

Council Motions

Annex A:

Council Meeting	Motion	Resolutions	Lead Officer / Executive Member	Actions taken	Status
15/12/2022	Delivering Effective Customer Services to York Residents	<p>Council resolves to request that the Executive, including as part of its current budget preparations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> publicly acknowledges the hard work of customer services staff and the impact of increased workloads on their ability to meet resident expectations, and apologises for the council's ongoing inability to effectively respond to residents' issues in a timely way; commits to reinstate the customer services call-back service to residents once current vacant positions are filled and new staff have been trained; commits to reviewing the functioning of the relevant council services as a priority, with a focus to include: staffing and operating hours of the customer call centre; ensuring access to non-digital council services is an easy, straightforward process; categorisation of services on, and user-friendliness of, a council website a significant number of residents struggle to navigate; a more effective and simpler system for monitoring and recording of abusive calls to staff, including a clear structure for escalation, response and staff well-being support. 	Pauline Stuchfield	<p>Call- back service on track to be back in place by early summer 2023. Regarding abusive calls the steps being taken, monitoring and a team stress risk assessment approach were all outlined at Customer & Corporate Management of Scrutiny Committee on 6th March 2023. All other elements will be built into a coproduced Customer Strategy for approval in 2024.</p> <p>Update: policy under development regarding customer behaviour. Customer strategy delayed to be built into Customer Experience work following the restructure.</p>	Live

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23/03/23	Removing Barriers to an Education and Educational Attainment	<p>Council resolves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to request the Executive commits the council to a policy of working with external organisations to provide FSM to all primary school pupils, starting with those schools most in need; 		2 Primary schools have piloted universal free school meals and free school breakfasts from January 2024. The Community Fund has been established to support the York Hungry Minds Project.	Live
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> to write to all York secondary schools, highlighting the Child Poverty Action Group (CPAG) 'Cost of the School Day' project to ask that students eligible for FSMs are able to use their allowance at any time during the school day, and to agree to the rolling over of any unspent money to be used in the future; 	Martin Kelly / Maxine Squire / Pauline Stuchfield	York Schools and Academies Board have adopted poverty proofing as one of their priorities for 2023-24.	Complete
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> to commit to a twin track approach of working through the LGA on FSM automatic enrolment as well as expanding eligibility for FSM by increasing the income threshold, and through the NEU on ensuring FSM provision becomes universal for every primary school child; 	Martin Kelly / Maxine Squire / Pauline Stuchfield	Auto enrolment has been piloted with two primary schools in September 2023. The council is continuing to work	Live

				<p>with the Fix Our Food Project to scale up auto enrolment to include all schools in 2023-24. Work is taking place to roll out auto enrolment across all schools for the academic year 2024-25.</p> <p>The two pilot schools are being evaluated and results reported to CCC Scrutiny on 5th November. The York Hungry Minds Steering Group is continuing to meet but evaluating future work following the current government confirming they intend a national roll out of primary school breakfasts. Future work in York will be directed by the Steering Group.</p>	
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to write, through the Corporate Director for Children’s Services, to all local authority-maintained schools and academy schools: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – requesting information on how they are meeting Government statutory guidance on keeping school uniform affordable, and keeping branded items to a minimum, to reassure Council that schools are not excluding students based on income and are genuinely open to all; – inviting all schools to work with the local authority in developing a York protocol which describes ‘What should be ordinarily available’ for pupils with SEND ensuring there is a fair and consistent application of the SEND Code of Practice by schools to protect the rights of these pupils. 	<p>Martin Kelly / Maxine Squire</p>	<p>A letter has been sent to all schools reminding them about government statutory guidance on school uniform. Schools are following this guidance when reviewing uniform. A large number of the city’s schools have implemented school uniform exchange schemes.</p> <p>Ordinarily available provision for SEND guidance has been drafted and published via the SEND local offer. The new guidance document is being launched with all schools at the SEND conference on 20th November.</p>	<p>Complete</p>
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23/03/23	Council Backs Haxby Station Project	The Council therefore resolves to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Endorse and commit to the Haxby station project, and fully back it to ensure its success. 			Live

