayor should never get flustered. As we always know, things do not always go to plan but luckily Tom is one of the most relaxed people I have ever met and in fact I almost think the phrase "smile and wave" was coined with him in mind.

I think the Mayor also needs to be able to talk to anyone and everyone, and I think those of us who know Tom would say that it is one of those things that he can

do well, he always gets along easily with people, even when they do not agree with him.

I think the Mayor needs broad shoulders, not sympathy because of the weight of the chain, but because of life's little problems. Tom, as we have heard, chose Leeds because it had a good football team and given the footballing performance in the city over the last few years, his shoulders now must be about as broad as the pitch!

Finally, Lord Mayor, the Mayor has to deal with Council and Councillors. As anybody will tell you, Council always proceeds in a calm, orderly fashion, Members quietly putting forward cogent arguments to support their point of view. I suppose that Tom's experience in teaching probably will not be needed to deal with that!

Lord Mayor, if this was a reference for a job (and I suppose it is) I would unhesitatingly recommend Councillor Tom Murray for the position of Lord Mayor of Leeds. Thank you. *(Applause)*

THE LORD MAYOR: Councillor Elliott, please.

COUNCILLOR ELLIOT: Thank you, my Lord Mayor, my Deputy Lieutenant. It is my pleasure on behalf of the Morley Borough Independents to offer our support to Tom Murray in his nomination for the position of Lord Mayor of Leeds for the forthcoming year.

All of us in this Council Chamber have experienced the professionalism with which he carries out his work. As someone who has personal experience of his chairing of various committees, I can vouch for the fact that this professionalism and reliability does not stop at the Council Chamber door but extends to all that he puts his hand to.

We learn that it is his intention during his proposed term of office to promote and involve children and their activities as he carries out his duties in and around our city. Young children and their future development and success is dear to the hearts of the Morley Borough Independents, so you will not be surprised to hear that we wholeheartedly endorse that intention and will support him in it to the best of our abilities.

We are sure that his wife Edna will make a wonderful Lady Mayoress and together they will be absolutely brilliant ambassadors for Leeds. Tom and Edna, we are delighted to support Tom's nomination and with it our support and best wishes for the year ahead. Thank you. *(Applause)*

THE LORD MAYOR: Councillor David Blackburn, please.

COUNCILLOR D BLACKBURN: Thank you, Lord Mayor. Lord Mayor, Deputy Lieutenant, Members of Council, honoured guests, ladies and gentlemen. I am extremely happy to support the resolution that Councillor Tom Murray be elected as Lord Mayor of the City of Leeds.

Tom, originally from Consett but in 1968 came to Leeds University to study metallurgy, not only because of the wonderful educational establishment that Leeds University was but because, as has been said earlier, Leeds had a really good football team. Let's face it, if it was not for Don Revie he might have ended up in Liverpool or, God forbid, Manchester!

Despite his home town being in the north-east, a centre of iron and steel and mining at that time, Tom decided to put down his roots in Leeds and completed a post-graduate teaching certificate before spending the next 25 years teaching science in secondary education.

Eventually Tom left teaching to devote his time to politics where he has been ever since, and now he is to become the First Citizen of his adopted city, Leeds – not bad work for a working class lad from Consett.

As mentioned, Tom is originally from Consett and while I was picking his brains last week, I mentioned the fact that I had visited Consett back in the 1980s when it was deep in recession. The pits and steel works were closed and basically a large proportion of the people were out of work which, come to think of it, sounds a bit familiar about today, doesn't it? At that time while lots of people in Consett did not work, they had a vibrant black economy and while visiting a local hostelry, I bought some mushrooms off a local man. "Some" is an understatement – it was like a boat load of them, I could supply half of my ward with them. I told Tom about this story and he said, "Ah, you have learned my secret. That is where I developed my theory of mushroom politics – that is, cover them with manure and keep them in the dark!"

Knowing Tom I do not think his theory was particularly good because as far as I am concerned when I have had to deal with him he has always been open, so I do not necessarily think that it was the best theory in the world.

After the 2010 elections when the Green Group and the minority Labour administration agreed to work together on climate change and the affordable warmth agenda, Tom was appointed Exec Member for Environment, and I worked closely with him on various projects. While I have got to say that during that year I often got frustrated at the slow progress, Tom through his affable, friendly personality kept me on side. To be honest, a lot of the spadework that was done at that time seemed unproductive but the following year when his ward colleague Mark Dobson had taken over the portfolio, it flowered into such things as Wrap Up Leeds etc.

Talking of this time, Tom said he enjoyed it but commented that having a tooth extracted was marginally more pleasurable than having to deal with all the complaints about dustbin collections!

Since being elected in 1992 Tom has had a long and distinguished career on this Council. He was the last Education Chair, the first Executive Member for Lifelong Learning and did serve on the Executive Board for a number of years. I feel Tom, with his somewhat quiet, friendly way, will be a great Lord Mayor of Leeds and will prove to be very, very popular with its citizens. I am sure that Edna and him will have a great year and will be great ambassadors for the Council.

Lord Mayor, on behalf of the Green Group I support the motion. Thank you.  
(Applause)

THE LORD MAYOR: I am now going to put the motion to the vote. All those in favour please show. *(A vote was taken)* I think that is CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

I am now going to call for a brief adjournment.

