

COUNCIL MEETING – 16TH SEPTEMBER 2020

NOTICE OF:	Reference No:	Date Received:	Date Forwarded:
White Paper Amendment	A1 to WP2	15/9/20	15/9/20

Submitted by:	Councillor Neil Buckley
Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel:	Executive Board
Executive Member/Chair:	Leader of Council
Relevant Director	Chief Executive

Delete all after “schemes are wound down” and replace with:

“new initiatives will be needed to help protect jobs, boost the economy and give businesses the confidence to reopen and begin hiring people again. However Council is not convinced by arguments advancing the idea of a Universal Basic Income in general, and does not believe they offer a solution to the particular circumstances we now face. At a time when people are being encouraged to go back to work in order to help revive the economy, there is a risk that a UBI would have the opposite effect, disincentivising work and encouraging increasing reliance on the state.

“Council instead welcomes the Chancellor’s “Plan for Jobs”, which includes the Job Retention Bonus to help firms keep furloughed workers, the new £2 billion Kickstart Scheme to create hundreds of thousands of new jobs for young people, the £1.6 billion investment to scale up employment support schemes, training and apprenticeships to help people looking for a job, and the £8.8 billion investment in new infrastructure, decarbonisation and maintenance projects, including a £3 billion green investment package that could help support around 140,000 green jobs and upgrade buildings and reduce emissions.

“Council calls on the administration to work with government to ensure that the city is well placed to take advantage of all these measures for the benefit of everyone in Leeds.”

Motion would read:

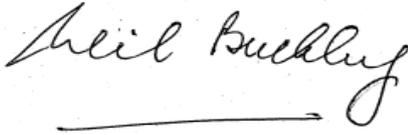
“This Council welcomes the Government measures such as the Job Retention Scheme and the Self-Employment Income Support Scheme brought in to provide financial help for individuals and businesses suffering as a result of the economic crisis caused by the Coronavirus pandemic.

“The Council recognises that as the Government’s income protection schemes are wound down, new initiatives will be needed to help protect jobs, boost the economy and give businesses the confidence to reopen and begin hiring people again. However Council is not convinced by arguments advancing the idea of a Universal Basic Income in general, and does not believe they offer a solution to the particular circumstances we now face. At a time when people are being encouraged to go back to work in order to help revive the economy, there is a risk that a UBI would have the opposite effect, disincentivising work and encouraging increasing reliance on the state.

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Councillor Neil Buckley

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)
