

COUNCIL MEETING – 13TH JANUARY 2021

NOTICE OF:	Reference No:	Date Received:	Date Forwarded:
White Paper Amendment	A3 to WP3	12/1/21	12/1/21

Submitted by:	Councillor Stewart Golton
Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel:	Executive Board
Executive Member/Chair:	Executive Member (Communities)
Relevant Director	Director of Communities and Environment

Amend the first paragraph to include the phrase “in response to the Covid pandemic” after ‘individuals’.

Delete the paragraph ‘Council.....credit’

Delete the paragraph ‘Council.....in poverty’

Amend the following paragraph ‘Council....tackle poverty’ by replacing the words ‘Holiday Hunger’ with “food poverty” and inserting the words “historic” after ‘colossal’ and “local and” before ‘national’.

Delete the words ‘to address poverty’ and replace with “the 70,000 households currently claiming Universal Credit in the city” in the final paragraph.

The amended motion reads:

On behalf of the people of Leeds, this Council recognises the invaluable work of so many local organisations and individuals in response to the Covid pandemic, and in particular expresses our huge gratitude to our key workers for their phenomenal dedication and sacrifices during this long period of intense pressure.

Council welcomes the development and roll out of vaccinations in the battle to suppress COVID-19, but recognises that significant challenges still remain.

Council welcomes local work undertaken to mitigate the impact of Covid 19 on our communities but believes the Government’s confusing and inconsistent implementation of restrictions in response to CVOID-19 has contributed to the loss of jobs and rise in Universal Credit claimants.

Council welcomes the support of key partners to help address food poverty in Leeds, including the provision of tens of thousands of food parcels to those in need since the start of the pandemic, although Council believes the provision of such support demonstrates a colossal historic failure at local and national government level to tackle poverty.

Council requests the Chief Executive write on Council’s behalf to the Secretary of State to call for the Government to make the £20 uplift in Universal Credit permanent as a first step in helping the 70,000 households currently claiming Universal Credit in the city, and for the Government to then

develop an urgent national strategy with funding to address the poverty emergency blighting our communities.

Stewart Cram

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)

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