

City of York Council

Resolutions and proceedings of the Meeting of the City of York Council held in The Guildhall, York on Thursday, 19 September 2024, starting at 6.30 pm

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

Acomb Ward

Lomas
Rose

Bishopthorpe Ward

Nicholls

Clifton Ward

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

Heworth Ward

B Burton
Douglas
Webb

Heworth Without Ward

Ayre

Holgate Ward

Kent
Steels-Walshaw
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 BEM
Warters

Rawcliffe and Clifton Without Ward

Smalley
Wann
Waudby

Rural West York Ward

Hook
Knight

Strensall Ward

Healey

Westfield Ward

Coles
Waller

Wheldrake Ward

Vassie

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Fisher and Pearson. Councillor Nelson was absent on parental leave.

27. Declarations of Interest (6:37 pm)

At this point in the meeting, Members and co-opted members were asked to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests, or other registerable interests, they might have in respect of business on this agenda, if they had not already done so in advance on the Register of Interests. None were declared.

28. Minutes (6:37 pm)

Resolved: That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 17 July 2024 be approved and then signed by the Chair as a correct record.

29. Civic Announcements (6:37 pm)

The Lord Mayor gave a summary of the activities of the civic party since her last update, which included:

- Welcoming Lord Mayors and Mayors from all over the County on Yorkshire Day. The Lord Mayor expressed her gratitude to the staff who worked hard to make the day so special and uniquely York.
- Recording a message in French to support and uphold the city's connections with Dijon regarding the 80th Anniversary of their liberation from occupation.
- Joining the Flightpath Association, a family of 3 nations: the UK, Germany and the Netherlands, for a service in remembrance of the memorial of the last German Warplane to crash on British soil.

The Lord Mayor also thanked staff for organising a magnificent Georgian Festival.

30. Public Participation (6:40 pm)

It was reported that ten people had registered to speak at the meeting under the council's Public Participation Scheme.

The first six speakers referenced Agenda Item 8, specifically the motion concerning community response to Israel-Gaza conflict.

Richard Murgatroyd addressed the ongoing genocide and crisis in Palestine and spoke on the council's position to support an end to the war in Gaza to secure peace and justice for Palestine.

Roger Kaufman addressed the crisis in Gaza, and he urged the council to call for an immediate, permanent, and meaningful ceasefire.

Josh Goldman spoke on the conflict in Palestine and addressed York's status as a City of Sanctuary. He expressed his concerns regarding the council's inaction over the escalated violence and he urged the council to acknowledge its humanitarian obligations to support justice for Palestine.

Naomi Wigley addressed York's status as a City of Human Rights and a City of Sanctuary in light of the crisis in Gaza. She called for the council to support justice for Palestine and recognise with compassion and understanding, the humanitarian disaster that has been taking place in Gaza and the wider occupied territories.

Mohamed El-Gomati acknowledged the petition that was submitted to the council calling for an immediate ceasefire and the restoration of essential services in Gaza and the release of all hostages and detainees. He shared some personal experiences and highlighted the crisis and genocides in Gaza, and he called on the council to act and impose sanctions.

Jane Carter thanked the council for the proposed resolution, and she addressed the crisis in Gaza. She urged the council to work collectively to influence the course of this genocide.

Gwen Swinburn spoke on scrutiny improvements and governance matters. She supported the motion on streamlining and reviewing residents parking and she suggested that the report should consider introducing residents parking across the entire city.

Flick Williams joined the meeting remotely and spoke on Agenda Item 6, Responses to the Leader's Report and Agenda Item 8, motion concerning the Local Plan. She addressed the National Planning Policy Framework consultation and why accessible housing should be part of every housing development.

Geoff Beacon spoke on Agenda Item 6, Report of Executive Leader, addressing the net zero 2030 targets and he advised how

car free housing could cut housing costs and begin to address net zero.

Ben Ffrench spoke on behalf of David Alexander and addressed Agenda Item 5, Petitions. He acknowledged the petition to restore Hull Road Park to its former glory, and that a similar petition had been submitted by a local resident calling on the restoration of York's parks and Bar Walls. He raised issues with Osbaldwick Beck in Hull Road Park and urged the council to consider the improvements required.

