

COUNCIL MEETING – 14TH NOVEMBER 2018

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White Paper	WP2	5/11/18	6/11/18

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

This Council remains deeply concerned by the potentially devastating impact the full roll out of Universal Credit will have on vulnerable people and low income families in Leeds, despite the Chancellor's recent budget announcement.

Council is appalled by reports that Universal Credit:

- Exacerbates poverty and hardship, including child poverty
- Makes low income working families poorer
- Forces people to choose between food and rent
- Places people into debt because of delayed payments
- Leads to increased rent arrears for tenants in social housing
- Makes it harder for victims of domestic violence to leave abusive relationships
- Disadvantages non-IT literate people

Council notes that Universal Credit is likely to impact 85,000 people/families in Leeds when fully rolled out, with 10,000 affected in the first 12 months.

Council therefore calls on the Government to stop the roll out of Universal Credit without delay.

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)