



**CITY OF YORK COUNCIL
SUMMONS**

All Councillors, relevant Council Officers and other interested parties and residents are formally invited to attend a Remote meeting of the **City of York Council** to consider the business contained in this agenda on the following date and time

Thursday, 17 December 2020 at 6.10 pm

Note: the meeting will be webcast live for viewing on the Council's Youtube channel.

A G E N D A

1. Declarations of Interest

At this point, Members are asked to declare:

- any personal interests not included on the Register of Interests
- any prejudicial interests or
- any disclosable pecuniary interests

which they may have in respect of business on this agenda.

2. Minutes (Pages 1 - 26)

To approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 29 October 2020.

3. Civic Announcements

To consider any announcements made by the Lord Mayor in respect of Civic business.

4. Public Participation

At this point in the meeting, any member of the public who has registered to address the Council, or to ask a Member of the Council a question, on a matter directly relevant to the business of the Council or the City, may do so.

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5. Petitions

To consider any petitions received from Members in accordance with Standing Order No.15. Notice has not been received of any petitions to be presented.

6. Report of Executive Leader and Executive Recommendations (Pages 27 - 38)

To receive and consider a written report from the Leader and the Executive recommendations for approval, as set out below:

Meeting	Date	Recommendations
Executive	26 November 2020	Minute 67: <i>Update on the Asset Management Strategy 2017-2022</i> Minute 68: <i>Capital Programme – Monitor 2 2020/21</i>
Executive	15 December 2020	Minute 79: <i>New Stadium Leisure Complex Commercial Proposal on Restaurant Units</i> Minute 80: <i>Amendment to Council Tax Support Scheme</i> <i>(to follow)</i>

7. Report of Deputy Leader (Pages 39 - 42)

To receive a written report from the Deputy Leader.

8. Motions on Notice

To consider the following Motions on Notice under Standing Order 22:

Motions submitted for consideration directly by Council, in accordance with Standing Order 22.1

(i) From Cllr Rowley

Call for 'Free after three' Parking initiative

“Now that we have come out of the second national lockdown and in recognition of a continuing significant improvement in Covid case numbers, Council believes this is the time to take all practical steps to support residents and city businesses in recovering our local economy and helping to protect jobs.

As part of this recovery, Council calls for a **‘Free after three’ car parking scheme**. After a hopefully strong run up to Christmas Council is mindful that January sees a lull but businesses cannot afford this after the last nine months. The scheme would enable **free car parking at any City of York Council car park** after 3pm each day, seven days a week in January and February 2021.

The scheme would be likely to see a fall in overall parking revenue receipts but this will actually be modest against falls suffered in lockdowns already this year. However it is not a zero sum game as the drop in revenue we now proactively enable will help save jobs, businesses and receipts like business rates. Helping subsidise this scheme through the release of £250k from the general reserves is therefore a true case of spending now to avert a worse financial loss in the future.

It is proposed that Council delegate implementation of the scheme to the Chief Operating Officer, in consultation with the Leader.”

(ii) From Cllr Craghill

Finding the Sweet Spot – Carbon Reduction and Economic Prosperity

“Council notes:

- The commitment made by this Council in March 2019 to achieving zero carbon by 2030 and ongoing work on a 2030 strategy and action plan.
- The pressing need to tackle poverty and inequality in York,

exacerbated by the Covid crisis and the need to create new jobs and support our local economy as part of the Covid recovery.

- The innovative work being done by local councils as diverse as Amsterdam and Cornwall to use the globally acclaimed economic model developed by Oxford academic, Kate Raworth – now widely known as ‘Doughnut Economics’ – to make sure that all their policy decisions achieve both environmental sustainability and economic/social equity.

www.doughnuteconomics.org and
<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/climate-emergency/our-action-plan/what-is-cornwall-council-doing/decision-making-wheel/>

Council resolves

- To request officers to facilitate a wider understanding of the approach and how it can be used by arranging information sessions for elected members, relevant council officers and interested partner organisations.
- To request Executive to consider the use of the doughnut economics approach to inform the current review of the council's ‘Better Decision Making Tool’, and also in due course the potential to inform future strategy development (for example on carbon reduction, anti-poverty work and the city's Economic Strategy).”

(iii) From Cllr Hook

Stand up for Carers - Increasing Carer’s Allowance

“The pandemic has opened all our eyes to the importance of carers, whether employed in the care sector or unpaid people who care for family members.

Carers have been at the forefront of the Coronavirus pandemic response and continue to do a selfless and remarkable job in very difficult circumstances.

Despite this, the Government has overlooked these key workers and have failed to offer adequate support, and unpaid carers in particular have been left to face mounting financial and emotional pressures.

Carers UK research shows that unpaid carers in the UK have saved the state £530 million every day of the pandemic. It is time to give them the support they deserve.

Council notes:

- Caring for people's health doesn't stop at the hospital exit, or the GP's surgery door, there are approximately 6.5million volunteers in the UK who look after a family member or friend who is elderly or has a disability, or a mental or physical illness.
- The financial and emotional challenges faced by unpaid carers have been made far worse by the Coronavirus pandemic.
- There are around 19,000 carers in York, but many people who provide care do not recognise themselves as a 'carer'.
- The latest government figures show that 2,351 unpaid carers in York are entitled to receive Carer's Allowance, although only 1472 currently do.
- 879 people who are entitled to Carer's Allowance do not receive it due to overlapping benefits, these are mostly older carers on low incomes.
- 900,000 full-time unpaid carers rely on Carer's Allowance at just £67.25 a week; it is the lowest benefit of its kind.
- Carer's Allowance has not been increased during the pandemic despite the pressure on carers and economic impact of Covid-19.

Council believes that more must be done to support unpaid carers, particularly as they continue to face major financial and emotional challenges working on the frontline of the response to the pandemic.

Consequently, Council resolves:

- That the Council lobby national government to increase Carer's Allowance by £1,000 a year, from its current rate of £67.25 a week to £87.25, in line with the £20 a week uplift in Universal Credit, including those who do not receive the Allowance due to overlapping benefits and with equivalent increase in Carer Premium and Carer Addition.
- To call on the Government to expand the eligibility for Carer's Allowance, by raising the earning limit from £128 a week to at least £139.52.

- To request that the Executive Members for Communities and Adult Social Care & Health bring forward a report to a decision session, to highlight the work and voluntary efforts of carers in the city, including highlighting the work of the York Carers Centre. This report should further identify what is and can be done to support carers in York.”

(iv) From Cllr Webb

Developing the next generation of workers

Council believes that the Covid recession is the worst time for young people to be leaving education or training and seeking to enter the jobs market in almost 30 years.

Council notes:

- that from July to September, 16-24 year olds experienced the biggest percentage increase in rates of unemployment since the Labour Force Survey (LFS) started collecting quarterly data in 1992 – even before the initial furlough scheme ended;
- that according to Job Centre Plus, York currently has well over 1000 16-24 year olds unemployed;
- the continued importance of food services and accommodation to a visitor economy such as York’s and to the employment opportunities of young people more generally; this sector lost the highest percentage of jobs over the same quarter, with young workers worst affected;
- that since August 2019, £0.5m of unallocated council apprenticeship levy has been returned to the Treasury due to it not being spent within an imposed two year deadline.

Council believes proper plans must be developed at both the national and local levels to ensure young people in York are not consigned to years of unemployment or low paid, unstable work.