The Lord Mayor thanked all public participants for their contributions.

31. Petitions (7:17pm)

Cllr Baxter moved a motion without notice, under Rule B14 (2) (j) of the Procedure Rules, in order to suspend Procedure Rule B5 (1). This was seconded by Cllr Waller and after being put to the vote, the motion was carried.

Under Rule B5 (2), the following petitions were then presented for reference to the Corporate Services, Climate Change and Scrutiny Management Committee, in accordance with the council's petition arrangements:

- i) Cllr Myers, relating to Community Pharmacies.¹
- ii) Cllr Moroney, relating to Hull Road Park.²
- iii) Cllr Waller, relating to the Connexions number 16 bus.³
- iv) Cllr Mason, relating to restoring Yorks Parks and Bar Walls.⁴

Action Required

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| 1. Keep updated the petitions log for referral to CSCCSMC on Community Pharmacies. | CR |
| 2. Keep updated the petitions log for referral to CSCCSMC on Hull Road Park. | LN |
| 3. Keep updated the petitions log for referral to CSCCSMC on the Connexions number 16 bus. | LN |
| 4. Keep updated the petitions log for referral to CSCCSMC on Yorks Parks and Bar Walls. | LN |

32. **Report of Executive Leader, Questions, and Executive Recommendations (7:24 pm)**

Before presenting her written report on the work of the Executive, Cllr Douglas paid tribute to two long serving council employees, Richard Douglas and Beverley Hills, who had sadly passed away.

Members were then invited to question the Leader on her report. Questions were received from the floor from the following Members in relation to the subjects listed and replied to as indicated:

Improved support offer for Care Leavers

From Cllr Clarke: How has the council's approach to supporting those in care changed so that it warrants praise from OFSTED?

Response: It has been very important and heartwarming to see the improvements in children's services over the past two years and particularly over the past 18 months. I'd like to thank Martin Kelly and his team for all the work they have done. Cllr Webb has been working very closely alongside them, particularly around corporate parenting where we've seen improvements in the housing offer that's available to young people as they leave care. There will no longer be a cliff edge on the council tax support that was previously for one year. It will now be phased over 3 years, which is what the young people asked for as care leavers. A big part of the improvements is listening to care leavers and taking into account what they feel they need and delivering on that for them. Council employees and councillors are all corporate parents and should be working and thinking about our care leavers and our young people in care in the same way that we would want for our own children. I'd like to thank you all and encourage you to really take note of what is going on and how you can support that.

Supplementary from Cllr Rowley BEM: Can I ask the Leader to look at the possibility of giving a place on the Corporate Parenting Board to the Conservative Group?

Response: I am more than happy to take that away and look at it.

Supplementary from Cllr Clarke: What do you see as the council's responsibilities as a corporate parent?

Response: I think I may have answered that previously. We all have our responsibility in that area, and it is to make sure that young people who have come into our care and leave the care of the City of York Council can go off into adult life with the skills, the confidence and with the amenities and services that they need to

transition into adult life in whatever route that they take. It's ongoing work and is tremendously important.

Combined Authority and Regional

From Cllr Warters: Regarding partnership working between the Combined Authority, City of York, and North Yorkshire Councils, why is it necessary to have three separate senior staff hierarchies at each authority costing taxpayers a fortune? Surely the current arrangements offer us the opportunity to investigate and hopefully instigate shared service delivery?

Response: It does give the opportunity for shared services where it is appropriate, and if it is to the benefit of both local authorities and the region then I am always open to that, and I know other officers are. There are conversations going on about where that can benefit us, but the Combined Authority doesn't do everything for us. There are many services that quite rightly will continue to remain in the constituent local authority. It is really important that we are efficient at the same time and where it is appropriate that the Combined Authority leads on certain initiatives and projects that they do. It's early days and conversations are ongoing, and we may over time see some changes in how our authority and the Combined Authority interact.

Haxby Station Project

From Cllr Widdowson: The Labour government has pulled support for it; can you explain what steps you have taken to try and save the Haxby Station Project?

