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Amendments to White Paper Motion (in the name of Cllr C
Anderson) - Adult Social Care

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COUNCIL MEETING –15th January 2025

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| NOTICE OF: | Reference No: | Date Received: | Date Forwarded: |
| White Paper Amendment | A1 TO WP1 | 14/1/25 | 14/1/25 |

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| Submitted by: | Councillor Stewart Golton |
| Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel: | Executive Board |
| Executive Member/Chair: | Executive Member (Adult Social Care, Active Lifestyles and Culture) |
| Relevant Director | Director of Adults and Health |

In the first paragraph delete everything after ‘This Council...’ and replace with ‘condemns the failure of five consecutive Conservative Prime Ministers to fulfil promises to ‘fix’ the growing crisis in care under their leadership.’

In the second paragraph, insert at the beginning ‘This Council is further alarmed that...’. Also, remove the words ‘empty vessels’ and replace with ‘no better than their predecessors’

Delete the whole of the third paragraph

In the fifth paragraph add an ‘s’ on the end of ‘budget’, and after “Neighbourhood Networks” insert ‘and commissioned care providers’.

In the sixth paragraph, after Council, insert ‘therefore’, and after ‘calls on the...’ insert ‘Government to heed the advice of Sir Andrew Dilnot that the need for social care reform is “bleedin’ obvious” and to show political leadership by committing to begin discussing with all parties the feasibility of implementing the reforms he recommended in his 2011 report. Council further calls on the...’

The amended White Paper motion would then read:

This Council condemns the failure of five consecutive Conservative Prime Ministers to fulfil promises to ‘fix’ the growing crisis in care under their leadership.

This Council is further alarmed that despite promises to reform adult social care, Labour Ministers have proven to be no better than their predecessors now they are in power, with reforms kicked into the long grass and yet another expensive commission not due to report until the end of this Parliament.

Council notes the loss of the winter fuel payment and the harm inflicted upon the third sector, including charities and advocacy groups, brought on by, amongst other burdens, the increase in employers’ national insurance contributions, will make a difficult situation even worse for the sector. Council supports the lobbying of former Labour Councillor Kim Groves, now Chair of Third Sector Leeds, who is calling on the Chancellor to exempt the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector from increased national insurance costs.

Furthermore, Council rejects the Administration’s proposal to cut the budgets of the city’s much-valued Neighbourhood Networks and commissioned care providers and believes these organisations need support to provide help for older people given new pressures arising from government actions.

Council therefore calls on the Government to heed the advice of Sir Andrew Dilnot that the need for social care reform is “bleedin’ obvious” and to show political leadership by committing to begin discussing with all parties the feasibility of implementing the reforms he recommended in his 2011 report. Council further

calls on the Administration to abandon its plans to make cuts to Neighbourhood Networks and requests a report to Executive Board detailing the cost of increasing employers' national insurance contributions within the sector and the impact of delaying reforms to adult social care.

Proposed by:

Seconded by:



Cllr Stewart Golton

Cllr Ryk Downes

Deadlines for submission

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| Submitted by: | Councillor David Blackburn |
| Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel: | Executive Board |
| Executive Member/Chair: | Executive Member (Adult Social Care, Active Lifestyles and Culture) |
| Relevant Director | Director of Adults and Health |

Add the following after “This Council”:

“notes that over the last 14 years successive Conservative Prime Ministers promised reform of Social Care funding but have kicked the can down the road on several occasions and is concerned that the same will happen with the current Labour initiative. This Council also”

The amended first paragraph would thus read:

“This Council notes that over the last 14 years successive Conservative Prime Ministers promised reform of Social Care funding but have kicked the can down the road on several occasions and is concerned that the same will happen with the current Labour initiative. This Council also believes the Labour Government and the Labour Administration in Leeds are failing to prioritise the needs of vulnerable older residents.”



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| White Paper Amendment | A3 TO WP1 | 14/1/25 | 14/1/25 |

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| Submitted by: | Councillor Salma Arif |
| Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel: | Executive Board |
| Executive Member/Chair: | Executive Member (Adult Social Care, Active Lifestyles and Culture) |
| Relevant Director | Director of Adults and Health |

Delete all after “This Council” and replace with....

“ notes that Adult Social Care is one of the many parts of this country’s essential public services pushed to crisis point by the former Conservative Government.

Council notes our work to support older people in Leeds was made much harder by the £2.7bn cut from our funding settlement by the previous Conservative Government cumulatively between 2010 and 2024; and Council further notes the £22bn national budget black hole left by the Conservative Government has made the task to fix the Adult Social Care crisis much harder.

This Council supports steps taken by the Administration to protect Adult Social Care as far as possible in Leeds, including the additional £10.6m in the Initial Budget Proposals approved by Executive Board in December.

Council recognises the essential support provided by the highly valued Leeds Neighbourhood Networks for older people in our city, and Council underlines our ongoing commitment to supporting them to ensure a sustainable financial future that minimises any adverse impact on the services they deliver. Council notes the finalised 2025/26 budget, including funding for Neighbourhood Networks, will be put to Full Council in February.

Council further supports the Administration’s decision to provide direct cash awards from the Household Support Fund to low income pensioner households in Leeds, including to those not in receipt of Winter Fuel Allowance.

Council also supports the decision to allocate £1.65m via Third Sector organisations and charities to further support vulnerable households in Leeds over winter.

Council welcomes the new funding and immediate measures recently announced by the Labour Government to support Adult Social Care, including:

- *Additional funding (£86m) to be spent before April to help more older people remain in their own homes this winter.*
- *Better career pathways for care workers.*
- *Better use of technology and new national standards to support older people to live at home longer.*
- *Proposals to upskill care workers to deliver basic checks such as blood pressure monitoring.*
- *The proposed new digital platform to better share medical information between the NHS and care staff.*

Council is committed to working alongside the new Government and partners to contribute to the Independent Review of Adult Social Care to help get the much needed new system that will provide the essential support older people in Leeds need and deserve."



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