



FORWARD PLAN

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CABINET FORWARD PLAN

What is the Cabinet Forward Plan?

The Cabinet Forward Plan is a list of all non-key and key decisions the Authority intends to take during the next four month period. The Plan is updated monthly on or around the 14th of each month and is available to view on-line at www.york.gov.uk

What is a non-key decision?

For the purposes of the Plan, a non-key decision is defined as a 'decision of normal importance' which:

- the Cabinet can collectively take as set out in Part 3 of the council's constitution
- which any Cabinet Member can take individually in line with the Council's Scheme of Delegation

What is a key decision?

A key decision is defined as a decision which is likely:

- to result in the Council incurring expenditure, or making savings, which are significant having regard to the Council's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates i.e.:
 - make a saving of more than 10% of the budget for a particular area - or be more than £500,000
 - require spending that is more than 10% of the budget for a particular area - or be more than £500,00
- to be significant in terms of its effects on communities

In addition to elected Councillors, chief officers can also take key decisions in line with the Officers Delegation Scheme as set out in Schedule 3, Part 3 of the Council's Constitution

What information does the Forward Plan contain?

Each issue entered in the Forward Plan lists:

- The history of the issue in relation to the Forward Plan
- What consultation will be undertaken prior to a decision being made
- The name and contact details of the chief officer responsible for the issue and the forthcoming report
- The date of the meeting at which a decision is due to be taken
- The wards which will be affected by any decision taken

If I have a query about an entry on the Forward Plan, who do I contact ?

Wherever possible, full contact details are listed in the individual entries in the Forward Plan. If you are unsure how to make contact or have any general enquiries about the Forward Plan, please ring Democratic Services on Tel No. 01904 551031

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FORWARD PLAN ITEM

Meeting: Decision Session - Executive Member for Transport

Meeting Date: 16/12/25

Keyword:

Item Type: Executive Member Decision - of 'Normal' importance

Title of Report: Review of Statutory Consultation for the removal House of Multiple Occupancy (HMO) Parking Permits

Description: The report will review the response received as part of the Statutory consultation process for the proposed removal of the HMO parking permits from the Residents Parking Scheme. The Executive Member will be asked to consider the representation received to the proposed removal of the HMO parking permit.

Wards Affected: All Wards

Report Writer:

Deadline for Report:

Lead Member: Executive Member for Transport

Lead Director: Director of Transport, Environment and Planning

Contact Details: Darren Hobson, Principal Engineer Traffic Manager

darren.hobson@york.gov.uk

Implications

Level of Risk:

Reason Key:

Making Representations:

Process: Advertisement of Notice of Proposal in a locally circulated Newspaper. All residents with a HMO permit were written to about the proposal and were asked to comment on the Consultation.

The consultees were all residents with a HMO permit and the statutory consultees (police, fire, ambulance, road haulage association, freight transport).

Consultees:

Background Documents:

Call-In

If this item is called-in, it will be considered by the Corporate and Scrutiny Management Committee on:

19/12/25

FORWARD PLAN ITEM

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Keyword:

Item Type: Executive Member Decision - of 'Normal' importance

Title of Report: Residents parking extension to 'R65:Clifton Dale'

Description: To ask the Executive Member for Transport to consider the representations received to the statutory advertisement, to implement residents parking restrictions as an extension of the existing R65 (Clifton Dale) residents parking zone to include properties on Compton Street, Rosslyn Street, Grove View, Westerdale Court, Compton Mews and Clifton (part). The Executive Member will be asked to decide what action should now be taken.

Background information Proposed Extension of R65 Residents Priority Parking
[areahttps://democracy.york.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=7500](https://democracy.york.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=7500)

Wards Affected: Clifton Ward

Report Writer: **Deadline for Report:**
Lead Member: Executive Member for Transport
Lead Director: Director of Transport, Environment and Planning
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Implications

Level of Risk: **Reason Key:**

Making Representations:

Process: Each property within the proposed scheme boundary were hand delivered information relating to the advertised restrictions including a copy of the legal notice. The restrictions were advertised in the Press and notices places on street.

Consultees: Residents and ward councillors.