Response: The Labour government hasn't pulled the project at all and Cllr Kilbane through the Combined Authority and his role on TNF is still pushing very hard for that. It is an important part of our economic growth plans for the region. It's important to the coastal community, particularly Scarborough, that we get a half hourly train service over into York to open up economic opportunity for them, North Yorkshire are very keen on that. We've been pushing hard to make sure that Haxby Station remains on the plan. We will continue to do that and so will the Mayor, David Skaith and also the leadership of North Yorkshire. It is a joint effort to get that in place because it benefits everybody.

Supplementary from Cllr Ayre: Has there been a request to the Mayor to put funding in if necessary and if so what quantum of funding is likely to be available?

Response: The first approach is going for government funding. The focus at the moment is to make sure that the business case is

absolutely watertight, and I know that the Mayor has already spoken to the Secretary of State for Transport about this very issue. We're not giving up on the government funding by any means. I think there is a really strong argument for it, and we will have to see where it takes us. I'll keep you updated as information comes through.

B – Executive Recommendation

Cllr Douglas moved, and Cllr Kilbane seconded, the following recommendations contained in Minute 14 of the Executive meeting held on 18 July 2024 and Minute 27 and 35 of the Executive meeting held on 12 September 2024.

Minute 14, Capital Programme Outturn

Recommended:

- i. Recommend to Full Council the restated 2024/25 to 2028/29 programme of £421.368m as summarised in Table 3 and detailed in Annex 1 to the report;

Reason: To enable the effective management and monitoring of the council's capital programme.

Minute 27, Capital Programme Update Monitor 1

Recommended:

- i. To recommend to Full Council the adjustments resulting in a decrease in the 2024/25 budget of £81.72m as detailed in the report.

Reason: To enable the effective management and monitoring of the council's capital programme.

Minute 35, Safer York Partnership Community Safety Strategy

Recommended:

- i. Recommended to Full Council for approval in accordance with the council's Constitution.

Reason: To progress the strategy to approval at Full Council and note the council's role in delivery of the strategy.

On being put to the vote, the recommendations were declared CARRIED, and it was

Resolved: That the above recommendations be approved.^{1,2,3}

Action Required

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| 1. Note approval of the recommendation on the Capital Programme Outturn and take the appropriate action. | DM |
| 2. Note approval of the recommendation on the Capital Programme Update Monitor 1 and take the appropriate action. | DM |
| 3. Note approval of the recommendation on the Safer York Partnership Community Safety Strategy and take the appropriate action. | JM |

33. Report of Deputy Leader and Questions (7:54 pm)

A written report was received from the Deputy Leader, Cllr Kilbane.

Members were then invited to question the Deputy Leader on his report. Questions were received from the floor from the following Members in relation to the subjects listed, and replied to as indicated:

Millenium Bridge

From Cllr Whitcroft: Can you explain to Council how we worked together to improve Millennium Bridge to ensure it was accessible even in the worst cases of flooding and what lessons we have learnt to make sure transport decisions are made quickly in the city?

Response: It was a complicated job as the initial spec that was pulled together wasn't up to standard and it had progressed quite a long way down the line before it had to be pulled. There are difficulties with building these kinds of structures, but the huge advantage is we managed to find a solution that the Environment Agency was happy with and could sign off. That now means that the Fishergate side of the bridge and the Micklegate side of the bridge will still be accessible. It's great to finally get it done. It's been talked about for years and it's been tried for years. It is an indication of this administration's delivery.

Riots

From Cllr Melly: Can you tell us what steps the council took and what work you did with local partners at the time of the recent national unrest?

Response: During the right-wing riots that we witnessed in August, this was a very scary time for many people in the city. This also coincided with the Leader's annual leave which meant that I was in charge as far as York was concerned. Working with colleagues in North Yorkshire and with the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner we managed to know what was going on in York and North Yorkshire and we managed to prepare for the worst and hope for the best. Fortunately, the worst didn't happen, and I would like to put on record my thanks to all of the officers across all of the local authorities and the officers at the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for the work that they did 24 hours a day to stay on top of the situation within our region. Many people went way above and beyond, and I would also like to thank the residents who turned out in their hundreds to offer their support and solidarity to communities in our city that were feeling very scared. Finally, it would be very remiss of me, especially seen as some of our friends from the mosque are in the room tonight, to not thank them for all the work they did at the height of the worry. As I say in my report, the right-wing tried to spread fear instead of which they spread solidarity, they spread hope, they increased friendships between communities and some of those friendships that were born at that time will be long lasting and will be for the benefit of our entire city. Thanks to our friends at the mosque for all that they did to reassure the communities in York at that rather worrying time for everyone. The threat is still there, and we must be vigilant and fight it where we find it.

