

Proceedings of the Meeting of the Leeds City Council held
Civic Hall, Leeds on Wednesday, 15th January, 2020

PRESENT: The Lord Mayor Councillor Eileen Taylor in the Chair.

WARD

ADEL & WHARFEDALE

Billy Flynn
Barry John Anderson
Caroline Anderson

ALWOODLEY

Peter Mervyn Harrand
Dan Cohen
Neil Alan Buckley

ARDSLEY & ROBIN HOOD

Lisa Mulherin
Karen Renshaw
Ben Garner

ARMLEY

Lou Cunningham
Alice Smart
James McKenna

BEESTON & HOLBECK

Andrew Scopes
Angela Gabriel
Gohar Almas

BRAMLEY & STANNINGLEY

Julie Heselwood
Kevin Ritchie

BURMANTOFTS & RICHMOND HILL

Denise Ragan
Ron Grahame
Asghar Khan

WARD

CALVERLEY & FARSLEY

Peter Carlill
Andrew Carter
Amanda Carter

CHAPEL ALLERTON

Jane Dowson
Eileen Taylor
Mohammed Rafique

CROSS GATES & WHINMOOR

Jessica Lennox
Pauleen Grahame
Peter John Gruen

FARNLEY & WORTLEY

Ann Forsaith
Ann Blackburn
David Blackburn

GARFORTH & SWILLINGTON

Suzanne McCormack
Mark Dobson
Sarah Field

GIPTON & HAREHILLS

Kamila Maqsood
Salma Arif
Arif Hussain

GUISELEY & RAWDON

Paul John Spencer Wadsworth
Graham Latty
Pat Latty

HAREWOOD

Ryan Stephenson
Matthew James Robinson
Sam Firth

HEADINGLEY & HYDE PARK

Neil Walshaw
Jonathon Pryor
Alison Garthwaite

HORSFORTH

Jackie Shemilt
Dawn Collins
Jonathon Taylor

HUNSLET & RIVERSIDE

Paul Wray
Elizabeth Nash
Mohammed Iqbal

KILLINGBECK & SEACROFT

Katie Dye
Paul Drinkwater
David Jenkins

KIPPAX & METHLEY

Mirelle Midgley
Mary Elizabeth Harland
James Lewis

KIRKSTALL

John Anthony Illingworth
Hannah Bithell
Fiona Elizabeth Venner
LITTLE LONDON & WOODHOUSE

Abigail Marshall Katung
Kayleigh Brooks
Javaid Akhtar

MIDDLETON PARK

Paul Anthony Truswell
Kim Groves
Judith Blake

MOORTOWN

Mohammed Shahzad
Rebecca Charlwood
Sharon Hamilton

MORLEY NORTH

Robert Finnigan
Robert Gettings MBE JP
Andy Hutchison

MORLEY SOUTH

Wyn Kidger
Judith Elliott
Neil Dawson

OTLEY & YEADON

Ryk Downes
Colin Campbell
Sandy Edward Charles Lay

PUDSEY

Trish Smith
Simon Seary
Mark Harrison

ROTHWELL

Barry Stewart Golton

ROUNDHAY

Jacob Goddard

Angela Wenham

TEMPLE NEWSAM

Nicole Sharp
Debra Coupar
Helen Hayden

WEETWOOD

Chris Howley
Jonathan Bentley
Christine Knight

WETHERBY

Linda Richards
Norma Harrington
Alan James Lamb

68 Announcements

(a) The Lord Mayor reminded those present that the meeting was to be webcast.

(b) The Lord Mayor congratulated Councillor Asghar Khan on his nomination as Lord Mayor Elect for the 2020-21 Municipal Year.

(c) The Lord Mayor congratulated the following who were honoured in the Queen's New Year Honours List:-

- Tom Riordan CBE
- Wallace Sampson OBE
- Professor Philip Howard OBE
- Carol Dewhurst OBE
- Juliet Wright OBE
- David Toole OBE
- William and Maureen Hughes MBE
- Francis Clayton MBE
- Dr Eileen Burns MBE
- Trude Silman MBE
- Ruth Terry MBE
- Amy Hearn BEM

69 Minutes of the last Meeting

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

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meetings held on 13th November and 4th December 2019 be approved.

70 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interests.

71 Communications

There were no communications.

