

**COUNCIL MEETING –11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019**

NOTICE OF:	Reference No:	Date Received:	Date Forwarded:
White Paper	WP2	2/9/19	3/9/19

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

“This Council notes that it declared a Climate Change Emergency this year with a commitment to make the City of Leeds carbon neutral by 2030.

This Council also notes the recent report from the Committee on Climate Change which calls for doubling the current number of trees planted annually in the UK in order to achieve the Government’s target to be carbon neutral by 2050.

The desire for carbon offsetting will also see further demand for tree planting and maintenance.

This Council therefore regrets the current under-resourced state of the Council’s tree management section, which is unable to respond to current demand, let alone deliver a future Leeds Treecover Revolution.

Council therefore calls upon the Executive Member(s) responsible for Climate Change and the Environment to commission a report to be published by December this year to identify the land, resources and training needed to respond to deliver our City’s target for achieving sufficient Treecover to deliver a carbon neutral city by 2030.”

Cllr Stewart Golton

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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)

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