34. Motions on Notice (8:01 pm)

Under the Council Procedure Rules, Part B3 (2), the Lord Mayor varied the order of the Motions on Notice in order to bring forward the motion on community response to Israel-Gaza conflict.

(i) Community Response to Israel-Gaza Conflict

Moved by Cllr Douglas, seconded by Cllr Kilbane.

"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:

- 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 electricity, and provision of proper shelters for all impacted by the war.
- The immediate release of all Israeli hostages and Palestinian detainees.”

Cllr Steward then moved, and Cllr Rowley BEM seconded, an amendment to the above motion, as follows:

“In the last bullet point:

- insert ‘any’ before ‘Palestinian’
- insert an ‘s’ onto ‘Palestinian’ and then insert ‘detained otherwise than in accordance with international law.’
- delete detainees.”

On being put to the vote, the amendment was declared LOST.

The original motion was then put to the vote and was declared CARRIED, and it was

Resolved: That the above motion be approved.¹

[An adjournment took place between 8:23pm and 8:44pm]

(ii) York’s Local Plan

Cllr Ayre sought consent to alter his motion to incorporate the amendment submitted by Cllr Rowley BEM.

On being put to the vote, the amendment was CARRIED, and the amended motion was then moved by Cllr Ayre and seconded by Cllr Orrell, as follows:

“Council notes:

- The continued progress with agreeing a Local Plan for York to deliver much-needed new homes and land for employment
- The ongoing Government consultation on revisions to the National Planning Policy Framework and wider policy proposals
- That the current draft Local Plan is meeting a need of 822 dwellings per annum (net average) for the City of York and the new standard method proposed by the Government

would set a revised figure of 1,251, compared to the current standard method figure of 1,020

- That the July 2020 letter from planning inspectors challenged the council for overdelivering on housing in the Local Plan
- That the council's independent evidence base said about the 822 dwellings per annum housing target in the Local Plan that "there would not be the level of household growth required to fill this number of homes."
- That the 2024 Liberal Democrat General Election manifesto set a target of building 380,000 homes each year across the UK, with the Labour and Conservative manifestos including similar figures
- That the 2024 Liberal Democrat General Election manifesto promised to introduce 'use-it-or-lose-it' planning permission for developers who refuse to build.
- That whilst York's housing targets have increased by 22%, London's targets have seen a 20% reduction
- That the council's response to the Government consultation is due to be agreed at an Executive Member Decision Session on 23 September 2024.

Council believes:

- That adoption of the Local Plan is a crucial step towards delivering much-needed new homes for York
- That the draft Local Plan contains ambitious and deliverable targets which will meet the pressing need for more new homes, whilst preserving York's unique setting and environment
- That other measures can play an important part in improving the supply of homes for local residents, such as giving local authorities new powers to control second homes and short-term lets in their area and introducing 'use-it-or-lose-it' planning permission for developers who refuse to build.

Council resolves:

- 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 the retention of the housing target contained in the current draft Local Plan. 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.
- 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-newhousing-green-belt-says-york-labour/>), that the only housing development allowed on green belt land will be on those sites already allocated for development in the draft Local Plan.”

Cllr Ben Burton then moved, and Cllr Merrett seconded, an amendment to the above motion, as follows:

“Under Council notes:

In the first bullet point:

- insert ‘,’ after ‘homes’ and delete ‘and’
- after employment insert ‘, and supporting infrastructure and facilities.’