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20/07/23	Safeguarding York's future	The council resolves to request <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that the Lord Mayor and Executive Members begin Full Council, Executive meetings and Executive Member Decision Sessions respectively by reminding Members of the remaining days until 1st January 2030, by which time we have pledged to be carbon neutral and requesting that Members keep this at the forefront of their minds when taking decisions; 		Lord Mayor at the start of every Council reminds attendees of the number of days, counting down to net zero on 1 January 2030	Live
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> that the Executive develops a process that demonstrates clear commitment to a strengthened York 10-year Climate Change Strategy by exploring a series of intermediate carbon reduction targets, following exploration of the topic at Corporate and Climate Scrutiny Committee and following 	Executive Members / Claire Foale	Discussion to explore intermediate targets held at October 2023 Scrutiny, report going to EDMS in January 2024	Complete

		receipt of an options report to Executive;			
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> that the Executive Member for Transport brings forward an updated Local Transport Plan that reflects the latest science and which includes ambitious targets in line with a strengthened York 10-year Climate Strategy; 	Cllr Kilbane / Neil Ferris / James Gilchrist	Report went to October Executive 2023 with Policy Focus Areas, detailed consultation will take place during winter 2023/24 on detailed policies before adoption by Exec/Council in the Summer of 2024	Complete
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> that the Executive Members for Environment and Climate Emergency take steps to implement the actions that deliver on the Pollinator Strategy to achieve a measurable increase in biodiversity. 	Councillors Jenny Kent and Kate Ravilious	Executive Member for Environment agreed changes to public realm management in February 2024	Live

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20/07/23	Highway Maintenance	Council resolves to request that the Executive: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expedites the review of the Highways Safety Inspection Manual. 		To be considered as part of future review of Highway Infrastructure Asset Management. Being developed for devolution and the new Mayoral Combined Authority. The legal	Live

				requirements for maintenance varies depending on the highways status.	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explores as part of this review, a change to the 'investigatory level' for potholes to 30mm vertical face depth is secured. 	Neil Ferris / James Gilchrist	Review of above will consider this	Live
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensures that the relevant scrutiny committee and special interest groups (such as those relating to cycling and disability rights) are consulted to better understand the impacts of the current approach to highway maintenance as described in the Manual. 	Neil Ferris / James Gilchrist	Adoption of the Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Plan will go through public decision making. Scrutiny agenda topics are not within officer control, but it will be suggested to the chair as part of decision making.	Live
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> That the strategic active travel network (as identified in the draft LCWIP) is prioritised for highway maintenance treatment and allocated a specific budget to complete maintenance to a safe standard throughout the year. 	Neil Ferris / James Gilchrist	To be considered as part of future review of Highway Infrastructure Asset Management. Being developed for devolution and the new Mayoral Combined Authority. The legal requirements for maintenance varies depending on the highways status.	Live

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trials a more efficient use of the Ward Highways Budget in 2023-24, reallocating it to establish a dedicated team that will have the flexibility to patch larger sections of road surface at a time, thereby delivering a longer lasting fix and better use of limited resources. 	Neil Ferris / James Gilchrist	Decision made at 20 July full council to suspend ward highway funding and spend on road repairs	Complete
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20/07/23	Getting York Moving Fairly	<p>For the next four-year administration, Council asks the Executive to commit to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Look wherever possible to improve the cycle network, including better linking of villages 2. Reverse the City Centre Blue Badge ban 3. Rule out a Congestion Charge 4. Address the stalled work on the dualling of the A1237 by working with stakeholders to deliver a scheme that meets the transport commitments within York's Climate Change Strategy and the emerging Local Transport Plan. 5. Calling on the new Mayoral Combined Authority, once 	Executive Members	<p>A new local transport strategy has been adopted and places cycling second on the transport hierarchy and an ongoing review of existing approaches to ensure we deliver that hierarchy at all times.</p> <p>Blue badge access has been reinstated to the footstreets through Executive decision in 2023.</p> <p>Planning permission has since been gained for the A1237 and a</p>	Complete

