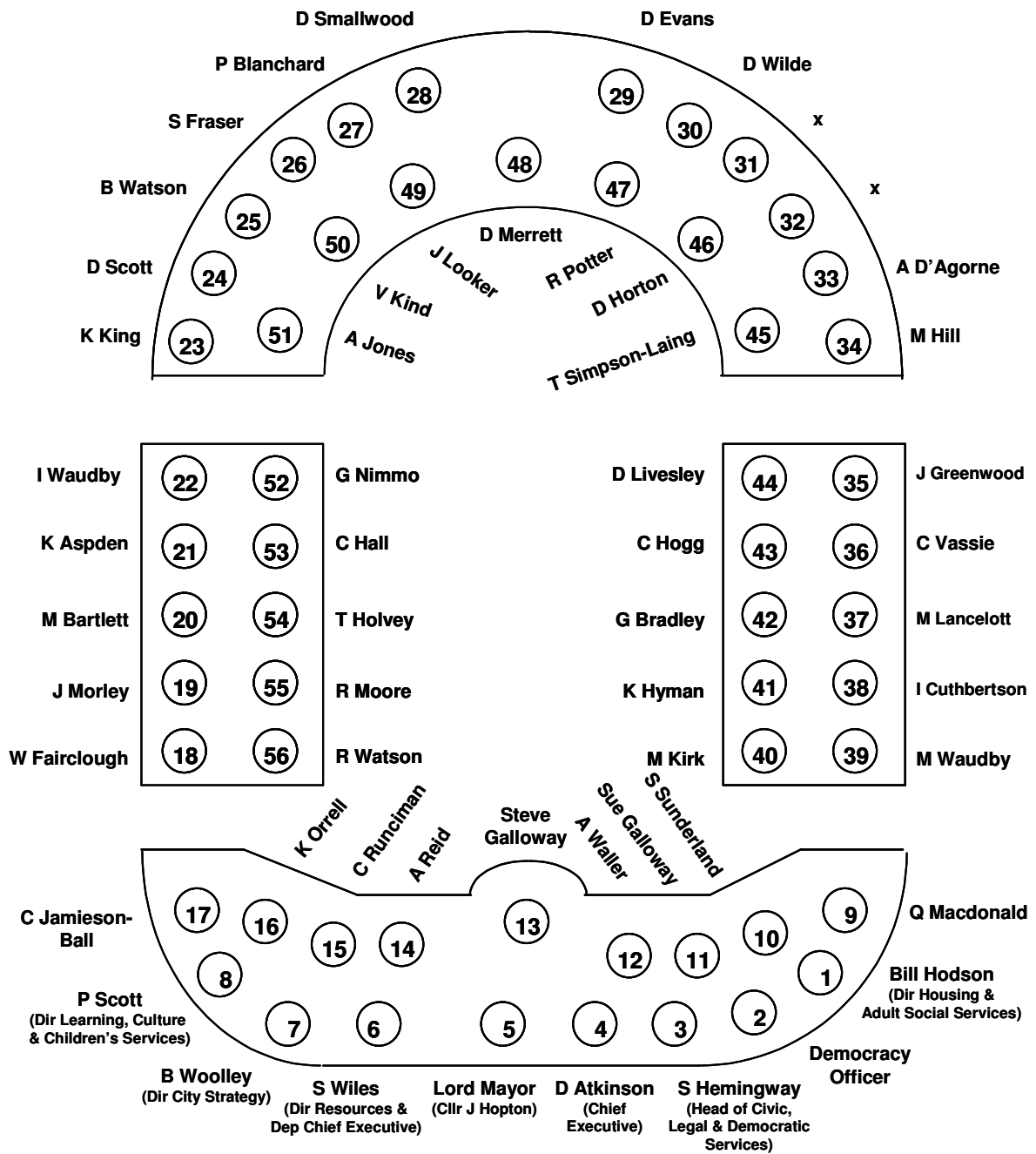


CITY OF YORK COUNCIL SUMMONS

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

Thursday, 30 November 2006 at 6.35 pm

COUNCIL CHAMBER PLAN



A G E N D A

1. Declarations of Interest

At this point Members are asked to declare any personal or prejudicial interests they may have in the business on this agenda.

2. Minutes (Pages 1 - 22)

To approve and sign the minutes of the Council meeting held on 5 October 2006.

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 members of the public who have registered their wish to speak regarding an item on the agenda or an issue within the Panel's remit can do so. Anyone who wishes to register or requires further information is requested to contact the Democracy Officer on the contact details listed at the foot of this agenda. The deadline for registering is **10:00 am on Wednesday, 29th November 2006.**

5. Petitions

To consider any petitions received from Members in accordance with Standing Order No. 7, including the following, of which notice has been received:

- A petition from residents of Wigginton, calling for a crossing and traffic safety measures on Mill Lane, Wigginton. To be presented by Cllr Hogg.

6. Notices of Motion

To consider the following motions under Standing Order 11:

(i) From Cllr Potter:

“Council requests that the Director of Neighbourhood Services urgently ensures that terraced areas of the City receive a recycling service that is equitable with the rest of the City and that larger refuse bins are provided for families with younger children.”

(ii) From Cllr Evans:

“Council notes with concern Active York’s research which shows that, following the closure of the Barbican Centre, York is now short of approximately twelve 25m lanes of pool space, has an under-supply of indoor sports hall space equal to approximately 24 badminton courts and by 2015 will be short of 64 mini soccer pitches, 17 junior soccer pitches and 19 junior rugby pitches. Council asks Officers to take immediate steps to identify ways to tackle this shortfall.”

(iii) From Cllr Steve Galloway:

“Council believes that the Local Government White Paper ‘Strong and Prosperous Communities’ is a missed opportunity. In particular Council regrets that the White Paper:

- Does not introduce a fair voting system for local government;
- Does not propose the abolition of the Council Tax and the introduction of a fair tax based on the ability to pay;
- Remains silent on returning Business Rates to local control, essential if local democracy is to have the freedom of action to deliver for the community;
- Makes no proposals to return to local authorities those powers and budgets previously transferred to central government and quangos;
- Refers to expanded roles for local authorities to scrutinise, but indicates no resources for this;
- Removes the obligation for a referendum on any introduction of a directly-elected mayor, and instead seeks to ignore public opinion by allowing them to be

introduced by resolution of council.

Council welcomes the intention to revise the Code of Conduct produced by the Standards Board for England and to restore the right of a ward councillor to defend their local community on planning and licensing applications, but regrets the lack of a timetable for when these proposals will be introduced.

Council notes that local councils will be able to select the electoral cycle for their community.

Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State expressing its disappointment at the lack of devolution of powers, funding and responsibilities to local government."

(iv) From Cllr Kirk:

"Council notes:

- That over the last two decades, post offices have been closing at a rate of over 300 per year;
- That 283 post offices have closed in Yorkshire & Humberside since 2001. Recent Post Offices closures in the City of York area include Rufforth, Nether Poppleton, Elvington, Eastholme Drive, Holgate, Gale Lane, Boroughbridge Road, Fishergate, Clarence Street, Bishopthorpe Road and Albemarle Road;
- That following the completion of the Urban Renewal Scheme, there is no longer a commitment to prevent avoidable closures of post offices in urban deprived areas where there is no alternative within half a mile;
- That Postcomm's 2005 Annual Report states that nine out of ten rural post offices cannot be maintained on purely a commercial basis;
- That the Post Office withdrew the Pension and Benefit payment books and replaced them with the "Post Office Card Account and direct payment into banks";
- That the Post Office Card Account, used by 4.5 million pensioners and benefit recipients nationally, will not be used for pension and benefit payments from 2010;
- That the £150 million subsidy for rural post offices is due to end in 2008 with no commitment yet to extend

it.

Council believes:

- That sub-post offices are the lifeblood of communities in rural, suburban and urban areas;
- That the most vulnerable residents in the City of York are amongst those most affected by the Post Office's withdrawal the Post Office Card Account – the over-65s, disabled people, carers, unemployed people, and those without a car who find it difficult to use public transport.

Council calls for:

- The Government to take action to protect the post office network;
- The Government to reverse its decision to discontinue using the Post Office card account from 2010;
- The Government to announce immediately that it will continue the subsidy for rural post offices;
- The Chief Executive of City of York Council to send a copy of this motion to the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry.”

(v) From Cllr Waller:

“Council regrets the government's poor record in tackling CO2 emissions and its failure to take positive action on climate change.

Council calls upon the government to;

1. Make sufficient investment in energy conservation, public transport, and renewable energy to meet the Kyoto Targets;
2. Sign up to annual targets for CO2 emissions as a matter of urgency;
3. Make sufficient investment in national assets to defend against the consequences of climate change.”

7. Report of Executive Leader and Executive Recommendations (Pages 23 - 36)

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

Committee	Date	Recommendations
Executive	21 November 2006	a) Minute 7 - Gambling Act 2005 – Statement of Licensing Policy b) Minute 8 - Local Development Framework: Statement of Community Involvement

[Note: The draft Statement of Licensing Policy and the draft Statement of Community Involvement are available to view on the Council's website at <http://democracy.york.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.asp?CId=331&MId=1727&Ver=4>

Copies have also been placed in the Members' Library.]

8. Report of Executive Member (Pages 37 - 40)

To receive a written report from the Executive Member for Leisure and Culture and to question the Executive Member thereon, provided any such questions are registered in accordance with the timescales and procedures set out in Standing Order 8(2)(a).

9. Questions to the Executive Leader and Executive Members received under Standing Order 10(c)

To deal with the following questions to the Executive Leader or other Executive Members, in accordance with Standing Order 10(a):

(i) To the Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services, from Cllr Hill:

“Can the Executive Member provide me with a figure for the number of bicycles crushed and disposed of as scrap metal or landfill in the city, in the period since the practice of allowing the public to recover materials from household waste sites was disallowed at the start of the Lib Dems' tenure as Council Executive?”

