

COUNCIL MEETING – 11th November 2015

NOTICE OF:	Reference No:	Date Received:	Date Forwarded:
White Paper Amendment	A1 toWP1	10/11/15	10/11/15

Submitted by:	Councillor Richard Lewis
Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel:	Executive Board
Executive Member/Chair:	Executive Member Regeneration, Transport and Planning and
Executive Member Health, Wellbeing and Adults	
Relevant Director	Director of City Development / Director of Public Health

Delete all after “with communities” and replace with:

Council further notes that the consultation on the draft Site Allocation Plan and Aire Valley Action Plan are ongoing- and suggests that anyone wishing to make a comment is able to do so at www.leeds.gov.uk/yourcity or using the other contact methods available. Council notes the end date of this consultation is 16 November 2015.

Council is committed to ensuring that public health is a key focus for action in planning in Leeds, with a clear need to consult with all stakeholders on new planning applications and guidance.

Council appreciates the recognition within the Director of Public Health’s report that the environment in which we live is a major determinant of health and wellbeing. Council recognises that health considerations are part of both the adopted Core Strategy and the Leeds Standard for Housing, showing commitment to Public Health for new developments in Leeds. Council further notes the work being done to improve air quality, including the promotion of cycling and walking both for new developments and as part of existing infrastructure.

Council is therefore deeply concerned that the ambitions set out in the report are put at risk by the proposed Housing and Planning Bill 2015-16, especially the provisions to:

- Give automatic planning permission on brownfield sites, without detailed local planning decision making on whether these sites are suitable.
- Place “Starter Homes” on equal footing with truly affordable Council and Housing Association homes.
- Impose Right to Buy on Housing Associations.
- Demand Local Authorities sell “high value” Council homes, with the potential to remove social housing from many areas.
- Give powers to the Secretary of State to impose rental increases on “high income” tenants, with the potential to keep any additional funds himself.

Council calls on Central Government to reconsider these provisions, which appear to have the potential to dramatically reduce Council’s abilities to plan and create healthy, vibrant, mixed communities in Leeds. Council asks the Executive Members responsible for Health and Planning to write to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government to inform them of this resolution.

Council also requests that the Executive Member for Regeneration, Transport and Planning keeps Council up to date about responses to the draft Site Allocations Plan and Aire Valley Action Plan consultations.

The motion would read:

This Council notes the recommendations made in the Director of Public Health's Annual Report, approved at Executive Board in September 2015, particularly around planning and engagement with communities.

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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)
