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## **Supplementary information – Council Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

Item 15 – Amendments to Councillor Ann Blackburn's White Paper

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NOTICE OF:	Reference No:	Date Received:	Date Forwarded:
White Paper Amendment	A1 to WP3	15/9/15	15/9/15

Submitted by:	Councillor Sobel
Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel:	Executive Board
Executive Member/Chair:	Executive Member (Regeneration, Transport and Planning)
Relevant Director	Director of City Development

Insert after “local services”:

- “
- From January 2016 the Government have proposed the lowest feed in tariff rate will be just 1.63p per kWh - as opposed to the current 12.47p for the smallest producers, usually single homes. This has the potential to devastate the domestic solar renewable market and cause a drastic drop in solar photovoltaic retrofitting in both private and social housing.”

Delete all after “three bedroom terrace house.” and replace with:

“This Council also notes that the Leeds Standard for Housing aims to improve the quality of building, with energy efficiency as a central component of these changes. This approach has emphasised the needs for all housing -whether on Council land or not- to meet high quality energy efficiency standards.

Given Central Government’s clear movement away from policies designed to improve energy efficiency, the Council resolves to ensure practical action takes place at a local level to secure a sustainable future.

Council therefore requests that officers investigate the need for even more challenging, locally set building standards, whilst also promoting and supporting self-builders, community-builders and developers who will seek to build to Passivhaus or similar standards. Council requests that Executive Board receive a report on this within the current municipal year.”

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The motion would therefore read:

“This Council notes:

- The Government cancelling the introduction of Zero Carbon Home Standards in 2016.
- The negative impact this will have on householders at risk of fuel poverty in new housing.
- The missed opportunity to reduce carbon emissions in new developments.
- The loss of income to the local economy as a result of these lower energy efficiency standards, as householders’ income is spent paying energy bills rather than in local shops

and on local services.

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This Council believes:

- That under the principle of 'localism' councils can determine their own standards on land that they own if those standards comply with UK Building Regulations.
- That the internationally recognised 'Passivhaus Standard' offers an alternative to the UK's diminished energy efficiency ambitions for new-build housing.
- That the Passivhaus Standard complies with UK Building Regulations and can deliver heating bills of less than £100/year for the average three bedroom terrace house.

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#### Deadlines for submission

White Papers	- 10.00 am on the day before the issue of the Summons
Questions	- 10.00 am on Monday before the meeting
Amendments (including references back)	- 10.00 am on the day before the meeting

(All submissions should be made to Governance Services for receipt to be recorded and distribution made)

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