Council resolves:

- To request that the Chief Operating Officer, on behalf of the council, writes to the Chancellor and Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, seeking a broadening of the Government’s ‘Kickstart’ Scheme beyond just those young

people on Universal Credit and ‘at risk of long term unemployment’, and further, to push for a fully funded youth guarantee of jobs, training or employment;

- To request that Executive steps up its commitment to apprenticeship training in the council to train and develop more young people, helping to avoid the requirement to send more York apprenticeship funding back to Government, and to report on its progress through bi-annual updates to either Executive or the relevant Executive Member Decision Session;
- To support establishing a joint review, convened between Economy & Place and Children, Education & Communities scrutiny committees, to develop a robust strategy for ensuring that best use is made of all available support and funding for apprenticeships, both within the council and with partners and businesses throughout the city.”

9. Questions to the Leader or Executive Members

To question the Leader and/or Deputy Leader on their written reports, and to question the Leader and/or Executive Members in respect of any matter within their portfolio responsibility, in accordance with Standing Order 20.

Note to Members: In order to facilitate the smooth running of the remote meeting, the Lord Mayor has decided to set a deadline of 35 minutes in total for the above questions and responses, to include 10 minutes for questions on the report of the Leader and 10 minutes for questions on the report of the Deputy Leader.

10. Urgent Business

Any other business which the Chair considers urgent under the Local Government Act 1972.

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City of York Council

Resolutions and proceedings of the Meeting of the City of York Council held remotely on Thursday, 29 October 2020.

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

Acomb Ward	Bishopthorpe Ward
Lomas S Barnes	Galvin
Clifton Ward	Copmanthorpe Ward
Myers	Carr
Dringhouses & Woodthorpe Ward	Fishergate Ward
Widdowson Fenton Mason	D Taylor D'Agorne
Fulford and Heslington Ward	Guildhall Ward
Aspden	Fitzpatrick Craghill Looker
Haxby & Wigginton Ward	Heworth Ward
Hollyer Pearson	Douglas Perrett Webb
Heworth Without Ward	Holgate Ward
Ayre	Heaton Melly K Taylor

Hull Road Ward

Musson
Norman
Pavlovic

Huntington and New Earswick
Ward

Cullwick
Orrell
Runciman

Micklegate Ward

Baker
Kilbane
Crawshaw

Osbalwick and Derwent Ward

Rowley
Warters

Rawcliffe and Clifton Without Ward

Smalley
Wann
Waudby

Rural West York Ward

Barker
Hook

Strensall Ward

Doughty
Fisher

Westfield Ward

Daubeney
Hunter
Waller

Wheldrake Ward

Vassie

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Cuthbertson
and Wells

59. Declarations of Interest

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.

Councillor Baker declared a prejudicial interest in relation to the additional motion on Free School Meals moved without notice under Agenda Item 15 (Minute 73 refers), as a parent of a child in receipt of free school meals. She left the room during consideration of that motion and took no part in the debate or decision thereon.

60. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 19 December 2019 and the Budget Council meeting held on 27 February 2020 be approved as a correct record, to be signed by the Chair at a later date.

61. Civic Announcements

The Lord Mayor recorded the sad passing this year of three people of significance to the Council, namely:

David Horwell, Sheriff of York in 1993-94 and councillor for the former Foxwood ward from 1979 to 1988, who died in early May;
Anne Platt, Civic Services Secretary and latterly Mansion House Marketing and Events Manager, from 2004 to 2018, who died on 29 May;

Gill Brian, Sheriff of York in 2017-18, who died on 21 July.

Members observed a moment's silence in memory of them all.

62. Public Participation

It was reported that nine members of the public had registered to speak at the meeting under the Public Participation item.

Isaac Broadbent, Head Steward at the Mansion House, spoke on the busking guidelines as a matter within Council's remit. He highlighted the negative impact that frequent breaches of the

guidelines had on staff in nearby shops and attractions, and suggested a return to busking licences.

Tom Shilito spoke in support of the petition on Safe Zones to be presented by Cllr Musson, as the lead petitioner and a resident of Wenlock Terrace, the location of a clinic where a '40 Days for Life' protest was being held.

Lucy Walsaw spoke in support of the petition on Safe Zones, from the perspective of her experience in working with vulnerable women and their difficulties in accessing health care.

Amy Bullard spoke in support of the petition on Safe Zones, referring to her personal experience and the need to respect the anonymity of women seeking access to health care.

Sarah Myler spoke in support of the petition on Safe Zones, as a representative of CASSY (Choice Access Safety Support York), which aimed to secure a public space protection order for Wenlock Terrace.

Gwen Swinburn spoke on Agenda Item 6 (Chief Operating Officer Selection and Approval), objecting to the recommendations in the report on the grounds of flaws in the appointment process.

Tom Franklin spoke in support of the recommendations of the Executive on Devolution for York and North Yorkshire at Agenda Item 10, stating that the alternative 'east-west split' had no merit, while retaining York as a unitary authority alongside North Yorkshire County Council was less disruptive and would keep services in York.

Emily Knight also spoke in support of the Executive recommendations on Devolution on similar grounds, expressing astonishment that local authorities were being asked to consider these issues in the current circumstances.

Christopher Gammie also spoke in favour of the Executive recommendations on Devolution, urging Council to support them and to ensure that decisions affecting York were taken in York.

63. Petitions

Under Standing Order 15, the following petitions were presented by the following Members, for reference to the Customer &

Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee in accordance with the Council’s petition arrangements:

- (i) Cllr D’Agorne – a petition signed by 361 residents, calling for a zebra crossing at the junction of Fawcett Street and Kent Street;¹
- (ii) Cllr Musson – a petition signed by over 1,000 people, calling for Safe Zones to protect service users and local residents from harassment outside abortion clinics.²

Action Required

1-2: Add to petitions schedule for reporting to SS
CCSMC and relevant Executive Member

64. Chief Operating Officer Selection and Approval

Council received a written report from the Monitoring Officer which presented the recommendations of the Chief Officer Appointments Sub-Committee on the proposed appointment of the Chief Operating Officer and Head of Paid Service.

Cllr Widdowson then moved, and Cllr Craghill seconded, the following recommendations, as set out in the report:

Recommended

That Council:

- (i) Agree with the recommendation of the appointment panel to appoint Ian Floyd as Chief Operating Officer and Head of Paid Service and Returning Officer.¹
- (ii) Agree with the permanent appointment being made at point two of the scale, recognising the 14 months in post as Interim Head of Paid Service.²

Reason: To allow efficiencies to be made across the CMT structure.

A named vote was taken on the recommendations, with the following result:

For	Against	Abstained
Cllr Aspden	Cllr Barnes	Cllr Baker
Cllr Ayre	Cllr Crawshaw	Cllr Carr
Cllr Barker	Cllr Doughty	Cllr Galvin
Cllr Craghill	Cllr Douglas	

Cllr Cullwick	Cllr Fitzpatrick	
Cllr D'Agorne	Cllr Heaton	
Cllr Daubeney	Cllr Kilbane	
Cllr Fenton	Cllr Lomas	
Cllr Fisher	Cllr Melly	
Cllr Hollyer	Cllr Musson	
Cllr Hook	Cllr Myers	
Cllr Hunter	Cllr Norman	
Cllr Mason	Cllr Pavlovic	
Cllr Orrell	Cllr Perrett	
Cllr Pearson	Cllr Rowley	
Cllr Runciman	Cllr D Taylor	
Cllr Smalley	Cllr K Taylor	
Cllr Vassie	Cllr Warters	
Cllr Waller	Cllr Webb	
Cllr Wann	Cllr Looker (Lord Mayor)	
Cllr Waudby		
Cllr Widdowson		
22	20	3

The recommendations were declared CARRIED and it was

Resolved: That the above recommendations be approved.¹⁻²

Action Required

1-2: Take any further action necessary to confirm TF
the appointment on the agreed salary scale

65. Amendments to the Constitution by the Monitoring Officer since 23 March 2020

Council received a report of the Monitoring Officer setting out changes made to the Constitution since 23 March 2020, which had previously been reported to the Audit & Governance Committee and published on the council's website.

