

COUNCIL

11TH NOVEMBER 2020

**AMENDMENT IN RESPECT OF COUNCILLOR
DIANE CHAPMAN'S WHITE PAPER MOTION –
FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

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NOTICE OF:	Reference No:	Date Received:	Date Forwarded:
White Paper Amendment	A1 to WP3	10/11/2020	10/11/2020

Submitted by:	Councillor Ryan Stephenson
Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel:	Executive Board
Executive Member/Chair:	Executive Member for Children & Families
Relevant Director	Director of Children & Families

Delete all after “This Council” and replace with:

“welcomes the government’s decision to implement a free school meals equivalent scheme for all eligible children during school holidays and lockdowns.

“This Council notes:

- that schools and academies are now fully operational following the Covid-19 outbreak, and will continue to offer free school meals;
- the substantial support provided by the Government to children is worth £550 million annually;
- that this support has been bolstered by almost £53 billion worth of income protection schemes and £9.3 billion of additional welfare payments this year;
- that eligible families have also been supported throughout lockdown through the receipt of meal vouchers worth £380 million while schools were partially closed;
- that 22 per cent of those eligible for free school meals in Leeds don’t claim their entitlement;
- that Leeds was a pilot city for the Government-funded Healthy Holidays programme and received £450,000 funding this year to continue that scheme; and
- that Leeds City Council received £1,051,565.15 grant from Government for the Emergency Assistance Grant for Food and Essential Supplies.

“This Council welcomes the recent announcement by the Government of an extra £400m of support for children and families living in poverty and commits to sentiments expressed by Marcus Rashford MBE that now is the time for collaboration.

“This Council records its thanks to hardworking teachers and school staff who have kept schools open for pupils and joins Westminster’s cross-party rejection of the National Education Union’s demand to close schools. Instead, this Council supports the majority of teachers who want to carry on providing an education to the city’s children.”

Councillor Ryan Stephenson

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)