Consultees:

Background Documents:

Call-In

If this item is called-in, it will be considered by the
Corporate and Scrutiny Management Committee on:

19/12/25

FORWARD PLAN ITEM

Meeting: Decision Session - Combined Executive Member Decision Session

Meeting Date: 27/01/26

Keyword:

Item Type: Executive Member Decision - of 'Normal' importance

Title of Report: Admissions Arrangements for the 2027/28 School Year

Description: Purpose of report:
This report seeks the Executive Member's approval for the City of York Council co-ordinated schemes and admission policies for the 2027/28 school year. It also seeks approval of the proposed individual school published admission numbers (PANs) for the academic year beginning in September 2027. The report follows a period of 6 weeks consultation.

Executive Member will be asked to:
Approve the admission arrangements (admissions policies and published admission numbers) for all schools for whom the local authority is the admissions authority, for entry into school in September 2027.

Support/object to/impartial the admission arrangements (admission policies and published admission numbers) for all MAT schools who are their own admission authorities but for whom CYC have a school place sufficiency duty.

Update: This decision session has been moved from Tuesday, 20 January to Tuesday, 27 January.

Reason: All executive member decision sessions and executive have been scheduled to take place on Tuesday, 27 January to avoid any overlap with the pre-election period for Heworth ward election.

Wards Affected: All Wards

Report Writer:

Deadline for Report:

Lead Member:

Executive Member for Children, Young People and Education
Corporate Director of Children and Education

Lead Director:

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School Admissions Manager

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Implications

Level of Risk:

Reason Key:

Making Representations:

Process: The statutory requirement is for a six week consultation. Dates are still to be confirmed.

Consultees: Headteachers and governing bodies of all schools in the City of York area, admissions authorities other than CYC (Voluntary Aided and Academy schools), neighbouring admissions authorities. Also any parent/carers of children in the area who respond to consultation documents.

Consultees:

Background Documents:

Call-In

If this item is called-in, it will be considered by the Corporate and Scrutiny Management Committee on:

09/02/26

FORWARD PLAN ITEM

Meeting: Decision Session - Combined Executive Member Decision Session

Meeting Date: 27/01/26

Keyword:

Item Type: Executive Member Decision - of 'Normal' importance

Title of Report: Damp and Mould Policy

Description: The purpose of report is to explain rationale behind a new policy focussing on damp and mould within CYC social housing stock and our approach to dealing with it. The Executive Member will be asked to approve the new policy.

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Wards Affected: All Wards

Report Writer:

Deadline for Report:

Lead Member: Executive Member for Housing, Planning and Safer Communities

Lead Director: Director of Housing and Communities

Contact Details: Fiona Brown, Building Services Change Manager

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Implications

Level of Risk:

Reason Key:

Making Representations:

Process: The Tenant's Voice group and internal stakeholders have been consulted on this new policy.

Consultees:

Background Documents:

Call-In

If this item is called-in, it will be considered by the Corporate and Scrutiny Management Committee on:

19/12/25

FORWARD PLAN ITEM

Meeting: Decision Session - Combined Executive Member Decision Session

Meeting Date: 27/01/26

Keyword:

Item Type: Executive Member Decision - of 'Normal' importance

Title of Report: Housing Tenancy Policy and Strategy

Description: The report proposes approval of a Tenancy Policy and Strategy document that sets policy approaches for tenancy management as social housing landlord, and strategic principles that other Registered Providers in the City are required to have regard to.

The report will also set out proposals to develop a Rent Setting and Service Charges Policy, building on the City of York Living Rent approach (Appendix A to Annex A) that maximises investment capacity through rental income, where this is manageable or mitigated for tenants, for example through the welfare benefits systems.

The Executive Member will be asked to approve the proposed Tenancy Policy and Strategy document that will be annexed to the report.

Background documents• Regulatory standards for landlords:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/regulatory-standards-for-landlords>

• Social and Affordable Homes programme 2026 to 2036:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/social-and-affordable-homes-programme-sahp-2026-to-2036>

• Consultation, July 2025: How to implement social rent convergence

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/how-to-implement-social-rent-convergence/how-to-implement-social-rent-convergence>

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Tuesday, 27 January to avoid any overlap with the pre-election period for Heworth ward election.

