

Proceedings of the Meeting of the Leeds City Council held
Civic Hall, Leeds on Wednesday, 12th September, 2018

PRESENT: The Lord Mayor Councillor Graham Latty in the Chair.

WARD

ADEL & WHARFEDALE

Barry John Anderson
Caroline Anderson
Billy Flynn

ALWOODLEY

Dan Cohen
Neil Alan Buckley

ARDSLEY & ROBIN HOOD

Karen Renshaw
Ben Garner
Lisa Mulherin

ARMLEY

Alice Smart
James McKenna
Alison Natalie Kay Lowe

BEESTON & HOLBECK

Angela Gabriel
Gohar Almas
Andrew Scopes

BRAMLEY & STANNINGLEY

Kevin Ritchie
Caroline Gruen
Julie Heselwood

BURMANTOFTS & RICHMOND HILL

Ron Grahame
Asghar Khan
Denise Ragan

WARD

CALVERLEY & FARSLEY

Andrew Carter
Amanda Carter
Peter Carlill

CHAPEL ALLERTON

Eileen Taylor
Mohammed Rafique
Jane Dowson

CROSS GATES & WHINMOOR

Pauleen Grahame
Peter John Gruen
Jessica Lennox

FARNLEY & WORTLEY

Ann Blackburn
David Blackburn
Matt Gibson

GARFORTH & SWILLINGTON

Sarah Field
Suzanne McCormack

GIPTON & HAREHILLS

Salma Arif
Arif Hussain
Kamila Maqsood

GUISELEY & RAWDON

Graham Latty
Pat Latty
Paul John Spencer Wadsworth

HAREWOOD

Matthew James Robinson
Sam Firth
Ryan Stephenson

HEADINGLEY & HYDE PARK

Jonathon Pryor
Alison Garthwaite
Neil Walshaw

HORSFORTH

Dawn Collins
Jonathon Taylor
Jackie Shemilt

HUNSLET & RIVERSIDE

Elizabeth Nash

Paul Wray

KILLINGBECK & SEACROFT

Paul Drinkwater
David Jenkins
Katie Dye

KIPPAX & METHLEY

Mary Elizabeth Harland
James Lewis
Keith Ivor Wakefield

KIRKSTALL

Hannah Bithell
Fiona Elizabeth Venner
John Anthony Illingworth

LITTLE LONDON & WOODHOUSE

Kayleigh Brooks
Javaid Akhtar
Gerry Harper

MIDDLETON PARK

Judith Blake
Paul Anthony Truswell

MOORTOWN

Rebecca Charlwood
Sharon Hamilton
Mohammed Shahzad

MORLEY NORTH

Robert Gettings MBE JP
Andy Hutchison
Thomas Leadley

MORLEY SOUTH

Judith Elliott
Neil Dawson
Wyn Kidger

OTLEY & YEADON

Colin Campbell

Ryk Downes

PUDSEY

Simon Seary

Mark Harrison

Richard Alwyn Lewis

ROTHWELL

Barry Stewart Golton

Karen Bruce

ROUNDHAY

Eleanor Tunnicliffe

Angela Wenham

Jacob Goddard

TEMPLE NEWSAM

Debra Coupar

Helen Hayden

Michael Lyons

WEETWOOD

Jonathan Bentley

Christine Knight

James Gibson

WETHERBY

Norma Harrington

Alan James Lamb

Gerald Wilkinson

37 Announcements

- a) The Lord Mayor reminded those present that the meeting was to be webcast.
- b) The Lord Mayor informed Council that Councillor Lay would not be attending the Council meeting as it was his silver wedding anniversary.
- c) The Lord Mayor reported that at the recent in Bloom awards ceremony Leeds had achieved 8 golds as well as many awards across the City.
- d) The Lord Mayor congratulated Mr Ed Anderson on his recent appointment as Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of West Yorkshire.
- e) The Lord Mayor reminded Members that it was the 40th anniversary of St Gemma's Hospice and this would be his charity in his year of office.
- f) The Lord Mayor reported the recent death of Honorary Alderman Grenville Fletcher.

Council stood in silent tribute.

38 Minutes of the last Meeting

It was moved by Councillor Dowson, seconded by Councillor Cohen and

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 11th July 2018 be approved.

39 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interests.

40 Communications

The Chief Executive informed Council that responses to 2 Council resolutions had been received from Jo Johnson MP, Minister of State and Minister for London in respect of the White Paper on Transport considered by Council in July and Caroline Dinenage MP, Minister of State for Care in respect of the White Paper on NHS Funding, also considered by Council in July.

The responses had previously been circulated to all Members of Council.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2.2 (d) Councillor Andrew Carter made a communication to Council in respect of the recent special urgency notice that was required in respect of a contract within the Children and Families Directorate, the Executive Member for Children and Families responded to the Communication.