The recommendation in the report was dealt with under the next item.

66. Recommendations of the Audit and Governance Committee

Councillor Pavlovic moved, and Cllr Fisher seconded:

A - the following recommendation in the report received under the previous item:

To note the Monitoring Officer's amendments to the Council's Constitution.

and

B – the following recommendations contained in Minute 52 of the Audit & Governance Committee meeting held on 11 March 2020:

Review of the Council's Constitution:

(i) That the amendments set out in the tracked changed version of the Constitution at Appendix A to the report, as further amended by the changes set out below, be approved:¹

Section 2

Article 5, page 25 (Role and Function of the Lord Mayor)

Delete '4 year' from the second sentence.

Article 16, page 64 (Review/Revision of the Constitution)

In 2.6, include a requirement for minor changes to the Constitution to be reported to the Chair of Audit & Governance Committee.

Section 3

3C, pages 103-104 (Responsibility for Functions)

In the final sentence under paragraph (c), after 'the head of HR', insert '*in consultation with the Head of Paid Service, the Monitoring Officer or the S151 Officer*'.

3D, page 122 (Powers of Officers)

To the end of (i), add: 'in consultation with the appropriate Chair'.

Section 6

Members' Scheme of Allowances, page 353

Remove the reference to Itrent.

(ii) That the proposed amendments to the Terms of Reference for Audit & Governance Committee at Appendix 1A to the report be approved, as further amended by the additional changes to be agreed by Audit & Governance Committee via email.¹

(iii) That the proposed changes to the Constitution be considered at the Annual Council meeting on 21 May 2020 and approval given to implement the amended Constitution immediately after that meeting.²

(iv) That approval be given for the Director of Governance to liaise with the Corporate Management Team to ensure that each

service area has in place a system to deliver the consistent compliance with the requirements in the Constitution that relate to delegated decisions taken and recorded by officers.³

(v) That approval be given for the Director of Governance to undertake a review of the Protocols and Procedures that support the provisions of the Constitution and the council's overall guidance framework to ensure they are comprehensive, accurate and up to date.⁴

(vi) That approval be given for the Director of Governance to collate a central record of the Protocols and Procedures that support the provisions of the Constitution, which will be available electronically to all Members, officers and the public.⁵

(vii) That approval be given for the Director of Governance, in consultation with Group Leaders and Corporate Management Team to provide training to Members and officers to improve the understanding across the council of the requirements set out in the Constitution.⁶

Reason: To ensure that the Council's Constitution is accurate and consistent and that there is compliance with the provisions set out therein.

A named vote was taken on the recommendations, with the following result:

For	Against	Abstained
Cllr Aspden		Cllr Warters
Cllr Ayre		
Cllr Baker		
Cllr Barker		
Cllr Barnes		
Cllr Carr		
Cllr Craghill		
Cllr Crawshaw		
Cllr Cullwick		
Cllr D'Agorne		
Cllr Daubeney		
Cllr Doughty		
Cllr Douglas		
Cllr Fenton		
Cllr Fisher		

Cllr Fitzpatrick		
Cllr Galvin		
Cllr Heaton		
Cllr Hollyer		
Cllr Hook		
Cllr Hunter		
Cllr Kilbane		
Cllr Lomas		
Cllr Mason		
Cllr Melly		
Cllr Musson		
Cllr Myers		
Cllr Norman		
Cllr Orrell		
Cllr Pavlovic		
Cllr Pearson		
Cllr Perrett		
Cllr Rowley		
Cllr Runciman		
Cllr Smalley		
Cllr D Taylor		
Cllr K Taylor		
Cllr Vassie		
Cllr Waller		
Cllr Wann		
Cllr Waudby		
Cllr Webb		
Cllr Widdowson		
Cllr Looker (Lord Mayor)		
44	0	1

The recommendations were declared CARRIED and it was

Resolved: That the above recommendations be approved.¹⁻⁶

Action Required

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| 1. Arrange for the additional changes to be incorporated into the amended Constitution. | JB |
| 2. Take action to implement the amended Constitution | JB |
| 3. Liaise with CMT to ensure systems are in place re compliance with delegated decisions | JB |

requirements

4, Begin review of Protocols and Procedures JB

5. Make arrangements to collate a central record of Protocols & Procedures JB

6. Make arrangements for training on the Constitution JB

67. Recommendations of the Licensing & Regulatory Committee

Cllr Mason moved, and Cllr Myers seconded, the following recommendations contained in Minute 35 of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee meeting held on 22 January 2020:

Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places 2019

Recommended: That Council approve:

- a) The proposals for the Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places 2019; and
- b) The following changes to venues as set out by the (Acting) Returning Officer in Appendix B – Schedule of Polling Stations and (Acting) Returning Officer’s comments and recommendations:
 - Christian Science Church to be used as a polling station for DC polling district
 - St Oswald’s Church Hall to be used as a polling station for DC polling district
 - Murton Church to be used as a polling station for YHB polling district
 - A venue to be located for Kexby, to be used as a polling station in YHE polling district.

Reason: In order to ensure that the council complies with statutory requirements for the provision of polling places and polling stations for electors.

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

Resolved: That the above recommendations be approved.¹

Action Required

1. To note the approval and take any action necessary to implement the proposals. JB

68. Report of Executive Leader and Executive Recommendations

A – Executive Leader’s Report

A written report was received from the Executive Leader, Cllr Aspden, on the work of the Executive.

B – Executive Recommendations

Cllr Aspden moved, and Cllr D’Agorne seconded, the following recommendations contained in Minute 20 of the Executive meeting held on 23 July 2020 and Minute 42 of the Executive meeting held on 1 October 2020:

Capital Programme Outturn 2019/20 and Revisions to the 2020/21 – 2024/25 Capital Programme

Recommended: That Council approve the re-stated 2020/21 to 2024/25 programme of £600.615m, as summarised in Table 3 in paragraph 92 of the report and detailed in Annex A.¹

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

Capital Programme - Monitor 1, 2020/21

Recommended: That Council approve the adjustments resulting in a decrease of £12.827m in the 2020/21 budget, as detailed in the report and contained in Annex A.

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

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

Resolved: That the above recommendations be approved.²

Urgent Business: Devolution for York and North Yorkshire and Unitarisation - Update

Cllr Aspden confirmed that he was content to accept the amendment from Cllr Crawshaw to the recommendations contained in Minute 52 of the Executive meeting held on 22 October 2020.