*(The retiring Lord Mayor left the Chamber, preceded by the Sergeant at Mace, and proceeded to the Ark Royal Room, followed by the Chief Executive, the City Solicitor and Group Leaders.*

*The Sergeant at Mace removed the chain of office from the retiring Lord Mayor.*

*The procession returned to the Council Chamber.*

*The Sergeant at Mace, Lord Mayor, Retiring Lord Mayor, Leader of Council and Opposition Leaders proceeded to the well of the Chamber.*

*Ceremony to bestow the chain of office upon the Lord Mayor.)*

*(Photographs and applause)*

*The Lord Mayor proceeded to the Chair.*

*(In the Chair – the Lord Mayor, Councillor T Murray)*

### **DECLARATION**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE: If everyone would like to be seated we will now conduct the Declaration of the Acceptance of Office.

THE LORD MAYOR: I, Councillor Thomas Murray, of 11 Hodgson Crescent, Shadwell, Leeds, LS17 8PG, having been elected to the office of Lord Mayor, hereby declare that I take the said office upon myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability.

*(The Lord Mayor signed the Register) (Applause)*

### **ADDRESS**

THE LORD MAYOR: Good evening, everybody. I think you are ahead of me already, you started without me but there is nothing unusual about that!

I would like to start simply by thanking Ann and Graham for doing a wonderful job as Lord Mayor and as Lord Mayor's Consort. I saw them together on a number of occasions, I always saw them in action as a team, smiling, they looked relaxed. It did not matter what the event was, whether it was a small or whether it was a large event, they got people involved, they got them to relax and it added to all those wonderful occasions I am sure you had, Ann. You have clearly had a smashing year and I think you have been a great ambassador for this city – well done! *(Applause)*

Then, of course, there was always chairing full Council. Politics is a bit like war without the bloodshed, Ann, and I thought as Lord Mayor you were like a referee, a good referee – a good referee in a derby, let's say Rangers versus Celtic sometimes. That could happen, couldn't it? There was no biting allowed, of course, only in remarks with John Procter! I thought Ann was a good ref. She kept order without being intrusive – not easy, Ann, when a Councillor says, "The good news, Lord Mayor, is I will be brief" and you know quite well that the bad news is that they like to finish on the day they start! *(laughter)*

For those who do not know, Ann does not have cards to keep order but she did have lights – they are down there in front. If the green light is on you can talk; if the yellow light is on you have got to slow down, you have got to get ready to finish; and if the red comes on it means that is your last sentence, you have got to shut up. Green, yellow, red. I think for political fairness there ought to be a new one – there should be a blue one, John, a blue one. When that blue card is shown it means you



are fired! You are in the sin bin! *(laughter)* I tend to think that is something for the Whips to think about, we do not need a vote now.

Thanks, Ann, thanks Graham. You are going to be a difficult act to follow. I sense you do not want to give the gold back. I understand gold prices are now plummeting now that I have got the chains but you will be back on these benches. What are we left with now that Ann has gone? I will tell you what you are left with now that Ann has gone – on the right of me there is Tom and on the left of Tom is Tom – this Council now has for direction a new TomTom! *(laughter and applause)*

Now let me introduce myself a little. Normally when I introduce myself I use a Rolling Stones song. Relax, I am not going to sing! I do not have a golden voice – that is Leonard Cohen – but here goes:

“Please to introduce myself,  
I’m a man of wealth and taste.  
I’ve been around for a long, long time,  
Sealed many a man’s fate.”

What that means I will explain. Wealth – I am not quite sure about that. I was born with nowt and still have most of it left. *(laughter)* Taste, I am not so sure about that either. I have got a black and white alliance and I am a fish eating vegetarian, so I am not quite sure how that goes down either. It is true, I have been around for a long, long time. I suppose that makes me a grumpy old man. I am quite happy about being a grumpy old man; it is better than the alternative.

I was born in 1948 and according to the Daily Mail, so there must be some doubt about that, John, there must be some doubt about the truth in the headline, there must be some serious doubt, babies born in 1948 were fortunate and were the luckiest and I think it is true that I have had luck. Bad luck to start with. The north-east, life was grim, it was not all that happy. I was lucky to be reared on cod liver oil, school dinners and school milk, but what did I have to look forward to? I think I can summarise that by saying I have been nourished, I have been nurtured and I have enjoyed a lifetime of help from the State. In 1948 the NHS got started, the Family Allowance was introduced shortly after, the first comprehensive schools were introduced and National Service was stopped – I did not have to go and fight anywhere, Robert.

In 1962 the means tested student allowances were introduced. There was no need for me to pay for my university education, it was free. The taxpayer paid for my university years and without that I would not now be Lord Mayor of Leeds, so I am grateful for that.

I have been in Leeds most of my life but I want to dispel the myth that most of that time I was on holiday, that is not actually true but 45 years in Leeds explains why I speak with a posh accent – with a posh Yorkshire accent. I was told that by a binman who said, “Tom, you speak with a posh Yorkshire accent with a hint of Geordie” and I thought, yes, I have probably the perfect call centre voice! *(laughter)* Unfortunately for me that would not be the perfect job because I have yet to crack the modern phone. That is the way it has gone.