Wards Affected: All Wards

Report Writer:

Deadline for Report:

Lead Member:

Executive Member for Housing, Planning and Safer Communities

Lead Director:

Director of Housing and Communities

Contact Details:

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Implications

Level of Risk:

Reason Key:

Making Representations:

Process:

Consultation has been carried out with the council's Tenant Scrutiny Panel, with relevant Registered Providers, and with Housing service managers.

During development the draft policy was taken to Tenant Scrutiny Panel as an agenda item.

Consultation was carried out via email with the key Registered Providers with housing stock in the city with an offer to meet if any more detailed feedback was needed.

Consultees:

- Tenant Scrutiny Panel
- Key Registered Providers with homes in the City of York area
- Housing service managers

Consultees:

Background Documents:

Call-In

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19/12/25

FORWARD PLAN ITEM

Meeting: Decision Session - Combined Executive Member Decision Session

Meeting Date: 27/01/26

Keyword:

Item Type: Executive Member Decision - of 'Normal' importance

Title of Report: York Walls in Bloom

Description: Propose changes to how the ecology of the Bar Walls ramparts can be adapted to improve the aesthetics, biodiversity and sustainability. The Executive Member will be asked to approve an altered approach to the management of the Bar Walls ramparts which aims to increase the aesthetic quality, biodiversity and sustainability. This is achieved by leveraging partnership working with external and volunteer groups.

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Wards Affected: Fishergate Ward; Guildhall Ward; Micklegate Ward

Report Writer:

Deadline for Report:

Lead Member: Executive Member for Environment and Climate Emergency

Lead Director: Director of Transport, Environment and Planning

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Implications

Level of Risk:

Reason Key:

Making Representations:

Process: Discussion with partners and statutory bodies about the best practice for managing the ecology on heritage sites and best practice in how to reach our aims and objectives.

Consultees:

Historic England

University of York

Friends of York Walls

York Walls Liaison Group which includes York conservation trust,

Civic Trust, York Museum Trust, York Explore

Consultees:

Background Documents:

Call-In

If this item is called-in, it will be considered by the
Corporate and Scrutiny Management Committee on:

19/12/25

FORWARD PLAN ITEM

Meeting: Executive

Meeting Date: 27/01/26

Keyword:

Item Type: Executive Decision - of 'Normal' Importance

Title of Report: Capital & Investment Strategy

Description: To set out a framework for all aspects of the council's capital and investment expenditure including prioritisation, planning, funding and monitoring. Members will be asked to recommend the strategy to full council.

Update: This meeting of the executive has been moved from Tuesday, 20 January to Tuesday, 27 January.

Reason: All executive member decision sessions and executive have been scheduled to take place on Tuesday, 27 January to avoid any overlap with the pre-election period for Heworth ward election.

Wards Affected: All Wards

Report Writer: Debbie Mitchell **Deadline for Report:** 08/01/26
Lead Member: Executive Member for Finance, Performance, Major Projects, Human Rights, Equality and Inclusion

Lead Director: Director of Finance

Contact Details: Debbie Mitchell, Director of Finance (Section 151 Officer)

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Implications

Level of Risk: 04-08 Regular **Reason Key:**
monitoring required

Making Representations:

Process:

Consultees:

Background Documents: Capital & Investment Strategy

Call-In

If this item is called-in, it will be considered by the 09/02/26
Corporate and Scrutiny Management Committee on:

FORWARD PLAN ITEM

Meeting: Executive

Meeting Date: 27/01/26

Keyword:

Item Type: Executive Decision - of 'Normal' Importance

Title of Report: Capital Budget 2026/27 to 2030/31

Description: To present the capital programme, including detailed scheme proposals. Members will be asked to recommend the proposals to Full Council.

Update: This meeting of the executive has been moved from Tuesday, 20 January to Tuesday, 27 January.

Reason: All executive member decision sessions and executive have been scheduled to take place on Tuesday, 27 January to avoid any overlap with the pre-election period for Heworth ward election.