(ii) To the Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services, from Cllr Hill:

“Can the Executive Member provide me with a figure for the number of bikes that have been salvaged and reused, either by the Council, members of the public or by bicycle reuse organisations such as "Re-Cycle", during this period?”

(iii) To the Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services, from Cllr Potter:

“Would the Executive Member confirm how many times cameras have been deployed to investigate early presentation of refuse bins / bags and fly tipping, and how much the Council has paid for cameras and whether any useful evidence has been gathered that could lead to a prosecution?”

(iv) To the Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services, from Cllr Greenwood:

“Can the Executive Member comment on the current performance in removing graffiti and abandoned cars?”

(v) To the Executive Member for City Strategy, from Cllr Simpson-Laing:

“Will the Executive Member explain why there are continuing problems with reliability of the 'ftr' service and timing, given the concept was meant to overcome boarding

delays, and can she confirm whether an additional bus has been added into the 'ftr' service schedules?"

(vi) To the Executive Member for City Strategy, from Cllr Simpson-Laing:

"Can the Executive Member confirm how many existing residential streets have been adopted since 2003, and how many have been requested for adoption by residents?"

(vii) To the Executive Member for City Strategy, from Cllr Moore:

"Would the Executive Member comment on the outcome of the tendering exercise for the current year highways maintenance contract?"

(viii) To the Executive Member for Resources, from Cllr Looker:

"Would the Executive Member explain when the need to alter the Barbican 106 agreement was identified, who was involved in making that decision and why there was a substantial delay in submitting the formal proposal to Planning?"

(ix) To the Executive Member for Leisure and Culture, from Cllr Evans:

"Can the Executive Member explain what kind and level of community use is being made of the three PFI school facilities now that they have opened, as was intended under the original proposals?"

(x) To the Executive Member for Adult Social Services, from Cllr Fraser:

"Will the Executive Member detail how many 'Home Care' packages are being offered this financial year compared with last?"

(xi) To the Executive Member for Adult Social Services, from Cllr Livesley:

"When does the Executive Member anticipate that Windsor House will be open?"

(xii) To the Executive Member for Children's Services, from

Cllr Bradley:

“Would the Executive Member inform Council of the result of the Annual Performance Assessment and highlight some of the comments it contains?”

(xiii) To the Executive Member for Social Inclusion and Youth, from Cllr Aspden:

“Will the Executive Member confirm the uptake of School’s Out over the past few years?”

(xiv) To the Executive Member for Housing, from Cllr Hyman:

“Can the Executive Member confirm how many tenants have benefited from Choice Based Lettings?”

(xv) To the Executive Member for Corporate Services, from Cllr Moore:

“Could the Executive Member confirm how current Council Tax collection rates compare with previous years?”

10. Recommendations from the Licensing Act 2003 Committee (Pages 41 - 44)

To consider the following recommendations for approval from the Licensing Act 2003 Committee:

Committee	Date	Recommendations
Licensing Act 2003 Committee	3 November 2006	Minute 12 – Gambling Policy <i>[Note: Members will be asked to consider Recommendations (ii) and (iii) only, as Recommendation (i) will already have been dealt with via the Executive recommendations under agenda item 7]</i>

11. Scrutiny - Report of the Chair of SMC (Pages 45 - 46)

To receive a written report from Cllr Kirk, the Chair of the Scrutiny Management Committee (SMC) on the work of the SMC.

12. Activities of Outside Bodies

Minutes of the following meetings of outside bodies, received since the last meeting of Council, have been made available for Members to view on the Council's website, at:

<http://democracy.york.gov.uk/mgListOutsideBodies.asp?bcr=1>

Copies may also be obtained by contacting Democracy Support Group at the Guildhall, York (Tel. 01904 551088).

- Regional Transport Board Meeting (draft minutes 22 September)
- Yorkshire & Humber Assembly (summary notes of meeting 16 November)
- North Yorkshire Police Authority (minutes of meeting 31 July)
- Safer York Partnership Board (minutes of meeting 11 October)
- Pension Fund Committee (minutes of meeting on 22 September)

Members are invited to put any questions to the Council's representatives on any of the above bodies, in accordance with Standing Order 10(b).

13. Appointments and Changes to Membership (Pages 47 - 48)

To consider the appointments and changes to the membership of committees and outside bodies set out on the list attached to this summons.

14. Urgent Business

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

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- Registering to speak
- Business of the meeting
- Any special arrangements
- Copies of reports

Contact details are set out above.

CITY OF YORK COUNCIL

Resolutions and proceedings of the Meeting of the City of York Council held in on Thursday, 5th October, 2006, starting at 6.30 pm

Present: The Lord Mayor (Councillor Janet Hopton) in the Chair, and the following Councillors:

ACOMB WARD	BISHOPTHORPE WARD
Simpson-Laing	Livesley
CLIFTON WARD	DERWENT WARD
King Scott	Greenwood
DRINGHOUSES & WOODTHORPE WARD	FISHERGATE WARD
Holvey Reid Sunderland	D'Agorne Hill
FULFORD WARD	GUILDHALL WARD
Aspden	Looker B Watson
HAXBY & WIGGINTON WARD	HESLINGTON WARD
Hall Hogg R Watson	Jamieson-Ball
HEWORTH WARD	HEWORTH WITHOUT WARD
Blanchard Kind Potter	Lancelott
HOLGATE WARD	HULL ROAD WARD
Bartlett Nimmo	Wilde
HUNTINGTON & NEW EARSWICK WARD	MICKLEGATE WARD

Hyman
Orrell
Runciman

Evans
Fraser
Merrett

OSBALDWICK WARD

RURAL WEST YORK WARD

Morley

Bradley
Macdonald

SKELTON, RAWCLIFFE & CLIFTON
WITHOUT WARD

STRENSALL WARD

Moore
I Waudby
M Waudby

Cuthbertson
Kirk

WESTFIELD WARD

WHELDRAKE WARD

Steve Galloway
Sue Galloway
Waller

Vassie

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Fairclough, Horton,
Jones and Smallwood

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1. The Lord Mayor invited Members to declare any personal or prejudicial interests they had in any of the business on the agenda. Cllr Fraser declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in agenda item 6(iv) (notice of motion from Cllr Sue Galloway on Bed Closures at York District Hospital), as a retired member and employee of UNISON.

MINUTES

2. Councillor Fraser referred to Minute No. 6(2) relating to the appointment of a Young Peoples Champion. After considering the challenge to the 'veracity' of the minute, the Lord Mayor ruled that the minute was nonetheless accurate and the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 29 June 2006 were then agreed as a correct record and signed by the Lord Mayor (as Chair of Council).

CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. The Lord Mayor announced the receipt of the following gifts to the City, which were available to view in the Council Chamber:
 - A dish from the Dijon Association, members of which had attended the Freedom Parade.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

4. The Lord Mayor reported that there had been two registrations to speak at the meeting under the Council's Public Participation scheme.

The first speaker, Mary Fairbrother, spoke on behalf of the York Blind and Partially Sighted Society in relation to the difficulties experienced by visually impaired people using the ftr bus service.

The second speaker, Jim Hardie, spoke in support of the petition to be presented by Cllr Looker, under agenda item 5, seeking the pedestrianisation of Fossgate.

RESOLVED: That the comments made be noted and that the comments of the first speaker be taken into account when considering the motion on the ftr bus under agenda item 7 (Minute 60 refers) and those of the second speaker when Cllr Looker's petition is considered by the appropriate Council body.

PETITIONS

5. The following petitions were presented by Members under Standing Order (7):
1. A petition on behalf of local residents and traders seeking the pedestrianisation of Fossgate, presented by Cllr Looker.
 2. A petition on behalf of local residents seeking the re-opening of Acomb Police Station, presented by Cllr Bartlett.
 3. A petition on behalf of residents opposed to the reduction in frequency of the 22/23 bus between Fulford and the City Centre, presented by Cllr D'Agorne.
 4. A petition on behalf of residents concerned about the need for improved enforcement of the weight limit on vehicles accessing Dunnington village.

RESOLVED: That the above petitions be referred to the Executive or appropriate committee.

NOTICES OF MOTION

6. In accordance with Standing Order 11, five notices of motion had been received:

(i) Ward Committee Budgets

It was moved by Councillor Potter and seconded by Councillor King that:

“Council requests the restoration of the budgets for ward committee funding, making good the cuts in this year’s budget.”

On the advice of the Chief Executive, the Lord Mayor exercised her constitutional authority under Standing Order 11(ii) and referred the above motion directly to the Executive for an Officer report on the financial implications of the proposal.

(ii) Employment Issues in the City of York Area (Cllr Galloway)

It was moved by Councillor Steve Galloway and seconded by Councillor Waller that:

"Council notes with concern the recent announcements of job losses in the City. Council recognises the need for stability in, and the further diversification of, the local economy and welcomes proposals to establish the new support arrangements for those facing redundancy and for an independent review of the prospects for, and actions necessary to ensure, the prosperity of the City over the next decade and beyond. Council remains concerned at the decline of manufacturing industry across the country, and in our area specifically, and calls upon central government to do more to support

local businesses.”

Councillor Merrett then moved, and Councillor Potter seconded, an amendment to the above motion, as follows:

“Remove the full stop at the end of the last sentence, substitute a comma, and add the words:

‘as well as asking the review to look at what more can be done locally’.