Cllr Aspden then moved, and Cllr D’Agorne seconded, the amended recommendations, as follows:

Recommended: That Council:

- (i) Note the letter from the Secretary of State (Annex 2 to the report) and the issues as set out in the report.
- (ii) Approve the submission to Government of a case for City of York Council remaining a unitary on its existing footprint.
- (iii) Delegate authority to the Interim Head of Paid Service to make a submission, in line with the decision above, within the Government’s timescales.
- (iv) Approve the submission of a Strategic Partnership Agreement with North Yorkshire (Annex 4), which proposes areas of potential joint working between City of York Council and a new North Yorkshire unitary council to support efficient local government in the region, **following consideration by Scrutiny and well in advance of the Government’s final deadline for submission.**
- (v) Approve the submission of Devolution ‘Asks’ (Annex 1, as approved by Executive on 23 July 2020) alongside the unitary submission, subject to the permissibility within this process, in order to progress devolution discussions with Government as quickly as possible.

Reason: To ensure that an appropriate response, which benefits York, is submitted to Government within the required timescales.

A named vote was then taken on the recommendations, with the following result:

For	Against	Abstained
Cllr Aspden	Cllr Doughty	Cllr Warters
Cllr Ayre	Cllr Rowley	
Cllr Baker		

Cllr Barker		
Cllr Barnes		
Cllr Carr		
Cllr Craghill		
Cllr Crawshaw		
Cllr Cullwick		
Cllr D'Agorne		
Cllr Daubeney		
Cllr Douglas		
Cllr Fenton		
Cllr Fisher		
Cllr Fitzpatrick		
Cllr Galvin		
Cllr Heaton		
Cllr Hollyer		
Cllr Hook		
Cllr Hunter		
Cllr Kilbane		
Cllr Lomas		
Cllr Mason		
Cllr Melly		
Cllr Musson		
Cllr Myers		
Cllr Norman		
Cllr Orrell		
Cllr Pavlovic		
Cllr Pearson		
Cllr Perrett		
Cllr Runciman		
Cllr Smalley		
Cllr D Taylor		
Cllr K Taylor		
Cllr Vassie		
Cllr Waller		
Cllr Wann		
Cllr Waudby		
Cllr Webb		
Cllr Widdowson		
Cllr Looker (Lord Mayor)		
41	2	1

The recommendations were therefore declared CARRIED and it was

Resolved: That the above recommendations be approved.³

Action Required

1. Note the approval of the re-stated Capital Programme and take any further action required. DM
2. Note the approval of the adjustments to the capital programme and take any further action required. DM
3. Note the approval of the proposals on Devolution and ensure that the response and Devolution Asks are submitted to Government within the deadline. IF

69. Report of Deputy Leader

A written report was received from the Deputy Leader, Cllr D'Agorne.

70. Report of Executive Member

A written report was received from the Executive Member for Housing and Safer Neighbourhoods, Cllr Craghill.

71. Questions to the Leader or Executive Members

Members were invited to question the Executive Leader, Deputy Leader and Executive Member on their written reports and, in accordance with Standing Order 21, to question the Leader and / or the other Executive Members on any matters within their portfolio areas. Questions were received from the floor from the following Members in relation to the subjects listed, and responded to by the relevant Executive Member as summarised below:

Questions to Cllr Aspden, Executive Leader

From Cllr Myers: On York Central, are we able to recoup any of the £77.1m Housing grant (formerly the Housing Infrastructure Fund) and why has the council been cut out of the process?

(Supplementaries from Cllr Melly and Cllr Crawshaw: What lessons have been learned from the grant going to Homes England instead of the council? How will delivery of the 6,500 jobs promised for the site be ensured?)

Response: The fact that the grant was secured, as part of an infrastructure package totalling £175m, demonstrates that our partnership approach was the right one. Development is proceeding in line with the Masterplan and outline planning permission, and there will be further opportunities to work with public bodies on housing. Interest in the development, including from the Cabinet office, has been encouraging. We need to work with our public sector partners to get this important site delivered and are happy to engage positively with the Labour group.

From Cllr Cullwick: I am delighted that the government has come forward with funding to open up York Central. Have you any more to say about the next steps to take the project forward?

Response: The next step will be to take a reserved matters application to Planning Committee, to ensure that construction and cleaning can begin and that in a matter of months we can start to deliver the site. We will continue to work with the community throughout that process, and to look at what further consultation can take place.

Questions to Cllr Craghill, Executive Member for Housing & Safer Neighbourhoods

From Cllr Mason: There is now a serious risk of a second lockdown; what can be done about the in domestic violence that may result from this?

Response: Support to victims is provided through commissioning arrangements with North Yorkshire County Council and the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner; the council also funds IDAS to provide services both for victims and to change the behaviour of perpetrators. Weekly meetings are held with the police and successful bids have been made for government and local funding to expand services and monitor demand. To date, existing service provision has been adequate but the tactical group will continue to meet until the Covid-19 situation returned to normal. Victims should contact IDAS by phone or on their website or call 999 if at immediate risk.

From Cllr Wann: Good progress has been made on Phase 1 of the Housing Delivery Programme; what is planned for Phase 2?

(Supplementaries from Cllr Pavolvic and Cllr Webb – What is the strategic plan to meet the needs of those on the housing

waiting list? How can you think you are doing a good job when letting down the most vulnerable in York).

Response: Applications for 85 new homes at Burnholme and 34 new homes plus a possible commercial space at Duncombe Barracks have been submitted for planning permission; these include the first zero-carbon rated Passivhaus homes. Work has begun on community engagement and masterplanning for the next site, at Ordnance Lane, to provide 89 new homes and some mixed-tenure space. Overall the plan includes at least 600 homes across a range of tenures. It will be the largest zero carbon development in the country, setting the standard to meet our climate commitment as well as providing low energy bills and high quality housing that will lever in further funding.

No council is able to meet all housing needs directly but we are taking the lead in working with others and doing all we can to meet housing requirements and support those in need. We're building new homes, emergency accommodation and temporary accommodation. We also have a winter pressures plan and are providing extra funding for homeless and street sleeping services.

Question to Cllr Smalley, Executive Member for Culture, Leisure & Communities

From Cllr Pearson: Can you outline the support that the council has been able to provide to music, cultural and heritage organisations?

Response: We are continuing to reach out on both a formal and an informal basis. We have deferred rates (for example for the Barbican), helped YMT to lobby for funding, and distributed £1.9m of the cultural recovery fund eventually released by government to 9 organisations. The government must do more to give clarity over the winter period and what will happen when funding runs out in April. We will continue to work with sector representatives to provide as much support as possible.

72. Scrutiny - Report of the Chair of the Customer & Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee

A written report was received from Cllr Crawshaw, Chair of the Customer & Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee, on the work of the Committee since the last report to Council, on 19 December 2019.

73. Motions on Notice

(i) Free School Meals (*Motion moved without notice*)

Cllr Lomas moved, and Cllr Myers seconded, that Standing Orders 23.1 and 23.3 be suspended to enable a motion to be moved without notice in respect of free school meals, the text of which had been circulated to Members before the meeting.

Council having agreed to so suspend Standing Orders, the motion was moved by Cllr Webb and seconded by Cllr Fisher, as follows:

“Council notes;

- The 2728 York pupils who are in receipt of free school meals;
- The significant and long lasting impact of the Covid19 pandemic, following years of Austerity, on family household incomes;
- The impending economic shock of Brexit;
- And welcomes £43,000 from the Council to ensure that children and young people have access to meals during October half term.

Council believes:

- That every child should have access to at least one hot meal every single day of the year;
- That parents and carers routinely do all they can to put food on the table;
- That the Conservative Government’s recent refusal to back Marcus Rashford’s call for a repeat of the holiday free school meal scheme throughout the Covid19 pandemic is unforgivable.

