

COUNCIL MEETING – 13th September 2023

NOTICE OF:	Reference No:	Date Received:	Date Forwarded:
White Paper Amendment	A3 TO WP1	12/9/23	12/9/23

Submitted by:	Councillor Mohammed Rafique
Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel:	Executive Board
Executive Member/Chair:	Executive Member (Climate, Energy, Environment and Green Space)
Relevant Director	Director of City Development

In the first paragraph, after “This Council in principle rules out introduction of” insert:

“vehicle and road use charges as part of....”

In the first paragraph, after “an Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) in Leeds” insert:

“...and commits to improving air quality across the city.

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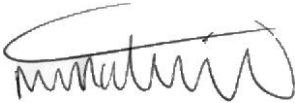
Amended motion to read:

“This Council in principle rules out the introduction of vehicle and road use charges as part of an Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) in Leeds and commits to improving air quality across the city.

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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 (including references back)	- 10.00 am on the day before the meeting

(All submissions should be made to Governance Services for receipt to be recorded and distribution made)