41 Deputations

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

- 1) Youth Council regarding transport in the City.
- 2) The tribe Youth Group regarding recycling in the City.
- 3) Pavements are for people asking for footpaths to be kept clear of obstructions.
- 4) West Park Residents regarding the Lawnswood & Otley Old Road Scheme.

RESOLVED – That the subject matter in respect of deputation 1 be referred to the Director of City Development and Director of Children and Families for consideration in consultation with the relevant Executive Member, that the subject matter in respect

of deputation 2 be referred to the Directors of Children & Families, Resources & Housing and Communities & Environment for consideration in consultation with the relevant Executive Member and that the subject matter in respect of deputations 3 and 4 be referred to the Director of City Development for consideration in consultation with the relevant Executive Member.

42 Report on Scrutiny at Leeds City Council - Annual Report 2017/18

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

RESOLVED – That the report of the City Solicitor presenting the Scrutiny Boards Annual Report to Council prepared in accordance with Article 6 of the Constitution be received and noted.

43 Report - Community Committee Annual Report

It was moved by Councillor Coupar, seconded by Councillor Dowson and

RESOLVED – That the report of the Director of Communities & Environment presenting to Council the Community Committees' Annual report for 2017/18 be received and that the work now being progressed to further improve the effectiveness, community engagement role and improvement work of Community Committees be noted.

44 Questions

Q1 Councillor Harrison to the Executive Member (Environment and Active Lifestyles):-

Does the Executive Member for Environment and Active Lifestyles agree with me that disposing of waste at household waste sites should be free of charge, and that this would help to reduce fly tipping and reduce the cost of cleaning up after people who may try to avoid charges?

The Executive Member (Environment and Active Lifestyles) replied.

Q2 Councillor J Bentley to the Executive Member (Regeneration, Transport and Planning):-

Is the Executive Member for Regeneration, Transport and Planning satisfied with the quality of the remedial surface dressing work that has recently been carried out on roads in north Leeds?

The Executive Member (Regeneration, Transport and Planning) replied.

Q3 Councillor Lowe to the Leader of Council:-

Please could the Leader of Council update members on Leeds response to the recent national debate about equalities?

The Leader of Council replied.

Q4 Councillor Hutchison to the Executive Member (Communities):-

Could the Executive Board Member for Housing confirm that she supports bringing council homes up to a decency standard across Leeds and specifically in Drighlington in the Morley North Ward and also confirm that the proposed works on the Kingsway Estate to replace rotten single glazed wooden windows and to introduce – in many cases for the first time – gas

central heating systems on the same estate – will be completed in the current financial year?

The Executive Member (Communities) replied.

Q5 Councillor Tunncliffe to the Executive Member (Resources & Sustainability):-

Will the Executive Member please comment on the impact of the 2019/20 Business Rates Pilot Announcement?

The Executive Member (Resources & Sustainability) replied.

Q6 Councillor Buckley to the Executive Member (Regeneration, Transport and Planning):-

Given recent speculation about First Group's future, and the extent to which this administration relies on this company for much of its current and future transport strategy, what discussions has the Executive Member for Regeneration, Transport and Planning had with First and others about commitments and contingencies in the event that First is restructured?

The Executive Member (Regeneration, Transport and Planning) replied.

Q7 Councillor C Gruen to the Executive Member (Health, Wellbeing and Adults):-

Would the Executive Member like to comment on the recent Neighbourhood Networks grants?

The Executive Member (Health, Wellbeing and Adults) 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:-

Q8 Councillor Leadley to the Executive Member (Regeneration, Transport and Planning):-

Q9 Councillor Heselwood to the Executive Member (Learning, Skills and Employment):-

Q10 Councillor Flynn to the Executive Member (Children and Families):-

Q11 Councillor Hamilton to the Executive Member (Communities).

Q12 Councillor D Blackburn to the Executive Member (Environment and Active Lifestyles).

Q13 Councillor Venner to the Executive Member (Children and Families).

Q14 Councillor C Anderson to the Executive Member (Regeneration, Transport and Planning).

Q15 Councillor Illingworth to the Executive Member (Regeneration, Transport and Planning).

Q16 Councillor Harrington to the Executive Member (Regeneration, Transport and Planning).