Add a second paragraph, to read as follows:

‘Council requests that in supporting this review the Director of City Strategy looks at how well the Council’s existing job creation strategies match the profile and numbers of York residents losing employment, and that the results of the review group, plus the representations of other stakeholders in the City, - including Members and MPs – be analysed by the Director of City Strategy and reported to the Executive as soon as possible together with recommendations about how the use of Council resources allocated for economic development purposes should be refined to address the changing needs of the local economy.’”

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

The motion, as amended, now read as follows:

"Council notes with concern the recent announcements of job losses in the City. Council recognises the need for stability in, and the further diversification of, the local economy and welcomes proposals to establish the new support arrangements for those facing redundancy and for an independent review of the prospects for, and actions necessary to ensure, the prosperity of the City over the next decade and beyond. Council remains concerned at the decline of manufacturing industry across the country, and in our area specifically, and calls upon central government to do more to support local businesses, as well as asking the review to look at what more can be done locally.

Council requests that in supporting this review the Director of City Strategy looks at how well the Council’s existing job creation strategies match the profile and numbers of York residents losing employment, and that the results of the review group, plus the representations of other stakeholders in the City, - including Members and MPs – be analysed by the Director of City Strategy and reported to the Executive as soon as possible together with recommendations about how the use of Council resources allocated for economic development purposes should be refined to address the changing needs of the local economy.”

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

RESOLVED: That the above notice of motion, as amended, be approved.

(iii) Employment Issues in the City of York Area (Cllr Merrett)

The third notice of motion had been submitted by Cllr Merrett, as follows:

“Council requests, as part of the Council’s response to the recent major job loss announcements across a number of important sectors of the City’s economy, and to questions as to how well the Council’s existing job creation strategies and spending levels match the profile and numbers of York residents losing employment, that the Director of City Strategy, in conjunction with local business leaders, partners and MPs, urgently review and update the Council’s Economic Development Strategy and expenditure priorities.”

In view of the above related notice of motion being agreed as amended, Councillor Merrett announced that he would withdraw this motion.

(iv) Bed Closures at York District Hospital

It was moved by Councillor Sue Galloway and seconded by Councillor Jamieson-Ball that:

"Council believes that responsibility for NHS cuts at Selby and York PCT rests with the Labour Government and the Department of Health. Therefore, Council calls upon Patricia Hewitt, Secretary of State for Health, to act to reverse the proposal to cut up to 60 beds at York District Hospital.

Council asks the Chief Executive to write to Patricia Hewitt to ask for her assurance that she will protect local residents and give a guarantee that these bed closures will not go ahead.”

In accordance with Standing Order 14(f), a named vote of those Members present was requested and put on the above motion, as follows:

For	Against	Abstained
Cllr Aspden	Cllr Blanchard	Cllr Hopton (Lord Mayor)
Cllr Bartlett	Cllr Evans	
Cllr Bradley	Cllr Fraser	
Cllr Cuthbertson	Cllr Kind	
Cllr D’Agorne	Cllr King	
Cllr Steve Galloway	Cllr Looker	
Cllr Sue Galloway	Cllr Merrett	
Cllr Greenwood	Cllr Potter	
Cllr Hall	Cllr Scott	
Cllr Hill	Cllr Simpson-Laing	
Cllr Hogg	Cllr Brian Watson	
Cllr Holvey	Cllr Wilde	

Cllr Hyman		
Cllr Jamieson-Ball		
Cllr Kirk		
Cllr Lancelott		
Cllr Livesley		
Cllr Macdonald		
Cllr Moore		
Cllr Morley		
Cllr Orrell		
Cllr Nimmo		
Cllr Reid		
Cllr Runciman		
Cllr Sunderland		
Cllr Vassie		
Cllr Richard Watson		
Cllr Irene Waudby		
Cllr Mark Waudby		
Cllr Waller		
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In accordance with this vote, the motion was declared CARRIED and it was

RESOLVED: That the above notice of motion be approved.

(v) DTI Consultation on Proposed Changes to Planning Processes

It was moved by Councillor D’Agorne and seconded by Councillor Hill that:

“This Council notes with concern the Government proposals for new nuclear power stations and the intention to ‘fast track’ planning applications without full public inquiry processes. We condemn the lack of robust examination of the options during the recent government policy review and the failure to provide hard evidence of the economic and environmental case for new nuclear plants in the UK.

This Council believes that the response to climate change should be with a rapid programme of cutting energy and resource consumption, increased renewables etc., rather than by developing new nuclear plants. It believes it is unacceptable to seek to avoid effective opposition by changing planning processes. It also believes any new plants will have a serious opportunity cost in relation to the development of new renewable technologies and will perpetuate the terrorist threat and problems of managing a growing waste mountain. Council resolves to instruct the Chief Executive to respond to the DTI consultation before October 31st expressing these views on behalf of City of York Council.”

Councillor Steve Galloway then moved, and Councillor Waller seconded, an amendment to the above motion, as follows:

“Prefix the motion with the words:

‘Council asks the Executive, in the light of Officer advice, to authorise a response to the DTI consultation document, on proposed changes to planning processes and, in doing so, to consider the following, together with any other views that Members may wish to submit for consideration.’

Delete the last paragraph of the motion.”

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

The motion, as amended, now read as follows:

“Council asks the Executive, in the light of Officer advice, to authorise a response to the DTI consultation document, on proposed changes to planning processes and, in doing so, to consider the following, together with any other views that Members may wish to submit for consideration:

- This Council notes with concern the Government proposals for new nuclear power stations and the intention to ‘fast track’ planning applications without full public inquiry processes. We condemn the lack of robust examination of the options during the recent government policy review and the failure to provide hard evidence of the economic and environmental case for new nuclear plants in the UK.
- This Council believes that the response to climate change should be with a rapid programme of cutting energy and resource consumption, increased renewables etc., rather than by developing new nuclear plants. It believes it is unacceptable to seek to avoid effective opposition by changing planning processes. It also believes any new plants will have a serious opportunity cost in relation to the development of new renewable technologies and will perpetuate the terrorist threat and problems of managing a growing waste mountain.

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

RESOLVED: That the above notice of motion, as amended, be approved.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE LEADER AND EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

7. The Leader moved his written report on the work of the Executive, the Shadow Executive Leader responded.

Councillor Simpson-Laing then moved, and Councillor Potter

seconded, the following motion, which had been referred by Council to the Executive on 23 June 2006 and subsequently referred back to Council after consideration at the Executive meeting on 26 September 2006:

“This Council has some concern over the partnership agreement between CYC & First York Ltd with regard to the ‘ftr’. Council asks CYC Officers:

- To ensure that ticketing difficulties, including the issue of 'Family Tickets' and the inability of the ticket machines to give change are sorted out as a matter of urgency so that York residents are not financially penalised when using the service.
- That CYC ask First to retain conductors on board or allow contact between passengers and drivers when there are payment difficulties or access/destination issues particularly for those with disabilities.”

Councillor Reid then moved, and Councillor Steve Galloway seconded, an amendment to the above motion, as follows:

“At the end of the motion, insert the following additional words:
‘Council further recognises that current legislation greatly restricts the influence that Council officials can have on commercially operated public transport services, that many of the changes requested in this motion have already been vigorously pursued by the Council while others – such as the use of conductors – are entirely matters within the powers of the operator to determine.’”

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

The motion, as amended, now read as follows:

“This Council has some concern over the partnership agreement between CYC & First York Ltd with regard to the ‘ftr’. Council asks CYC Officers:

- To ensure that ticketing difficulties, including the issue of 'Family Tickets' and the inability of the ticket machines to give change are sorted out as a matter of urgency so that York residents are not financially penalised when using the service.
- That CYC ask First to retain conductors on board or allow contact between passengers and drivers when there are payment difficulties or access/destination issues particularly for those with disabilities.

Council further recognises that current legislation greatly restricts the influence that Council officials can have on commercially operated public transport services, that many of the changes requested in this motion have already been vigorously pursued by the Council while others – such as the use of conductors – are entirely matters within the powers of the operator to determine.”

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

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That the Leader's report be received and noted.
 - (ii) That Councillor Simpson-Laing's motion, as amended, be approved.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE MEMBER

8. A written report was received from Cllr Macdonald, the Executive Member for Corporate Services.

Cllr Macdonald drew attention to an error in the sixth line of the first paragraph of the report and asked that this be amended to read *"..concentrate on those areas where the performance has not yet reached the required standard."*

RESOLVED: That the report, as amended, be received and noted.

QUESTIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE LEADER AND EXECUTIVE MEMBERS RECEIVED UNDER STANDING ORDER 10(C)

9. In accordance with Standing Order 10 (c) (1) the following questions were put and responses given:

(i) **From Councillor Aspden to the Executive Member for City Strategy**

"Given the changes to the bus services serving the Fordlands Road in Fulford, will the Executive Member for City Strategy reconsider the provision of a pedestrian refuge at the junction with Main Street as soon as possible, on the basis that a safe crossing point is needed to allow residents to access the bus stops and local shops?"

The Executive Member replied:

"I have already recognised the increased need for a pedestrian refuge in this location and provision is made in this year's capital programme. Work has started on the design of the refuge and it is intended to have it in place as soon as possible."

In response to a supplementary question about the likely timescale for this work the Executive Member replied:

"There will be a report to the City Strategy EMAP meeting in December."

In response to a supplementary question on the consideration of proposals for a pedestrian refuge at this site by the East Area Planning Sub-Committee two years ago, the Executive Member replied:

“Yes, the Sub-Committee did consider this and the proposals were refused. I do not know who voted which way on the proposals.”

(ii) From Councillor Simpson-Laing to the Executive Member for City Strategy

“Will the Executive Member confirm passenger numbers for the ‘ftr’ on a monthly basis since May 2006 and compare those with the same period for route no. 4 in 2005?”

