

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

NOTICE OF:	Reference No:	Date Received:	Date Forwarded:
White Paper Amendment	A1 TO WP3	15/11/22	15/11/22

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

Delete all after “This Council” and replace with the following:

“acknowledges the work already undertaken by this Government on environmental matters.

“This includes the recent Storm Overflows Discharge Reduction Plan published in August 2022 which places obligations and penalties on water companies to actually comply with regulations and permits issued by the Environment Agency, and the expectation that year on year, there will be reductions in the amount of surface water going into the sewer network.

“Council also notes and endorses the local work started by the Wetherby Ward Members to significantly improve water quality in the River Wharfe, including facilitating a deputation to Council in November 2019 and subsequently convening a ‘sewage summit’ at Civic Hall with Council Officers and stakeholders from Yorkshire Water and rivers groups. Meetings have taken place with Government Ministers and the Environment, Housing and Communities Scrutiny Board has undertaken an investigation into this issue at the request of the Wetherby Members.

“Work is currently underway in the Wetherby Ward to achieve Bathing Water Status for the River Wharfe at Wetherby and Boston Spa. When successful, this will become one of only a handful of river locations in the country with this formal designation.

“Given the clear action from Government, this Council believes it is now time action is taken in Leeds. This Council commits to actively supporting citizen groups and Wards to achieve Bathing Water Status on rivers within the Council boundary.

“Council calls for a report to be brought to Executive Board before the end of March 2023, detailing the timescales and constructive actions Leeds residents can expect as a minimum the Council will deliver in supporting Bathing Water Status applications.”



Councillor Amanda Carter

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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