

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

NOTICE OF:	Reference No:	Date Received:	Date Forwarded:
White Paper Amendment	A2 to WP1	7/7/15	7/7/15

Submitted by:	Councillor Lucinda Yeadon
Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel:	Executive Board
Executive Member/Chair:	Executive Member (Children and Families)
Relevant Director	Director of Children’s Social Services

Delete all after *“This Council believes that every child in the city should”* and replace with:

*“...be able to go to a good local school.*

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Full motion will then read:

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#### 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)

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