

COUNCIL MEETING –22nd March 2023

NOTICE OF:	Reference No:	Date Received:	Date Forwarded:
White Paper Amendment	A2 to WP3	21/3/23	21/3/23

Submitted by: Councillor Alan Lamb
 Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel: Executive Board
 Executive Member/Chair: Executive Member (Communities)
 Relevant Director: Director of Communities, Housing and Environment

Delete all after “This Council” and replace with:

“notes global economic challenges as a result of Putin’s barbaric war in Ukraine which led to an inflation rate of 10 per cent in the United States, the Eurozone and the United Kingdom at the end of 2022. Council welcomes news that the UK had the fastest growing economy in the G7 last year and that the Prime Minister’s plan to cut inflation is working as revised predictions show the UK economy will no longer go into recession and inflation will fall back to 3 per cent in quarter 4.

Council welcomes the substantial and continuing UK government support to help residents in Leeds and across the country deal with high energy costs and the rising cost of living. Overall, the government is providing a total of £94 billion, equivalent to £3,300 per household on average, across this financial year and next, to support households with higher costs. This includes:

- Extending the Energy Price Guarantee at £2,500 for a further three months, in addition to the £400 energy bill discount for all households.
- Extending 30 hours of childcare a week to working parents of children aged 9 months to 4 years
- Paying Universal Credit childcare costs up front rather than in arrears
- Introducing reforms to the childcare sector including changes to 2-year-old staff: child ratios from 1:4 to 1:5
- Establishing a new Universal Support programme for disabled people and the long-term sick
- Abolishing the Work Capability Assessment and increasing the Administrative Earning Threshold to 18 hours
- Freezing fuel duty for a thirteenth year, saving the average driver around £200

Council notes the government responded to the rise in energy costs by also introducing, and then extending, the Energy Profits Levy (EPL) on energy companies - taking the headline tax rate for the sector to 75 per cent - to help fund support for people in the current economic climate. Council welcomes commitments in the EPL that encourage oil and gas producers to invest in UK energy supply, further reducing our reliance on Russian gas. Council further welcomes the government’s commitment to new nuclear power.

Council notes that this administration has control over the fees and charges payable by residents in Leeds for council services, and regrets that the administration has chosen to increase many of these despite the economic challenges and the impact on vulnerable residents. Council therefore calls on the administration to undertake a review of all fees and charges to see if practical changes can be made to support Leeds residents.”



Councillor Alan Lamb

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)
