

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.

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

Deadlines for submission

White Papers	- *10.00 am on the day before the issue of the Summons
Questions	- 10.00 am on Monday prior to meeting
Amendments	- 1.30 pm on Tuesday prior to meeting
(including references back)	

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

*Usually the Monday of the week prior to a Wednesday meeting.

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