Wards Affected: All Wards

Report Writer: Debbie Mitchell **Deadline for Report:** 08/01/26

Lead Member: Executive Member for Finance, Performance, Major Projects, Human Rights, Equality and Inclusion

Lead Director: Director of Finance

Contact Details: Debbie Mitchell, Director of Finance (Section 151 Officer)

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Implications

Level of Risk: 04-08 Regular **Reason Key:**
monitoring required

Making Representations:

Process:

Consultees:

Background Documents: Capital Budget 2026/27 to 2030/31

Call-In

If this item is called-in, it will be considered by the Corporate and Scrutiny Management Committee on: 09/02/26

FORWARD PLAN ITEM

Meeting: Executive

Meeting Date: 27/01/26

Keyword:

Item Type: Executive Decision - of 'Normal' Importance

Title of Report: Capital Programme Update Monitor 3

Description: To provide members with an update on the capital programme. Members will be asked to note the issues, recommend to Full Council any changes as appropriate.

Update: This meeting of the executive has been moved from Tuesday, 20 January to Tuesday, 27 January.

Reason: All executive member decision sessions and executive have been scheduled to take place on Tuesday, 27 January to avoid any overlap with the pre-election period for Heworth ward election.

Wards Affected: All Wards

Report Writer: Debbie Mitchell **Deadline for Report:** 08/01/26

Lead Member: Executive Member for Finance, Performance, Major Projects, Human Rights, Equality and Inclusion

Lead Director: Director of Finance

Contact Details: Debbie Mitchell, Director of Finance (Section 151 Officer)

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Implications

Level of Risk: 04-08 Regular **Reason Key:**
monitoring required

Making Representations:

Process:

Consultees:

Background Documents: Capital Programme Update Monitor 3

Call-In

If this item is called-in, it will be considered by the Corporate and Scrutiny Management Committee on: 09/02/26

FORWARD PLAN ITEM

Meeting: Executive

Meeting Date: 27/01/26

Keyword:

Item Type: Executive Decision - of 'Normal' Importance

Title of Report: Finance & performance Monitor 3

Description: To present details of the overall finance and performance position. Members will be asked to note the report.

Update: This meeting of the executive has been moved from Tuesday, 20 January to Tuesday, 27 January.

Reason: All executive member decision sessions and executive have been scheduled to take place on Tuesday, 27 January to avoid any overlap with the pre-election period for Heworth ward election.

Wards Affected: All Wards

Report Writer: Ian Cunningham, Debbie Mitchell

Deadline for Report: 08/01/26

Lead Member: Executive Member for Finance, Performance, Major Projects, Human Rights, Equality and Inclusion

Lead Director: Director of Finance

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Implications

Level of Risk: 04-08 Regular monitoring required

Reason Key:

Making Representations:

Process:

Consultees:

Background Documents: Finance & performance Monitor 3

Call-In

If this item is called-in, it will be considered by the Corporate and Scrutiny Management Committee on: 09/02/26

FORWARD PLAN ITEM

Meeting: Executive

Meeting Date: 27/01/26

Keyword:

Item Type: Executive Decision - of 'Normal' Importance

Title of Report: Financial Strategy 2026/27

Description: To present the Financial Strategy, including detailed revenue budget proposals. Members will be asked to recommend the proposals to Full Council.

Update: This meeting of the executive has been moved from Tuesday, 20 January to Tuesday, 27 January.

Reason: All executive member decision sessions and executive have been scheduled to take place on Tuesday, 27 January to avoid any overlap with the pre-election period for Heworth ward election.

Wards Affected: All Wards

Report Writer: Debbie Mitchell **Deadline for Report:** 08/01/26

Lead Member: Executive Member for Finance, Performance, Major Projects, Human Rights, Equality and Inclusion

Lead Director: Director of Finance

Contact Details: Debbie Mitchell, Director of Finance (Section 151 Officer)

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Implications

Level of Risk: 04-08 Regular **Reason Key:**
monitoring required

Making Representations:

Process:

Consultees:

Background Documents: Financial Strategy 2026/27

Call-In

If this item is called-in, it will be considered by the Corporate and Scrutiny Management Committee on: 09/02/26

FORWARD PLAN ITEM

Meeting: Executive

Meeting Date: 27/01/26

Keyword:

Item Type: Executive Decision - of 'Normal' Importance

Title of Report: Treasury Management Quarter 3 Prudential Indicators

Description: To provide members with an update on the treasury management position. Members will be asked to note the issues and approve any adjustments as required to the prudential indicators or strategy.

