Leeds
CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 16TH SEPTEMBER 2020

NOTICE OF:	Reference No:	Date Received:	Date Forwarded:
White Paper Amendment	A1 to WP1	15/9/20	15/9/20

Submitted by:	Councillor David Blackburn
Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel:	Executive Board
Executive Member/Chair:	Executive Member (Inclusive Growth and Culture)
Relevant Director	Director of City Development

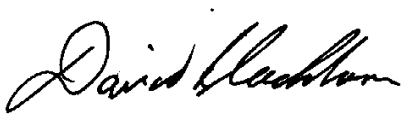
Delete all after "This Council" and add

"welcomes the unprecedented efforts made by both central government and local government to support business and employment during the current pandemic.

During this period, where many have needed to work from their homes and continue to do so, it has become very clear that broad band in some areas of the City is not up to the necessary standard. These inadequacies have caused significant problems for small businesses, single traders and many people working from home, including students and pupils trying to access learning materials during lockdown.

Bearing in mind the current level of infection and the likelihood of a second wave, Council believes this situation needs to be resolved urgently. Council, also notes the efforts already made by Leeds City Council, but believes that firm action is required nationally.

Council therefore requests the Chief Executive to write to the Prime Minister asking him and his government to put pressure on the broad band providers to rectify this situation by providing superfast broadband in all areas of the country."



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 (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)