I came from Consett which was a coal mining and iron and steel town. The streets were not paved with gold, they were paved with iron oxide, rust. It had a reputation for having what was called a red menace and it had some wonderful slag heaps. Not many people, not many folk went to Consett for a holiday. It was not what was done. It sits on the top of a hill and I think this winter most of the time it would be white – perfect skiing down those slagheaps, Ann, perfect.

I came to Leeds, of course, to the University to get educated and in my head I can remember standing there in November, do you remember, Ann, Professor Mike Campbell was there. He was talking to us about the City Deal and he was talking to us about the challenges in it and what we were faced with. I think when I knew him he used to work at Leeds Met and from his research in Leeds on employment and in the region around employment, he had a simple, easily understood message, and that message was this – the more you learn, the more you learn. That was his message. In fact in other parts of the city the message that we gave out was this – beat poverty, get educated. It was as true then as it is true now.

I have to admit, though, to a basic instinct. I did come to watch Leeds United, the Glory Team, a football team full of legends. It won a lot but not everything. When I was teaching at John Smeaton in the early 1970s the joke was all the women wore Leeds United bras – all straps and no cups! *(laughter)* My wife forbade me to tell you that joke, I will have a word with her later!

I think what I should mention really, because it is a nice little thing, I lived in Beeston not far from the ground and I would like to mention my landlady at the time, a woman called Mrs Phillips. If I said she made Leeds feel home from home I would be lying because Mrs Phillips cooked breakfast every morning (that was terrific) and you can imagine how difficult it was carrying those books around the University campus, struggling through lectures, it was a tortuous time but when we got back to Beeston, a three course meal – three course dinner. It was lovely, all for £5 a week. She was a wonderful, generous Yorkshire woman who I think helped me to settle into Leeds quickly and easily and I have been here every since.

I think if I said I came to Leeds to find a fortune I am not quite so sure about that. It is not so much about having lots of money and pots of money, it is about being fortunate rather than having a fortune, so I have been fortunate to have known Edna a long time. As the Good Partner book says, a good husband needs to be strong, caring and sensitive. Edna agrees with all that, she believes I have got all of those qualities apart from the last three. *(laughter)* She does know I like holidays, as long as they are in Leeds. I just want that to be put on the record.

I have been fortunate to have my family in Leeds, they are here tonight. I am proud of them and I hope tonight together we can make them proud of us.

I am also fortunate to have had lots of friends and colleagues who have done a lot in different ways for my life in Leeds. I would like to thank Canon Kathryn Fitzsimons who is out there somewhere, who will be my Chaplain this year.

I suppose I should give a little bit of solid Yorkshire advice – choose your friends carefully, like I did – choose pessimists because if you borrow money from them, they do not expect to get it back! *(laughter)*

Actually I just want to mention this too about being fortunate in coming to Leeds and seeing, if you like, what was then a dark northern city kind of grow into a post-industrial city and I think that is described by a fellow called John Thorp, and I think John Thorp is with us somewhere tonight – John is giving us a wave up there. At the time he was the City Architect and he has got a book out which I recommend getting a hold of and having a look at. He talked about that journey and that process as being an architectural travelogue, the emergence of an image of well-connected pieces of the city repaired, remodelled through urban dentistry. Sounds painful, John, but it celebrates and extends the legacy of the city's history. I think that sums up what I have seen happening in Leeds over the 40 years that I have been in Leeds.

John, I would like to thank you and the work that you have done doing that.  
(Applause)

I tend to think, John, as visitors arrive at Leeds station and they see those three remaining Italian towers and next to it that massive tower that is actually leaning – the Leaning Tower of Thorp – I think people can see that this city has a sense of fun. You can shop till you drop, you can eat well, you can go to the theatre, you can visit shows and, of course, now, we have got the Arena, which is an extra boost to what this city needs and will enjoy. I think you can live in Leeds and love Leeds. That is true.

I did spend a bit of time teaching, I was a science teacher at one stage. This fellow here, Joseph Priestley, if you can see, he was a famous scientist, he discovered oxygen – without oxygen we would be dead. I also taught at Smeaton, which is the one down from it, Tom. I remember when I was at Smeaton I used to have great fun burning oxygen with hydrogen. It goes off with a terrific bang. It is an experiment that works with effect, but in truth not all my experiments worked. Some went bang when they should not, and I also learned that they always a lot better when you turned them on – there was a switch that was needed.

I did develop my own theory of learning which was this – you learn things more when things do not work than when they do. It is the Murray law of learning and having that Murray law and having those ideas meant that I did not stay in teaching very long! (laughter) I had to leave. I left education and went into politics full time. I learned very quickly politics is not an exact science. I have been here a long time, 21 years, which means I have been a Councillor in two centuries – in two centuries, not for two centuries. Some have been around longer, Bernard, I think they have been around for three! I have been around long enough to understand the difference between rhetoric and reality and I think that will be handy for being a Lord Mayor. I have had lots of jobs, I have had good times and bad. I do not spend much time thinking about the past, I do not want the past to bog down the future although I am not a politician that tends to forget almost everything as a secret to surviving.

