

**COUNCIL MEETING – 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022**

NOTICE OF:	Reference No:	Date Received:	Date Forwarded:
White Paper Amendment	A1 to WP1	22/3/22	22/3/22

Submitted by:	Councillor Conrad Hart-Brooke
Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel:	Executive Board
Executive Member/Chair:	Executive Member (Environment and Housing)
Relevant Director	Director of Communities, Housing and Environment

After the final bullet point ending “and food waste collections”, add an additional bullet point to read:

- Identify technical best practise, key industrial potential partners, suitable locations and provisional costings so that as funds become available Leeds can truly be “Best City” by having shovel ready projects scoped and ready to progress swiftly.

The amended White Paper would then read:

This Council calls for a comprehensive review of waste management services to ensure they are providing value for money for Leeds residents and meeting our climate goals.

Council regrets that the cost of the refuse collection service rose significantly in 2021/22 at the same time as residents saw a marked drop in performance. It is unacceptable that even now, as pandemic restrictions have eased, many areas are still experiencing an unreliable service with frequent missed collections causing significant disruption.

Council further regrets the length of time it took the administration to finally remove charges for bulky waste collections, something opposition groups have long called for as a way of helping to reduce fly-tipping. The refusal to act earlier undoubtedly had a financial and environmental impact that could have been avoided.

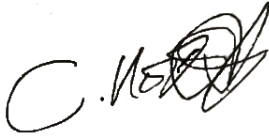
Council welcomes the government’s increased investment in Defra and its support for the near elimination of biodegradable municipal waste by 2028. This includes government funding to implement free local authority food waste collections. But Council believes the Council administration must do more to improve the recycling offer in Leeds.

Council calls for an urgent report to Executive Board setting out the following:

- Development of an action plan to target and rapidly improve performance in areas that have suffered from repeated missed bin collections;
- The scrapping of inert waste charges, as part of wider efforts to reduce flytipping;
- Implementation of an improved recycling offer for Leeds residents that includes: glass recycling, enhanced garden waste collections, and food waste collections.

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Proposed by:



Cllr Hart-Brooke

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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 (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)

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