

COUNCIL MEETING – 20th JULY 2022

NOTICE OF:	Reference No:	Date Received:	Date Forwarded:
White Paper	A3 TO WP2	11/7/22	12/7/22

Submitted by: Councillor James Lewis
 Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel: Executive Board
 Executive Member/Chair: Leader of Council
 Relevant Director: Chief Executive

Delete all after “This Council” and replace with:

“.....recognises the frustration of people not represented through the electoral process and notes that changes to voting systems is a national government question to answer. Council further notes that there are strong views on all sides of the debate on electoral reform.

“Council is very concerned by the Conservative Government’s Elections Act 2022 which risks suppressing voter turnout by introducing Voter ID, meaning many Leeds residents may no longer be able to vote, including some older and disabled people.

Council supports the lowering of the voting age to 16 to increase engagement in the electoral process and opposes the Government’s decision to limit engagement though Voter ID.

Council calls on the Government to implement measures to increase voter turnout by withdrawing the requirement for Voter ID and lowering the voting age to 16.”



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)