Update: This meeting of the executive has been moved from Tuesday, 20 January to Tuesday, 27 January.

Reason: All executive member decision sessions and executive have been scheduled to take place on Tuesday, 27 January to avoid any overlap with the pre-election period for Heworth ward election.

Wards Affected: All Wards

Report Writer: Debbie Mitchell **Deadline for Report:** 08/01/26

Lead Member: Executive Member for Finance, Performance, Major Projects, Human Rights, Equality and Inclusion

Lead Director: Director of Finance

Contact Details: Debbie Mitchell, Director of Finance (Section 151 Officer)

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Implications

Level of Risk: 04-08 Regular **Reason Key:**
monitoring required

Making Representations:

Process:

Consultees:

Background Documents: Treasury Management Quarter 3 Prudential Indicators

Call-In

If this item is called-in, it will be considered by the Corporate and Scrutiny Management Committee on: 09/02/26

FORWARD PLAN ITEM

Meeting: Executive

Meeting Date: 27/01/26

Keyword:

Item Type: Executive Decision - of 'Normal' Importance

Title of Report: Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2026/27 - 2030/31

Description: To set out the treasury management strategy, including the annual investment strategy and the minimum revenue provision policy statement and prudential indicators. Members will be asked to recommend the strategy to Full Council.

Update: This meeting of the executive has been moved from Tuesday, 20 January to Tuesday, 27 January.

Reason: All executive member decision sessions and executive have been scheduled to take place on Tuesday, 27 January to avoid any overlap with the pre-election period for Heworth ward election.

Wards Affected: All Wards

Report Writer: Debbie Mitchell **Deadline for Report:** 08/01/26

Lead Member: Executive Member for Finance, Performance, Major Projects, Human Rights, Equality and Inclusion

Lead Director: Director of Finance

Contact Details: Debbie Mitchell, Director of Finance (Section 151 Officer)

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Implications

Level of Risk: 04-08 Regular **Reason Key:**
monitoring required

Making Representations:

Process:

Consultees:

Background Documents: Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2026/27 - 2030/31

Call-In

If this item is called-in, it will be considered by the Corporate and Scrutiny Management Committee on: 09/02/26

FORWARD PLAN ITEM

Meeting: Executive

Meeting Date: 03/03/26

Keyword:

Item Type: Executive Decision - of 'Normal' Importance

Title of Report: Consultation on a York Wide Smoke Control Area (SCA)

Description: The report outlines the results of a public consultation on proposals to further reduce emissions of fine particulate matter (PM2.5) and other pollutants from solid fuel burning through a York wide Smoke Control Area (SCA). The proposals will enable CYC to manage more effectively the burning of the most polluting solid fuels and the appliances they are burnt in.

The Executive will be asked to

a) review the consultation summary (Annex C) and full comments (Annex D) received in relation to the public consultation on a draft order to expand the SCA to cover the whole of CYC's administrative area (and associated revocation of historical orders covering the existing area).

b) subject to consideration of any objections, to delegate authority to Director of Director of Environmental and Regulatory Services, in consultation with the Director of Governance, to approve with or without modifications the making of the final SCA Order and the making of any orders to revoke existing Smoke Control orders made on or after 13 November 1980.

Update 22/10/25: Following the consultation further time is required to produce sufficient pre-decision communications.

Update 19/12/25: The February Executive Meeting has been cancelled, and this item has been deferred to March 2026 Executive.

Wards Affected: All Wards

Report Writer: Mike Southcombe **Deadline for Report:** 22/01/26

Lead Member: Executive Member for Environment and Climate Emergency

Lead Director: Director of Transport, Environment and Planning

Contact Details: Mike Southcombe

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Implications

Level of Risk: 04-08 Regular
monitoring required

Reason Key:

Making Representations:

Process:**Consultation process:**

The Clean Air Act 1993 sets out the individual process for revoking existing orders and creating new orders. CYC Legal Services were consulted in the preparation of the draft order, the process for revoking existing orders and in terms of the consultation process to ensure compliance with statutory guidance and legislation.

