

COUNCIL MEETING –22nd March 2023

NOTICE OF:	Reference No:	Date Received:	Date Forwarded:
White Paper Amendment	A3 to WP3	21/3/23	21/3/23

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

After paragraph 3 insert:

“Council deeply regrets the lack of action by the Government to roll out and support a national programme of home insulation, as well as heat and electricity microgeneration, when the urgent need to respond to the climate emergency became apparent. Such a national retrofitting programme would have supported households now and in a just transition to a fairer and more sustainable future. Council further regrets the lack of action in transitioning fully to renewable sources of electricity and heat generation, which has left households still dependent on fossil fuels and their supply from other countries.”

After “... struggling in the cost of living crisis.” in paragraph 4 insert: “Council also calls upon the Government to come up with long-term plans and finance to help householders, and landlords, to retrofit the properties that they own.”

The amended White Paper would then read:

“This Council is concerned at the obscene profits recently announced by energy companies during a cost of living crisis when average annual energy costs for Leeds residents have increased by around £1000 since 2019.

Council is further concerned this comes at a time when the Government is ending the energy bill support scheme, further increasing pressures on household budgets for families in Leeds during the cost of living crisis.

This council has supported a network of Warm Spaces to mitigate the impact of this national crisis, which we know has been a vital service for people this winter. However, this should never have been necessary, because people deserve to be able to heat their own homes.

Council deeply regrets the lack of action by the Government to roll out and support a national programme of home insulation, as well as heat and electricity microgeneration, when the urgent need to respond to the climate emergency became apparent. Such a national retrofitting programme would have supported households now and in a just transition to a fairer and more sustainable future. Council further regrets the lack of action in transitioning fully to renewable sources of electricity and heat generation, which has left households still dependent on fossil fuels and their supply from other countries.

Council calls on the Government to extend the windfall tax on energy companies and use the funding to freeze energy bills now and provide further support for households in Leeds struggling in the cost of living crisis. Council also calls upon the Government to come up with long-term plans and finance to help householders, and landlords, to retrofit the properties that they own. Council further calls on the Government to move to publicly owned clean energy provision for the future.”

Ann Forsyth

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)

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