

COUNCIL MEETING – 10th NOVEMBER 2021

| | | | |
|-------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| NOTICE OF: | Reference No: | Date Received: | Date Forwarded: |
| White Paper | WP3 | 1/11/21 | 2/11/21 |

Submitted by: Councillor Ann Forsaith
 Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel: Executive Board
 Executive Member/Chair: Executive Member (Infrastructure and Climate)
 Relevant Director: Director of Resources

This Council notes the crucial UN Climate Change Conference summit (COP26) currently underway in Glasgow aimed at limiting global temperature rise to 1.5°C. Leeds City Council declared a climate emergency in March 2019, with the target of 2030 for achieving carbon neutrality, recognising the part Leeds has to play in this global challenge.

Council recognises that some communities in Leeds have far larger carbon footprints than others. Climate change is already affecting most those who are least able to pay, whilst those with higher incomes add proportionally more to carbon emissions in the City. Council therefore understands that positive actions by more affluent communities and sectors to reduce their carbon emissions can contribute most effectively to ensuring our City reaches net zero carbon by 2030.

Whilst supporting the current work of Leeds City Council on a range of issues that includes fuel poverty reduction and home insulation, Council resolves to focus Leeds City Council carbon reduction plans, and any related policies, on those sectors and those communities that through reducing their high carbon footprints will contribute most to reaching our carbon neutral target. In this way, Council’s response can aim to deliver climate and social justice together with carbon neutrality by 2030.

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)