72 Deputations

A deputation from a group regarding employment opportunities for people with a learning disability was admitted to the meeting and addressed Council and it was,

RESOLVED – That the subject matter in respect of the deputation be referred to the Director of Adults & Health and the Director of City Development for consideration in consultation with the relevant Executive Member.

73 Report on Leeds Award

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

RESOLVED – That the recommendations of the Leeds Award Panel to nominate Dr Mags Portman to posthumously receive the Leeds Award, as presented by the report of the City Solicitor, be approved.

74 Report on Appointments

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

RESOLVED - That the report of the City Solicitor on appointments be approved, namely that Councillor Dawson replace 'whips nominee' on the West Yorkshire

Pension Fund – Advisory Group and Councillor Richards to fill a vacancy on the Outer North East Community Committee and a Conservative vacancy on the Licensing Committee.

75 Report on the Calculation of the Council Tax and Business Rates Tax Bases for 2020/21

The report of the Chief Officer-Financial Services seeking Council approval to the 2020/21 council tax bases for Leeds and the parish/town councils set out in the report and providing indicative business rates shares for 2020/21 and requesting Council to give delegated authority to the Chief Officer – Financial Services to finalise the shares and to submit them in the *National Non-Domestic Rates 1 Return 2020-21* on or before 31st January 2020 was moved by Councillor J Lewis, seconded by Councillor Dowson and

RESOLVED –

- a) To agree that, in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012, the amount calculated by the Council as its council tax base 2020/21 shall be 231,377.6 for Leeds and for each parish as listed in Section 3.3, of the report, and detailed in Appendix 1 of the report;
- b) To agree the increase of the empty homes premium on long term empty properties which have been unoccupied for over two years from 100% to 200%, as detailed in Section 3.2 of the report;
- c) To note the indicative business rates shares set out in Section 3.4, of the report and delegate authority to the Chief Officer – Financial Services to make the detailed calculations and to submit the final figures to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government on or before 31st January 2020.

76 Executive Questions

Q1 Councillor Andrew Carter to the Executive Member (Learning, Skills and Employment):-

Would Executive Member for Learning, Skills and Employment please inform the Council of the number of young people in unregistered alternative provision, full time or part time, and if he does not know would he explain to Council why not?

The Executive Member (Learning, Skills and Employment) replied.

Q2 Councillor Golton to the Executive Member (Climate Change, Transport and Sustainable Development):-

Does the portfolio holder responsible for Highways agree that responding to the needs of those with limited mobility should be a priority?

The Executive Member (Climate Change, Transport and Sustainable Development) replied.

Q3 Councillor Bithell to the Leader of Council:-

Given it is now 4 years since the devastation caused by Storm Eva, please can the Leader of Council provide an update on progress with the Leeds Flood Alleviation Scheme Phase 2?

The Leader of Council replied.

Q4 Councillor Hutchison to the Executive Member (Health, Wellbeing and Adults):-

Please could the Executive Board Member for Health, Wellbeing and Adults explain why the referral time for Adult ADHD by the Leeds and York NHS Partnership is 9 to 10 months, adding anxiety to a possible sufferer who will be already experiencing attention deficit, focusing issues and the inability to wait their turn for an additional 10 months could invariably result in the individual becoming depressed and despondent with getting further help with the mental illness?

The Executive Member (Health, Wellbeing and Adults) replied.

Q5 Councillor Smart to the Executive Member (Communities):-

Can the Executive Board Member for Communities join me in congratulating the work being done to provide digital skills courses for Leeds mums by Leeds City Council?

The Executive Member (Communities) replied.

Q6 Councillor Wadsworth to the Chair of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority Transport Committee:-

Does the Chair of the WYCA Transport Committee think that the council administration in Leeds was right to put so much faith in local bus operators to help solve Leeds' transport problems?

The Chair of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority Transport Committee replied.

Q7 Councillor Bentley to the Executive Member (Climate Change, Transport and Sustainable Development):-

Would the Executive Member inform Council what steps are being taken to improve the safety for pedestrians and cyclists at the Glen Road/Otley Road junction in Far Headingley?

The Executive Member (Climate Change, Transport and Sustainable Development) replied.

Q8 Councillor Wray to the Executive Member (Resources):-

Can the Executive Member please update Council on the Electric Vehicles trial scheme?