In the fourth bullet point:

- after ‘inspectors’ insert ‘asked the council to confirm, with supporting evidence, if latest 2018 household projection figures represented meaningful change to its evidence base, and therefore whether its annual housing targets remained appropriate for York’s’
- delete ‘challenged the council for overdelivering on housing in the’

In the fifth bullet point:

- After ‘homes’ insert ‘before factoring in housing requirements linked to forecast economic growth. However, under the previous Liberal Democrat-Green administration, the council response to the Inspectors confirmed 822 per annum remained appropriate and that it was sticking to an annual housing requirement of 822 dwellings p.a., based on up to date household projections, forecast employment growth and addressing historic shortfalls in housing delivery.’

Insert a sixth bullet point:

- ‘That the Council’s further evidence to the Local Plan hearings in August 2022 indicated an overall need for affordable housing within the plan period (2017 – 2033) of 9,396 affordable dwellings against a then expected total affordable housing supply during the same period of 3,265 affordable dwellings. This equated too only 35% of the anticipated total affordable housing need of 9,396, and still remains at well under 50% in the modified plan.’

Insert a seventh bullet point:

- The sizeable contribution of over 7,500 new Green Belt homes provided through the Liberal Democrat-led Local Plan, submitted to Government in 2018;’

In the now tenth bullet point:

- Insert after '22%' 'under the Government's proposed new methodology'

Under Council believes:

In the third bullet point:

- After 'in' insert 'preventing the loss of and delete improving the supply of'
- After 'area' insert ', revising 'Right to buy' terms,'
- After 'build' insert 'out a valid planning permission.'

Under Council resolves:

In the first bullet point:

- Delete 'the retention of the'
- After 'targets' include ', including affordable housing targets,'
- After 'are' insert 'based on evidenced need, including latest household formation figures;'
- Delete 'contained in the current draft Local Plan.'

In the second bullet point:

- After 'that' 'insert' within his powers and outside of the independence of the Local Planning Authority,'
- After the last 'development' insert 'or otherwise allowed for'
- After the last 'the' insert 'Liberal Democrat-led''

On being put to the vote, the amended motion was declared CARRIED, and it was

Resolved: That the above motion, as amended, be approved.²

(iii) Reforming Residents' Priority Parking in York

Moved by Cllr Whitcroft, seconded by Cllr Baxter.

"This Council notes that:

- Residents' Priority Parking (ResPark) schemes are crucial for managing parking pressures in residential areas of York;
- The current ResPark system is limited in scope and requires complex, time-consuming consultations for implementation or changes;
- Many residential streets currently lack ResPark protection, including a proportion of streets close to the city centre, and streets around schools and other key trip attractors throughout the city, leading to parking issues for residents.

This Council believes that:

- All residents within the City of York boundary should have

equitable access to car parking and ideally also car club schemes near to their homes, which can help to ease local parking pressures;

- The current consultation process for ResPark schemes is overly bureaucratic and expensive to the council and delays implementation of necessary parking controls, particularly with the 50% recommended turnout guideline;
- A more streamlined and comprehensive approach to ResPark would benefit residents and improve overall parking management in the city.

Council resolves to request Executive:

- Simplifies the process for implementing and modifying ResPark schemes by:
 - Developing a set of standardised criteria for ResPark eligibility;
 - Developing a streamlined consultation and implementation process for ResPark schemes, in accordance with current legislation;
 - Conducting a city-wide review of the Respark process;
 - Working to reform the turnout guideline in Residents' Parking consultations to reflect area-specific issues for some streets, including consistently unoccupied properties, short-term and part time occupancy properties, and HMOs;
 - Reviewing the pricing structure for ResPark permits to ensure fair pricing for residents.
- Asks the Executive Member for Transport to work with council officers to present a detailed plan and timeline for expanding and reforming ResPark, in accordance with existing legislation, to the Executive, when capacity exists;
- Commits to implementing a reformed ResPark system, having considered the measures proposed in this motion and in accordance with existing legislation.”

On being put to the vote, the motion was declared CARRIED, and it was:

Resolved: That the above motion be approved.³

(iv) Dignity in retirement

Cllr Runciman sought consent to alter her motion to incorporate the amendment submitted by Cllr Nicholls.

