

**AMENDMENT IN RESPECT OF
COUNCILLOR DOWNES' WHITE
PAPER MOTION – CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

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COUNCIL MEETING – 10th JANUARY 2018

NOTICE OF:	Reference No:	Date Received:	Date Forwarded:
White Paper Amendment	A1 to WP3	9/1/18	9/1/18

Submitted by:	Councillor Lisa Mulherin
Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel:	Executive Board
Executive Member/Chair:	Executive Member (Children and Families)
Relevant Director	Director of Children's Services

Delete all after "This Council notes" and replace with:

"...the sharp contrast between the current status of Children's Services and that which the Labour administration inherited from the Conservative/Lib Dem/Morley Borough Independent coalition in 2010, when Ofsted deemed Children's Services in the city to be inadequate.

Council notes that despite eight years of damaging cuts and policies by Conservatives and Liberal Democrats in central government, under the current Labour administration this Council has been recognised by the Department for Education as one of the leading local authorities in the country for children's services.

This Council opposes the Government policy of forced academisation of schools, given the clear lack of accountability of multi-academy trusts, as evidenced by the atrocious conduct of Wakefield City Academies Trust before its collapse.

This Council is appalled by the real term cut in central government funding for children's services nationally of £2.3bn between 2010 and 2016, with a further £2bn funding gap forecast by the cross-party Local Government Association by 2020 if cuts continue.

Council calls on all political groups to lobby Government to urgently address the £2bn funding gap in children and young people services identified by the cross-party Local Government Association so the Council can continue to invest in early intervention services to ensure all young people in Leeds are given the best possible start in life."

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)

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