

**COUNCIL MEETING – 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

NOTICE OF:	Reference No:	Date Received:	Date Forwarded:
White Paper	WP3	7/11/22	8/11/22

Submitted by:	Councillor Peter Carlill
Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel:	Executive Board
Executive Member/Chair:	Executive Member (Environment and Housing)
Relevant Director	Director of Communities, Housing and Environment

This Council is very concerned the Government continues to allow raw sewage to be dumped into rivers flowing through Leeds.

Council is shocked Environment Agency figures show raw sewage has been pumped into Yorkshire's natural environment once every 18.75 minutes since 2016 and the number of spills has increased by over 100,000% in that time.

Council notes that the Government's failure to implement effective regulation, as well as Government cuts to the Environment Agency budget since 2010 have reduced the amount of surveillance of water companies aimed at stopping pollution in rivers and caused an increase in raw sewage dumping.

Council calls on the Government to end this disgraceful practice by allowing unlimited fines, holding water company bosses legally and financially accountable for their negligence, and by toughening up regulations that currently allow the system to be abused.

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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 - 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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