

**COUNCIL MEETING – 13<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2021**

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White Paper	WP2	4/1/21	5/1/21

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

Leeds City Council is a member of the UK & Ireland Nuclear Free Local Authorities (NFLA) and the Hiroshima-led Mayors for Peace; both of which have been working for 4 decades to promote multilateral nuclear disarmament.

NFLA and Mayors for Peace work with the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), which received the Nobel Peace Prize in 2017 for its work in encouraging over two thirds of United Nations members to agree to the International Treaty to Prohibit Nuclear Weapons (TPNW). Council regrets that the Governments of the existing nuclear weapon states, including the UK, refuse to support the Treaty. Council fully supports the TPNW as one of the most effective ways to bring about long-term and verifiable multilateral nuclear disarmament and is pleased it will be entering into force on the 22nd January 2021.

Council calls on the United Kingdom Government to lead a global effort to prevent nuclear conflict by:

- Renouncing the option of using nuclear weapons first
- Cancelling the plan to replace its entire Trident nuclear arsenal with enhanced weapons
- Actively pursuing a verifiable agreement among nuclear-armed states to eliminate their nuclear arsenals by supporting the Treaty to Prohibit Nuclear Weapons and the 'Good Faith' Protocols within the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

Council therefore requests the Chief Executive writes to the Prime Minister to inform him of this resolution and urge him to take account of it. Council also requests the Chief Executive to write to ICAN to endorse their Cities Appeal supporting the TPNW.

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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)

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