

AMENDMENT IN RESPECT OF
COUNCILLOR D COHEN'S WHITE PAPER
MOTION - CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
BUDGET

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COUNCIL MEETING – 12TH JULY 2017

NOTICE OF:	Reference No:	Date Received:	Date Forwarded:
White Paper Amendment	A1 to WP1	11/7/17	11/7/17

Submitted by:	Councillor Lisa Mulherin
Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel:	Executive Board
Executive Member/Chair:	Executive Member (Children and Families)
Relevant Director	Director of Children’s Services/Director of Resources and Housing

Delete all after “This Council” and replace with:

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Full motion will read:

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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)
