

## **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

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'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

### 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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