

COUNCIL MEETING – 16TH JANUARY 2019

NOTICE OF:	Reference No:	Date Received:	Date Forwarded:
White Paper Amendment	A2 to WP1	15/1/19	15/1/19

Submitted by: Councillor James Lewis
 Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel: Executive Board
 Executive Member/Chair: Executive Member (Resources and Strategy)
 Relevant Director: Directors of City Development/Communities & Environment/
 Resources & Housing

Remove all after “This Council” and replace with:

“regrets the Tory led Government’s lack of support for the high street over the last 9 years of austerity. Council deplores the Government’s failure to act on the vast majority of recommendations for improving the high street put forward by its own reviews, as well as a failure to respond to concerns about how large global corporations are taxed for trading online.

Council notes the Government’s recent announcement of funding for the Future High Streets Fund was only made in response to a suggestion by the Timpson Review that following 9 years of Tory led austerity funding local authorities are so desperately short of funding additional grants are needed to help improve the high street.

This Council welcomes action taken under the Council’s Local Centres Programme and Our Spaces Strategy to improve high streets in Leeds. However, Council believes further national support for the high street is needed, so supports the establishment of a new National Investment Bank to provide finance and support to small businesses.

Council welcomes that Expressions of Interest are being sought to its Apprenticeship Levy Transfer Fund to use the current underspend to fund apprenticeships in local private sector and third sector organisations. Council welcomes that priority will be given to bids that address inequalities and benefit hard to reach groups, as well as schemes for Women in Engineering and the Digital and Creative Sector.

This Council notes progress towards introducing a selective vehicle charging Clean Air Zone as required by Ministerial direction. However Council calls on the Government to swiftly provide the full funding to support businesses and drivers in Leeds affected to move to compliant vehicles. This will ensure the public has cleaner air to breathe without unfairly damaging small business.

This Council believes the availability of parking spaces is vital to the continued vibrancy of its town and district centres. Council recognises that in some instances, subject to consultation, the use of charges is an appropriate measure to help improve the turnover of parking spaces to ensure their availability for customers of local businesses.”

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)

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