As the ex-Lord Mayors in this room have told me before I came in, I am in for an unforgettable year, Edna and I are looking forward to it, we are both very excited, we will give it our best shot and we are looking forward to another year of Leeds leading. Thank you. (Applause)

Councillor Procter.

COUNCILLOR J PROCTER: Lord Mayor, can I be the first formally to welcome you to your new role. I am sure you will have a fantastic year and I know on these benches we will do our very best to keep in order and make your job an easy one, as is our reputation. (laughter)

I am delighted this evening, Lord Mayor, to move a vote of thanks to the retiring Lord Mayor, Councillor Ann Castle and also, if I may, to Graham her husband.

I should start by giving apologies from Councillor Andrew Carter who, when I spoke to him earlier today, could barely say but a word, having caught, it would seem, laryngitis over the last few days. He reliably informs me that he puts it down to a constituent who he met on Saturday and he is laying the blame fairly there.

It is satisfying to be able to move this vote of thanks. Ann, although she may not realise it, is one of the first people that I actually met in the senior part of the Conservative Party some 27 years ago when I first joined Headingley Young

Conservatives. Ann and Graham lived in Headingley at the time and they were always supportive to the relatively small group of Young Conservatives that I ultimately led there in Headingley over all of those years, so I thank you for that, Ann. I do not think I have ever had the opportunity to publicly thank you for that encouragement that you gave me then. But for that I may not be here now, so you all know who to blame fair and square!

I might say, probably the second or third or fourth person I met in the Conservative Party at the time at the time was actually Peter Gruen, but we will move on, shall we, rapidly! *(laughter)*

Ann, you and Graham have been first rate ambassadors for the City of Leeds. We have all watched your progress throughout the year keenly. It is interesting to note that often we see more glimpses as City Councillors of you and your Consort through the varying newspapers than we actually do of you in person, but you have supported a number of events in my ward, in the Wetherby ward, which I am grateful for, along with all of the other hundreds of visits and engagements that you had right throughout the year.

I am sure one of the highlights of your year was something that we all look forward to, often with great pride, and that is the arrival of a new car. To see the car – I am slightly jealous, I have to say – outside, stretched in length – that is the ‘L’ at the back, long, and also complete with pimped up, blacked out windows – Lord Mayor, you will benefit from being able to have a snooze in the back in future without anyone being able to see you – and also enlarged shiny alloy wheels. It is a motorcar and a half and not many Lord Mayors have the benefit of that, so I think you have an honour there.

I think throughout the whole year there was one particular picture that I remembered and will remember, and that was, Ann, when you visited the Thorner Beer Festival. Many of you may not have seen this picture, it appeared in that august publication the Wetherby News. The picture was of Ann in full chains at the Thorner Beer Festival (many of you know that Ann lives in Thorner) complete with a pint in her hand – I have to say the pint was nearly empty by this stage when the photograph was taken. That is the former Lord Mayor that I know and respect.

I know, Ann, that your ward colleagues have been saving some – how can I put this – special casework for you and they will be delighted that you are back to deal with that along with them.

You and Graham have been fantastic ambassadors for the city and also for our Group. We have been exceptionally proud of all that you have done this year and on behalf of the people of Leeds, thank you for what you have done for them. *(Applause)*

THE LORD MAYOR: Councillor Atha.

COUNCILLOR ATHA: Lord Mayor, Deputy Lord Lieutenant, can I say what an honour it is for me to offer my thanks to the Lord Mayor on behalf of us all. You have achieved something quite special, because I thought that miracles never happen. The miracle tonight is I am seconding a proposal put forward by the Councillor opposite. That is something that I never expected to do and I hope in the future we shall have those rare occasions when we might repeat this.

I thank the departing Lord Mayor because of the way she has, over this last year, shown great gentility, great kindness and developed great warmth from the public who have met her. I do not think anyone could meet her, actually, no matter

what their politics or what their age or what their disposition is, without being impressed by the warmth of her personality.

It has been an exceptionally good year for her as a Lord Mayor and in fact she demonstrates very clearly how right we were when the people of the City of Leeds decided not to have an elected Mayor. Had we had that then we would not have had the benefits of this year and the years that are yet to come, so thank you for that. (*hear, hear*)

I think she has had one great ally, one great asset, and that is Graham. I think no Consort has been so – I would not like to embarrass him but he is past embarrassment, he has had a year of experience. The truth of the matter is I do not think there has ever been a more affable and amiable Consort that I have known over those years. I think he has been a great asset. (*Applause*)

I am sure, Lord Mayor, you will have very many happy memories of this year, some of the great events when the Queen came and all the things that happened, and I am quite sure there will be those moments during the next few years when you remember little events or little issues. When I was Lord Mayor I took a certificate to a couple who were enjoying their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. I took the certificate, made a little speech in their little family house, all the family there, and after I had made the little presentation of 65 years of married life, I was having a drink and the man came up to me, the husband, and said, “Are you married, lad?” I was really pleased at that because I was only ten years younger than he was! I said, “No, I am not.” He said, “Well, what do you do for aggravation?” (*laughter*) I remained quite calm and did nothing; his wife did not, she got up and gave him a hearty clout and then the whole family burst into laughter. I just thought, that is exactly the way that we should be as a political family – differences but also the pleasures of achieving things together.

