

City of York Council

Resolutions and proceedings of the Extraordinary Meeting of the City of York Council held in the Guildhall, York on Thursday, 27 February 2025, starting at 8.30 pm

Present: The Lord Mayor (Cllr Margaret Wells) in the Chair, and the following Councillors:

Acomb Ward

Lomas
Rose

Bishopthorpe Ward

Nicholls

Clifton Ward

D Myers
Wells

Copmanthorpe Ward

Steward

Dringhouses & Woodthorpe Ward

Fenton
Mason
Widdowson

Fishergate Ward

Whitcroft
Wilson

Fulford and Heslington Ward

Ravilious

Guildhall Ward

Clarke
Melly
Merrett

Haxby & Wigginton Ward

Cuthbertson
Hollyer
Watson

Heworth Ward

B Burton
Douglas
Webb

Heworth Without Ward

Ayre

Holgate Ward

Kent
Steels-Walshaw
K Taylor

Hull Road Ward

Baxter
Moroney
Pavlovic

Huntington and New Earswick Ward

Cullwick
Orrell
Runciman

Micklegate Ward

J Burton
Crawshaw
Kilbane

Osbalwick and Derwent Ward

Rowley
Warters

Rawcliffe and Clifton Without Ward

Smalley
Wann

Rural West York Ward

Hook
Knight

Strensall Ward

Fisher
Healey

Westfield Ward

Coles
Nelson
Waller

Wheldrake Ward

Vassie

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Waudby.

67. Apologies for Absence (9:10 pm)

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Waudby.

68. Declarations of Interest (9:10 pm)

Members were invited to declare at this point in the meeting any personal interests not included on the Register of Interests, any prejudicial interests or any disclosable pecuniary interests they might have in the business on the agenda.

Cllr B Burton noted a disclosable pecuniary interest in relation to Agenda item 4 (Adoption of the City of York Local Plan) by virtue of his employment, and withdrew from the meeting for the remainder.

69. Public Participation (9:11 pm)

It was reported that two members of the public had registered to speak at the meeting under the council's Public Participation Scheme, both in relation to Agenda Item 4 (Adoption of the City of York Local Plan).

Geoff Beacon suggested that the impact of carbon emissions from new housing envisaged in the Local Plan was contrary to section 14 of the National Planning Policy Framework. He highlighted the difficulty in buying a home faced by many in the city and suggested that limited development would push prices in York higher. He noted the need for a greater number of car free homes, and stated that the Local Plan supported the affluent and excluded the young.

Abbie North noted that the adoption of York's first Local Plan in over seventy years was a historic occasion. She acknowledged that this had been a challenging process, and highlighted the importance of access to decent, secure, and culturally appropriate homes to Gypsy and Traveller communities, noting that York had been ahead of national policy developments. She welcomed the Council's commitment to Gypsy and Traveller communities, noting that the real work began tonight.

70. Adoption of the City of York Local Plan (9:21 pm)

At the Lord Mayor's invitation, the Monitoring Officer provided a brief update. He noted a minor typographical error in the report, where the options outlined at paragraph 64 should be read as to recommend Option ii. rather than Option 2.

The Monitoring Officer further noted with reference to a letter containing representations relating to the Local Plan which had been circulated to Members, that the issues raised therein had been received in full by the Inspectors, who had made their final conclusions and recommendations having considered these along with other representations made known through the examination process. Notwithstanding those representations, the Inspectors had indicated that with the amendments proposed in the Main Modifications document, together with their further recommendations, the Local Plan was sound and capable of lawful adoption.

Cllr Douglas then moved, and Cllr Pavlovic seconded, the recommendations on the adoption of York's Local Plan set out at page 16 of the Extraordinary Council meeting agenda papers.

[Cllr Smalley left the meeting at 9:49 pm].

Following debate, Cllr Widdowson moved, and Cllr Steward seconded, that the question be now put. On being put to the vote this motion was declared LOST.

Following further debate, Cllr Cullwick moved, and Cllr Nelson seconded, that the question be now put. On being put to the vote this motion was declared CARRIED unanimously.

A vote was then taken on the recommendations, which were declared CARRIED, and it was

Resolved:

- i. To endorse the conclusions of the Inspectors' report and adopt the Local Plan incorporating main modifications as set out in Annexes B & C;
- ii. To delegate authority to the Director of City Development to agree any further non-material minor corrections and factual updates and publishing of the adopted Local Plan and Policies Map;

- iii. To delegate to the Director of City Development statutory notification correspondence relating to adoption including the adoption statement, Sustainability Appraisal Report and communications regarding the plan in accordance with Regulation 26 of the Town and Country Planning Act 2012 (as amended).

Reason: To adopt a 'sound' spatial development plan for the City of York and to comply with the legislative requirements for adopting a Local Plan.

Action Required

1. Note approval of the recommendations and take any action required.

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Cllr Margaret Wells
LORD MAYOR OF YORK

[The meeting started at 9.08 pm and concluded at 10.02 pm]