The Executive Member (Resources) replied.

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

Can the Executive Member for Communities please inform me as to whether the sprinkler system at Gamble Hill Croft and Gamble Hill Grange will be fully operational by the end of January 2020?

The Executive Member (Communities) 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:-

- Q10 Councillor Arif to the Executive Member (Children and Families).
- Q11 Councillor B Anderson to the Executive Member (Resources).
- Q12 Councillor Lay to the Executive Member (Communities).
- Q13 Councillor Marshall Katung to the Executive Member (Learning, Skills and Employment).
- Q14 Councillor Ragan to the Executive Member (Environment and Active Lifestyles).
- Q15 Councillor Stephenson to the Executive Member (Learning, Skills and Employment).
- Q16 Councillor Bentley to the Executive Member (Communities).
- Q17 Councillor J Taylor to the Executive Member (Climate Change, Transport and Sustainable Development).
- Q18 Councillor Campbell to the Chair of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority Transport Committee
- Q19 Councillor C Anderson to the Executive Member (Climate Change, Transport and Sustainable Development).
- Q20 Councillor Flynn to the Executive Member (Learning, Skills and Employment).
- Q21 Councillor B Anderson to the Executive Member (Climate Change, Transport and Sustainable Development).
- Q22 Councillor Stephenson to the Executive Member (Children and Families).
- Q23 Councillor Flynn to the Leader of Council.
- Q24 Councillor B Anderson to the Executive Member (Environment and Active Lifestyles).
- Q25 Councillor Stephenson to the Executive Member (Children and Families).
- Q26 Councillor Flynn to the Executive Member (Learning, Skills and Employment).
- Q27 Councillor B Anderson to the Executive Member (Climate Change, Transport and Sustainable Development).
- Q28 Councillor Stephenson to the Executive Member (Learning, Skills and Employment).

- Q29 Councillor Flynn to the Executive Member (Learning, Skills and Employment).
- Q30 Councillor Stephenson to the Executive Member (Learning, Skills and Employment).
- Q31 Councillor Shemilt to the Executive Member (Climate Change, Transport and Sustainable Development).
- Q32 Councillor Collins to the Executive Member (Environment and Active Lifestyles).

77 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).

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

To add the following at the end of item 9:

‘To ask the Executive Board to reconsider the recommendations in relation to minute 120 of the Executive Board minutes of 7 January 2020, in light of additional concerns in respect of safeguarding.’

Upon being put to the vote the amendment (reference back) was 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.

At the conclusion of this item Council adjourned from 16.26 to 16.55

On the requisition of Councillor Stephenson and Cohen the recording on the amendment (reference back) was recorded as follows;

YES - 33

B Anderson, C Anderson, A Blackburn, D Blackburn, Buckley, Amanda Carter, Andrew Carter, Cohen, Collins, Dobson, Elliott, Field, Finnigan, Firth, Flynn, Forsaith, Gettings, Harrand, Harrington, M Harrison, Hutchison, Kidger, Lamb, G Latty, P Latty, Richards, Robinson, Seary, Shemilt, Smith, Stephenson, J Taylor and Wadsworth.

NO - 57

Akhtar, Almas, Arif, Bentley, Bithell, Blake, Brooks, Carlill, Charlwood, Coupar, Cunningham, Dawson, Downes, Dowson, Drinkwater, Dye, Gabriel, Garner, Garthwaite, Goddard, Golton, P Grahame, R Grahame, Groves, P Gruen, Hamilton, Harland, Hayden, Heselwood, Hussain, Illingworth, Iqbal, Jenkins, Khan, Knight, Lennox, J Lewis, Maqsood, Marshall Katung, McKenna, Midgley, Mulherin, Nash, Pryor, Rafique, Ragan, Renshaw, Ritchie, Scopes, Shahzad, Sharpe, Smart, Truswell, Venner, Walshaw, Wenham and Wray.

ABSTAIN - 0

78 Announcements

- a) The Lord Mayor welcomed Cllr Field back following a period of illness.
- b) The Lord Mayor welcomed Cllr Richards to her first Council meeting following her recent success in the election for the Wetherby Ward.
- c) The Lord Mayor congratulated Ali Akbor who was honoured with an OBE in the Queen's New Year Honours List.