Ann and Graham, thank you very much on behalf of the people of Leeds for being such excellent First Citizens and set a standard by which the next Lord Mayor will make every effort to equate. Thank you. (*Applause*)

THE LORD MAYOR: Councillor Golton.

COUNCILLOR GOLTON: Thank you, Lord Mayor. I would like to offer my thanks to Councillor Ann Castle and her husband Graham on behalf of the Liberal Democrat Group. In doing so, I want to emphasise the gracious nature that Ann has always shown throughout her time in her involvement with politics. Councillor Procter has already pointed out that Ann has been a loyal Member of the Conservative Party for a good many years, 27 years that you have mentioned, and I have only known her for some of those years. Her reputation goes before her.

When I first got involved in politics I came to Weetwood and that is where Ann stood as candidate the same year as I did. Of course, at that time Weetwood was very much dominated by women and I was promoted by Penny Ewens, ex-Councillor Penny Ewens - she was not a Councillor at all then, she stood for ten years on the trot and never won and decided it was time for a new face and became my agent. She told me what my opponents were like and, of course, at the time it was a fight between Labour and the Lib Dems (it used to be Tory) and Ann was still flying the flag for the Party at a time when it was not a good time for the Conservatives. What goes around comes around; not a particularly good time for us now, I have to say, but then we were on our way. Penny would mention the women that I was up against locally and I have to say she was not a keen friend of Judith Blake or Eileen Moxon but she said, “Do you know, that Ann Castle, she is so nice. Everything she puts in her literature is so reasonable.” In fact, her way of campaigning was so good

that she made Val Kendall look aggressive when she took over as candidate in Weetwood ward! *(laughter)*

It just came to mind because this weekend, by way of research I often read the women's lifestyle section of popular newspapers *(laughter)* and there was a section in it which said, "As a woman can you get to the top by being nice?" I have to say, Ann might have joined this Chamber after I did but she came to this Chamber and she has charmed every Member of this Chamber, she has achieved the highest office that this City can bestow and her Party has awarded her with a ward – of course she lives there now – which has the biggest majority, I understand, in the country - definitely in the city, and she will see out many of us who live in more marginal areas, I have to say.

If there is any testament that you can be successful and get to the top by being nice, I think you are testament to it and your year has been dominated by that overwhelming aspect of your personality and the City is grateful for it. Thank you. *(Applause)*

THE LORD MAYOR: Councillor Elliott.

COUNCILLOR ELLIOTT: Thank you, my Lord Mayor, my Deputy Lord Mayor Lieutenant.

Firstly, congratulations to you, Lord Mayor, and the Lady Mayoress, and I give you our best wishes for the year ahead.

It is my great pleasure this evening on behalf of the Morley Borough Independents to congratulate Councillor Ann Castle who, with the able support of her husband Graham, has been the public face of our city for the past civic year in the role of Lord Mayor of Leeds and Consort.

Ann has carried out many and varied engagements with professionalism and aplomb, as well as keeping order in our sometimes unruly Council Chamber. She has done so with a smile on her face behind which was a firm hand when it was required.

Her year has been one inevitably featuring a number of special occasions. It has ranged from the usual to the extremely rare. In the latter I include the Olympic flame being carried around our city and neighbouring areas, the Olympic and Paralympic Games themselves and the highlight of the year, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations topped by a visit by Her Majesty the Queen to Leeds.

Councillor Castle has visited the centre of the universe, as Morley is known *(laughter)* to some, if not necessarily all, and her appearance and support have been much appreciated. I know that the same can be said for many other parts of the city too so, Ann and Graham, as you ride off into the relative sunset, you take with you the thanks and appreciation of us all for a job well done. *(Applause)*

THE LORD MAYOR: Councillor Blackburn.

COUNCILLOR A BLACKBURN: Thank you, Lord Mayor. I too would like to congratulate you at becoming our new Lord Mayor and I hope that you have a very good year and that you continue with chairing the Council meetings as well as it has been done under Ann.

I understand that Ann chose the Crohn's and Colitis Charity – when I say "understand", I do remember that she did and I know that it is something that she

feels passionate about. I have been told that this has raised approximately £30,000 during her year of office and, of course, the money is still coming in.

Ann did visit my ward, Farnley and Wortley, during the year. She attended the VE celebrations that they had in the Stradbrokes in Wortley but the high point of her year must have been when she attended the 1940s social that was held at St Bartholomew's Centre in Armley, organised by Armley Helping Hands, and saw my husband David dancing with Alison Lowe! We are getting a bit of dirt out here! Not only that at that particular social, as I said I can tell you another little snippet now Ann has just finished her reign of office, I would not have said anything beforehand, of course, she knows that, but now I can tell you that when the spiv came round with his little case of goodies, who was looking at what he had to sell and Ann was very interested in the silk knickers that he was trying to sell! *(laughter)* I do not know if she saw him after the event and arranged to buy them or not, I am not quite sure, but I know she was very interested in these silk knickers!