Council resolves:

- To fund a voucher scheme of £15 per pupil per week for York’s pupils who are in receipt of Free School Meals for the duration of the Christmas holidays;
- To request that the leaders of all York’s political Groups jointly write to the Secretary of State for Education demanding that York be reimbursed for the cost of providing the above-mentioned voucher scheme and to allocate further funding such that an equivalent scheme can be delivered for

the remainder of the school holidays in the 2020/21 academic year.”

A named vote was taken on the motion, with the following result:

For	Against	Abstained
Cllr Aspden		Cllr Doughty
Cllr Ayre		Cllr Rowley
Cllr Barker		Cllr Warters
Cllr Barnes		
Cllr Carr		
Cllr Craghill		
Cllr Crawshaw		
Cllr Cullwick		
Cllr D'Agorne		
Cllr Daubeney		
Cllr Douglas		
Cllr Fenton		
Cllr Fisher		
Cllr Fitzpatrick		
Cllr Galvin		
Cllr Heaton		
Cllr Hollyer		
Cllr Hook		
Cllr Hunter		
Cllr Kilbane		
Cllr Lomas		
Cllr Mason		
Cllr Melly		
Cllr Musson		
Cllr Myers		
Cllr Norman		
Cllr Orrell		
Cllr Pavlovic		
Cllr Pearson		
Cllr Perrett		
Cllr Runciman		
Cllr Smalley		
Cllr D Taylor		
Cllr K Taylor		
Cllr Vassie		
Cllr Waller		
Cllr Wann		

Cllr Waudby		
Cllr Webb		
Cllr Widdowson		
Cllr Looker (Lord Mayor)		
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The motion was therefore declared CARRIED and it was

Resolved: That the above motion be approved.¹

(ii) Maximising Opportunities to Build Consensus in Times of Crisis

Moved by Cllr K Taylor and seconded by Cllr Fitzpatrick.

“Council notes:

- the unprecedented challenges our city faces in relation to the social, economic and health impacts of Coronavirus;
- that these impacts will be far reaching and long lasting;
- years of damaging austerity created an already difficult financial environment for council services pre-Covid;
- that changing demographics continue to add pressure to vital but stretched statutory services.

Council believes:

- that York residents want to see Councillors acting responsibly and collaboratively at all times but particularly in times of crisis;
- that constructive challenge shouldn't be dismissed as 'playing party politics' and can in fact lead to better decision making;
- that elected councillors and council officers must think creatively about how we support our communities and get the most out of limited resources;
- that as we approach our most challenging winter in modern history we need to make an extra effort to show goodwill and maximise room for consensus in decision making.

Council resolves:

- to request that Executive builds on the constructive steps taken last year on budget setting and to actively improve collaboration, particularly where decisions will have long-reaching impacts, by giving all city councillors headline budget savings targets and draft savings proposals by mid-December 2020;

- to request that Executive Members invite shadow portfolio holders to attend any pre-meeting briefings before their Decision Making sessions, and encourage their attendances at said Decision Sessions by default throughout the duration of this crisis;
- to request that the Executive Member for Culture and Communities works closely with all city councillors to:
 - a) instigate a review of the use of devolved Ward Budgets, in the context of unprecedented financial pressures, so as to maximise their efficiency, value for money, and impact for residents across the whole city; and
 - b) as part of this review and within the next month, authorise a trial for a flexible, city-wide, fund with each councillor allocating £2,000 from their ward budgets over the next 6 months, to build a resource of almost £100,000. This resource will focus on supporting residents, irrespective of ward boundaries, deemed vulnerable, isolated, or in need of other essential help through the funding of community, voluntary and other organisations working to combat the worst effects of Covid 19;
- to request that Executive Members and Officers actively seek to maximise any and all further opportunities to build consensus around decision-making.”

Cllr Pearson then moved, and Cllr Smalley seconded, an amendment to the motion, as follows:

“In sub-paragraph b) of the 3rd bullet point under ‘Council resolves’:

- **delete** *‘authorise a trial for a flexible, city wide, fund’* and **insert** *‘prioritise the flexible use of ward budgets’*;
- **delete** *‘from’* after ‘£2,000’ and **insert** *‘within’*;
- **delete** *‘build’* after ‘months, to’, and **insert** *‘utilise’*, then after *‘a’* insert *‘focused’*;
- in the second sentence, after *‘residents’*, **delete** *‘irrespective of ward boundaries’*.”

A named vote was taken on the amendment, with the following result:

For	Against	Abstained
Cllr Aspden	Cllr Barnes	Cllr Carr
Cllr Ayre	Cllr Crawshaw	

Cllr Baker	Cllr Douglas	
Cllr Barker	Cllr Fitzpatrick	
Cllr Barnes	Cllr Heaton	
Cllr Craghill	Cllr Kilbane	
Cllr Cullwick	Cllr Lomas	
Cllr D'Agorne	Cllr Melly	
Cllr Daubeney	Cllr Musson	
Cllr Fenton	Cllr Myers	
Cllr Fisher	Cllr Norman	
Cllr Galvin	Cllr Pavlovic	
Cllr Hollyer	Cllr Perrett	
Cllr Hook	Cllr Rowley	
Cllr Hunter	Cllr K Taylor	
Cllr Mason	Cllr Webb	
Cllr Orrell	Cllr Looker (Lord Mayor)	
Cllr Pearson		
Cllr Runciman		
Cllr Smalley		
Cllr D Taylor		
Cllr Vassie		
Cllr Waller		
Cllr Wann		
Cllr Waudby		
Cllr Widdowson		

[Note: Cllr Wartors was not present for the above vote.]

The amendment was therefore declared CARRIED and the motion, as amended, now read as follows:

“Council notes:

- the unprecedented challenges our city faces in relation to the social, economic and health impacts of Coronavirus;
- that these impacts will be far reaching and long lasting;
- years of damaging austerity created an already difficult financial environment for council services pre-Covid;
- that changing demographics continue to add pressure to vital but stretched statutory services.

Council believes:

- that York residents want to see Councillors acting responsibly and collaboratively at all times but particularly in times of crisis;
- that constructive challenge shouldn't be dismissed as 'playing party politics' and can in fact lead to better decision making;
- that elected councillors and council officers must think creatively about how we support our communities and get the most out of limited resources;
- that as we approach our most challenging winter in modern history we need to make an extra effort to show goodwill and maximise room for consensus in decision making.

Council resolves:

- to request that Executive builds on the constructive steps taken last year on budget setting and to actively improve collaboration, particularly where decisions will have long-reaching impacts, by giving all city councillors headline budget savings targets and draft savings proposals by mid-December 2020;
- to request that Executive Members invite shadow portfolio holders to attend any pre-meeting briefings before their Decision Making sessions, and encourage their attendances at said Decision Sessions by default throughout the duration of this crisis;
- to request that the Executive Member for Culture and Communities works closely with all city councillors to:
 - a) instigate a review of the use of devolved Ward Budgets, in the context of unprecedented financial pressures, so as to maximise their efficiency, value for money, and impact for residents across the whole city; and
 - b) as part of this review and within the next month, **prioritise the flexible use of ward budgets** with each councillor allocating £2,000 **within** their ward budgets over the next 6 months, to **utilise** a **focused** resource of almost £100,000. This resource will focus on supporting residents deemed vulnerable, isolated, or in need of other essential help through the funding of community, voluntary and other organisations working to combat the worst effects of Covid 19;
- to request that Executive Members and Officers actively seek to maximise any and all further opportunities to build consensus around decision-making.”

