

COUNCIL MEETING – 8th JULY 2015

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White Paper	WP3	29/6/15	30/6/15

Submitted by:	Councillor Judith Blake
Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel:	Executive Board
Executive Member/Chair:	Leader of Council
Relevant Director	Chief Executive

This Council notes that the Leeds economy has achieved significant economic growth in recent years, outperforming national comparators and demonstrating the hard work of businesses in Leeds as well as the success of the vision pursued by the Council since 2010 to ensure Leeds remains “open for business”, despite the challenging economic outlook nationally.

Council believes that the cost of living crisis means now, more than ever, is the time for all communities in our diverse city to share in the benefits of the city’s economic growth. Council believes that businesses in the city have a pivotal role to play to ensure this happens, through an ethical and civic approach to doing business in Leeds.

Council confirms its major priority for the year ahead is to work to transform Leeds into a compassionate, caring city where all its residents benefit from the effects of the city’s economic growth. Council will focus on creating the right conditions for the economy of Leeds to prosper, but will also work to ensure a consequence of that growth is a reduction in the inequalities that exist in Leeds.

Council therefore calls on the Chief Executive to bring forward an Executive Board report on a strategy to enable elected members on behalf of Leeds City Council to work with businesses and organisations to help communities across Leeds share in the economic success of the city, through measures that include: the Living Wage, reducing corporate tax avoidance, supporting local skills and employment initiatives, the Mindful Employer’s initiative, fully meeting planning process obligations for community infrastructure and providing affordable housing.

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)
