

**COUNCIL MEETING – 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

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White Paper	WP2	5/9/16	6/9/16

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Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel:	Executive Board
Executive Member/Chair:	Executive Member for Resources and Strategy
Relevant Director	Deputy Chief Executive

This Council believes the Conservative and Liberal Democrat Coalition Governments made the wrong political choice to cut the council's core grant funding by £214m since 2010 with £100m still to be taken away from the Council's budget. Council is pleased to note the Chancellor of the Exchequer who presided over the last six years of austerity is no longer in post.

Council notes that the Government's decision to impose such a sustained and counterproductive period of austerity had an unfair and damaging impact on the city and the effects have been felt hardest by our most deprived and vulnerable residents in Leeds, with 14,000 more people in the city now living in deprivation compared to 2010.

Council further notes that had Leeds received the same level of government funding per person as Wokingham in Berkshire, the council with the lowest levels of cuts, we would have an additional £100 million per annum in our budget.

Council calls on the new Chancellor of the Exchequer to ensure the council receives a much needed increase in core grant funding through a fair funding allocation to take account of deprivation and need. This should include the direct reallocation of funding repatriated from the European Union to local councils to tackle poverty and deprivation and support economic growth.

Council further calls for HM Treasury to agree to allow councils to delay making a decision on whether or not to accept a four year funding settlement until after the Autumn Statement has been delivered.

**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)