

**COUNCIL MEETING – 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2021**

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White Paper	WP2	01/11/2021	02/11/2021

Submitted by: Councillor Andrew Carter  
 Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel: Executive Board  
 Executive Member/Chair: Executive Member for Resources  
 Relevant Director: Director of Communities, Housing and Environment

This Council calls on the administration to make community safety and the prevention of crime and disorder a priority for funding and resources.

Council remains concerned about the administration’s February budget decision to cut funding for Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs). At a time when residents are concerned about crime and disorder, and when central government is providing substantial funds to recruit more police officers, the local Leeds decision to cut community safety funding will seem inexplicable to many communities, and risks undermining wider efforts to build back better after the pandemic.

Whilst supporting the right to peaceful protest, Council also notes events in other parts of the country which have highlighted concerns about some protest groups, whose extreme actions threaten to damage the economy and cause an unacceptable level of disruption to the public.

Council also notes recent tragic events which have highlighted the specific threats posed to elected representatives carrying out their duties on behalf of the public.

Council calls on the administration to work with the West Yorkshire Mayor and other partners to urgently action the following:

1. Reverse the budget cut to PCSOs and uphold the long-standing Leeds commitment to financially support PCSO deployment across the city to boost community safety for residents;
2. Put in place local measures and allocate sufficient resources to ensure Leeds is prepared to respond effectively if disruptive protests of the type seen elsewhere come to the streets of Leeds and threaten to damage the city’s post-pandemic recovery;
3. Ensure the appropriate level of resources are provided for the safety and protection of council officers in front-line roles and elected members carrying out their responsibilities.

Councillor Andrew Carter

**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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