

COUNCIL MEETING – 10TH JULY 2019

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White Paper	REPLACEMENT WP3		

Submitted by: Councillor Sandy Lay
 Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel: Executive Board
 Executive Member/Chair: Executive Member (Learning, Skills & Employment)
 Relevant Director: Director of City Development

Leeds has an ambition to be the best city for all its citizens and this includes those residents with a learning disability. This council also has a focus and commitment to support individuals with a learning disability to live independent, active and fulfilling lives.

Leeds has demonstrated this commitment through:

- the development of the ‘Being Me’ strategy that works to co-ordinate the different organisations that support people in Leeds with learning disabilities and their families.
- The establishment of an Employment Task Group, bringing together the Council and Third Sector to identify employment barriers and opportunities for those with learning disabilities.
- Reviewing relevant aspects of the recruitment policy with the Disability At Work Network (DAWN)

This Council therefore re-commits to further enhance the lives of those with a learning disability by:

- providing a strong focus in assisting all those with a learning disability the opportunity of work through the on-going establishment of the Learning Disability Hub and a targeted Jobs Fayre.
- welcoming a deputation of residents with a learning disability to address Council on what they would like to see the Council do to assist them further.
- asking the appropriate Scrutiny Board(s) to evaluate the work we are doing to create meaningful jobs across the city for those that want one:
 - by creating a greater number of meaningful employment/jobs within the Council.
 - by exploring how we can further work alongside DAWN and others to ensure those jobs have the support mechanisms needed to help individuals with a learning disability to ‘get into’ and ‘stay in’ employment.
 - by increasing the employment figures for people with learning disabilities.
 - by using its influence to encourage its partners in the public, private and the third sectors to do the same.
 - by supporting the Yorkshire Evening Post campaign ‘Let’s work together’.

And asks the Chief Officer for Employment and Skills to bring a report to the October 2019 Executive Board updating on progress against the ‘Being Me’ strategy along with recommendations of how the Council’s ambition can be achieved.

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Deadlines for submission

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| White Papers | - 10.00 am on the day before the issue of the Summons |
| Questions | - 10.00 am on Monday before the meeting |
| Amendments
(including references back) | - 10.00 am on the day before the meeting |

(All submissions should be made to Governance Services for receipt to be recorded and distribution made)
