

**COUNCIL MEETING – 8<sup>th</sup> JULY 2015**

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

This Council believes that every child in the city should have the option of going to a good local school.

Council therefore regrets the situation that arose in North Leeds during this year's allocation of school places, where nearly 90 families did not receive any of their five primary school preferences.

Council welcomes the subsequent steps taken to secure more school places in the areas affected, but believes that recent events have illustrated the sheer scale of the challenge facing the city over the lack of school places. Parents and children across the city deserve nothing less than a comprehensive and far-reaching response.

Council recognises the reservations from some quarters to certain types of school governance, but believes that the authority needs to look at all viable options that could help the city meet demand for school places.

Council therefore calls on the Director of Children's Services to bring a report to Executive Board which:

- explains how the authority can take a more pragmatic approach to addressing the basic need issue, embracing the full range of options and tools available;
- reviews the systems used to plan for school places in the city and sets out what steps can be taken in the short and long terms to ensure that the authority is effectively anticipating demand, so there is no repeat of this year's problems in North 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 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)