The Executive Member replied:

“Information in this format is commercially sensitive for First as a private business operating within the City. Under current legislation the Council has no powers to require this information to be made public.”

She then responded to supplementaries regarding the Annual Best Value Performance Plan report and the nature of the major capital investment involved.

(iii) From Councillor Simpson-Laing to the Executive Member for City Strategy:

The following registered question was not formally put at the meeting:

“Will the Executive Member explain why there are continuing problems with reliability of the ‘ftr’ service and timing, given the concept was meant to overcome boarding delays, and can she confirm whether an additional bus has been added into the ‘ftr’ service schedules?”

(iv) From Councillor King to the Executive Member for City Strategy

“Could the Executive Member report on the number of complaints / incidents in relation to trips and falls related to the ‘ftr’ since May 2006?”

The Executive Member replied:

“This information is not held by City of York Council and is not information that we receive through partnership arrangements. The Member will need to seek the information from First York but I understand that they are not obliged to make such detail available.”

In response to a supplementary question on whether a monthly or quarterly report on these incidents could be obtained, the Executive Member replied:

“This would be up to First York, as the holders of information on all their services.”

(v) From Councillor Looker to the Executive Member for City Strategy

“Will the Executive Member explain why there was such a delay in bringing forward the alteration to the Section 106 agreement for the Barbican, and who was responsible?”

The Executive Member replied:

“As far as Development Control is concerned, there was no delay. The application was received on the 16th August, 600 letters were delivered and a site notice posted on the 18th August. The application was determined at the first available planning meeting on the 28th September.”

She then responded to supplementaries regarding reasons for the delay.

(vi) From Councillor Scott to the Executive Member for City Strategy

“Given the figures required for York’s housing needs, particularly in relation to Affordable Housing, as published in the Fordham Research Document of June 2006, is the Executive Member now seeking higher housing projections for York through the Regional Spatial Strategy Inquiry?”

The Executive Member replied:

“The report that Cllr Scott refers to makes it clear that it reflects ‘unconstrained demand’, stressing in paragraph 13.9 that ‘it does not suggest that the draft RSS figure is incorrect...The demand for new housing in York needs to be considered against a whole range of significant issues and policy implications which will be subject to comprehensive and statutory consultation and progressed through an accountable decision-making body.’ Paragraph 13.10 states that ‘there are strong environmental constraints and these need to be taken seriously’.”

In response to a supplementary question asking why research was undertaken into housing needs if the advice was then ignored, the Executive Member replied:

“The advice has not been ignored. Further consultation is being carried out and the results will be reported back.”

(vii) From Councillor D’Agorne to the Executive Member for City Strategy

“How much has been spent on preparing the Council bid for waste PFI to date (including consultants’ fees and Officer time) and how much is projected for the current year?”

The Executive Member replied:

“In 2005/06 it was £165k and the figure for 2006/07 is projected to be £170k”.

In response to a supplementary question asking whether any money had been spent on an exit strategy, the Executive

Member replied:

“No.”

(viii) From Councillor Potter to the Executive Member for Housing

“What level of staff support (including fte time allocations) are residents’ associations now receiving from the Neighbourhood Pride Unit (NPU) compared to that previously received from Community Services, and when will the SLA between Housing and Neighbourhood Services finally be agreed?”

The Executive Member replied:

“Portfolio responsibility for the NPU rests with the Executive Member for Neighbourhoods. However, I understand that the NPU are providing significant support for residents’ associations. Since January 2006, 24 individual training sessions have been completed by members of RAs, with more planned. The Federation of Residents’ Associations meets monthly and the Compact meets quarterly. A new Compact is being drafted and a new constitution for the Federation is in the final stages of completion. The SLA has been superseded by a Mature Partnership Agreement.”

She then responded to supplementary questions on the level of HRA funding provided to the NPU and the services bought by this funding, the Executive Member replied.

(ix) From Councillor Merrett to the Executive Member for Housing

“Would the Executive Member advise:

- a) how many affordable properties for sale have been agreed in Section 106 Agreements for housing developments completed to date;
- b) how many of these properties were successfully sold to persons from the York Housing waiting lists, whether any remain unsold and what happened to those (including a breakdown by property type and bedroom number and price and how the sale of these properties is monitored, including subsequent re-sales.)”

The Executive Member replied:

“As the Member will be aware, the responsibility for Planning issues – including Section 106 Agreements – rests with the Executive Member for City Strategy. However, Officers have provided the following information which may be of assistance to him:

- a) Affordable homes for sale on S106 sites completed and sold between 1/4/2002 and 31/3/2006 = 83. Affordable homes for sale on S106 sites anticipated to be completed and sold between 1/4/2006 and 31/3/2007 = 12.
- b) All were successfully sold to waiting list applicants. It should be borne in mind that, prior to 2004, all those

applicants for affordable sale homes had to be registered on the York Waiting List (this was the same list as for rented properties). Since 2004 the Council has held a separate Affordable Housing Waiting List for those wanting to pursue the sale option – households can be registered on both lists. Applications for both lists use the same form. From the Autumn there will be a consolidated list on SX3 within which will be the separate registers.

- c) As far as I am aware there haven't been any instances where affordable homes have been returned to developers and then sold on the open market."

(x) From Councillor Looker to the Executive Member for Corporate Services

"Can the Executive Member explain what he is doing to bring the procurement strategy back on track by meeting the savings targets?"

The Executive Member replied:

"The share of any procurement saving which is credited to the corporate savings pot is calculated using a formula which recognises the contribution of the Corporate Procurement Team. Long term sickness currently being experienced in the Corporate Procurement Team will make it difficult to meet the target this year. This situation will be addressed in the near future."

He then responded to a supplementary question regarding the end of year target.

(xi) From Councillor Looker to the Executive Member for Corporate Services

"What percentage of staff appraisals have now been completed in the Resources department?"

The Executive Member replied:

"The Resources Directorate has completed 15% of appraisals so far this year."

In response to a supplementary question as to whether the department was on track to meet its targets in this area, the Executive Member replied:

"There is no reason that the 100% target cannot be met by the end of the yearly cycle for appraisals."

(xii) From Councillor Looker to the Executive Member for Corporate Services

"What is the Executive Member doing to ensure that the Property Services overspend is being managed and brought back within budget?"

The Executive Member replied:

“I have asked Officers to identify the causes and review the options. This work is ongoing.”

In response to a supplementary question asking whether it would be helpful to look at introducing short-term licensing agreements to get extra revenue from properties that had been empty for a long time, the Executive Member replied:

“Ye, I am always open to helpful suggestions and will ask Officers to look into this.”

(xiii) From Councillor Moore to the Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services

“Would the Executive Member report what cuts have had to be made to the 2006/07 Yorkshire Regional Flood Defence Committee capital and revenue budgets?”

The Executive Member replied:

“The budget has suffered severe reductions amounting to a £6 million reduction in capital expenditure due to overspending on Coastal Defence Work. The Committee has also been told that it must reduce its revenue budget mid-year by £1.126 million due to the £200 million overspend by DEFRA via the Rural Payments Agency. This is likely to include a delay in Catchment Flood Plans, cut backs on improvements to flood warning and emergency response services, reductions in work to flood risk mapping, a suspension of planned pre-feasibility work, a reduction in contribution to Inland Drainage Boards for upland water projects, and cut backs in maintenance. The Business Plan for the year has also been reduced by £2.992 million due to claw back of the ‘over-programming’ budget.”

(xiv) From Councillor D’Agorne to the Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services

“When will residents of Fishergate be given the opportunity to have kerbside cardboard collection for recycling?”

The Executive Member replied:

“There are approximately 30 properties on Fishergate which would be included within a further roll out of recycling to terraced areas.”

(xv) From Councillor D’Agorne to the Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services

“When will residents in terraced areas and blocks of flats be included in kerbside or other door to door recycling collection schemes?”

The Executive Member replied:

“Inclusion of terraced streets and blocks of flats has been ongoing since 2003. However, some areas of the City had been reserved to allow the expansion of the St Nicholas Field scheme. Any further expansion of recycling to terraced

properties from the current position will require substantial investment in new vehicles and equipment. This is dependent on securing further sustainable funding from central government. I myself have written to the Minister to make this point, and I understand that the Leader of the Council has raised this issue with one of the local MPs.”

(xv) From Councillor Bradley to the Executive Member for Children’s Services

“Given the national concern about Key Stage 2 English results across the country, would the Executive Member for Children’s Services like to comment on the standards achieved in York, particularly those achieved by boys?”

The Executive Member replied:

“Concern has been expressed nationally that standards are falling at Key Stage 2, the top end of the Primary School, which lays the basis for the vital years of secondary schooling. The government has said work needs to be done to raise those standards, but I am pleased to tell Members that, here in York, things are different. Standards are rising at Key Stage 2, and the gap is narrowing between those living in the more deprived areas of the City and those who are the least deprived.

It is good to report that there has been a rise in standards at Key Stage 2 this year. There has been the best every performance in both English and Maths with 37% of pupils achieving at the highest level, Level 5, well above average. There is a welcome narrowing of the gap between pupils in different areas of the City and a big improvement in standards of writing; again, well above the national average.

I am particularly pleased to be able to report that boys in York have had their best year ever in the standards they have achieved in English. Their results are 4% above the national average, with 78% achieving at Level 4, and the gap between the achievement of boys and girls is reducing, especially in writing.

It is a tribute to the hard work of staff and students with strong support and guidance from Officers in Children’s Services and they deserve our thanks and congratulations. York often bucks the national trend and this is yet another success for the authority.”

(xvi) From Councillor D’Agorne to the Executive Member for Leisure and Culture

“When does he now expect the Barbican deal to be signed?”