As I said previously, I would like to thank Ann and Graham for all that they have done during the year and I must say that I think that Ann has chaired the Council meetings in a very fair and good humoured way. On behalf of the Green Group, I would like to thank Ann – I keep thanking Ann – for all the work that she has done, as I said, and I do hope that, I am sure she will have a lot of photographs and a lot of memories from this year that she can look back on. Thank you. *(Applause)*

THE LORD MAYOR: Thank you, Ann. I think now what we have to do is to call for the vote. It is a vote of thanks to the retiring Lord Mayor. All those in favour? *(A vote was taken)* It is CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

I am now going to present the past Lord Mayor's badge to the retiring Lord Mayor. *(Presentation) (Applause)*

I would also like to announce the retiring Lord Mayor's Consort will now present the Lady Mayoress with her insignia of office. That is you, Graham! *(Presentation) (Applause)*

The Lady Mayoress will now present the retiring Lord Mayor's Consort with a retiring badge. *(Presentation) (Applause)*

Now let me hand you over to the retiring Lord Mayor.

COUNCILLOR A CASTLE: Deputy Lieutenant, Lord Mayor, distinguished guests, fellow Councillors, ladies and gentlemen.

First of all, I should like to congratulate you, Lord Mayor, on being elected as First Citizen and to wish you and the Lady Mayoress well during the year ahead. I know that the pair of you will do a brilliant job and hope that you will enjoy your year of office as much as Graham and I have enjoyed ours.

I would like to thank all my colleagues for the nice things that they have said. I did ask the Lord Mayor if he would please turn on the red light when Ann Blackburn stood up and started talking about silk knickers! I would like to apologise to Members of the Opposition Groups for encouraging Councillor Procter 27 years ago! *(laughter)*

Before I became Lord Mayor, people asked me what I thought would be the most challenging thing that I would have to do during my year of office, and I said keeping Bernard Atha in order, but I have to say he has been very, very good.

Councillor Golton, I well remember standing against you a number of years ago. I was telling outside Lawnswood High School and a blue rinse who did a lot of work for the Tory Party came along, went in, voted, came out and said, "I hope you don't mind but I voted for Stuart Golton. Oh, he is attractive!"

As people have told me, I have been very fortunate to have been Lord Mayor in the year of a visit by the Queen to our city and the huge success of the Olympic and Paralympic athletes who have a Leeds connection and the International Piano Competition. However, I shall have many happy memories also of all the smaller events I have attended this year where I have had the opportunity to visit businesses and organisations and, best of all, to meet many of the people who live and work in the city who make it the fantastic place that it is.

I am pleased to learn that you, Lord Mayor, during your year of office, will be helping children to play a larger part in communities across the city, as I have met so many enthusiastic young people in schools, youth clubs and uniformed organisations. Certainly Joe and Oliver, the two Children's Mayors with whom I have worked, have proved that children have plenty of ideas for making Leeds the truly child friendly city that we aspire to be.

Lord Mayor, I know that you have a background in working with young people, which experience you will certainly need because young people are not afraid to ask the most challenging questions. Certainly on some occasions I have left a high school wondering whether I have actually just been interviewed for Tom Riordan's job!

I have met adults who are giving vulnerable children a safe, stable and loving home in which they can thrive by acting as foster carers. I visited Neighbourhood Networks where volunteers are helping older people to escape from social isolation. I have taken part in events organised by most of the communities that make up this diverse city. I have learned to dance the Siege of Ennis in the Irish Centre, picked up a recipe for an amazing rice dish from the Caribbean community and we have attended so many events with the Jewish community that Graham has been presented with a beautiful skullcap, a Kippah.

The large engineering works and mills of the city are long gone but I have discovered that there is still a lot of manufacturing going on and I visited a number of small to medium high tech companies that are manufacturing highly specialised products. I was delighted with Leeds Trinity University College received full University status just before Christmas, making Leeds only one of a handful of cities to have three universities. We have represented the city at events and ceremonies at all universities.

One engagement I am glad that nobody has mentioned was when I went to Sutton Park to open the outdoor gym there. It was a very wet and windy day. My hair had turned into a haystack. The Evening Post photographer persuaded me to try a piece of the gymnastic equipment and an absolutely horrendous photograph appeared in the Evening Post. A few days later I was told that there was a blog that said, "Councillor Castle, the current Lord Mayor, reminds me of a jolly less posh version of Boris Johnson". *(laughter)*

Many people have helped me over the year. Erica, who took over the role of Lord Mayor's Secretary during my year of office, has skills in patience and diplomacy in abundance. She is ably supported by Jill, Bernadette and Dawn and I have been delighted by the number of times that people have told me how much they appreciate the work of the friendly, helpful staff in the Lord Mayor's office.



People who know me well know that my favourite form of communication is by fountain pen and paper and have been surprised to find that the Lord Mayor is on Twitter. Of course, that is all down to the staff in the Lord Mayor's office. Councillor Andrew Carter and Councillor Graham Latty will be relieved to hear that I have not a clue how to tweet so they will not have to deal with the aftermath of any embarrassing tweets from me!