- Q17 Councillor Robinson to the Executive Member (Environment and Active Lifestyles).
- Q18 Councillor B Anderson to the Executive Member (Regeneration, Transport and Planning).
- Q19 Councillor Stephenson to the Executive Member (Environment and Active Lifestyles).
- Q20 Councillor Robinson to the Leader of Council.
- Q21 Councillor Stephenson to the Leader of Council.
- Q22 Councillor Flynn to the Executive Member (Resources & Sustainability).
- Q23 Councillor Stephenson to the Leader of Council.
- Q24 Councillor Flynn to the Executive Member (Health, Wellbeing and Adults).
- Q25 Councillor Robinson to the Executive Member (Communities).
- Q26 Councillor Flynn to the Executive Member (Environment and Active Lifestyles).
- Q27 Councillor Robinson to the Executive Member (Communities).
- Q28 Councillor Robinson to the Executive Member (Regeneration, Transport and Planning).

45 Minutes of the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Executive Board

It was moved by Councillor Blake, seconded by Councillor Dowson that the minutes be received in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2.2(i).

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.

At the conclusion of this item Council adjourned from 16.20 to 16.50.

46 Report on Devolution

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

RESOLVED – That the report of the Chief Executive updating Members on matters in respect of devolution be received.

47 White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Cohen) - Education Standards

It was moved by Councillor Cohen, seconded by Councillor Lamb that this Council believes that schools, teachers and pupils in Leeds are working hard to improve outcomes, and wishes to congratulate everyone who succeeded in their exams this year. However Council believes that there is a fundamental lack of ambition from the Council at a strategic level that is continuing to fail many young learners.

At Key Stage 2 the percentage of pupils in Leeds reaching the expected standard in reading, writing and maths has improved, but the pace of change is painfully slow,

leaving Leeds still lagging behind national averages across many groups and measures.

Vulnerable learners in Leeds fare worse than their peers nationally. The attainment gap at Early Years between disadvantaged pupils in Leeds and non-disadvantaged pupils nationally was 26 percentage points in 2016 and 2017, whilst at Key Stage 2 the gap was even worse. SEN pupils in Leeds performed less well than SEN pupils nationally across all categories in 2016-17.

Council acknowledges the challenges involved in improving performance, but believes that for too long this administration has neglected the education side of children's services. A Council aiming to be the best in the UK should be looking to exceed, not merely reach, national averages, yet a report card of the administration's efforts over the last 8 years would surely read "must try harder".

This Council therefore calls on the Director of Children and Families to bring a report to Executive Board setting out the steps necessary to make urgent and sustained improvement to education standards at all levels in the city.

An amendment was moved by Councillor Golton, seconded by Councillor Downes

To amend the motion by:

Inserting an additional paragraph, after "must try harder" at the end of paragraph four, to read:

"This Council is dismayed that despite being urged strongly to do so voluntarily at Executive Bards in April 2017 and June 2018 in discussions on successive Annual Standards Reports, this administration has offered no policy initiatives to halt its worsening performance"

The amended motion would then read:

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A second amendment was moved by Councillor Pryor, seconded by Councillor Heselwood

Delete all after “This Council...” and replace with:

“...wholeheartedly congratulates all pupils, teachers, staff and schools across Leeds on this years’ exam results. We understand how much work goes into achieving these results and the stress both pupils and teachers are under. We are delighted that results in Leeds are continuing to climb.

Council acknowledges the challenges involved in improving performance, and believes that although we are on the correct trajectory we must continue to work hard to not only close the gap with the national average, but to exceed it – making Leeds the best city to grow up in and giving every child in Leeds the best start in life.

Council further acknowledges the additional challenges facing our pupils and schools, including continued Government funding cuts, increased class sizes and teacher shortages.

Council condemns the many damaging decisions taken by Government but in particular both the continued austerity measures which have seen an increase in child poverty levels and the decision by Government to reduce funding for post-16 Special Educational Needs and Disabilities pupils.

Council therefore calls on Government to:

- Re-instate the Education Maintenance Allowance
- Properly fund Special Educational Needs and Disabilities education
- Adequately fund all schools
- Invest in the maintenance of school buildings
- Take urgent steps to reverse the teacher shortage
- Recognise the impact austerity measures are having on children and in particular in terms of attainment
- Urgently allocate funding to local authorities to enable them to support vulnerable children and families.
- Return powers to Local Authorities to open new schools to tackle the school places crisis.”

The amendment in the name of Councillor Golton was declared lost, the second amendment in the name of Councillor Pryor was carried and upon being put to the vote it was

RESOLVED – That this Council wholeheartedly congratulates all pupils, teachers, staff and schools across Leeds on this years’ exam results. We understand how much work goes into achieving these results and the stress both pupils and teachers are under. We are delighted that results in Leeds are continuing to climb.

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48 White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor A Blackburn) - Plastic Waste

It was moved by Councillor A Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Elliott that this Council notes with concern that according to recent research, eight million metric tonnes of plastic waste ends up in the world’s oceans each year, endangering marine life, and the Ellen MacArthur Foundation estimates that by 2050 the weight of plastic in the oceans will exceed that of fish. There is also a growing understanding of the risks posed to human health by toxic chemicals present in plastics.