The Executive Member replied:

“I am not able to say when the contract will be signed. We will proceed with all speed.”

In response to a supplementary question seeking clarification

of this answer, the Executive Member replied:
"As soon as possible."

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE

10. Councillor Nimmo moved, and Councillor Bradley seconded, those minutes requiring confirmation from the following meeting:

Licensing & Regulatory Committee on 1 September 2006, Minute 5 – recommendations in respect of Electoral Arrangements – Parish of Clifton Without.

RESOLVED: That minute 5 of the above meeting and the recommendations of Licensing & Regulatory Committee in respect of Electoral Arrangements – Parish of Clifton Without be approved.

AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE - 4 OCTOBER 2006

11. Councillor Hyman moved, and Councillor Holvey seconded, those minutes requiring confirmation from the following meeting:

Audit & Governance Committee on 4 October 2006, Minute 35 – recommendations in respect of a proposed Constitutional Amendment.

Councillor Merrett then moved, and Councillor Scott seconded, an amendment to the recommendations, as follows:

"In the section headed 'Standing Order 8(2)(a)', after the first sentence ending with the words '10 minutes' insert a new sentence with the words 'no answer given shall exceed 2 minutes in duration.' In the section headed 'Standing Order 10(a), in the sixth line after the sentence ending with the words '10 minutes', insert a new sentence with the words 'no answer given shall exceed two minutes in duration'."

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

The original motion, namely the recommendations of the Audit & Governance Committee, was then put to the vote and declared CARRIED and it was

RESOLVED: That minute 13 of the above meeting and the recommendations of the Audit & Governance Committee in respect of the proposed Constitutional Amendment be approved.

SCRUTINY - REPORT OF CHAIR OF SMC AND SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT

12. Councillor Kirk, Chair of the Scrutiny Management Committee (SMC), moved, and Councillor Hyman seconded, receipt of Cllr Kirk's written report on the work of the SMC since the last report to Council, in June 2006, and endorsement of the Annual Scrutiny Report for 2005/06.

Councillor Fraser then moved, and Councillor Looker seconded, an amendment to the above motion, as follows:

"At the end of Cllr Kirk's motion to receive her report and endorse the Annual Report for 2005/06, insert the following words:
'and instruct the Chair of SMC to take steps to ensure that there is no repeat of the abuse of the Council's conventions and due process such as that perpetuated by the Chair of the Health Scrutiny Board and supported by members of the majority Group, at the meeting of the Board held on 31st July and 2nd August of this year.'"

In view of the fact that it was now nearly 10:00 pm, the Lord Mayor ruled that the amendment be put to the vote without debate, in accordance with Standing Order 1(c).

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

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

RESOLVED: That the report of the Chair of SMC be received and noted and that the Scrutiny Annual Report for 2005/06 be endorsed.

ACTIVITIES OF OUTSIDE BODIES

13. Minutes of the following meetings of Outside Bodies were considered. In accordance with a previous request at Council, these had been made available to Members to view on the Council's computer system. The Lord Mayor invited comments and questions, firstly, from Council representatives on those bodies either in relation to the body generally or specifically on the minutes, and then, secondly, from Members generally.

- **North Yorkshire Police Authority**
Meeting on 29 June 2006 (draft minutes)
- **Local Government Yorkshire and Humber**
Annual General Meeting on 14 July 2006
- **Association of North Yorkshire Councils**
Annual Meeting on 10 July 2006

APPOINTMENTS AND CHANGES TO MEMBERSHIP

14. RESOLVED: That the appointments to Committees, Outside Bodies and Working Groups, as set out in the list at page 67 of the Council papers (attached as Annex A to these minutes), be approved.

Councillor Janet Hopton
LORD MAYOR OF YORK

[The meeting started at 6.30 pm and concluded at 10.00 pm]

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Membership of Committees, Working Groups and Outside Bodies

COMMITTEES

Standards Committee

To appoint Christine Bainton as Independent Chair of Standards Committee

Planning Committee

To replace Cllr Mark Waudby (1st Sub) with Cllr David Livesley
To replace Cllr David Livesley (2nd Sub) with Cllr Sue Galloway

Health Scrutiny Committee

To replace Cllr Mark Waudby with Cllr Glen Bradley

East Area Planning Sub-Committee

To replace Cllr Mark Waudby with Cllr Irene Waudby
To replace Cllr Irene Waudby (1st Sub) with Cllr K Orrell

PARTNERSHIP AND OTHER BODIES

Economic Development Partnership Board

To appoint Jez Willard from the Japanese Shop as the Retail Sector representative, in place of Brian Littlejohn from Marks and Spencer.

To appoint Julie Hutton as representative of Yorkshire Forward, in place of Don Stewart.

OUTSIDE BODIES

Fire Authority

To replace Cllr Mark Waudby with Cllr Keith Hyman

The University of York Council

To remove council representation on the above outside body following information received from York University regarding changes to the reduced size of the make up of the University Council.

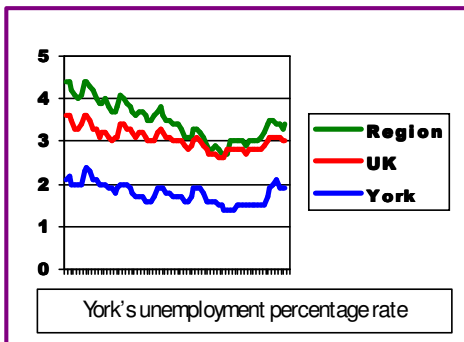
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There have been 4 Executive meetings since the Council last met. 5 issues have dominated our agendas

- * Reacting in a professional and effective way to the recently announced jobs losses in the City
- * Reviewing our budgetary and quality of service performance
- * Tracking progress within our major investment programmes
- * Looking at how we can further increase the amount of waste that we recycle
- * Approving the new York Neighbourhood Pride initiative – bringing us a clean, green and safe City – and one that we can all be even more proud of.

The last Council meeting discussed and agreed how we should react to the recently announced job losses in the City. The Redundancy Support Group has now started to meet and will co-ordinate our support for people made redundant, and to seek the co-operation of the businesses in retraining and advising those people affected. The Group has held discussions with the employers and detailed programmes are being developed. If necessary an application will be made to government for additional grant aid to ensure that there is a timely and effective programme of support.

Secondly, we have set up the independent Future York Group to review the future of the York economy, and to make recommendations to the City Council and other agencies for policies to ensure continuing

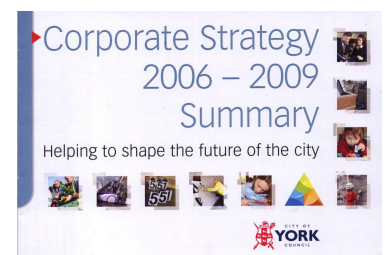


prosperity. Under the chairmanship of Chris Garnett – former MD of GNER - the team have had their first meeting. Over the last few years the York economy has been strong, despite continuing job losses from traditional businesses, creating a net increase of 1,500 jobs a year. The group, including private and public sector representatives from a wide range of sectors and interests, will produce their final report in March.

I expect the report to be challenging and – at least as far as manufacturing industries are concerned – to highlight some difficult choices for the City particularly in the field of transport policy and skill training. The York economy continues to have underlying strengths with

technology, education and tourism sectors generally buoyant. Unemployment in the City (see graph) has for many years exactly shadowed regional trends but with York always significantly out performing our neighbours. But the future prosperity of the City will only be secured if we are decisive.

In June 2006 the Executive approved a Corporate Strategy, consisting of 13 priorities called improvement statements (IS), which provide direction and focus to the rest of the Council over the next 3 years. As well as addressing a 'gap' identified in the last CPA and other corporate reviews, the strategy was also intended as providing the focus for corporate performance monitoring. A champion has been appointed to lead performance improvement and change for each of the 13 priorities.



Indicators for the majority of performance areas of York Pride have demonstrated major improvement over the past 3 years. Key Improvements include:

- * The % of new reports of abandoned cars investigated within 24 hours of notification has improved significantly at 99.34%. This is well in excess of the 2006/07 target of 95%. The most significant improvement is in relation to the % of abandoned cars removed within 24 hours (from point of being legally able to do so). Neighbourhood Services are currently achieving over 97% removal within the standard time, a big step up from last year's outturn figure of 89.9%.
- * The response time for removing graffiti has improved yet again. In the first quarter, the average response time for removing obscene graffiti was 1.16 days, well below the 2-day standard and the 2005/06 figure of 1.98 days. Similarly, the average time to remove non-obscene graffiti was down

to 2.31 days. This compares extremely well against the 4-day standard and last year's performance of 4.94 days.

- * The average time taken to remove fly-tips is also performing well at 1.92 days. This is better than the DEFRA standard of 2 days.

On Safer City, all of the public perception measures have consolidated or improved upon the performance recorded last year. Most notably, 55% of people surveyed believe York to be a safe city in which to live. This is encouraging as a first in-year result, and compared with 46% for the same period last year.

Also of note is that 78% of the people surveyed said that they would be willing to report crime and anti-social behaviour, an increase of 2% when compared with the 2006/7 outturn and an increase of 8% when compared with the same period last year. However I remain concerned about the effectiveness of the current neighbourhood policing initiative and am having regular meetings with the local force commander and other police officers to try to make the service more visible and to be able to react more effectively to problems.

The Audit Commission will publish the 2006 CPA ratings for upper tier councils in February 2007. I expect us to maintain a 3 star (good council) rating.

Our approach must be jointly driven by seeking customer satisfaction with key services while recognising that the government's decision, on the post capping debate, means that we will have less to invest in service quality improvements in the future (a product of fixed income levels and growing demand on Social Services).

