

City of York Council

Resolutions and proceedings of the Extraordinary Meeting of the City of York Council held in the Guildhall, York on Thursday, 16 July 2026, starting at 6.00 pm

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

Acomb Ward	Bishopthorpe Ward
Lomas Rose	Nicholls
Clifton Ward	Copmanthorpe Ward
Myers	Steward
Dringhouses and Woodthorpe Ward	Fishergate Ward
Fenton Widdowson	Whitcroft Wilson
Fulford and Heslington Ward	Guildhall Ward
Ravilious	Clarke Merrett
Haxby and Wigginton Ward	Heworth Ward
Watson	Douglas Perrett Webb
Heworth Without Ward	Holgate Ward
Ayre	Kent Steels-Walshaw Taylor

Hull Road Ward

Baxter
Moroney
Pavlovic

Huntington and New Earswick
Ward

Cullwick
Orrell

Micklegate Ward

Burton
Crawshaw
Kilbane

Osbalwick and Derwent Ward

Rowley
Warters

Rawcliffe and Clifton Without Ward

Smalley
Wann
Waudby

Rural West York Ward

Hook
Knight

Strensall Ward

Fisher
Healey

Westfield Ward

Coles
Nelson
Waller

Wheldrake Ward

Vassie

14. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillors Cuthbertson, Hollyer, Mason, Melly and Runciman.

15. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

16. Public Participation

There were no registered speakers on this occasion.

17. Honorary Freedom of the City

The Lord Mayor declared that the purpose of the meeting under Section 249(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, was to confer the title of Honorary Freedom of the City upon Ken Cooke.

It was then moved by Councillor Rowley and seconded by Councillor Douglas:

“That pursuant to its powers under Section 249(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council do confer the title of Honorary Freedom of the City upon:

Ken Cooke, in formal recognition of his exceptional services to the people and City of York.”

The motion was put to the vote and it was

Resolved (unanimously): That the above motion be approved and that a Civic Ceremony be arranged at an appropriate time.

Councillor Margaret Wells

LORD MAYOR OF YORK

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm and concluded at 6.15 pm.)