A 6-week public consultation from 22nd April to 3rd June 2025 included:

- Production of a series of accessible consultation webpages to provide further information on the proposals and background information. A 'consultation summary' document was also produced, with copies available on request to those not digitally enabled.
- Printed copies of consultation materials draft Smoke Control Orders (and maps) were made available for public inspection at West Offices throughout the consultation period.
- An online survey was made available via the CYC Consultations webpage. Hard copies of the survey were made available via West Offices reception and upon request.
- A press release on 22 April 2025:
<https://www.york.gov.uk/news/article/1667/council-launches-consultation-on-extending-city-s-smoke-control-area>. Articles also appeared in York Press online on 13, 19 and 24 March 2025.
- In line with statutory DEFRA guidance, a public notice was placed in the London Gazette and York Press on 8 and 15 April 2025, stating that CYC proposes to make an order to expand the SCA (and outlining its general effect) with details of how to comment.
- Physical copies of the notice were placed at 32 locations outside the existing SCA, including outlying villages, throughout the consultation period to ensure people who may be affected are aware of the proposal.
- Promotion via residents' newsletters issued by CYC's Marketing and Communications team throughout the consultation period, including the Families Newsletter (24 April and 22 May 2025), Resident update (1 May and 15 May 2025) and the Health and Wellbeing Newsletter (7 May 2025).
- Promotion via CYC's social media channels throughout the consultation period, including Facebook.
- Copies of consultation posters were displayed across all CYC libraries
- Additional notification of the consultation was sent directly to other relevant stakeholders including Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA), York Travellers Trust (YTT), neighbouring local authorities and York based suppliers of solid fuels.
- CYC's Supported Housing Manager / Traveller and Gypsy Site contacts were made aware of the consultation and were asked to signpost residents with solid fuel burning appliances to the

consultation.

- Notification of the consultation was sent directly to all CYC Councillors and Parish Councillors on 22 April 2025.
- CYC's Environmental Protection team were available to answer questions on the consultation over the phone, in person by appointment or by email.

Consultees:

Local residents and businesses who burn wood and other solid fuels. Local fuel merchants would also have an interest in the proposals as delivery of non-authorized fuels in a Smoke Control Area is an offence.

Consultees:

Background Documents: Consultation on a York Wide Smoke Control Area (SCA)

Call-In

If this item is called-in, it will be considered by the Corporate and Scrutiny Management Committee on: 09/02/26

FORWARD PLAN ITEM

Meeting: Executive

Meeting Date: 03/03/26

Keyword:

Item Type: Executive Decision - a 'Key Issue' - decision with significant effects on communities

Title of Report: Giving Every Child in York the Best Start in Life

Description: In July 2025 the government published its national Giving Every Child the Best Start in Life Strategy. This strategy aims to provide good quality integrated support for children and their families from conception to age five, and each local authority will be funded to expand their Family Hubs programme and develop and publish their local Best Start in Life plan by April 2026.

Giving Every Child the Best Start in Life, has long been a political priority in York. One City for All, the City of York Council's plan (2023 to 2027), sets a strong ambition to increase opportunities for everyone living in York to live healthy and fulfilling lives. A vision which will help today's residents and benefit future generations.

We want and have committed York to be the best place for children and young people to live and grow up, to work together to make sure children and young people have the building blocks needed to be happy, healthy, safe, and ready for the future.

The city's Best Start in Life Plan will deliver this ambition and position York to be an Innovative leader of best practice to improve outcomes that have a long-term impact on reducing inequalities.

The report will provide members of the Executive with details about the development and context of the Best Start in Life Plan and will ask the Executive to approve the publication of the plan.

Wards Affected: All Wards

Report Writer: Maxine Squire

Deadline for Report: 17/02/26

Lead Member: Executive Member for Children, Young People and Education

Lead Director: Corporate Director of Children and Education

Contact Details: Maxine Squire, Assistant Director of Education

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Implications

Level of Risk: 04-08 Regular
monitoring required

Reason Key:

Making Representations:

Process: The development of the plan is being supported by a co-production/engagement plan. A range of advocacy groups, York Parent Carer Forum, service providers, health and education professionals, the community and voluntary sector, faith groups etc

Consultees:

Background Documents: Giving Every Child in York the Best Start in Life

Call-In

If this item is called-in, it will be considered by the Corporate and Scrutiny Management Committee on: