

COUNCIL MEETING –22nd March 2023

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| White Paper Amendment | A1 TO WP3 | 21/3/23 | 21/3/23 |

Submitted by: Councillor Chris Howley

Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel: Executive Board

Executive Member/Chair: Executive Member (Communities)

Relevant Director Director of Communities, Housing and Environment

Delete the final paragraph and replace with:

"Council calls on the Government to extend the windfall tax on energy companies by removing the superdeduction for oil and gas companies and use the funding to reduce energy bills further and continue support for households beyond July and until lower energy costs feed through to Leeds residents. Council further calls on the Government to remove the windfall tax on renewable electricity generators to enable further investment in the cleanest and cheapest forms of energy production."

The amended White Paper will then read:

This Council is concerned at the obscene profits recently announced by energy companies during a cost of living crisis when average annual energy costs for Leeds residents have increased by around £1000 since 2019.

Council is further concerned this comes at a time when the Government is ending the energy bill support scheme, further increasing pressures on household budgets for families in Leeds during the cost of living crisis.

This council has supported a network of Warm Spaces to mitigate the impact of this national crisis, which we know has been a vital service for people this winter. However, this should never have been necessary, because people deserve to be able to heat their own homes.

Council calls on the Government to extend the windfall tax on energy companies by removing the superdeduction for oil and gas companies and use the funding to reduce energy bills further and continue support for households beyond July and until lower energy costs feed through to Leeds residents. Council further calls on the Government to remove the windfall tax on renewable electricity generators to enable further investment in the cleanest and cheapest forms of energy production.

Proposed by:

Cllr Chris Howley

Seconded by:

Cllr Conrad Hart-Brooke

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 - 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)