

**COUNCIL MEETING – 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

NOTICE OF:	Reference No:	Date Received:	Date Forwarded:
White Paper Amendment	A2 TO WP2	19/3/24	19/3/24

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

Delete all after “Leeds citizens enjoys a....” and replace with:

*“celebration deserving of our 400th anniversary.*

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Motion would read:

*“This Council recognises the significance of 400th Anniversary of Leeds receiving our Great Charter as a borough from King Charles I and commits to celebrating this milestone in our city’s history.*

*Council notes the impressive series of events organised to mark the 300th anniversary in 1926 and commits to ensuring that this generation of Leeds citizens enjoys a celebration deserving of our 400th anniversary.*

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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 (including references back)	- 10.00 am on the day before the meeting

(All submissions should be made to Governance Services for receipt to be recorded and distribution made)

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