

COUNCIL MEETING – 23RD MARCH 2016

NOTICE OF:	Reference No:	Date Received:	Date Forwarded:
White Paper	WP2	14/3/16	15/3/16

Submitted by: Councillor Stewart Golton
 Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel: Executive Board
 Executive Member/Chair: Executive Member (Health, Wellbeing and Adults)
 Relevant Director: Director of Public Health

This council opposes the government's cut of £170 million to the community pharmacies budget and is alarmed at the statement from the community and social care minister that up to 3,000 pharmacies could close as a result of this cut.

This council recognises the important role that independent pharmacies play in local communities particularly to older residents and those living in remote communities.

This council resolves to:

- *Respond to the public consultation currently underway, clearly expressing council's opposition to the cut in pharmacy budget and any resulting programme of closures.*
- *Utilise the public health contracts it holds with pharmacies to minimise the effect of government cuts to the pharmacies budget to minimise the number of closures in Leeds.*
- *Ask the Chief Executive to write to the government minister setting out council's concerns about these plans.*
- *Requests the Chief Executive write to Leeds' MPs, asking them to join us and call on the government to shelve these plans and protect this vital service.*

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)
