

City of York Council

Resolutions and proceedings of the Meeting of the City of York Council held in the Guildhall, York on Thursday, 22 May 2025, starting at 11.00 am.

Present: The outgoing Lord Mayor (Cllr Margaret Wells) in the Chair for the first part of the meeting, the incoming Lord Mayor (Cllr Martin Rowley BEM) in the Chair for the second part of the meeting, and the following Councillors:

Acomb Ward	Bishopthorpe Ward
Lomas Rose	Nicholls
Clifton Ward	Copmanthorpe Ward
Myers	Steward
Dringhouses & Woodthorpe Ward	Fishergate Ward
Fenton Mason	Whitcroft Wilson
Fulford and Heslington Ward	Guildhall Ward
Ravilious	Clarke Melly Merrett
Haxby & Wigginton Ward	Heworth Ward
Cuthbertson Hollyer Watson	B Burton Douglas Webb
Heworth Without Ward	Holgate Ward
	Kent Steels-Walshaw Taylor

Hull Road Ward

Huntington and New Earswick
Ward

Baxter
Moroney
Pavlovic

Cullwick
Orrell
Runciman

Micklegate Ward

Osbalwick and Derwent Ward

J Burton
Crawshaw
Kilbane

Rawcliffe and Clifton Without Ward

Rural West York Ward

Hook
Knight

Strensall Ward

Westfield Ward

Healey

Coles
Waller

Wheldrake Ward

Vassie

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Nelson, Smalley, Warters, Waudby and Widdowson.

1. Apologies for Absence (11.05 am)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ayre, Fisher, Nelson, Smalley, Warters, Waudby and Widdowson.

2. Declarations of Interest (11.05 am)

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. None were declared.

3. Appointment of Lord Mayor (11.06 am)

Councillor Cullwick moved, Councillor Baxter seconded, and Council unanimously

Resolved: That Councillor Martin Rowley BEM be elected Lord Mayor of the City of York for the ensuing municipal year.

4. Qualification of Lord Mayor (11.22 am)

Councillor Martin Rowley BEM signified Acceptance of the Office of the Lord Mayor of the City of York, subscribed the Declaration of such acceptance and took the Oath of Allegiance prescribed by the law in that behalf.

5. Appointment of Sheriff (11.30 am)

Councillor Steward moved, Councillor Fenton seconded, and Council unanimously

Resolved: That Paul Doughty be elected Sheriff of the City of York for the ensuing municipal year.

6. Qualification of Sheriff (11.48 am)

Paul Doughty signified Acceptance of the Office of the Sheriff of the City of York, subscribed the Declaration of such acceptance and took the Oath of Allegiance prescribed by the law in that behalf.

7. Appointment of Deputy Lord Mayor (11.53 am)

Councillor Rowley as Lord Mayor moved, Councillor Steward seconded, and Council unanimously

Resolved: That Councillor Margaret Wells be appointed Deputy Lord Mayor for the ensuing municipal year.

8. Qualification of Deputy Lord Mayor (11.54 am)

Councillor Margaret Wells made and subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of the Office of Deputy Lord Mayor of the City of York and took the Affirmation of Allegiance prescribed by law.

9. Under Sheriff (11.55 am)

The Sheriff advised Council that Arif Khalfe had been chosen to serve as Under Sheriff during this year of office, and thanked him for undertaking this service to the City.

10. Vote of Thanks to Outgoing Lord Mayor and Lord Mayor's Consort (11.55 am)

Councillor Fenton moved, Councillor Nicholls seconded, and Council unanimously

Resolved: That Council express its sincere thanks to the outgoing Lord Mayor, Councillor Margaret Wells, and Lord Mayor's Consort, Paul Midgley, for their services to the city during the past municipal year.

11. Vote of Thanks to Outgoing Sheriff and Sheriff's Consort (12.18 pm)

Councillor Mason moved, Councillor Orrell seconded, and Council unanimously

Resolved: That Council express its sincere thanks to the outgoing Sheriff, Fiona Fitzpatrick, and Sheriff's Consort, Geoff Cossins, for their services to the city during the past municipal year.

12. Formal Business of Council - Committee Arrangements, Allocation of Seats and Appointments to the Council Structure and Other Bodies for 2025/26, and Allocation of Motions (12.25 pm)

Councillor Douglas moved, and Councillor Kilbane seconded, the recommendations in respect of allocations to seats, appointments, and other matters, as set out in the report of the Director of Governance at pages 7-15 of the updated agenda papers, with reference to Annexes A-F to that report and the further update to appointments to committees and outside bodies.

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

Resolved:

- i. To agree the allocation of seats in accordance with the arrangements set out in Annex A;
- ii. To agree the delegation of approval of future changes to group allocations to the Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer;
- iii. To note the Executive appointments and respective portfolios to be approved by the Leader of the Council;
- iv. To note the group nominations to Committees and other bodies, as well as appointments to Chairs and Vice-Chairs, as set out in this report and its annexes, together with details of any nominations and appointments which may be circulated prior to the meeting, in light of the Council's duty to give effect to group nominations;

- v. To waive political balance requirements in respect of the Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation place, as noted in Annex B4;
- vi. To note the allocation of motions for consideration at Ordinary Full Council meetings for the period 2025-2027 as set out in Annex C;
- vii. To agree the Terms of Reference for Corporate Scrutiny Committee, People Scrutiny Committee and Place Scrutiny Committee as shown at Annex D;
- viii. To agree the Terms of Reference of the Corporate Appeals Committee as shown at Annex F;
- ix. To agree the amendment to the number of seats on the Staffing Matters and Urgency Committee from five seats to three seats;
- x. In the event that the Leader of the Council notifies the Monitoring Officer of any changes to the Executive Portfolios, the Monitoring Officer to update the Council's Constitution accordingly.

Reason: To fulfil the Council's statutory and constitutional requirements.

Cllr Martin Rowley BEM
LORD MAYOR OF YORK

[The meeting started at 11.00 am and concluded at 12.27 pm]