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15<sup>th</sup> January 2014

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## COUNCIL MEETING – 13 NOVEMBER 2013

NOTICE OF:	Reference No:	Date Received:	Date Forwarded:
White Paper Amendment	A1 to WP1	14/01/14	14/01/14

Submitted by:	Councillor P Gruen
Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel:	Executive Board
Executive Member/Chair:	Executive Member (Neighbourhoods, Planning&Support Services)
Relevant Director	Director of Environment and Housing

Delete all after “This Council” and replace with:

faces unprecedented financial challenges due to the imposition of Government cuts in grant, particularly in Northern metropolitan cities like Leeds.

Within this context the Administration will place before Council a budget in February which will include recommendations regarding the funding and deployment of PCSOs.

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\* Director to provide a copy of draft reply to Kevin Tomkinson, Governance Services by: n/a

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## COUNCIL MEETING – 15<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2014

NOTICE OF:	Reference No:	Date Received:	Date Forwarded:
White Paper Amendment	A1 TO WP2	13/1/14	14/1/14

Submitted by:	Councillor Leadley
Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel:	Executive Board
Executive Member/Chair:	Executive Member, for Neighbourhoods, Planning and Support Services
Relevant Director	Director of City Development

Delete all after “Council believes there is a genuine need for new houses throughout the city to provide affordable homes for first-time buyers”, and insert;

“and social renting tenants, and to adjust the city’s housing stock to match its growing elderly population. Council believes that good Planning and design will improve health and well-being.

To achieve this, Council believes that;

1. Any National Planning Policy Framework must have a presumption to use brownfield land first, to avoid loss of green enclaves in built-up areas and erosion of Green Belt.

2. Once a Local Development Framework is adopted, Neighbourhood Plans should follow soon after to give a sound background against which Planning applications should be determined.

3. Council acknowledges that the LDF target of providing land for 74,000 new dwellings gross in sixteen years in Leeds is unnecessary and would mean large loss of Green Belt. A target of 50,000 new dwellings gross would be ample and ambitious, and avoid loss of Green Belt and urban green space.

Council urges the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government to;

1. Restore sequential testing and presumption in favour of using brownfield land first;

2. Amend the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 to allow third-party appeals against grants of Planning permission where preliminary screening by the Planning Inspectorate has shown that there is a reasonably arguable case;

3. Set a Leeds LDF Core Strategy target of building around 50,000 new dwellings gross from 2012 until 2028.

Council asks the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government and all Leeds Members of Parliament to outline Council’s recommendations.”

  
 (Councillor Thomas Leadley).

\* Director to provide a copy of draft reply to Kevin Tomkinson, Governance Services by: n/a

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**COUNCIL MEETING – 15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2014**

NOTICE OF:	Reference No:	Date Received:	Date Forwarded:
Amendment to WP2 (Item 15)	A2 to WP2	14/1/14	14/1/14

Submitted by: Councillor Colin Campbell  
 Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel: Executive Board  
 Executive Member/Chair: Executive Member for Neighbourhoods, Planning and Support Services  
 Relevant Director: Director of City Development

Insert the following at the end of the second paragraph :

*“and will review its current planning controls to use the Local Development Framework and supplementary design guides to improve the quality of new buildings in Leeds”*

and to replace ‘To achieve this, Council believes that:’ with

*“Council further believes that :”*

***The revised motion would read :***

“Council believes there is a genuine need for new houses throughout the city to provide affordable homes for first time buyers and opportunities for independent living for our growing elderly population.

Council also recognises the impact of good housing design and planning on improving health and wellbeing for all residents and will review its current planning controls to use the Local Development Framework and supplementary design guides to improve the quality of new buildings in Leeds.

Council further believes that :

1. the coalition government’s National Planning Policy Framework should include the same level of prioritisation for brownfield sites as the previous planning guidance, which was shaped under the last government. This is as currently an unnecessary emphasis is being placed on greenfield land.
2. prompt, strong and democratic local decision making is needed so that local communities can collaborate with Town Halls through the development and adoption of their Neighbourhood Plans as an effective mechanism for determining planning applications.

To facilitate this, Council recommends the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government to:

1. restore the sequential brownfield/ greenfield presumption; and,
2. reaffirm the primary importance of democratic, local planning in decision making by amending the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 so that all decisions, which accord with an

up to date and adopted Local Plan, are decided locally and have no automatic right of appeal to a Planning Inspector.

Council requests that the Chief Executive writes to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government and the Leeds MPs in order to outline Council's recommendations."

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\* Director to provide a copy of draft reply to Kevin Tomkinson, Governance Services by: **12 noon on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2013**

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**COUNCIL MEETING – 15 JANUARY 2014**

NOTICE OF:	Reference No:	Date Received:	Date Forwarded:
Amendment	A3 to WP2	14/01/2014	14/01/2014

Submitted by:	Cllr John Procter
Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel:	Executive Board
Executive Member/Chair:	Executive Member for Neighbourhoods, Planning and Support Services
Relevant Director	Director of City Development

**Replace:** ‘the coalition government’s National Planning Policy Framework should include the same level of prioritisation for brownfield sites as the previous planning guidance, which was shaped under the last government. This is as currently an unnecessary emphasis is being placed on greenfield land.’