On being put to the vote, the amendment was declared LOST, and the original motion was then moved by Cllr Runciman and seconded by Cllr Vassie, as follows:

“Council notes

- The Labour Government is cutting winter fuel payments for 10 million pensioners in the UK
- According to the Labour Government’s own figures 800,000 of the lowest income pensioners who are eligible for Pension Credit but do not receive it will lose their Winter Fuel Payments
- Age UK’s campaign to “Save the Winter Fuel Payment for struggling pensioners” which seeks to stop Labour’s means testing of the Winter Fuel Payments
- The Parliamentary Liberal Democrat Motion that sought to block the cut to Winter Fuel Payments
- That locally in York, the Labour administration have cut the contract they held with Age UK to deliver York’s Older People Community Support Service
- That if the York Liberal Democrats’ alternative budget for 2024/25 had been approved by Council, the cut to Age UK’s contract would not have happened
- That 1639 pensioners who are entitled to Pension Credit in York do not claim it, meaning that there is £3.7million worth of unclaimed benefits for pensioners.

Council believes

- That the Age UK Day Clubs were a lifeline for many older residents, encouraging social interaction, providing lunch and enabling older people to keep warm in winter
- The Council should not have made the decision to cut Age UK’s contract
- That many older residents who do not currently qualify for the means tested Winter Fuel Payments will have to choose between heating their home or eating
- That York’s two Labour MPs should use their influence to persuade the Government to reverse the decision to cut York pensioners’ Winter Fuel Allowances
- That pensioners in York should have dignity in their retirement and currently will be £700 worse off a year due to the cumulative effects of Labour’s cut to the Winter Fuel Payment, the loss of the Cost of Living Payment, the rise in the energy price cap and the Green Bin Tax

- That the Council should do all it can to mitigate the impact on older people of decisions that it has taken, and decisions taken by the Labour Government
- That the impact of the decision to cut Winter Fuel Payments will hit colder cities like York more
- That the City of York Council has a responsibility to alert every household in York about the benefits they are entitled, how to claim them and the support that is available to assist with making claims.

Council resolves

- To ask the Leader of the Council, Leader of the Council's opposition groups and York's two MPs to write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer to ask them to reverse the Winter Fuel Allowance cut
- To ask the Leader of the Council, on behalf of the entire Executive, to sign the Age UK petition on the Winter Fuel Allowance cut
- To request that the Executive Members for Finance, Major Projects and Equalities work with officers to create a plan for consideration by the relevant Scrutiny Committee(s) which sets out a range of measures that could be taken to mitigate the impact of the above decisions on York's pensioners. This should include consideration of waiving the Green Bin Tax for pensioners, refunding all pensioners who have already paid it, reversing the cut to funding to Age UK York for Day Clubs and reinstating funding for a replacement Dial and Ride service
- To request that the Council Leader confirms, in writing to Councillors, that there will be no reduction in the number of warm spaces available to vulnerable residents this winter and next winter
- To request that officers write to all 1639 pensioners who are currently entitled to Pension Credit and do not claim it, informing them of the Winter Fuel Payment changes and encouraging them to claim for the benefits, they are entitled to."

Cllr Nicholls then moved, and Cllr Rowley BEM seconded, the first amendment to the above motion, as follows:

"Under Council resolves:

In the first bullet point:

- delete 'and York's two MPs' and after 'cut' insert 'and to write to York's two MPs expressing disappointment that they did not vote to keep the Winter Fuel allowance and urge them to change their position.'

In the fifth bullet point:

- after 'To' insert 'launch a campaign of awareness, including' and delete 'request that'.
 - amend 'write' to 'writing'
 - Insert a new sentence at the end 'The campaign should also include reaching out to Parish Councils and the likes of Citizens Advice and Age UK and Explore to best maximise take-up.'
- Insert a sixth bullet point:
- 'To use all pressure to ensure no worsening of the situation for pensioners, including lobbying for no change to pensioner free bus passes or the single person council tax discount which many benefit from.'