The government's decision to limit our expenditure means that it is necessary to take action to ensure that we do not exceed our budget for this year or next year. We have little flexibility available to us.

All departments have controlled expenditure in a professional way but Adult Social Services face particular pressures both this year and next. Growth in the number of complex care cases continues to grow with some clients requiring packages costing over £50,000 pa. We will be making details available (anonymised of course) of the kind of carer demands now being placed upon the Council to inform debate. But suffice it to record that a potential additional budget commitment of £1.7 million was identified in the summer. This was addressed by the Executive and we will outturn the financial year within the overall allocated budget.

Good progress is being made with the Council's capital investment programme. Highlights include:

- * The completion of phase one of the Clifton Green Integrated Children's Centre,
- * An additional grant funding of £1.476m over 2 years for the Sure Start initiative,
- * The James Street Link Road and EcoDepot are, at the time of writing, almost complete,
- * The start on site of the £5.3m scheme to upgrade and extend Huntington Secondary School,
- * £1.1m of work on the School Modernisation programme,
- * £1m of work on the Skills Centre at Danesgate due to initial ground surveys and planning negotiations,
- * The successful £1.2m purchase of Dundas Street Ambulance station as a key component of the land assembly element of the new Town Hall project,
- * Capital investment of £0.5m in IT equipment.



In summary the report to Executive indicated continuing good progress in meeting and exceeding many York Pride and Safe City targets. Taken together, they mean that the City is now a much safer, cleaner and pleasant place in which to work and live.

Nevertheless we cannot afford to stand still and the Neighbourhood Pride initiative represents an opportunity to achieve excellence in street service standards.

Four years ago street level services were in a poor state. Successive budget cuts had left the street sweeping service unable to meet demand. Terraced streets could go for years between cleans, ensuring the accumulation of centimetres of dirt in gutters. Customer satisfaction across the city had taken a dive.

Performance Indicator	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06
BVPI 89 % of people satisfied with local cleanliness	47%	60%	63%	61%
BVPI 199(a) % of relevant land and highways having combined deposits of "litter" and "debris" that fall below acceptable levels	N/A	30%	24%	23%
BVPI 218 b % of abandoned vehicles removed within 24 hours from the point at which the Authority is legally entitled to remove the vehicle	N/A	N/A	N/A	89.5%
% of obscene graffiti incidents on highways and council owned land responded to within 2 working days	N/A	N/A	74.7%	85.7%
Average time to remove non-obscene graffiti	N/A	N/A	N/A	4.94 days
Time to remove fly tips	2 days	1.86 days	1.92 days	1.53 days
Number of sites meeting Civic Trust Green Flag Awards Standards	N/A	0	1	2

Whilst there was little systematic measure of street level issues (other than the number of complaints) ENCAMS did measure the cleanliness of York in 1999 and January 2003 with a system which was a precursor of the BVPI 199 measure

This illustrated that prior to York Pride graffiti and fly posting had increased dramatically.

The Street Environment Service was established in September 2003 as a bold and new approach to tackle the problems encountered by residents. The key changes were;

- * Street Environment Officers (SEOs) to act as the named contact for set geographical areas, every resident in the city had someone to approach when they were not getting a satisfactory outcome in their local area.
- * A single number 551551 for residents to ring about a range of street issues, for which a reference number was given which could be used to track actions taken.

These were linked into the launch of York Pride, with the first phase being the council getting its

house in order. In order to ensure a quicker response to customer complaints, the backroom systems were thoroughly overhauled to reduce the time it took to transfer complaints from the receipt of the phone call to having CSO staff out on the street dealing with the complaint.

At the same time the council set a wide range of policies, and fines which took up new and existing potential powers that had been declined before.

These changes have had a positive impact on the delivery of a cleaner city, however, it is clear that we have maximised the potential for improvements. Therefore the merger of the former

Environmental Services and Commercial Services, and appointment of a new officer to lead the new Directorate, has been an ideal opportunity to review operations. By taking examples of best practice internally and externally a new vision has been established.

The re-establishment of hand sweeping and barrows in the built up areas of York will demonstrate to residents that there is a determination to deliver a quality service, which they can all see.

Waste management is another major success story for the York Council

- * The Council has increased the recycling rate in the City to 36%.
- * As a result there has been a substantial improvement in customer satisfaction with waste collection over the last 12 months
- * Substantial Landfill Tax savings have resulted from the introduction of the twin bin system.
- * The extension of cardboard collection to another 40,000 homes will save an estimated 1,993 tonnes (diverted from landfill) – saving York residents £47,832 in landfill taxes each year
- * An estimated 1020 tonnes of waste will not enter the waste stream if the alternate weeks system operates throughout the year, saving both Landfill Tax at £24,000 and Gate Fees at £16.00 - a £40,800 total saving for York residents
- * The collection of plastics has had a major effect in reducing bin volumes across twin bin areas
- * The Hazel Court facility has been a huge success and this will be followed up with plans to provide a similar facility on the west of the City
- * A new process for recovering fluorescent tubes is being introduced which will produce £22,000 in income for the City.
- * For the first time there will be a Christmas Tree collection and disposal service this year
- * The Council does however need greater government investment in the City to fund the expansion of door step recycling services into more terraced housing areas in the City.

The relocation from Foss Islands Depot to Hazel Court HWS (split level) has been enthusiastically endorsed by residents with 93% saying that it is an improvement, and 97% describing the range of materials that can be recycled as good.

Over 95% who had spoken to the staff rated them as fairly or very good for being polite, helpful and knowledgeable.

The Executive has therefore authorised the extension of cardboard collections to the remaining 40,000 households currently using the twin bin system.

Other issues discussed by the Executive included commenting on the first draft of York's first LAA, progress on the new civic HQ, updates to the ITT development plan, arrangements to deal with equal pay as well as agreeing to look at whether the Lendal Bridge sub station could be converted for use as a cycle facility.

Reports from scrutiny sub committees dealing with *Recycling and Reuse, Sustainable Street Lighting & Reducing Carbon Emissions from York's Public and Private Sector Housing*. Generally the sub committee recommendations were welcomed and many are now in course of implementation.

Two matters are recommended for approval at this Council meeting having been referred via the Executive. They concern the statement of licensing policy and the LDF statement of community involvement.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to thank The Press and those businesses and individuals – including Council members – who are sponsoring the Childrens Magic Christmas Tree in Parliament Street this year. The initial reactions from children to this, and the other events organised around it, have been very positive.

Steve Galloway

MEETING	Executive
DATE	21 November 2006
PRESENT	Councillors Steve Galloway (Chair), Sue Galloway, Jamieson-Ball, Macdonald, Orrell, Reid, Runciman, Sunderland and Waller

PART B - MATTERS REFERRED TO COUNCIL

111. Gambling Act 2005 - Statement of Licensing Policy

Members considered a report which informed them of the consultation carried out in respect of the draft licensing policy agreed by the Licensing Act 2003 Committee on 7 July 2006, and asked that the revised policy be recommended to full Council for approval.

Under the Gambling Act 2005, the Council was required to consult on and publish its statement of policy before 3 January 2007. The policy would come into effect on 31 January 2007. Consultation had been carried out over a period of 12 weeks, finishing on 6 October 2006, and had resulting in 38 responses, details of which were attached as Annex 2 to the report. The draft policy, revised to take account of minor clarification issues raised during consultation, was attached as Annex 1.

Attention was drawn to specific issues on which decisions were required for insertion in the draft policy. These included adoption of a “no casino” policy for York, adoption of a statement on permits for unlicensed Family Entertainment Centres and/or permits for prize gaming, and adoption of more prescriptive definitions of “interested parties” and location of premises.

Officers confirmed that the draft policy at Annex 1 also incorporated the amendments suggested by the Licensing Act Committee at their meeting on 3 November 2006.

<p>RECOMMENDED: That the amendments made to the draft licensing policy by the Licensing Act 2003 Committee be noted and that the draft policy at Annex 1 to the report be approved.</p>
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<p>REASON: In accordance with the recommendations of the Licensing Act Committee and with legal and constitutional requirements.</p>

112. Local development Framework - Statement of Community Involvement

Members considered a report which informed them of the ongoing work on the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) and asked them to recommend the draft SCI to full Council for approval.

Consultation on the draft SCI had been carried out between 22 February and 10 April 2006. In total, 238 comments had been received. These were summarised in Annex A to the report, together with Officers' responses. The draft had subsequently been revised to deal with issues raised during consultation. The Council was required to carry out further consultation once the draft SCI had been approved for submission to the Secretary of State. A statement of consultation must also be submitted; this would be a factual description of consultation undertaken to date, with details of how the issues raised had been addressed in subsequent drafts of the SCI.

The revised draft had been considered by the Local Development Framework (LDF) Working Group at their meeting on 7 November. The Group had recommended a number of further changes, details of which were attached as Annex B to the report [*Annex A to these minutes*].

RESOLVED: That the making of any incidental changes to the document that are necessary as a result of the Executive's recommendations be delegated to the Director of City Strategy, in consultation with the Executive Member and Shadow Executive Member for City Strategy.

REASON: So that all necessary changes to the document can be made without delay, subject to Council approving the Executive's recommendations.

RECOMMENDED: (i) That, subject to the changes recommended by the LDF Working Group, the Statement of Community Involvement be approved for submission to the Secretary of State and for formal consultation.

REASON: So that the SCI can progress through to examination.

(ii) That the production of the statement of consultation, as detailed in paragraph 15 of the report, and the final formatting of the submission SCI document, be undertaken in consultation with the Director of City Strategy and the Executive Member and Shadow Executive Member for City Strategy.

REASON: So that the relevant documents needed for submission to the Secretary of State can be produced.

S F Galloway, Chair

[The meeting started at 2.00 pm and finished at 2.25 pm].