79 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.

80 White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Andrew Carter) - Transport in the City

It was moved by Councillor Andrew Carter, seconded by Councillor Buckley that this Council is concerned by recent and repeated examples of gridlock and heavy congestion in the City Centre, leading to significant disruption to commuters as they travel in and out of Leeds.

Council notes the investment being made through Connecting Leeds, including the £173.5m granted by Government, but believes that to get the city moving and to encourage greater growth and productivity a new approach to public transport, not wholly reliant on the bus, is required.

This Council therefore welcomes the Government commitment to spend £4.2bn on public transport projects outside of London and notes that some of this funding is planned for the Leeds district.

Council believes this offers a new opportunity to deliver a mass transit scheme for the city which will deliver obvious economic benefits as well as significantly reducing the city's carbon emissions in line with the declared Climate Emergency.

Council further believes that all areas of the city should be considered for mass transit infrastructure and is concerned that existing WYCA proposals seem to omit North Leeds, and the potential links to Harrogate, York and Wetherby, from any new transport infrastructure plans.

In light of this announcement made during the election campaign, this Council calls for a report to be brought to the March Executive Board meeting setting out detailed plans as to how a new mass transit scheme can be delivered to all communities in the city and to include analysis of the potential benefits such a scheme would deliver in terms of reducing the carbon footprint in Leeds

An amendment was moved by Councillor D Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Forsaith

In the second paragraph, delete all between "... get the city moving" and "a new approach..."

Insert the following new paragraph between paragraphs five and six: (“...transport infrastructure plan” and “In the light of...”)

“Council further believes that, where appropriate in the initial stages, priority should be given to the use of redundant former rail infrastructure.”

The motion would then read:

This Council is concerned by recent and repeated examples of gridlock and heavy congestion in the City Centre, leading to significant disruption to commuters as they travel in and out of Leeds.

Council notes the investment being made through Connecting Leeds, including the £173.5m granted by Government, but believes that to get the city moving a new approach to public transport, not wholly reliant on the bus, is required.

This Council therefore welcomes the Government commitment to spend £4.2bn on public transport projects outside of London and notes that some of this funding is planned for the Leeds district.

Council believes this offers a new opportunity to deliver a mass transit scheme for the city which will deliver obvious economic benefits as well as significantly reducing the city’s carbon emissions in line with the declared Climate Emergency.

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A second amendment was moved by Councillor Bentley, seconded by Councillor Golton

In the first paragraph delete all after “concerned” and replace with:

“about the traffic congestion throughout Leeds leading to significant health risks from the resultant pollution.”

In the second paragraph, after “productivity” insert:

“and to meet the challenges of climate change”

Insert a new sixth paragraph as follows:

“However, Council recognises that large infrastructure projects have very long lead times so in order to meet the imminent challenges of climate change Council commits to plan for the introduction of a range of other measures deliverable in the short term such as more Park and Ride sites and a possible Workplace Parking Levy in the city centre.”

Remove the final paragraph and replace with:

“Council calls for a report to be brought to the March Executive Board meeting setting out detailed plans for long term and short term measures which can be delivered to all communities in the city and to include an analysis of the potential benefits such schemes could deliver in terms of reducing the carbon footprint in Leeds.”

The amended White Paper will then read:

“This Council is concerned about the traffic congestion throughout Leeds leading to significant health risks from the resultant pollution.

Council notes the investment being made through Connecting Leeds, including the £173.5m granted by Government, but believes that to get the city moving and to encourage greater growth and productivity and to meet the challenges of climate change a new approach to public transport, not wholly reliant on the bus, is required.

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Council believes this offers a new opportunity to deliver a mass transit scheme for the city which will deliver obvious economic benefits as well as significantly reducing the city’s carbon emissions in line with the declared Climate Emergency.

Council further believes that all areas of the city should be considered for mass transit infrastructure and is concerned that existing WYCA proposals seem to omit North Leeds, and the potential links to Harrogate, York and Wetherby, from any new transport infrastructure plans.

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A third amendment in the name of Councillor Blake was moved, seconded by Councillor Mulherin

Delete all and replace with:

“This Council notes comments made by the Secretary of State for Transport on his recent visit to Leeds in relation to providing a Mass Transit System.