John and Mark have a wealth of knowledge and experience and you will soon discover, Lord Mayor, that they are every bit as keen as you are for an engagement to be a success from the point of view of the people you are meeting. Within five seconds of arriving at an engagement they will be aware if there is likely to be a glitch in the proceedings and within ten seconds, they will have got it sorted. They also have the ability to read thoughts, so beware! If they suspect that you are about to turn off to the right during a ceremonial occasion when they have thoroughly briefed you that you need to turn left at a certain point, you will hear a quiet voice in your ear sending you off in the right direction before you ruin the entire ceremony.

Tom Riordan, Catherine Witham, Kevin Tomkinson and Gerard Watson have been very supportive. Councillor Neil Taggart has told us that before he became Lord Mayor, he memorised all the Council Procedure Rules. I am afraid I am not up to that but I decided that preparation, preparation, preparation was called for before every Council meeting. I would like to thank Catherine and Kevin especially for the time they spent helping me to feel as well prepared as possible for the Council meetings without having to learn all the Council Procedure Rules off by heart.

Tony Bundock has been a huge support as my Chaplain and has respected my Quaker background. It was a huge privilege to be present at the service at which Leeds Parish Church became a Minster.

The Lord Mayor's Charity Committee has helped me to raise the money to purchase everything on the shopping list at the Gastroenterology Department at St James's Hospital and there is some additional money available so that the department will be able to come up with a supplementary shopping list. Councillor Lucinda Yeadon has worked with members of the Leeds Branch of Crohn's and Colitis UK and has come up with an initiative to come up with access to a wider network of loo facilities in the city for people suffering from bowel disease. Councillor Mark Dobson has helped with a scheme for emergency parking provision for bowel disease sufferers who need to get to a loo quickly.

My ward colleagues, Rachael and Matthew, have taken on political casework in the ward on my behalf without complaint and I really look forward to coming back to the special casework that you have got lined up for me.

My husband Graham has been a huge support to me over the year. He will be glad to get his life back and it will be a relief to him not to have to smile every time somebody says to him, "So you are the Lady Mayoress, ha ha ha!" (*laughter*) but he has enjoyed the experience as well.

Thank you all of you and thanks to Members of Council for electing me as First Citizen this time last year. I have had a truly amazing year and will have many happy memories. Thank you very much. (*Applause*)

### ITEM 3 – ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL

THE LORD MAYOR: We move on to Item 3, which is the Election of Vice Chairman of Council. Councillor Wakefield.

COUNCILLOR WAKEFIELD: I move in terms of the Notice, Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: Councillor Harper.

COUNCILLOR G HARPER: I second, Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: I call for a vote. (*A vote was taken*) CARRIED.

#### ITEM 4 – MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8<sup>th</sup> MAY 2013

THE LORD MAYOR: Item 4, Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> May. Councillor Harper.

COUNCILLOR G HARPER: Move that the Minutes be approved, Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: Thank you. Councillor Latty.

COUNCILLOR G LATTY: I second that, Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: I call for a vote on the Minutes. (*A vote was taken*) CARRIED.

#### ITEM 5 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

THE LORD MAYOR: Declarations of Interest is Item 5. Does anyone want to declare a disclosable pecuniary interest? No.

#### ITEM 6 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LORD MAYOR: We move on to Announcements. I do not have any, I do not know if Tom has. No announcements today.

#### ITEM 7 – RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

THE LORD MAYOR: Let us move on to Item 7, Recommendations of the General Purposes Committee. I want to invite any individual Member of Council to indicate if they would wish a separate vote to be held in relation to any individual recommendation of the General Purposes Committee before Council proceeds to consideration of the whole motion. Councillor Wakefield.

COUNCILLOR WAKEFIELD: I knew it was not that exciting, Lord Mayor! Can I move now in terms of the Notice.

THE LORD MAYOR: Councillor Harper.

COUNCILLOR G HARPER: I second, Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: Can we have a vote, please? (*A vote was taken*) CARRIED.

ITEM 8(a) – ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEES AND APPROPRIATE TERMS OF REFERENCE

THE LORD MAYOR: Item 8, which is about Committees and Terms of Reference. Councillor Harper.

COUNCILLOR G HARPER: I move in terms of the Notice, Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: Thank you. Councillor Nash.

COUNCILLOR NASH: I second, my Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: Let us have a vote on that. (*A vote was taken*) Thank you, that is CARRIED.

ITEM 8(b)(i) – MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES/BOARDS/PANELS – ORDINARY COMMITTEES FOR THE PURPOSES OF S15(5)(c) LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING ACT 1989

THE LORD MAYOR: Item 8(b), Councillor Harper again.

COUNCILLOR G HARPER: Move in terms of the Notice, Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: Councillor Nash.

COUNCILLOR NASH: I second, my Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: Let us call for a vote. (*A vote was taken*) CARRIED.

ITEM 8(b)(ii) – MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES/BOARDS/PANELS

THE LORD MAYOR: Item 8(b)(ii), Councillor Harper.

COUNCILLOR G HARPER: Move in terms of the Notice, Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: Thank you. Councillor Nash.

COUNCILLOR NASH: I second, my Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: Can I call for a vote? (*A vote was taken*) CARRIED. Thank you, everybody.