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

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

(iii) Covid-19: Response and Recovery in York

Moved by Cllr Aspden and seconded by Cllr D'Agorne.

“The Coronavirus pandemic has presented our city with an unprecedented challenge, with residents and businesses having to work hard to adapt to public health guidance and new ways of life. Local authorities across the country have been instrumental in the response to the Coronavirus pandemic by providing constant and crucial support to businesses and local communities. As the country and the city faces the second wave of the pandemic, the Government must step up and provide the necessary support to keep York’s residents safe and businesses open.

Council notes:

- The excellent and selfless work of the city’s key workers, including those in the NHS, volunteers and public health staff throughout the pandemic;
- Since the pandemic was declared, the Council has prioritised resources to deliver crucial and urgent support to residents and businesses across the city.
 - To support businesses, local emergency funds were set up to support the city’s businesses, £100m of grants and funding was distributed to over 4,000 businesses in record time and rent was suspended on all 350 of Council’s commercial properties for six months.
 - To support residents, community hubs were set up in strategic locations around the city, with some of the 4,000 registered volunteers delivering 900 food parcels and making 6,000 phone calls to vulnerable or medically shielded residents, working in collaboration with the charity and voluntary sectors. Local emergency funds were also set up to support residents facing financial hardship.
- Demand for services has increased, income has considerably fallen, leaving the Council with an estimated budget shortfall of £20 million.
- Latest Local Government Association report estimates that local authorities face a £5 billion funding gap by 2024;

- The government had guaranteed to cover all local government expenditure associated with supporting residents and businesses through the pandemic;
- Urgent support is needed to continue providing crucial services and support residents, and business, particularly as enhanced public health restrictions mean businesses are not able to trade to full capacity;
- The ongoing lobbying campaign to call on the government to provide appropriate funding to Council to provide crucial services, support business and enable a sustainable long-term recovery;
- The Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies along with leading health experts and Ministers has emphasised how crucial an effective Test, Trace and Isolate system is to slowing down the infection rate of the virus;
- The national Test, Trace and Isolate system is failing to provide the capacity, agility and accessibility promised and required.

Council believes that in order to ensure that residents and businesses are protected and supported in the second wave of the pandemic, further urgent government support is required to help keep our city and each other safe.

Consequently, Council resolves:

- To thank all of York's key workers, volunteers and public health and Council staff for their ongoing efforts in supporting the city and residents;
- To lobby the Government to provide additional testing capacity, more timely reporting of results and urgent financial support to Public Health teams to aid the delivery local contract tracing scheme, which would enhance the national programme;
- To call on the Government to release resources for the creation of an additional walk-in testing facility in the city, in order to provide residents with improved opportunities to access testing;
- To call on the Government to provide urgent and comprehensive support to residents and businesses in York, for example, by introducing an extended furlough scheme and a trial of Universal Basic Income.
- To formally back the Council's 'Back York' lobbying campaign, urging the Government to provide additional funding for York, in order to seize the opportunities that are unique to the city and drive recovery in the region."

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

Resolved: That the above motion be approved.³

Action Required

1. To note the approval of the motion on Free School Meals and take any further action required. AH
2. To note the approval of the motion on maximising opportunities to build consensus, as amended, and take any further action required. IF
3. To note the approval of the motion on the Covid-19 response and take any further action required. IF

74. Appointments and Changes to Membership

Resolved: That the updated list of appointments and changes to membership circulated to Members before the meeting be approved.¹

Action Required

1. To update the list of memberships on the system. DS

75. Urgent Business: Designation of the Section 151 Officer

Council received a report of the Monitoring Officer which sought approval to designate the statutory role of Section 151 Officer to the post of Chief Finance Officer (Assistant Director).

The Chair had agreed to accept this item as urgent business to avoid any delay to the appointment of the S151 Officer and ensure that the council met its statutory requirements in respect of this role.

Cllr Aspden moved, and Cllr Pavlovic seconded, the recommendation in the report, as follows:

Full Council is requested to remove the designation of the role of Section 151 Officer from the Corporate Director Customer and Corporate Services / Corporate Finance Manager and re-designate it to the Chief Finance Officer (Assistant Director) effective from 1 November 2020.

Reason: To ensure the Council is compliant with its legal obligations and is operating appropriately with the necessary financial advice and guidance required from the Section 151 Officer.

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. To note the approval of the recommendation re JB
the S151 Officer and take any further action
required.

Cllr Janet Looker

LORD MAYOR OF YORK

[The meeting started at 6.13 pm and concluded at 10.12 pm]

Report to Full Council from the Leader of the Council

As we fast approach the end 2020, it is important that we look back on a year like no other and recognise the hard work that has been put in to respond to the unprecedented challenges of the past months. With this in mind, I would like to give my thanks to the Council staff, key workers, residents, businesses and councillors for all their hard work over the past year and for representing the very best qualities of our city – I hope that you all enjoy a well-earned break this festive season.

Responding to COVID-19 and new national guidance:

Since my last report to Full Council in October, the Council continues to focus on responding to the pandemic, with national guidance changing significantly over the past month.

On the 31st October, the Prime Minister announced a second national lockdown, in which many local businesses and organisations were forced to close for 4 weeks. Following the conclusion of the second national lockdown on the 2nd December, the Government have reverted back to the three-tier restriction system, albeit with some changes. Currently, York remains in tier-2 restrictions, despite a significant drop in the prevalence of the infection across the city. At the time of writing this report, York's rate of infection remains well below both the regional and national averages.

In response, the Council has continued to deliver frontline services and provide essential support to local residents, businesses and communities. For example, parks, public toilets and household waste and recycling centres have remained open throughout the lockdown period, and loading bay bans were temporarily removed to support local businesses in running delivery services.

The Council has also worked hard to process additional financial support for local businesses affected by the national restrictions. The Council opened its grant payment applications on the 12th November for

businesses forced to close by law under the national lockdown restrictions; businesses in the hospitality and leisure sectors; and businesses who had not previously received support from the Government, for example, nightclubs and dance halls.

In addition to this, the Council has worked with partners and local business leaders to decide the most fair and effective use of the discretionary element of the Additional Restrictions Grant. It was agreed that this discretionary funding would be used to support businesses who have been forced to close throughout lockdown, but didn't qualify for government grants (whether they are liable for business rates or not), and to businesses where their trade is impacted by more than 75% due to lockdown. The window for applications closed on the 7th December.

The Council has continued with its outbreak communications strategy, agreed at the Outbreak Advisory Management Board, to promote the latest public health guidance to a variety of different audiences. Over the past month, numerous Facebook Live events have been held and well-received, and for those not online, the latest edition of Our City is being posted through letterboxes this month. It is important to highlight that this work has been recognised with a Bronze Public Sector Communication Award, awarded to our Communications Team, underlining the excellent work the Council and partners have been doing to support communities during this difficult time.

Mass testing and contact tracing:

I would like to thank our public health team and residents for their hard work in following the national guidance, and local businesses for making their businesses Covid-secure. This hard work has undoubtedly resulted in our infection rates dropping and currently, York has the lowest rate of infection in the region. However, we must not be complacent and continue in these efforts.

