

COUNCIL MEETING – 2 July 2014

NOTICE OF:	Reference No:	Date Received:	Date Forwarded:
White Paper	WP1		

Submitted by:	Councillor Andrew Carter
Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel:	Executive Board
Executive Member/Chair:	Leader of Council
Relevant Director	Director of Resources

This Council notes with concern that local community pubs are closing at an alarming rate as high as 28 per week nationally and further notes the closure of once popular pubs throughout Leeds over recent years.

This Council believes that if additional powers were made available to local authorities much needed community involvement and consultation could be secured when proposals are brought forward to close or demolish community pubs/working men’s clubs in Leeds, in line with the recent moves by Government to encourage localism and devolve power to local authorities. This would be especially important when there are proposals to convert them to alternative uses such as betting shops and pay day lenders.

Council recognises that commercial viability should play a part in the process but, subject to that qualification, Leeds City Council resolves to add its support to the CAMRA campaign and use the Sustainable Communities Act to submit a proposal to Government to ensure that planning permission and consultation are required before community pubs are allowed to be converted to a variety of other uses, or are allowed to be demolished.

This Council welcomes the Government support given to the pub industry through measures to crack down on ‘beer tie’ arrangements, the scrapping of the alcohol duty escalator and a reduction in beer duty in the last two budgets.

Councillor Andrew Carter

* 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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