

COUNCIL MEETING – 1st APRIL 2015

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White Paper	WP2	20/3/15	23/3/15

Submitted by:	Councillor Judith Blake
Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel:	Executive Board
Executive Member/Chair:	Executive Member (Children and Families)
Relevant Director	Director of Children's Services

This Council is proud to put children, young people and families at the heart of our growth strategy for the city.

Council commends the progress made for the most vulnerable children in Leeds through the child friendly city ambition, in spite of the damaging policies of the coalition Government and exceptionally challenging financial context. Progress evidenced by: a safe, appropriate reduction in the number of children and young people in care; a significant rise in young people in education employment and training; and our best ever school attendance figures.

Council recognises the unfair disproportionate burden young people have had to bear from the recent financial crisis.

Council calls on the next Government to make a genuine commitment to improving outcomes for all children and young people and put in place meaningful policies to address the poverty, debt, unemployment and mental health challenges that have blighted too many young people growing up in the UK over the past five years.

Council calls on the new Government to: invest properly in early intervention, further and higher education, training, employment and accessible transport for young people; demonstrate compassion for the pressures and problems of growing up in today's society; and devolve more freedom to local services so that those working directly with our young people have the powers and permissions they need to make a difference.

Council believes that these measures will start to undo the damage that has been caused over the past five years and ensure that future generations do not suffer from the same massive burden of failing Government austerity measures with regard to young people.

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	- 10.00 am on the day before the meeting
(including references back)	

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

distribution made)