To support the hard work of the city in reducing the spread of the virus, we have submitted our expression of interest for mass community

testing. This will enable us to increase our testing capacity locally and offer targeted testing to care home visitors in time for Christmas; children's and adult social care workers; the voluntary sector; and school children and teachers in bubbles that had reported a positive case. The submission follows months of lobbying for additional testing capacity, and will complement the existing symptomatic testing in place in the city. The current limited targeted testing available for outbreak management and care home staff and care home residents will also remain in place.

Our local track and trace programme continues to have success. Since the 22nd October, York's local contact tracing service has reached 74.8% of those the national service was unable to reach, meaning 240 people were offered advice and support. This means we are able to identify more contacts than before who will then be asked to self-isolate. Reasons we are unable to get in touch with people can vary and includes people being in hospital. Those we were unable to reach, either through phone calls or a home visit, had a leaflet with advice put through their door with information about contacting the local service and the support available.

Government Spending Review

Councillors will be aware of the announcements made in the Chancellor's recent Spending Review and the impact on Local Government finance. The increase in spending power for Councils is welcome, but despite the Chancellor's warm words, this funding comes predominantly from council tax increases and the social care precept. Therefore, once again, the risk sits on Local Government. The announcements in the Spending Review will do little to mitigate the economic impact of the pandemic on our city, as well as provide the necessary funding for all our services which have been so relied upon during this time of national crisis.

In regards to the Government's National Infrastructure Strategy, I welcome the confirmation that £400,000 has been secured to further develop proposals for Haxby Station. This follows the Council's

extensive lobbying efforts and work to develop a business case for the new station. We are currently awaiting further information regarding the details on the allocated funding and the next stage in the progression of the project.

Earlier in the year, as part of our submission to the Chancellor's Comprehensive Spending Review, we urged the Government to back York and provide the funding needed to enable us to lead the recovery in our region. Despite the disappointment of the recent Spending Review, we will continue to make these calls and seek the investment our city needs.

Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation

Following our last Full Council meeting where Council agreed to formally adopt the position that City of York Council should remain a unitary Council on its existing footprint, the Council's case for York has now been submitted to the Government for consideration. To support this work, officers are currently putting together a further package of evidence to back York's case, in order to submit by the second Government deadline of the 9th December.

In addition to the work carried out by the Council, I am pleased that Councillors from different political groups and representatives from organisations across the city have come together to launch the cross-organisation campaign to back York. Launched on 20th November at a cross-organisation event, local residents and businesses have been asked to sign the petition to reject any notion of local government restructure in York, in order to protect York's unique historical identity, retain local decision making and protect residents from significant disruption and increase in service costs.

Over 1,000 residents and businesses have signed the petition so far, and everyone is encouraged to get involved in the campaign and show their support for York by visiting <http://www.change.org/Webackyork>.

York Central

Following the confirmation of £77 million of Government funding for the project and approval from the Planning Committee, infrastructure works at York Central can now begin.

The Planning Committee approved the Reserved Matters Planning Application on the 12th November to allow the critical infrastructure work to go ahead. Initial site clearance has already started and the contractor is due to start on site in early 2021.

Government infrastructure investment of £77m was first announced in the March 2020 Budget and confirmed in August 2020. The infrastructure will unlock brownfield land with significant access problems and includes a new bridge over the East Coast mainline railway, as well as new cycling and pedestrian routes; drainage systems; and to allow for a new public park to be built.

The York Central development includes 2500 new homes; up to 1.2 million square feet of commercial development and improved visitor access to the National Railway Museum. The area has enterprise zone status, with 6500 new jobs expected to be created and a £1.2 billion boost to our local economy.

York Outer Ring Road

I would like to thank residents, businesses and visitors who submitted their views about the proposed dualling upgrade of the York Outer Ring Road. The consultation, which recently concluded last month, looked at (Phase 1) from the A19 Shipton Road to the A1036 Little Hopgrove roundabouts.

Over 3,000 comments were submitted during the five week consultation. Officers are now reviewing the comments received and assessing what

changes might be needed to the scheme before a further report is presented to a meeting of the Executive early in 2021.

Alongside this, ground investigation works are set to take place both before and after Christmas along this stretch of the Ring Road. The works include creating several small boreholes to assess the local geology and will assist with the detailed design of the infrastructure moving forward.

Campaign for East Coast Mainline Investment

The Council is supporting Invest East Coast Rail in their efforts to lobby both the UK and Scottish Governments to secure new investment in the East Coast Main Line. The campaign has conducted research showing that economies served by the line could see over £11 billion of wider economic benefits as part of a coherent package of rail schemes, including the full delivery of HS2.

The East Coast Mainline is critical to the future development of York's local transport infrastructure and of course, the economic prosperity of our city. In addition to being a strategic rail route linking York with London and other key cities and towns in the UK, it also provides important links to international gateways and ports. However, constraints on the line can lead to significant disruption and in 2018, with 12 major incidents occurred costing the UK economy £46 million.

It has also been found that localised and smaller incidents can cause significant disruption across the rail network but if the number of delays on the line over 10 minutes were halved, this would deliver an additional £62.8 million per annum to the wider economy.

Investing in the line now will not only improve its performance and deliver economic benefits for York and across the country, but it will also ensure the line is ready for the arrival of new infrastructure projects including HS2, Northern Powerhouse Rail, Midlands Engine, and East West Rail. The Government must commit funding to future proof the

East Coast Main Line and to develop a clear long-term investment plan for the line to ensure the route is ready to benefit from these projects in the future.

The Beehive – New Centre of Excellence for disabled children

‘The Beehive’, which has been built in Acomb, has now opened to young people and their families to provide short overnight breaks for children with complex disabilities in the city.

The facility will also provide young people and their families with specialist support from a wide range of professionals, including clinical psychologists, and enable many young people to receive the support they need in York for the first time.

As highlighted in my previous report, ‘The Beehive’ name was chosen by the children and families who will use the facility and the ‘bee theme’ will be evident throughout the building, including bee-friendly names for the bedroom areas and honeycomb-like hexagons incorporated into the decorative features.

Yorkshire Day

I am pleased to confirm that the next official Yorkshire Day Civic Celebration, which will be held on 1st August 2021, will be hosted here in York.

Yorkshire Day has enjoyed an increasing popularity and significance since it was first established in 1975 and we are delighted that York has been selected as the host for the 2021 event.

As I am sure many others will agree, York is an incredible city and as the historic centre of the Three Ridings, our city has played a truly unique role in the long and exciting story of Yorkshire.

The decision to mark Yorkshire Day with a formal civic gathering of Mayors, Lord Mayors, their attendants and other dignitaries was taken at

a meeting attended by The Yorkshire Society of local authorities within the boundary of the three Ridings and York at County Hall, Wakefield, in 1985.

Council backs York City Knights' bid to get to Super League

City of York Council are backing York City Knights' bid to get to Super League in 2021.

With the opportunity now open for clubs to bid for a place in next year's competition, the Council is asking residents and businesses to show their support too. York City Knights have a proud history, particularly through their excellent work in our communities through its foundation.

We are delighted to support this bid and know that with our city's strengths and the Knights' growing fan base, York is perfect for Super League. We already have lots to start to look forward to in 2021 with the Rugby League World Cup and welcoming Super League clubs would be add to this excitement.

We would like residents and businesses to back the bid and be proud of their local team by sharing their support on social media using the hashtag #HeartlandExpansion.