City of York Council

Minutes

MEETING	LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK WORKING GROUP
DATE	7 NOVEMBER 2006
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS REID (CHAIR), D'AGORNE, HORTON, MACDONALD, MERRETT, SIMPSON-LAING, WALLER AND R WATSON
APOLOGIES	COUNCILLOR HYMAN

18. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were invited to declare at this point in the meeting any personal or prejudicial interests they might have in the business on the agenda.

Councillor Merrett declared a personal non-prejudicial interest in agenda item 4 (City of York Local Development Framework – Statement of Community Involvement) as a member of some of the interest groups listed as consultees in Annex 1 of the Statement of Community Involvement.

19. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Local Development Framework Working Group meeting held on 17 October 2006 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record, with the following amendments to minute 17 (Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance: Sustainable Design and Construction):

- (i) To add an additional bullet point to the fourth paragraph to read, "Require the optimum use of south facing roofs for solar generation facilities";
- (ii) To rephrase the sixth paragraph to read, "Officers also undertook to consider comments on the SPG received by e-mail from Barry Otley and circulated to Members before the meeting, and detailed Member comments".

20. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

It was reported that there had been no registrations to speak under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

21. CITY OF YORK LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK - STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Members received a report which sought their views on the Local Development Framework Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) prior to taking a report to Executive and Full Council. The intention, subject to Member approval, was for the Statement of Community Involvement to be submitted to the Secretary of State for formal examination.

Consultation had taken place on the draft SCI between 22 February 2006 and 10 April 2006. Annex A of the report set out the comments received during the consultation, officers' responses and suggested amendments to the SCI. The Submission Draft SCI was attached as Annex B of the report.

The main changes made in the redrafted SCI were:

- (i) To divide the SCI into four parts to make it clearer which sections related to the Local Development Framework (LDF) and which related to planning applications;
- (ii) To expand section 4 on Guiding Principles to provide more information on how the principles would shape public involvement in planning matters;
- (iii) To merge the 'who will be involved', 'community profile' and 'hard-to-reach' sections to give a clearer overall picture about who would be involved and to rely on the detail set out in the annex to avoid duplication (section 5 and Annex 1);
- (iv) To amend section 7 on the LDF to draw out more clearly the different types of LDF document and the Council's key commitments for seeking to achieve effective community involvement in the preparation of the LDF;
- (v) To amend the size of development for which the Council would seek more in depth community involvement in planning applications to reflect the statutory definition of 'major' applications (section 8).

Paragraph 14 of the report explained that as part of the submission the Council was required to submit a statement of consultation. The statement would be a factual description of consultation undertaken to date and would include summaries of the issues raised by respondents at each stage and how these had been addressed in subsequent drafts. The main body of the statement would consist of the summaries of comments which had previously been reported to Members for the Issues and Options stage in November 2005, and for the Preferred Options stage at this meeting.

Following further discussions with the Development Control team, an amended version of Part 3 of the SCI and two additional annexes were circulated at the meeting for Members' consideration. Officers reported that there was a further correction to paragraph 10.7 to include reference to the Area Planning Sub-Committees.

Members' detailed comments on the draft SCI are set out in Appendix 1 to these minutes.

RECOMMENDED: That the Executive recommend the following to Full Council:

- (i) That the Statement of Community Involvement, attached at Annex B of the report, as amended by the revised Part 3 and two additional annexes circulated at the meeting and the correction to paragraph 10.7 to include reference to the Area Planning Sub-Committees, be approved for submission to the Secretary of State and for formal consultation, subject to further changes detailed in Appendix 1;
- (ii) That the making of any incidental changes to the document that are necessary as a result of the recommendation (i) above are delegated to the Director of City Strategy and the Executive Member and Opposition Spokesperson for City Strategy;
- (iii) That the statement of consultation, as detailed in paragraph 14 of the report, be drawn up in consultation with the Director of City Strategy and the Executive Member and Opposition Spokesperson for City Strategy.

REASON:

- (i) So that the Statement of Community Involvement can progress through to examination;
- (ii) So that changes recommended as a result of discussions at the meeting can be made and the report can progress through to the Executive;
- (iii) So that the relevant documents needed for submission to the Secretary of State can be produced.

COUNCILLOR A REID

Chair

The meeting started at 5.00 pm and finished at 6.30 pm.

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STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT
Comments of the Local Development Framework Working
Group

General

- (i) That the layout of the document, particularly the use of text in boxes, be reviewed to ensure it is accessible to disabled people.
- (ii) That version control be used on the document.

Part One: Introduction

- (i) That the final sentence of paragraph 1.1 be rephrased to read, "The Act introduced a new planning system, with a key objective of encouraging more meaningful community involvement in the planning process".
- (ii) That paragraph 1.2 be structured to more clearly indicate what each part of the SCI deals with.
- (iii) That the final sentence of paragraph 2.2 be clarified and expanded on to make it clear that differing positions are identified and then resolved where possible, through a partnership approach between the local authority, the developer and the landowner, and that in cases where the conflicts cannot be resolved, all views are clearly set out and considered.
- (iv) That point iii. of paragraph 4.3 be expanded to make reference to making information accessible to people with reading disabilities.
- (v) That point iv. of paragraph 4.3 be amended to indicate that some decisions are taken by officers.
- (vi) That paragraph 5.7 be amended to make reference to tourism.
- (vii) That the format of Map 1 be reviewed to ensure that the different types of boundaries shown are easily identifiable, including in black and white copies.
- (viii) That the key of Map 1 be amended to refer to draft greenbelt.
- (ix) That defined settlement limits be added to Map 1 around the edge of Hob Moor.
- (x) That paragraph 5.10 be expanded to make reference to people who lack confidence or belief in the system.
- (xi) That Table 1 be re-formatted to include the column headings on each page.
- (xii) That the strengths column in Table 1 be amended to indicate that public exhibitions and one-to-one meetings are a good alternative for those with poor literacy skills, that public exhibitions allow a better quality of presentation and that public meetings provide a good opportunity for straw polls.
- (xiii) That the Area Forums row of Table 1 be expanded to include an explanation of what an Area Forum is.
- (xiv) That Table 1 be amended to include a separate row for Parish Councils as they are statutory consultees.

Part Two: Consultation on the Local Development Framework

- (i) That the format of Figure 1 be improved for clarity, the type size be increased and the words “none currently proposed” be removed from the box on Supplementary Planning Documents.
- (ii) That Table 2 be amended to specify at which Council offices documents will be made available.
- (iii) That the second row of Table 2 be amended to clarify that copies of documents will be made available to residents at affordable rates, at no more than cost price.

Part Three: Consultation on Planning Applications

- (i) That point (vii) of paragraph 10.1 be amended to refer to “the main local newspaper” instead of “the Yorkshire Press”.
- (ii) That Ward Committees be added to the list of examples in the final sentence of paragraph 10.3.
- (iii) That the second sentence of paragraph 10.5 be amended to indicate that the Council will send the acknowledgement of the comment in the same format in which the comment was received.
- (iv) That paragraphs 10.5-10.6 be split into three sections headed “Making Comments or Objections”, “Amendments to Schemes” and “Reporting and Decision Making”.
- (v) That paragraph 10.9 be expanded to indicate that the dates of meetings are available on the Guildhall notice board, as well as the Council’s web site.
- (vi) That paragraph 10.9 be amended to indicate the availability of the ‘Have Your Say’ leaflet on the web site and that the Chair of the meeting always has the discretion to ensure that people are heard fairly.
- (vii) That an additional paragraph be added to make it clear that the public could comment on draft Section 106 Agreements, draft Section 178 Agreements and planning conditions when committee reports are published and that where possible these will be made available for comment at an earlier stage.
- (viii) That an additional point be added to clarify that pre-application consultation may not be appropriate in all cases because of confidentiality where applications are commercially sensitive.
- (ix) That an additional paragraph be added to explain Members’ quasi-judicial role at planning meetings and that they cannot represent residents views at these meetings.

Part Four: Resources and Monitoring

- (i) That paragraph 12.4 be expanded to explain what Yorkshire Planning Aid is and to include their contact details.

Annex 1

- (i) That the list of specific consultation bodies be amended to include the Strategic Rail Authority’s replacement and to indicate that the Countryside Agency and English Nature had merged to form Natural England.
- (ii) That the York Trades Union Council be added to the list of bodies representing the interests of the business community in the area.

- (iii) That the National Trust be added to the list of bodies with a specific remit to protect the historic and architectural heritage of the city.
- (iv) That private schools and bodies representing pre-school education be added to the list of education providers and the list be amended to indicate that York St John had become a university.
- (v) That the Friends Groups (eg: Friends of St Nicholas' Fields) and Greenpeace be added to the list of environmental interest groups.
- (vi) That the National Railway Museum, the Cyclists' Touring Club and the Local Cycle Campaign be added to the list of transport consultees.
- (vii) That clarification be provided as to whether national bodies will be consulted at national or local level.

Annex 2

No comments.

Annex 3

No comments.

Annex 4

No comments.

Annex 5

- (i) That the column heading "View Application at 9 St Leonard's Place" be re-titled "View Application at the Council's Planning Office".
- (ii) That, with regards to the column headed "Site Notice by Council", a footnote be added to clarify that the site notice is issued by the Council but sometimes displayed by the applicant, rather than the Council.
- (iii) That the "Neighbour Notification Letter" column be amended to require letters for applications for certificates of existing and proposed lawful uses and for hedgerow removal notices.
- (iv) That the second footnote be amended to clarify that adjacent properties included properties behind as well as to each side.

Annex 6

- (i) That the introductory paragraph be expanded to explain that government regulations require the Council to operate a scheme of delegation.
- (ii) That the table headed "Commercial Development" be re-titled "Commercial and Other Development".