On being put to the vote, the motion was declared LOST, and then Cllr Rose moved, and Cllr Coles seconded, a second amendment to the original motion, as follows:

“Under Council notes:

In the first bullet point:

- delete 'cutting' and insert 'moving to means testing of' delete 'for' and insert 'affecting'

In the second bullet point:

- delete 'for Pension Credit' insert 'will retain' delete 'but do not receive it will lose their'
- after 'payments' insert 'by signing up for Pension Credit;'

In the fifth bullet point:

- after 'administration' insert 'has agreed a saving through' and delete 'have cut'
- after 'contract' delete 'they'
- insert after 'Service,' as part of efforts to address a £44m black hole it inherited in the council's finances;'

In the sixth bullet point:

- after '2024/25' insert 'which involved dangerous financial risk through use of one off funding for permanent services and was not recommended by the council's Chief Finance Officer,
- after 'contract' insert 'could potentially have been avoided in the current year 2024-25;'
- delete 'would not have happened'

In the seventh bullet point:

- delete '1639' and add '470'
- after 'is' insert 'around £1m' and delete '£3.7million'

Under Council believes:

In the first bullet point:

- after 'winter' insert 'and that Age UK York and the council supporting them to find alternative social groups is essential.'

In the second bullet point:

- after 'Council' insert 'has taken a very difficult decision to make savings to'
- delete 'should not have made the decision to cut'
- Delete the third bullet point

In the now third bullet point:

- after 'Government' insert 'to review the means-testing threshold level for' and delete 'to reverse the decision to cut York pensioners'
- after 'Allowances' insert 'to ensure the benefit reaches those who need it most;'
- Delete the fifth bullet point

In the now fifth bullet point:

- after 'to' insert 'means-test' and delete 'cut'

In the now sixth bullet point:

- after 'entitled' insert 'to'

Under Council resolves:

In the first bullet point:

- before 'reverse' insert 'review' and then delete 'reverse'
- after 'Allowance' insert 'eligibility threshold;' and delete 'cut'
- Delete the second bullet point

In the now second bullet point:

- Delete the last sentence
- After 'pensioners' insert 'including maintaining financial support for warm spaces in York through allocation of Household Support Fund grants;'
- Delete the now third bullet point

In the last bullet point:

- insert 'continue' after 'officers'
- delete 'write' and insert 'writing'
- delete '1639' and insert '470'

On being put to the vote, the amended motion was declared CARRIED, and it was

Resolved: That the above motion, as amended, be approved.⁴

Action Required

1. To note approval of the motion on Community Response to Israel-Gaza Conflict and take the appropriate action. PS
2. To note approval of the motion on York's Local Plan and take the appropriate action. CF

3. To note approval of the motion on Reforming Residents' Priority Parking in York and take the appropriate action. JG

4. To note approval of the motion on Dignity in Retirement and take the appropriate action. SS

35. Questions to the Leader or Executive Members (10:26 pm)

No questions were put, as the guillotine had fallen.

36. Report of Executive Member (10:26 pm)

A written report was received from Cllr Steels-Walshaw, the Executive Member for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care

No questions were put, as the guillotine had fallen.

37. Scrutiny - Report of the Chair of the Corporate Services, Climate Change and Scrutiny Management Committee (10:27pm)

A written report was received from Cllr Fenton, Chair of the Corporate Services, Climate Change and Scrutiny Management Committee, on the work of the committee.

38. Proposed Change to the Council Procedure Rules (10:27 pm)

The following recommendation contained in the report of the Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer at page 60 of the agenda papers was deemed moved and seconded and was voted on without debate:

“To approve the deletion of paragraph B3 1 i) of the Council Procedure Rules, and the renumbering of the remaining items accordingly.”

Reason: In order to remove a report which was recognised as being unnecessary.

On being put to the vote the recommendation was declared CARRIED, and it was

Resolved: That the above recommendation be approved.¹

Action Required

1. Note approval of the recommendation on the proposed changes to the Council Procedure Rules and take the appropriate action. BR

39. Appointments and Changes to Membership (10:27 pm)

Resolved: That the appointments and changes to memberships of Committees, Working Groups and Outside Bodies, as set out on page 61 of the agenda pack, be approved.

Action Required

1. To note approval of the revised appointments list, make the changes on the system and inform organisations as required. LC

Cllr Wells

LORD MAYOR OF YORK

[The meeting started at 18:30 and concluded at 22:26]