Meeting	Executive
Date	26 November 2020
Present	Councillors Aspden (Chair), Ayre, Craghill, Cuthbertson, D'Agorne, Orrell, Runciman, Smalley, Waller and Widdowson
In Attendance	Councillor Myers

PART B - MATTERS REFERRED TO COUNCIL

67. Update on the Asset Management Strategy 2017-2022

[See also under Part A]

The Interim Director of Place presented a report which set out progress on delivery of the Asset Management Strategy for the period 2017-2022, and set out proposals for revisions to the Strategy, and a series of business cases for lease disposals and acquisitions to deliver further strategic benefits to the council.

Progress to date had exemplified progressive cross-public sector working and success in delivering the One Public Estate objectives. Revisions were proposed to objective 2 and principle (h) in the Strategy, as indicated in paragraph 7 of the report, to ensure alignment with the council's net zero carbon target. Paragraphs 15-128 reviewed the delivery of the Strategy, examining the council's operational estate, community assets, assets for housing delivery and commercial assets in the light of the potential future impact of Covid-19 and other considerations.

In supporting the proposals, the Executive Member for Finance & Performance indicated that he would be receiving reports to future Decision Sessions on asset management, to promote a better understanding of the operation of the estate as a whole. Having noted the comments made under Public Participation, and taking into account the recommendations of the Customer & Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee following consideration of the report at their meeting on 23 November, it was

Recommended: That Council approve:

- a) the establishment of a capital budget of £3.9m, to fund the acquisition of the Head leasehold interest of the Eco Centre, Amy Johnson Way;
- b) the investment of a further £100k to fund green infrastructure improvements to the building, providing an increase in revenue funded from the One Planet York budget; and
- c) the delegation of authority to the Corporate Director of Economy & Place, in consultation with the Director of Governance, to complete the purchase once all due diligence has been satisfactorily conducted on the property.

- Reasons:
- a) To establish clear principles to guide and shape future use of the council's assets and to continue to carry out a programme of proactive work to shape the commercial and operational property portfolio further.
 - b) To support the ongoing economic vibrancy of the city while increasing the income from the council's commercial property portfolio.

68. Capital Programme - Monitor 2 2020/21

[See also under Part A]

The Chief Finance Officer presented a report which set out the projected out-turn position of the capital programme for 2020/21, including any under-spends, over-spends and adjustments, along with requests to re-profile budgets to and from current and future years. The report did not reflect the capital schemes in the Asset Management Strategy update at Agenda Item 9; these would be included in the Monitor 3 report in February.

A decrease of £36.538m on the current approved programme was reported, resulting in a revised programme for 2020/21 of £144.683m. Variances against each portfolio area were set out in Table 1 at paragraph 11 of the report and detailed in paragraphs 12-42.

As reported on 1 October, work had been carried out to review the programme in the light of the Covid-19 pandemic, and the financial assumptions for all schemes would continue to be closely monitored. Despite the disruption caused by the pandemic, progress had still been made in a number of areas, including purchase of land for the Northern Forest, roll-out of ICT for home working, and reservations of 20 of the 24 new build properties at Lowfield Green.

The Executive Member for Finance & Performance highlighted significant progress made on schemes within the programme, including school improvements, the Centre of Excellence for Disabled Children, housing at Duncombe Barracks, the Guildhall, and the Community Stadium.

Recommended: That Council approve the adjustments resulting in a decrease of £36.538m, as detailed in the report and in Annex A.

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

Cllr K Aspden, Chair

[The meeting started at 5.33 pm and finished at 8.24 pm].

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Report of the Deputy Leader to Council on 17 December 2020

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a well-earned festive break at the end of a truly unprecedented year, which as you may recall started with the worst floods since Boxing Day 2015 and quickly progressed to the working from home/, essential loo roll and pasta shopping/ daily one hour exercise experience.

Zoom, Skype and Microsoft teams meetings and socially distanced street conversations through a mask have become part of the new normal, with the added pressures of the hokey-cokey tier system for us to guide our residents and businesses through. To our credit, 'Let's be York' has worked well as a 'Hands, Face, Space' message, with the Covid 19 infection rate in York showing what we can achieve through collective efforts to limit the spread of the virus. That doesn't mean that we are complacent or that many people haven't had a truly terrible year, suffering personal tragedy though the health or economic impacts of the pandemic. But we must keep positive offering support wherever we can.

The Executive has also been working with senior officers to ensure that government funds get distributed as quickly as possible to individuals and businesses that need it, while starting the difficult discussions to identify budget savings that will be needed in the coming year. Our council tax support and financial inclusion funding will provide a cushion for some, but it is unlikely we will be able to avoid taking the maximum allowable council tax increase in order to fill the funding gap and maintain core essential services for our most vulnerable residents . A consultation on the budget will start shortly, with decisions being made at public decision sessions in January prior to consideration by the Executive and Budget Council.

We have also been taking forward the campaign for a devolution deal for York and North Yorkshire, setting out the case for the least disruptive model allowing York to remain a unitary appropriate for our unique civic heritage, Lord Mayor, not a council spread too thinly across half of the county. The 'We Back York' campaign launch on Facebook featured a wide range of representatives and set out a strong case for the approach which clearly has wide support across York. Whatever the public might think of this council, we are all accountable to and represent the York electorate, not Selby, Malton or Scarborough, nice as they are as places to visit when we are allowed to do so.

In terms of my portfolio area, the scooter trial is gradually extending to new areas of the city, including Bishophill, the station and York Hospital with close monitoring of the experience and a plan to add e-bikes in the new year. Bus operation continues to offer a covid secure means of transport for many, with an increasing number of new double decker electric buses operating on the park and ride services and featuring wifi and automated stop announcements.

A £10m improvement to the York – Harrogate line has just been completed, preparing the way for half hourly services. A recent announcement has given us the funding to prepare a full business case for a new station to serve Haxby / Strensall and the north of the city. Some 3500 responses have been received to the consultation on plans to dual the outer ring road from the A19 to Little Hopgrove and this will inform the final design to be brought forward in 2021.

As you will be aware, the Executive recently approved a plan for the city centre foot street arrangements to continue until September 2021, with more detailed plans to be developed during that time to implement the policy adopted by Full Council a year ago for a city centre which is largely free of non-essential car traffic. Along with other councils across the country, we have been awarded 'Active Travel Fund' money for a range of schemes to make walking or cycling more attractive and these will be reported to my January decision session with full consultation as is happening now for the North – South city-centre cycle route and Navigation Road Low Traffic Neighbourhood proposals. This is a clear example of how we want to maintain essential vehicle access while making life safer and more pleasant for local people having conversations with neighbours or walking to the local shops.

As part of our commitment to tackle the climate emergency by working towards zero carbon by 2030, as well as the health crisis it is really important that we make 'active travel' the most attractive option for those who can use this for local trips to school, shops or work. Our 'carbon reduction emissions pathway' will present tough choices, guided by our new Head of Carbon Reduction, the Climate Change Scrutiny Committee and the Climate Commission we intend to establish in 2021. 'Building back better' has the potential to create thousands of green jobs and York is well placed to capitalize on this if we work together on transforming the way we do things in the coming year.

Sorry no pictures or Shakespeare, so I'll end with a quote from David Attenborough:

“We already know many of the solutions – we just need the will to act. It's only when we have a shared understanding of the problems we face, and the solutions available, that enough change will happen. The biggest way we can make a difference is to put nature at the heart of our decisions.

In every moment of every day, there's a choice to be made. If we all make our choices with nature in mind, then together we'll find a way to live in balance with the natural world. After all, we are nature, and we need it to survive.”

Cllr.Andy D'Agorne

Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Transport

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