**With:** ‘the coalition government’s National Planning Policy Framework should be amended to restore the formal sequential approach to land release and prioritisation of brownfield sites over greenfield sites.’

**And insert as point 3:** ‘make a strong commitment to working proactively with housing developers to deliver bespoke designs and ensure high standards of housing quality on completed schemes.’

**Motion will read:**

‘Council believes there is a genuine need for new houses throughout the city to provide affordable homes for first time buyers and opportunities for independent living for our growing elderly population.

Council also recognises the impact of good housing design and planning on improving health and wellbeing for all residents.

To achieve this, Council believes that:

1. the coalition government’s National Planning Policy Framework should be amended to restore the formal sequential approach to land release and prioritisation of brownfield sites over greenfield sites.
2. prompt, strong and democratic local decision making is needed so that local communities can collaborate with Town Halls through the development and adoption of their Neighbourhood Plans as an effective mechanism for determining planning applications.
3. make a strong commitment to working proactively with housing developers to deliver bespoke designs and ensure high standards of housing quality on completed schemes.

To facilitate this, Council recommends the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government to:

1. restore the sequential brownfield/ greenfield presumption; and,
2. reaffirm the primary importance of democratic, local planning in decision making by amending the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 so that all decisions, which accord with an up to date and adopted Local Plan, are decided locally and have no automatic right of appeal to a

Planning Inspector.

Council requests that the Chief Executive writes to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government and the Leeds MPs in order to outline Council's recommendations.'

Councillor John Procter

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\* Director to provide a copy of draft reply to Kevin Tomkinson, Governance Services by: n/a

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NOTICE OF:	Reference No:	Date Received:	Date Forwarded:
White Paper Amendment	A1 to WP3	14/1/14	14/1/14

Submitted by:	Councillor M Dobson
Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel:	Executive Board
Executive Member/Chair:	Executive Member (Environment and Parks)
Relevant Director	Director of Environment and Housing

Council believes that much has been done in recent years through schemes such as Wrap Up Leeds to deal with domestic energy efficiency. It also notes with regret that the Leeds City Council programme of domestic energy activities has been adversely affected by major changes to the way the Energy Company Obligation (ECO) operates that were announced in the Chancellor's Autumn Statement.

*Delete all after first paragraph and replace with:*

Council acknowledges the disproportionate impact of these recent changes on communities in Leeds due to the unique nature of the city's housing stock. Council therefore welcomes action agreed to date that aims to raise awareness of this situation with Government ministers.

Council reiterates calls for a cross-party meeting with the Secretary of State for Energy with a view to enabling work to commence immediately on projects in Leeds.

Council reaffirms its commitment to a significant and wide-ranging programme of energy efficiency improvements across the city and requests that the Chief Executive writes to all Leeds MPs to secure their assistance in facilitating the changes required to enable the Council to deliver this much needed work.

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**COUNCIL MEETING – 15<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2014**

NOTICE OF:	Reference No:	Date Received:	Date Forwarded:
Amendment	A2 to WP3	14/01/2014	14/01/2014

Submitted by:	Councillor Paul Wadsworth
Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel:	Executive Board
Executive Member/Chair:	Executive Member for Environment
Relevant Director	Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods

**Insert after ‘domestic energy efficiency’ in paragraph 1:** ‘While a more balanced approach to its implementation would have been preferable, addressing those in most need first, as opposed to an apparent focus on numbers of households, the scheme has delivered significant positives.’

**Replace ‘It’ with ‘Council’ in paragraph 1.**

**Insert after ‘Chancellor’s Autumn Statement’ in paragraph 1:** ‘This Council welcomes the Government’s attempts to reduce household energy bills that have, in recent years, begun to spiral out of control. However, Council is concerned that the changes to ECO will not necessarily directly impact on customer bills as was intended.’

**Motion will read:**

Council believes that much has been done in recent years through schemes such as Wrap Up Leeds to deal with domestic energy efficiency. While a more balanced approach to its implementation would have been preferable, addressing those in most need first, as opposed to an apparent focus on numbers of households, the scheme has delivered significant positives.

Council also notes with regret that the Leeds City Council programme of domestic energy activities has been adversely affected by major changes to the way the Energy Company Obligation (ECO) operates that were announced in the Chancellor’s Autumn Statement. This Council welcomes the Government’s attempts to reduce household energy bills that have, in recent years, begun to spiral out of control. However, Council is concerned that the changes to ECO will not necessarily directly impact on customer bills as was intended.

Council believes that Leeds still has a long way to go to effectively deal with fuel poverty caused by homes with low-energy efficiency and calls on the Chief Executive to request that the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change meets with an all-party delegation, so the case can be put for resources being made available to resolve some of these issues.

Council also requests that the Chief Executive writes to all Leeds MPs asking them for their support in this matter.

**Councillor Paul Wadsworth**

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\* Director to provide a copy of draft reply to Kevin Tomkinson, Governance Services by: n/a

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