Council notes the Secretary of State’s comments follow representations made to him by the Leader of Council following his appointment after the General Election and Council remains committed to working with the Government to deliver the transport system Leeds needs and deserves.

Council welcomes the ongoing work of West Yorkshire Combined Authority towards our Mass Transit ambition including considering the network and engaging with

industry experts and key partners to understand the latest technologies available for a 21st Century Mass Transit System.

Council supports the request from West Yorkshire Leaders to the Prime Minister for £20m of development funding for a Mass Transit System and calls on the Prime Minister to demonstrate his Government's clear commitment to Mass Transit by using his March budget to provide funding and a timeframe to put in place the public transport system Leeds desperately needs to become a net zero carbon city by 2030.

Council calls for a report to Executive Board setting out detailed plans on how a new Mass Transit Scheme can be delivered to all communities in the city, and including an analysis of the potential benefits such a scheme will deliver in terms of reducing the carbon footprint in Leeds, once the Government has provided the financial commitment and timeframe the city needs."

The amendments in the name of Councillor D Blackburn and Councillor Bentley were declared lost, the amendment in the name of Councillor Blake was carried and upon being put to the vote it was

RESOLVED – That this Council notes comments made by the Secretary of State for Transport on his recent visit to Leeds in relation to providing a Mass Transit System.

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81 White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor D Blackburn) - Public Transport

It was moved by Councillor D Blackburn, seconded by Councillor A Blackburn that Council notes the current uncertain situation with regard to First Bus and other bus operators in West Yorkshire, and believes that the way forward is for West Yorkshire Combined Authority to take over the running of these operations.

Council also believes that appropriate funding should be made available to bring back into operation disused rail infrastructure, such as unused track, and the re-opening of many of the former local railway stations closed many years ago, such as the one in Wortley and the two in Armley.

It is Council's view that only with vibrant publicly owned bus services, running in the interest of the passenger, and expanded local rail services can Leeds (or for that matter, West Yorkshire) achieve a 21st Century public transport system that delivers for its citizens, helps to reduce congestion and is consistent with the aims of the Climate Emergency.

Council also notes that Prime Minister Boris Johnson has stated that he will transform transport in the North. Bearing this in mind Council, therefore, calls on the Chief Executive to write to the Prime Minister asking for the Government to support these aspirations, both in actions and funding.

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

In the first paragraph delete all after "Yorkshire" and replace with:

"It believes that the way forward is for West Yorkshire Combined Authority to take control of First's operations and to be given franchising rights to control routes, frequency and ticketing of the bus services in West Yorkshire."

In the second paragraph delete all after "disused" and replace with:

"under used rail infrastructure along with the provision or re-provision of local railway stations including Wortley, Armley, Otley, Marsh Lane and Woodside Quarry."

In the third paragraph remove "owned" and replace with "controlled".

The amended White Paper will then read:

"Council notes the current uncertain situation with regard to First Bus and other bus operators in West Yorkshire. It believes that the way forward is for West Yorkshire Combined Authority to take control of First's operations and to be given franchising rights to control routes, frequency and ticketing of the bus services in West Yorkshire."

Council also believes that appropriate funding should be made available to bring back into operation disused/under used rail infrastructure along with the provision or re-provision of local railway stations including Wortley, Armley, Otley, Marsh Lane and Woodside Quarry.

It is Council's view that only with vibrant publicly controlled bus services, running in the interest of the passenger, and expanded local rail services can Leeds (or for that matter, West Yorkshire) achieve a 21st Century public transport system that delivers for its citizens, helps to reduce congestion and is consistent with the aims of the Climate Emergency.

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A second amendment was moved by Councillor Buckley, seconded by Councillor Smith,

Delete all after "bus operators in West Yorkshire" in the first line, and insert the following:

"and is concerned about the substantial amount of public investment in buses which may now be at risk if and when First is sold."

Council does not believe that public ownership of buses provides a solution in itself to Leeds' transport problems. Questions of service efficiency, significant traffic congestion, and carbon emissions would not be solved magically by having the Combined Authority run buses in the city. There could also be exposure to pension liabilities with such an approach, and the only way of raising capital would be via the taxpayer. Council is however open to opportunities for there to be greater public sector influence over the running of the buses in Leeds and the wider region.

