

COUNCIL MEETING – 15TH JANUARY 2020

NOTICE OF:	Reference No:	Date Received:	Date Forwarded:
White Paper Amendment	A1 to WP1	14/1/20	14/1/20

Submitted by:	Councillor David Blackburn
Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel:	Executive Board
Executive Member/Chair:	Executive Member (Climate Change, Transport & Sustainable Development)
Relevant Director	Director of City Development

In the second paragraph, delete all between “... get the city moving” and “a new approach...”

Insert the following new paragraph between paragraphs five and six: (“...transport infrastructure plan” and “In the light of...”)

“Council further believes that, where appropriate in the initial stages, priority should be given to the use of redundant former rail infrastructure.”

The motion would then read:

This Council is concerned by recent and repeated examples of gridlock and heavy congestion in the City Centre, leading to significant disruption to commuters as they travel in and out of Leeds.

Council notes the investment being made through Connecting Leeds, including the £173.5m granted by Government, but believes that to get the city moving a new approach to public transport, not wholly reliant on the bus, is required.

This Council therefore welcomes the Government commitment to spend £4.2bn on public transport projects outside of London and notes that some of this funding is planned for the Leeds district.

Council believes this offers a new opportunity to deliver a mass transit scheme for the city which will deliver obvious economic benefits as well as significantly reducing the city’s carbon emissions in line with the declared Climate Emergency.

Council further believes that all areas of the city should be considered for mass transit infrastructure and is concerned that existing WYCA proposals seem to omit North Leeds, and the potential links to Harrogate, York and Wetherby, from any new transport infrastructure plans.

Council further believes that, where appropriate in the initial stages, priority should be given to the use of redundant former rail infrastructure.

In light of this announcement made during the election campaign, this Council calls for a report to be brought to the March Executive Board meeting setting out detailed plans as to how a new mass transit scheme can be delivered to all communities in the city and to include analysis of the potential benefits such a scheme would deliver in terms of reducing the carbon footprint in Leeds.

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)