		established, to make taking back control of our buses a priority.		gateway review of next steps is currently underway. The devolution deal makes the Mayoral Combined Authority responsible for buses although transition arrangements are in place.	
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20/07/23	A city response to Food Insecurity	This council resolves to ask the Executive to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> write a letter to the Prime Minister and relevant ministers about the importance of introducing auto-enrolment for those entitled to free school meals; 	Executive Members / Martin Kelly / Maxine Squire / Pauline Stuchfield	See below – auto-enrolment introduced.	Complete
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> promote enrolment for free school meals to support children, young people and their families to help combat food insecurity and shortage in York; 	Martin Kelly / Maxine Squire / Pauline Stuchfield	The CYC admissions team promote FSM support for children as do schools. The scale up of auto enrolment is designed to ensure all those eligible receive the entitlement.	Complete

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> work more closely with Parish Councils and groups like Edible York and YACIO (York Allotments Charitable Incorporated Organisation) to develop ideas for increasing the number of public green spaces available for food production by communities across York; 	Martin Kelly / Pauline Stuchfield	See below	Live
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> request that the council's scrutiny function undertakes a review of community food growing opportunities and makes recommendations to Executive to expand these opportunities, including considering the prospects for expanding an Edible York project in Tang Hall to other parts of the city to bring more underused gardens into use for food growing. 	Martin Kelly / Pauline Stuchfield	Food Scrutiny review in progress	Live

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21/09/23	Get me home safely	Council resolves to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fully support Unite's "Get me Home Safely" campaign; 			
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request that through the Purple Flag Working Group, officers work with partners to help implement the aims of this campaign; 	James Gilchrist	The BID now lead on Purple Flag. The Bid have recently access OPFCC funding to improve and light up some of the darkest alleyways to improve safety. Looking also at short messaging videos on people getting home safely	Live
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ask the Licensing Committee to undertake policy consultation work on encouraging licence holders to offer free transport to workers for getting home safely after 11pm, with a view to this recommendation being added under 'Night-time safety' provisions when the Statement of Licensing Policy is next reviewed; 	Executive Members	The Statement of Licensing Policy is currently being reviewed, a recommendation can be included with regards to having arrangements in place for workers to get home safely – this will not be enforceable.	Live
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the introduction of legal requirements for training transport workers on preventing gender-based violence, sexual assault and harassment 	James Gilchrist	Statement of Licensing Policy due to be reviewed this year – this is already included in the 'night-time safety'	Live

		on public transport and private hire vehicles;		section of the LA03 Policy with regards to staff training (and it will remain in the reviewed Policy), we encourage licence holders to engage with NYP Licensing who offer free Welfare and Vulnerability Engagement (WAVE) training. Currently safeguarding and equalities is included in taxi driver training prior to licensing. Licensed drivers must undertake refresher training every 3 years	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Publicly call for improvement to late night and off-peak transport service provision to provide extra night services, as well as work with employers to discuss funding for supplementary taxi travel; 	Executive Members	First York and York University are launching upgraded late night routes connecting York University with the City Centre from 13 th September 2024.	Live
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Publicly call for the lowering of bus fares and opposition to any cuts to public transport funding and write to our two Members of Parliament to outline the Council's support for the Get Me Home Safely campaign and ask them to use 	Executive Members	Government have been funding £2 bus fare since Jan 2023 and runs until the end of 2024.	Live

		<p>their positions to achieve these aims and resolutions;</p>		<p>CYC has reduced young persons fares to £1 per single trip to the end of December 2024 through the Bus Service Improvement Plan programme. Young people are eligible up until their 19th birthday. We will promote continuation of reduced fares to the Mayoral Combined Authority as part of developing a BSIP for the wider York and North Yorkshire area.</p>	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Publicly call for the municipal ownership of buses to be actively considered and lessons learned from the experience of other cities and regions, including the bus franchising systems being pursued by Labour Metro Mayors in West Yorkshire, Liverpool City Region and Greater Manchester, in order to lower prices and improve service provision, especially for night-time and off-peak services; 	<p>Executive Members</p>		<p>Live</p>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make representation to appropriate sub-regional and national government to bring forward national minimum standards for taxis and private hire, as per the recommendations of the 2018 national Task and Finish Group, and in support of 	<p>Executive Members</p>	<p>New Minimum Standards are in place and DfT Best Practice Guidance has been incorporated into the draft of a new taxi</p>	<p>Live</p>

