

COUNCIL MEETING –15th January 2025

NOTICE OF:	Reference No:	Date Received:	Date Forwarded:
White Paper Amendment	A3 TO WP1	14/1/25	14/1/25

Submitted by:	Councillor Salma Arif
Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel:	Executive Board
Executive Member/Chair:	Executive Member (Adult Social Care, Active Lifestyles and Culture)
Relevant Director	Director of Adults and Health

Delete all after “This Council” and replace with....

“ notes that Adult Social Care is one of the many parts of this country’s essential public services pushed to crisis point by the former Conservative Government.

Council notes our work to support older people in Leeds was made much harder by the £2.7bn cut from our funding settlement by the previous Conservative Government cumulatively between 2010 and 2024; and Council further notes the £22bn national budget black hole left by the Conservative Government has made the task to fix the Adult Social Care crisis much harder.

This Council supports steps taken by the Administration to protect Adult Social Care as far as possible in Leeds, including the additional £10.6m in the Initial Budget Proposals approved by Executive Board in December.

Council recognises the essential support provided by the highly valued Leeds Neighbourhood Networks for older people in our city, and Council underlines our ongoing commitment to supporting them to ensure a sustainable financial future that minimises any adverse impact on the services they deliver. Council notes the finalised 2025/26 budget, including funding for Neighbourhood Networks, will be put to Full Council in February.

Council further supports the Administration’s decision to provide direct cash awards from the Household Support Fund to low income pensioner households in Leeds, including to those not in receipt of Winter Fuel Allowance.

Council also supports the decision to allocate £1.65m via Third Sector organisations and charities to further support vulnerable households in Leeds over winter.

Council welcomes the new funding and immediate measures recently announced by the Labour Government to support Adult Social Care, including:

- *Additional funding (£86m) to be spent before April to help more older people remain in their own homes this winter.*
- *Better career pathways for care workers.*
- *Better use of technology and new national standards to support older people to live at home longer.*
- *Proposals to upskill care workers to deliver basic checks such as blood pressure monitoring.*
- *The proposed new digital platform to better share medical information between the NHS and care staff.*

Council is committed to working alongside the new Government and partners to contribute to the Independent Review of Adult Social Care to help get the much needed new system that will provide the essential support older people in Leeds need and deserve."



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)
