

COUNCIL MEETING – 16th November 2022

NOTICE OF:	Reference No:	Date Received:	Date Forwarded:
White Paper Amendment	A2 TO WP2	15/11/22	15/11/22

Submitted by:	Councillor Jonathan Pryor
Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel:	Executive Board
Executive Member/Chair:	Executive Member (Economy, Culture and Education)
Relevant Director	Director of Children and Families

Remove all after “This Council” and replace with:

“is concerned at the systematic removal of both powers and funding from Local Authorities related to education provision and the subsequent impact of those removals on local people in situations such as Queensway School in Yeadon.

Council is frustrated at the Governments’ removing of powers from councils to control admission numbers across the city, meaning that when populations fall, options are extremely limited.

Council acknowledges the current 22% surplus of school places in the Aireborough area, moving to a 36% surplus by 2026, and understands that schools cannot operate without the funding that is attached to pupil numbers coming in, particularly given the significant cuts to education over the past 12 years.

Council further acknowledges that the Governing bodies of the schools in the Aireborough area each independently control their own admission numbers and have indicated that they are not willing to reduce their admission numbers.

While it is important to note that no decision has been made on the future of Queensway School and we cannot pre-empt that decision, Council would continue to support children, families, teachers and school staff throughout any statutory processes that may be followed.

Council remains dismayed at the continued failure of the Conservative Government to adequately fund education and in particular the failure to provide suitable funding for SEND provision.

Council calls on Government to reverse years of real terms underinvestment in education, return education powers to local authorities and give schools and pupils the guarantee of proper funding to ensure every child gets the education they deserve.”

Jonathan Pryor

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)
