

COUNCIL MEETING – 15 JANUARY 2014

NOTICE OF:	Reference No:	Date Received:	Date Forwarded:
White Paper	WP2	06/01/2014	07/01/2014

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

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 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.

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

Deadlines for submission

White Papers - *10.00 am on the day before the issue of the Summons
 Questions - 10.00 am on Monday prior to meeting

Amendments - 1.30 pm on Tuesday prior to meeting
(including references back)

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

*Usually the Monday of the week prior to a Wednesday meeting.

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