

COUNCIL MEETING – 14th SEPTEMBER 2016

NOTICE OF:	Reference No:	Date Received:	Date Forwarded:
White Paper	WP1	05/09/16	06/09/16

Submitted by:	Councillor Andrew Carter
Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel:	Executive Board
Executive Member/Chair:	Executive Member (Resources and Strategy)
Relevant Director	Chief Executive

This Council believes it is vital that elections are conducted in a legal, fair and transparent manner. We note that when these principles are compromised, as happened in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets, there can be a damaging breakdown of trust which undermines people's confidence in local democracy.

This Council therefore welcomes the recommendations made in the recent 'Securing the Ballot' review into electoral fraud carried out by Sir Eric Pickles.

We call on officers within the Elections, Licensing and Registration Service to work closely with Government and the Electoral Commission to ensure that Leeds is ready and able to respond to the review's recommendations and any changes to legislation or guidance that follow.

Council asks that a report is prepared for Executive Board, or the relevant committee, setting out what actions are necessary to ensure we continue to safeguard the integrity of the election process in Leeds.

Councillor Andrew Carter

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)