

Supplementary Information
Amendments to the White Paper -
Austerity in Local Government

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COUNCIL MEETING – 14TH SEPTEMBER 2016

NOTICE OF:	Reference No:	Date Received:	Date Forwarded:
White Paper Amendment	A1 to WP2	13/9/16	13/9/16

Submitted by:	Councillor Stewart Golton
Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel:	Executive Board
Executive Member/Chair:	Leader of Council
Relevant Director	Director of city development

Delete first four paragraphs and replace with:

Council notes that all parties agreed on the need for extensive cuts to services to stabilise public finances before the 2010 election, with Alistair Darling pledging to impose budget cuts deeper and tougher than those of Margaret Thatcher, but regrets the government’s counter-productive and ideologically driven pursuit of a budget surplus from 2015 onwards.

Council further notes the economic uncertainty created by the EU referendum and calls on the government to clarify how it will ensure that local government funding reform provides a stable platform on which services can flourish.

Council restates the conclusion of the Commission for Local Government that councils must respond to the challenge of funding cuts by empowering individuals, communities and the third sector to pioneer more efficient, locally focussed service delivery.

Deadlines for submission

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Amendment	A2 WP2	13/09/16	13/9/16

Submitted by:	Councillor Andrew Carter
Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel:	Executive Board
Executive Member/Chair:	Executive Member for Resources and Strategy
Relevant Director	Deputy Chief Executive

Delete all after 'This Council' and replace with:

'notes the efforts of the Joint Administration in Leeds between 2004 and 2010 to 'narrow the gap' in the city and is concerned that 14,000 more people now live in deprivation since the current Labour administration assumed control in Leeds in 2010.

Council recognises the difficult position that public finances were in in 2010 and believes that measures introduced by the Government to bring the budget deficit and public spending under control were unfortunate but necessary given the legacy left by the Labour Government.

Despite this Council accepts that budget reductions have been significant. As in previous debates this Council acknowledges that Leeds has received unfair funding settlements from all Governments in recent years and agrees that a new relationship between local and central government should be formed to take into account funding and in particular delivering a fairer funding settlement for Leeds.

Council further notes the tendency of the current administration to focus on apportioning blame to central government rather than looking towards solutions that Leeds itself can deliver.

Council calls for HM Treasury to agree to allow councils to delay making a decision on whether or not to accept a four year funding settlement until after the Autumn Statement has been delivered and reiterates its call for a Royal Commission on the future of local government finance.'

Councillor Andrew Carter

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