This Council, therefore, resolves to:

1. Phase out the use of single use plastics by this Council and its supply chain by the end of 2019, and ensure that any single use plastics still in use because of existing contracts have a definite end date for their use.
2. End the sale and provision of single use plastic products, such as bottles, cups, cutlery, drinking straws and food containers, in council buildings.
3. Investigate the possibility of requiring pop-up food and drink vendors at Council events to avoid single use plastics as a condition of their contract.
4. Work with tenants and operators in commercial properties owned by this Council to support the phasing out of single use plastic cups, bottles, cutlery, straws and food containers.
5. Work with event organisers to create policy in which single use disposable plastic cups and glasses are replaced at all city events with reusable or

deposit scheme cups and glasses, and that single use plastic food containers are not provided.

6. Bring a report to the Executive Board within 6 months highlighting the progress made.

An amendment was moved by Councillor Wadsworth, seconded by Councillor Stephenson

Insert the following bullet point between 'are not provided' and 'Bring a report to':

'Investigate what more the Council can do to ensure it recycles more plastic and provides opportunities for businesses and the public to recycle plastic.'

Motion will read:

'This Council notes with concern that according to recent research, eight million metric tonnes of plastic waste ends up in the world's oceans each year, endangering marine life, and the Ellen MacArthur Foundation estimates that by 2050 the weight of plastic in the oceans will exceed that of fish. There is also a growing understanding of the risks posed to human health by toxic chemicals present in plastics.

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6. Investigate what more the Council can do to ensure it recycles more plastic and provides opportunities for businesses and the public to recycle plastic.
7. Bring a report to the Executive Board within 6 months highlighting the progress made.

A second amendment was moved by Councillor J Bentley, seconded by Campbell

Insert a new bullet point 6 that reads:

- "6. Extend household waste recycling to include category 3 (PVC), category 5 (Polypropylene) and category 6 (polystyrene)"

The current bullet point 6 will become bullet point 7:

The last three bullet points will thus read:

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The amendment in the name of Councillor Wadsworth was carried, the amendment in the name of Councillor J Bentley was declared lost and upon being put to the vote it was

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49 White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Blake) - Leeds Flood Alleviation Scheme

In accordance with the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 14.9 (a) leave of Council was given to Councillor Blake to alter the motion in her name by the inclusion of the amendment in the name of Councillor Andrew Carter.

The amended motion is set out below;

It was moved by Councillor Blake, seconded by Councillor Andrew Carter that this Council and everyone in Leeds remembers the devastating impact of the Storm Eva floods in Leeds over the Christmas period in 2015 and in particular the destruction caused to thousands of residential and business properties.

Council recalls commitments made at that time by Government Ministers to ensure delivery of Phase 2 of the Leeds Flood Alleviation scheme to prevent a repeat of the damage and misery caused by Storm Eva.

Council is therefore deeply concerned by a letter received from the Environment Agency rejecting the Council's proposed flood defence scheme and only offering to fund a lower cost scheme with a reduced level of protection that would not prevent a reoccurrence of the 2015 floods.

Council calls for the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to meet Council representatives on an all-party basis as soon as possible to ensure sufficient Government funding is provided to deliver Phase 2 of the Leeds Flood Alleviation scheme in its entirety to a 1 in 200 year standard.

In accordance with the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 13.2(d) and 14.10 and with the consent of the seconder leave of Council was given to Councillor Andrew Carter to withdraw the amendment in his name.

An amendment was moved by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Downes;

To move an Amendment:

To include "in all areas of the City" at the end of the first paragraph and

To include "plus a commitment to fund an alleviation scheme in Otley to help" after "Leeds Flood Alleviation scheme" in paragraph two and

To include "along with Otley" after "Phase 2 of the Leeds" and replace "its" with "their" after "Flood Alleviation scheme in" in the fourth paragraph and

Remove "to a 1 in 200 year standard" at the end of the fourth paragraph.

The amended motion will then read:

"This Council and everyone in Leeds remembers the devastating impact of the Storm Eva floods in Leeds over the Christmas period in 2015 and in particular the destruction caused to thousands of residential and business properties, in all areas of the City.

Council recalls commitments made at that time by Government Ministers to ensure delivery of Phase 2 of the Leeds Flood Alleviation scheme, plus a commitment to fund an alleviation scheme in Otley, to help prevent a repeat of the damage and misery caused by Storm Eva.

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Council calls for the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to meet Council representatives as soon as possible to ensure sufficient Government funding is provided to deliver Phase 2 of the Leeds, along with the Otley, Flood Alleviation scheme in their entirety."

The amendment in the name of Councillor Campbell were declared lost and upon being put to the vote it was

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Council rose at 7.12 pm