Council also believes that appropriate funding should be made available to bring back into operation disused rail infrastructure, such as unused track, and the re-opening of many of the former local railway stations closed many years ago, such as the one in Wortley, the two in Armley, and others in the North of the City.

It is Council's view that only with a comprehensive transport strategy, encompassing a mass transit solution and expanded local rail services, can Leeds (or for that matter, West Yorkshire) achieve a 21st Century public transport system that delivers for its citizens, helps to reduce congestion and is consistent with the aims of the Climate Emergency.

Council also notes that Prime Minister Boris Johnson has stated that he will transform transport in the North. Bearing this in mind Council, therefore, calls on the Chief Executive to write to the Prime Minister asking for the Government to support these aspirations, both in actions and funding."

Motion would read as follows:

"Council notes the current uncertain situation with regard to First Bus and other bus operators in West Yorkshire, and is concerned about the substantial amount of public investment in buses which may now be at risk if and when First is sold.

Council does not believe that public ownership of buses provides a solution in itself to Leeds' transport problems. Questions of service efficiency, significant traffic congestion, and carbon emissions would not be solved magically by having the Combined Authority run buses in the city. There could also be exposure to pension liabilities with such an approach, and the only way of raising capital would be via the taxpayer. Council is however open to opportunities for there to be greater public sector influence over the running of the buses in Leeds and the wider region.

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Council also notes that Prime Minister Boris Johnson has stated that he will transform transport in the North. Bearing this in mind Council, therefore, calls on the Chief Executive to write to the Prime Minister asking for the Government to support these aspirations, both in actions and funding."

A third amendment was moved by Councillor Groves, seconded by Councillor Carlill,

Delete “such as the one in Wortley and the two in Armley” and replace with “across the city.”

Add a new third paragraph to read: “Council believes the impact of investment in rail infrastructure needs to be accompanied by improvements in rail services. Council therefore calls for the renationalisation of the rail service with Local Authorities given more power over local provision to ensure services are run when and where they are needed.”

Full amended motion to read:

“Council notes the current uncertain situation with regard to First Bus and other bus operators in West Yorkshire, and believes that the way forward is for West Yorkshire Combined Authority to take over the running of these operations.

Council also believes that appropriate funding should be made available to bring back into operation disused rail infrastructure, such as unused track, and the re-opening of many of the former local railway stations closed many years ago across the city.

Council believes the impact of investment in rail infrastructure needs to be accompanied by improvements in rail services. Council therefore calls for the renationalisation of the rail service with Local Authorities given more power over local provision to ensure services are run when and where they are needed.

It is Council’s view that only with vibrant publicly owned bus services, running in the interest of the passenger, and expanded local rail services can Leeds (or for that matter, West Yorkshire) achieve a 21st Century public transport system that delivers for its citizens, helps to reduce congestion and is consistent with the aims of the Climate Emergency.

Council also notes that Prime Minister Boris Johnson has stated that he will transform transport in the North. Bearing this in mind Council, therefore, calls on the Chief Executive to write to the Prime Minister asking for the Government to support these aspirations, both in actions and funding.”

The amendments in the name of Councillor Howley and Councillor Buckley were declared lost, the amendment in the name of Councillor Groves was carried and upon being put to the vote it was

RESOLVED – That Council notes the current uncertain situation with regard to First Bus and other bus operators in West Yorkshire, and believes that the way forward is for West Yorkshire Combined Authority to take over the running of these operations.

Council also believes that appropriate funding should be made available to bring back into operation disused rail infrastructure, such as unused track, and the re-opening of many of the former local railway stations closed many years ago across the city.

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82 White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Charlwood) - Funding for Services

It was moved by Councillor Charlwood, seconded by Councillor Pryor that Council is proud of its record delivering high quality social care services for adults and children in Leeds, as well as delivering more affordable housing for Leeds residents and providing more school places.

Council believes it is held back from making further improvements in these areas by a lack of action from central Government. Council was disappointed that the Government failed to use the recent Queen’s Speech to put forward plans to address the national social care, school buildings or housing crises.

Council therefore requests the Prime Minister use his upcoming budget to provide funding to tackle the social care, school buildings and housing crises, and to thereby enable the council to make further improvements to these services for the people of Leeds.