		this motion and its demands on behalf of our local community.		licensing policy to go before Licensing Committee in October 2024.	
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23.11.23	Withdrawal of the Public Switched Telephone Network	<p>Council resolves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ask the Corporate Services, Climate Change and Scrutiny Management Committee to include as an agenda item at a meeting of that committee or another scrutiny committee in the next three months, consideration of York's level of preparedness for this change. Participants in the discussion could include local authority, telecoms, NHS, care, voluntary sector and other partners as appropriate. 	Pauline Stuchfield		Complete
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ask the relevant Executive Members to ensure that all front-line staff working with groups who may be particularly affected by this change are suitably briefed in order to be able to direct residents and their families/carers to sources of information and support. 	Pauline Stuchfield		Live

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21.3.24	Safeguarding future library provision	<p>Council resolves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ask the relevant Executive Member and council officers to continue engaging proactively in the next three months with York Explore, service users and, through Scrutiny, elected members of all parties in order to ensure that future library provision in York continues to meet residents' needs and expectations, including reforming the mobile library service and retaining the number of staffed libraries and library services, including to outlying areas not covered by Gateway or Explore libraries across the city; 	Pauline Stuchfield		Live
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To request the Executive Member for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care and the Leader of the Council write to the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, and the Arts Council, to clarify the council's financial position and to reassure them of the council's commitment to York's libraries and archives. 			Live

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17/07/24	Ending disenfranchisement in elections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ask Group Leaders to write to the Secretary of State with responsibility for Local Government and to the Minister with responsibility for elections to support the calls of the AEA in requesting a review of current postal and emergency proxy vote rules, including revising the timetable for postal vote registrations, to ensure everyone who registers can vote; Request the Government scraps the Voter ID requirement for voting completely. 	Bryn Roberts / Cllr Douglas	Draft letter prepared and circulated to Group Leaders; Conservative Group unwilling to sign in respect of second bullet point.	Live

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19.9.24	Community response to Israel-Gaza conflict	<p>We, the Council and people of York, in keeping with our city's status as the first Human Rights City in the UK, resolve to urgently call for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An immediate and permanent ceasefire in Gaza and Israel based on recent peace proposals. Immediate access within Gaza to water, medical and food supplies, restoration of 	Councillors Lomas and Baxter/Pauline Stuchfield		Complete

		<p>electricity, and provision of proper shelters for all impacted by the war.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The immediate release of all Israeli hostages and Palestinian detainees. 			
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19.9.2024	York's Local Plan	<p>Council resolved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ask the Executive Member for Housing, Planning and Safer Communities to approve a council response to the Government consultation referred to above which expresses support for annual housing targets, including affordable housing targets, that are based on evidenced need, including latest household formation figures; the response should urge the government to reassess the way in which student housing is deemed to meet housing demand, given the many logical differences between the two supplies. 	Claire Foale/Cllr Pavlovic	<p>Response submitted to government following EMDS on 23 September 2024</p> <p>Agenda for Decision Session - Executive Member for Housing, Planning and Safer Communities on Monday, 23 September 2024, 3.00 pm (york.gov.uk) item 9</p>	Complete
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ask the Executive Member to reaffirm his commitment, as reported in The Press on 13 June 2023 (https://www.yorkpress.co.uk/news/23583238.will-no-extra-new-housing-green-belt-says-york-labour/), that within his powers and outside of the independence of the Local Planning Authority, the only housing development allowed on green belt 	Claire Foale/Cllr Pavlovic	<p>Letter written to Deputy Prime Minister October 24, confirming commitment to permanence of green belt</p>	Complete

		land will be on those sites already allocated for development or otherwise allowed for in the Liberal Democrat-led draft Local Plan.			
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