

**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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Deadlines for submission

White Papers	- *10.00 am on the day before the issue of the Summons
Back Bench Community Concerns	- *10.00 am on the day before the issue of the Summons
Questions	- 10.00 am on Monday prior to meeting
Amendments (including references back)	- 1.30 pm on Tuesday prior to meeting

(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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