An amendment was moved by Councillor Andrew Carter, seconded by Councillor C Anderson

Delete all after ‘Council’ and replace with:

‘notes the recent record of delivering quality social care services for adults and children in Leeds, attempts to deliver more affordable housing for Leeds residents and provision of additional school places in the city. Council thanks staff for their continuing efforts in these areas and believes that the Queen’s Speech, and forthcoming Budget, offer a huge opportunity to deliver a genuine step change in service delivery and enhanced infrastructure in Leeds.

Council believes the Queen’s Speech sets out an ambitious programme that will re-focus and reinvigorate the UK as it moves towards leaving the European Union. In particular Council welcomes the following measures introduced through the Queen’s Speech:

- On health a commitment to lock in £33.9bn of health spending over the next four years, deliver 40 new hospitals and deliver 50,000 new nurses and 6,000 new doctors, a further commitment on innovation in medicine and a move to scrap hospital parking charges for the most ill.
- On education a school funding guarantee to areas that have lost out in the past
- On crime a commitment to tougher sentencing that will ensure serious offenders are not released early from prison in addition to the additional 20,000 new police officers announced earlier in the year
- On housing a new homes pledge that will see 1 million new homes created over the new parliament as well as support for first time buyers through a local

discount to enable more home ownership and additional protections for those in rented properties.

- On social care a commitment to invest an additional £1bn in each year of the new parliament
- On business rates additional discounts for small businesses that will support local high streets throughout Leeds

These amongst a range of other measures makes this a hugely ambitious Queen's Speech and through the planned legislation on Brexit shows that the People's Government will listen to the public and deliver against the mandate they secured in December.

Finally Council looks forward to the Budget in March where plans to reform the so called 'green book' will be unveiled. This will see investment rebalanced towards the north by changing the current formula that favours investment in London.

Council therefore calls for an Executive Board report to be brought to the March meeting that looks at how Leeds can take advantage of the forthcoming investment in infrastructure.'

A second amendment was moved by Councillor Golton, seconded by Councillor Campbell,

In the first paragraph remove all after "Council" and replace with:

"recognises the commitment of all groups on the Council to the provision of high quality social care services for adults and children, the delivery of more affordable housing and the provision of more school places."

The amended White Paper will then read:

"Council recognises the commitment of all groups on the Council to the provision of high quality social care services for adults and children, the delivery of more affordable housing and the provision of more school places.

Council believes it is held back from making further improvements in these areas by a lack of action from central Government. Council was disappointed that the Government failed to use the recent Queen's Speech to put forward plans to address the national social care, school buildings or housing crises.

Council therefore requests the Prime Minister use his upcoming budget to provide funding to tackle the social care, school buildings and housing crises, and to thereby enable the council to make further improvements to these services for the people of Leeds."

The amendments in the name of Councillor Andrew Carter and Councillor Golton were declared lost and upon being put to the vote it was

RESOLVED – That Council is proud of its record delivering high quality social care services for adults and children in Leeds, as well as delivering more affordable housing for Leeds residents and providing more school places.

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On the requisition of Councillor Dowson and Councillor Lewis the voting on the motion in the name of Councillor Charlwood was recorded as follows;

YES - 60

Akhtar, Almas, Arif, Bithell, A Blackburn, D Blackburn, Blake, Brooks, Campbell, Carlill, Charlwood, Coupar, Cunningham, Dawson, Downes, Dowson, Drinkwater, Dye, Forsaith, Gabriel, Garner, Garthwaite, Goddard, Golton, P Grahame, R Grahame, Groves, Hamilton, Harland, Hayden, Heselwood, Howley, Hussain, Illingworth, Iqbal, Jenkins, Khan, Knight, Lay, Lennox, J Lewis, Maqsood, Marshall Katung, McKenna, Midgley, Mulherin, Nash, Pryor, Rafique, Renshaw, Ritchie, Scopes, Shahzad, Sharpe, Smart, Truswell, Venner, Walshaw, Wenham and Wray.

NO - 23

B Anderson, C Anderson, Buckley, Amanda Carter, Andrew Carter, Cohen, Collins, Firth, Flynn, Harrand, Harrington, M Harrison, Lamb, G Latty, P Latty, Richards, Robinson, Seary, Shemilt, Smith, Stephenson, J Taylor and Wadsworth.

ABSTAIN – 2

Elliott & Finnigan

Council rose at 7.30 pm