

COUNCIL MEETING – 23rd MARCH 2022

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White Paper	WP4	14/3/22	15/3/22

Submitted by: Councillor Stewart Golton
 Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel: Executive Board
 Executive Member/Chair: Executive Member (Infrastructure and Climate)
 Relevant Director: Director of City Development

“This Council notes the current Administration’s ambition for Leeds to become a ‘car-free city’ and the significant amount of investment in the city centre to achieve this.

However, this Council also notes the continuing decline in bus patronage, the effects of the Coronavirus pandemic on public transport affordability and reliability and the increasing prevalence of ‘home-based’ and ‘flexible’ working arrangements for Leeds residents. Council also notes that leaving the car at home will require a significant focus on accommodating parked cars in residential streets.

This Council believes that the current two-speed approach to transport investment in the city, with the greatest amount currently spent on city centre projects focussed on a ‘9-5’ commuter economy, needs to change to reflect and respond to the above realities, and calls for the development of a transport plan for every ward in the city.

These transport plans will seek to maximise mobility for all sectors of population on the principles of developing a ‘15 Minute Neighbourhood’ to enable people to access all the local services and amenities they need by foot, bike or public transport within 15 minutes.

Through the development of such plans, the Council will ensure that access to local neighbourhood centres, parks, education and health venues has as much focus from our transport planners as city centre businesses, and that carers, the elderly, disabled, and young people are valued as much as those more able to enjoy the city’s current city-centre focussed transport system.

Council therefore calls for a paper proposing such an initiative to be brought to the Executive Board for their consideration.”

Cllr Stewart Golton

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)