ITEM 8(b)(iii) – MEMBERSHIP OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE AND HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

THE LORD MAYOR: 8(b)(iii). Councillor Harper.

COUNCILLOR G HARPER: I move in terms of the Notice, Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: Thank you.

COUNCILLOR NASH: Again I second, my Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: Thank you. Let us call for a vote. *(A vote was taken)*  
CARRIED.

ITEM 8(b)(iv) – MEMBERSHIP OF AREA COMMITTEES

THE LORD MAYOR: 8(b)(iv), Councillor Harper.

COUNCILLOR G HARPER: Move in terms of the Notice, Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: Thank you. Councillor Nash.

COUNCILLOR NASH: I second, my Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: The vote. *(A vote was taken)* CARRIED.

ITEM 8(c) – APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRS TO VARIOUS COMMITTEES/BOARDS  
AND PANELS

THE LORD MAYOR: 8(c), Appointment of Chairs to various Committees,  
Boards and Panels. Councillor Harper.

COUNCILLOR G HARPER: Move in terms of the Notice, Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: Thank you.

COUNCILLOR NASH: I second, Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: Let us move to the vote. *(A vote was taken)* Lovely,  
CARRIED.

ITEM 8(d) – APPOINTMENT TO CHAIR THE SOUTH OUTER AREA COMMITTEE

THE LORD MAYOR: 8(d), Appointment to Chair the South Outer Area  
Committee. Councillor Harper.

COUNCILLOR G HARPER: Move in terms of the Notice, Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: Councillor Nash.

COUNCILLOR NASH: I second, my Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: Can I call for a vote in respect of each nomination.  
There are two nominations. Let us be clear, I will read it out from the paper. I am  
addressing the Area Committee. We are looking at the Appointment of the Chair of  
the South Outer Area Committee to be determined by the majority of votes cast by  
those Members of that Area Committee, so it is those Area Committee Members who  
will be voting. The two nominees are Councillor Bruce and Councillor Finnigan. We  
are going to have two votes.

Will the Members from that Committee vote. I am going to mention Councillor  
Bruce first. Those in favour of Councillor Bruce. *(A vote was taken)* Six.

Those Members from the same Area Committee who would like to vote for  
Councillor Finnigan. *(A vote was taken)* Six. So there is a draw.

Top of page 8, where an overall majority of votes cannot be obtained by votes cast by those Members of the Area Committee at this meeting, the vote now will be widened to include all Members of Council.

COUNCILLOR G HARPER: Moved, Lord Mayor.

COUNCILLOR NASH: I second, my Lord Mayor.

COUNCILLOR FINNIGAN: Recorded vote please, Lord Mayor.

COUNCILLOR LEADLEY: Seconded.

*(A recorded vote was taken on the nomination of Councillor Bruce)*

THE LORD MAYOR: There were 92 present; the “Yes” votes are 61; one person abstained; the “No” votes were 29.

*(A recorded vote was taken on the nomination of Councillor Finnigan)*

THE LORD MAYOR: On this vote there were 91 present; 30 voted “Yes”, no-one abstained; the “No” vote was 61.

We declare Councillor Bruce as Chair of the South Outer Area Committee.  
*(Applause)*

Back to item 8(d), which is the Appointment of Chairs to Area Committees.  
Councillor Harper.

COUNCILLOR G HARPER: Move in terms of the Notice, Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: Councillor Nash.

COUNCILLOR NASH: I second, my Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: Let us call for a vote. *(A vote was taken)* CARRIED.

#### ITEM 8(e) – APPOINTMENTS TO JOINT COMMITTEES & JOINT AUTHORITIES

THE LORD MAYOR: Item 8(e), Councillor Harper.

COUNCILLOR G HARPER: Move in terms of the Notice, Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: Thank you.

COUNCILLOR NASH: I second, Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: Let us have a vote. All those in favour of the appointments? *(A vote was taken)* CARRIED.

#### ITEM 9 – SCHEME OF DELEGATION (COUNCIL FUNCTIONS)

THE LORD MAYOR: Scheme of Delegation, Item 9. Councillor Harper.

COUNCILLOR G HARPER: Move in terms of the Notice, Lord Mayor.

COUNCILLOR NASH: I second, my Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: Let us call for a vote. *(A vote was taken)* CARRIED.

#### ITEM 10 – EXECUTIVE ARRANGEMENTS

THE LORD MAYOR: Item number 10, Executive Arrangements. Councillor Harper.

COUNCILLOR G HARPER: Move in terms of the Notice, Lord Mayor.

COUNCILLOR NASH: I second, my Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: Thank you. Let us have a vote. *(A vote was taken)* CARRIED.

#### ITEM 11 – PROPOSED CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

THE LORD MAYOR: Item number 11, Councillor Harper.

COUNCILLOR G HARPER: I move in terms of the Notice, Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: Councillor Nash.

COUNCILLOR NASH: I second, my Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: The last vote of the evening. *(A vote was taken)* CARRIED.

Thank you, everybody. *(Applause)* Spot on half seven, lovely time to finish the meeting. Thanks for coming and we can continue, the night is not finished. I think we are going to go down to the Town Hall for a dinner and a dance, so I hope to see you all there. Thank you. *(Applause)*

*(The meeting closed at 7.30 pm)*