

COUNCIL MEETING – 10th January 2018

NOTICE OF:	Reference No:	Date Received:	Date Forwarded:
White Paper	WP2	19/12/17	2/1/18

Submitted by:	Councillor Richard Lewis
Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel:	Executive Board
Executive Member/Chair:	Executive Member (Regeneration, Transport and Planning)
Relevant Director	Director of City Development

“This Council believes modern, responsive and attractive rail and bus networks demand their operators are properly accountable to the passengers and communities they serve.

This Council therefore confirms its support for the rail network to return to public ownership. Council believes this would end the scandal of the use of public money to bail out private companies which have repeatedly failed to fulfil their financial obligations to the public purse, as reported recently with Stagecoach on the East Coast Mainline.

The East Coast Mainline is particularly important to Leeds as it provides the gateway to city’s economy with Leeds station being one of, if not the, busiest stations on the Mainline.

Council believes bus services, not just in Leeds but across the country, would improve with increased public accountability, so Council welcomes the commitment from the Secretary of State for Transport calling for councils to consider putting forward proposals for bus franchising arrangements in their areas.

Council therefore calls on the Secretary of State to return the East Coast Mainline to public ownership without delay; and Council requests the Chief Executive works with the council’s partners to develop proposals as soon as possible for bus franchising in Leeds to present to the Secretary of State.”

Deadlines for submission

White Papers	- 10.00 am on the day before the issue of the Summons*(<i>whips have agreed an earlier submission date of Tuesday 19th December 2017 due to the Bank Holidays</i>)
Questions	- 10.00 am on Monday before the meeting
Amendments (including references back)	- 10.00 am on the day before the meeting

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