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Supplementary Information for full Council 26th March 2014

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COUNCIL MEETING – 26 MARCH 2014

NOTICE OF:	Reference No:	Date Received:	Date Forwarded:
White Paper Amendment	A1 TO WP1	25/3/14	25/3/14
Submitted by: Councillor P Gruen Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel: Executive Board Executive Member/Chair: Executive Member (Neighbourhoods, Planning & Support) Services) Relevant Director: Director of City Development			

This Council reaffirms its opposition to a developer led approach to planning policy.

Deleted all after and replace with:

This Council reiterates its belief that a brown field first approach to development is the right one and further believes that new housing should be prioritised in regeneration areas and areas where there is clear unmet housing need.

This Council believes that whilst communities accept the need for new housing they also believe this should be affordable housing in the right places. This is indicated in the policy agreed by Council at its meeting on 15 January 2014, including a clear brownfield first policy which prioritises the use of previously developed land wherever possible, whilst at the same time committing to continuous protection of the Green Belt.

This is in strong contrast to Central Government's National Planning Policy Framework which in reality puts a 5 year land supply before all other interests. Council also recognises the general climate of extreme financial pressures being placed on local authorities by Central Government including the inadequacy of the new CIL/S106 framework to meet the essential community requirements arising from new developments.

This Council will continue to champion a democratic and sustainable approach in our Core Strategy. Such an approach will be based on these principles:

1. That new development must be supported by the early implementation of infrastructure necessary to sustain the local community.
2. Developers indicating their willingness to build sustainable new housing in Leeds by building on sites with existing planning permission.
3. The implementation of the Council's brownfield land strategy (February 2014)
4. Consideration be given to developers' previous delivery records and developer profit as per recent national guidance.
5. National government looking again at the impact of the requirements for the 5 year land supply, including whether this leads to a lack of local democratic control in planning decision making, especially on the retention of greenfield and Green Belt land.

Council requests that the Chief Executive writes to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, local MPs, local town and parish councils and Neighbourhood Planning Forums to indicate its desire for genuine partnership in housing and infrastructure growth.

* Director to provide a copy of draft reply to Kevin Tomkinson, Governance Services by: n/a

Deadlines for submission

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COUNCIL MEETING – 26th MARCH 2013

NOTICE OF:	Reference No:	Date Received:	Date Forwarded:
White Paper Amendment	A2 to WP1	25/3/14	25/3/14

Submitted by:	Councillor Brian Cleasby
Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel:	Executive Board
Executive Member/Chair:	Executive Member (Neighbourhoods, Planning & Support Services)
Relevant Director	Director of City Development

Add a further bullet point following “...*not centrally prescribed by government.*”

- “Affirm its commitment to neighbourhood planning and allocate adequate resources to help residents to speedily produce and adopt plans for their communities.”

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COUNCIL MEETING – 26th MARCH 2014

NOTICE OF:	Reference No:	Date Received:	Date Forwarded:
White Paper Amendment	A1 to WP3	26/3/14	26/3/14
Submitted by: Councillor Sue Bentley			
Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel: Executive Board			
Executive Member/Chair: Executive Member Children's Services			
Relevant Director: Director of Children's Services			

Replace “*despite massive government funding cuts*” with “*as well as the coalition government’s announcement of a £2,000 tax break for childcare, its extension of the successful troubled families initiative and the creation of a £50 million early years pupil premium for disadvantaged three and four year olds.*”

Delete all after “*Council*” in paragraph four and replace with “*resolves not to implement the administration’s proposed 9% increase in nursery fees at council children’s centres.*”

The amended motion would then read:

Council reiterates its commitment to ensure every child in Leeds enjoys the best start in life and welcomes the Administration’s decision to keep all 57 children’s centres open as well as the coalition government’s announcement of a £2,000 tax break for childcare, its extension of the successful troubled families initiative and the creation of a £50 million early years pupil premium for disadvantaged three and four year olds.

Council further recognises the overwhelming evidence that development in the first years of life is crucial to improving social, economic, educational and health outcomes for children and young people.

Given that evidence, members commit to continue to work towards our Best city and Child Friendly ambitions, focusing in particular on ensuring that every child in Leeds is ready to learn before they start school.

In support of this approach and the clear evidence of the importance in investing wisely in Early Years, Council resolves not to implement the administration’s proposed 9% increase in nursery fees at council children’s centres.

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COUNCIL MEETING – 26 MARCH 2014

NOTICE OF:	Reference No:	Date Received:	Date Forwarded:
Amendment	A2 to WP3	25/03/14	25/03/14

Submitted by:	Cllr A Lamb
Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel:	Executive Board
Executive Member/Chair:	Executive Member for Children's Services
Relevant Director	Director of Children's Services

Delete all after: 'Council' and replace with:

'believes that burdening the next generation of children with an unmanageable national debt provides the worst possible start in life for millions of young people in Britain. Therefore, this Council supports the Government's economic plan and welcomes the commitment by all parties to spending restraint and hopes that future generations in Leeds will benefit from this through improved economic circumstances.

Despite the difficult economic background, this Council welcomes the steps already taken by this Government to improve outcomes for young people, specifically:

1. Delivery of 15 hours of free nursery care to all 3 and 4 year olds
2. Expansion of the 15 hours free nursery provision to include 2 year olds from disadvantaged backgrounds
3. The introduction of and increases to the pupil premium
4. The Troubled Families Programme
5. Free school meals for all infant aged pupils

This Council reiterates its commitment to ensure every child in Leeds enjoys the best start in life and welcomes this government's ongoing commitment to this agenda. Council further recognises the overwhelming evidence that development in the first years of life is crucial to improving social, economic, educational and health outcomes for children and young people.

Therefore Council notes with concern the recent Executive Board report that highlighted the disappointing level of performance across a number of areas in Education but most notably in Early Years.

This Council calls on the ruling administration to stop blaming the Government for its own disappointing performance and take responsibility for the services it delivers. Council calls for a report to be brought to Executive Board detailing a robust plan to deliver improvements to Early Years provision in Leeds.'

Councillor Alan Lamb

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