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Leisure & Culture Report to Council 30.11.06

Each year administrative savings have been made but the Leisure & Culture Team continue to deliver more. The following are just examples of a whole variety of events and programmes that are delivered for residents and visitors.

- Attendance at the school holiday programmes for children & young people has tripled over the last 3 years to over 50,000 attendances per year
- record use of allotments from 782 plots in 2005 to 893 this month
- continued increase in the number of people using our libraries
- three Green Flag Awards for our parks
- record numbers attending Arts Action events
- Street Sport has attracted 2400 individual young people against a 3 year Target of 1800
- an increase in the number of children involved in the Summer Reading Challenge from 251 last year to 2028 this year.
- the activities of the City of Festivals team earning a top 20 place for York in the most cultural places in Britain (for the first time ever),

Following the Peer Review Inspection of the Library Service staff have been working on implementing its recommendations. One aspect is the training of staff including the Make a Difference cultural change process and staff consultation has been taking place relating to the forthcoming restructure of the service. The revamp of the Central Library has been successful and visitor numbers to libraries continue to increase with 524,000 visitors from April to October this year – it is possible that over a million people will visit our Libraries this year.

The procurement process, that we are required to conduct, produced three bids that met the criteria for the future management of the Archives. As part of the continuous consultation with the Friends of the Archive and other interested users a presentation was made to them in relation to the bids. The bids will now be analysed and there will be a Report to the Executive in the new year.

The extra investment in parks and open spaces continues to make improvements to these areas. As well as the well publicised successes of Green Flag Awards less well known is the publication of the first York Green Spaces Guide for 30 years (in conjunction with Friends & Community Groups & Session Book Trust). Our parks have also been included in the Royal Horticultural Society Good Parks Guide for 2006/07.

Adults at Pine Trees Centre with the sign they made. A Café was part of the Pinetrees development in West Bank Park which received a Green Flag Award this year.



An allotment at Hempland Lane. Allotment usage is increasing each year and is now at record levels.



Young people participating in the youth TV project helped by the Arts Action Team.



Making a banner about the closure of post offices at Fairfax Court sheltered housing as part of the work of the Arts Action Team

In relation to arts the Arts Action Team continue to deliver opportunities for people of all ages with increasing numbers involved in the activities, making a real difference to the communities and groups they work with. They have also raised significant levels of additional funding often with the Arts Council and this year also saw £50K from the Wellcome Trust for Young peoples film making activities. They continue to act as the European partner for the Youth 4 Media network with four of our young people just recently returned from a media camp in Poland and one planned in York for 2007/08.

York @ Large makes a significant contribution to developing cultural initiatives across the city, including commissioning work to help develop and support the Cultural Quarter. I would like to thank all the people on York @ Large, led by the Keith Jones, Dean of the Minster, for the time and expertise they all give so freely.

The Sport & Active Leisure Team continue to deliver increased participation in sport across the city. The recent employment of three Physical Activity Co-ordinators and a Disability Sports Coach has had a tremendous impact on local activity and sports provision, they have also been instrumental in helping to establish the four Active York 'Sports Zones' in the North, South, East, and West of the City. In terms of Disability Sport over 200 new people have been engaged and included in recent provision.

The Oakland Leisure Centre was recently re-opened after its major refurbishment. The centre will provide new opportunities for the community. When Yearsley pool needed further repairs to repair leaking pipes the opportunity was taken to improve long needed facilities for disabled people.

Our case in the legal proceedings relating to the Barbican development has been vindicated yet again in recent weeks. Absolute Leisure plan to start the refurbishments of the auditorium in the new year and Barbican Venture similarly wish to start work on other aspects of the development as soon as practicable. Significant work has been undertaken on the feasibility of providing a community accessible swimming pool on the university campus. The business planning process is on-going and a memorandum of agreement for the partnership is being drawn up.



Climbing wall at Oaklands Leisure Centre. One of the new facilities at the leisure centre following the major refurbishment.



Street Sport activity. The Street Sport Team have exceeded their target for young people attending their activities.

Meanwhile involvement in sport across the city has increased considerably aided by the recent employment of three Physical Activity Co-ordinators and a Disability Sports Coach. The Active York Community Sports Partnership is also an important factor in the increase in participation and is viewed by Sport England as exemplar for the Region. All this work means that we are

on schedule to achieve our increased participation target. Feasibility work has been undertaken to consider how to best provide swimming facilities on the west of the city. Consultation is on going on the available options.

The successful Olympic bid to hold the games in London in 2012 brings with it opportunities and threats. There is considerable concern in the heritage field that considerable lottery funds will be diverted to funding facilities for the Olympics. As a natural recipient of such funding York is likely to suffer. On the positive side as Yorkshire was the most supportive region of London in its bid It does provide opportunities for sport and culture. Building on the 5 Key cities approach we developed for the Illuminate Festival Regional Programme we have been working with the other major cities in the region to maximize these opportunities and as there is general agreement that the cultural dividend for the Olympics will be substantial we are working to ensure that York is at the forefront of these efforts. In the next year we will be working closely with these colleagues to maximize the local benefit to Yorkshire hosting the International Indian Film Awards.

We are continually looking at how we can help people who will lose their jobs in the coming months. For example Future Prospects staff have been mentoring library staff in information, advice and guidance for learning and work. The next 6 months will target 6 library learning centres staff with hard outcomes around referral into skills for life courses. Staff will have the opportunity to work towards NVQ level 2 in IAG.

City of York Council

Minutes

MEETING	LICENSING ACT 2003 COMMITTEE
DATE	3 NOVEMBER 2006
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS NIMMO (CHAIR), BARTLETT (VICE-CHAIR), D'AGORNE, SUE GALLOWAY, HORTON, HYMAN, KING, MOORE, B WATSON, I WAUDBY AND WILDE
APOLOGIES	COUNCILLORS HALL, REID, RUNCIMAN AND EVANS

PART B - MATTERS REFERRED TO COUNCIL

12. GAMBLING POLICY

Members received a report which advised them of the consultation exercise carried out in respect of the draft licensing policy as agreed by the Licensing Act 2003 Committee on 7 July 2006. It seeks Members approval of a revised policy and a recommendation for it to be approved by the Council on 30 November 2006. It also seeks Members direction as to the method of publication of the policy.

The Officer informed Members that there had been a mix of representations received in response to the public consultation. He stated that a lot of the 'trade' responses were standard ones and did not necessarily refer specifically to York. Full copies of all the representations were available if Members wished to see them.

The Officer referred to paragraph 15.8 of the draft policy and in the interests of clarity suggested that the last sentence be deleted from that paragraph and that was agreed.

The Officer referred to the 'Summary of Licensing Authority Delegations permitted under the Gambling Act' (Appendix C in the draft policy) and Members discussed the delegations, which were based on national guidance, in some detail. Members were advised that Council approval would be needed to the proposed delegations and that these would more appropriately sit within the Council's Constitution.

In referring the delegations to Council it was noted that that the wording on the last page of Appendix C should be changed to 'Evaluating any proposal to initiate a review by the Licensing Authority...', with authority for that resting with the relevant Assistant Director, in consultation with the Executive Member (Neighbourhoods).

Members then discussed the policy document fully and agreed to recommend the following changes:

1. The scheme of delegation has been removed as Annex C to be placed in the Constitution reference to this is made in paragraph 11.3.
Amendment made to page 2 of 2nd item under 'Subsequent matters to be dealt with' to read 'Evaluate any proposal in respect of initiating a review by the Licensing Authority.
2. Paragraph 15.8 final sentence deleted.
3. Paragraph 22.2 'No Casinos resolution' remains.
4. Paragraph 29.5 'Statement of Principles' Option 1 remains, Options 2 and 3 deleted.
5. Paragraph 31.2 'Statement of Principles' Option 1 remains, Options 2 and 3 deleted.

Specifically Members discussed Paragraph 11 of the report, in particular they considered whether to pass a 'No Casino' resolution under Section 166 of the Gambling act 2005.

A motion was moved by Councillor D'Agorne and seconded by Councillor Moore to replace paragraph 22.2 of the draft Gambling Act with the following:

'This Licensing Authority has considered the representations brought forward in response to public consultation, as well as local media interest in the issue of whether or not to adopt a 'no casino' policy under Section 166 of the Gambling Act 2005. It is the view of this Authority that adopting such a policy would be in the best interests of the city at this time. This Authority is aware that it has the power to revoke such a resolution and that any such decision will be made by the Full Council'. On being put to the vote this motion was lost.

Councillor Horton proposed and Councillor Wilde seconded a motion to support the policy as drafted without a 'No Casino' resolution being incorporated and including the revisions agreed above. On being put to the vote the motion was declared carried.

RECOMMENDED: (i) that the Statement of Licensing Policy on the Gambling act 2005 be approved by Council via the Executive subject to the above referred changes specifically excluding any 'No Casino' resolution.

(ii) that the method for publication of the Policy be approved by Council as set out in paragraph 11f of the report subject to publication on the Council's website.

(iii) that the summary of delegations as set out in the policy document be referred to Council for approval subject to the slight alterations referred to above.

| REASON: to satisfy requirements of Section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005. |

(Councillor D'Agorne requested his votes be recorded in favour of the amendment he proposed and against the decision not to pass a 'No Casino' resolution.)

G NIMMO

Chair

The meeting started at 2.00 pm and finished at 3.10 pm.

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Scrutiny Report to Full Council – November 2006

Scrutiny Management Committee

Since my last report to Full Council on 5th October the Scrutiny Management Committee has had two meetings at which it has considered a number of topics to be progressed in order that the Committee could look to set up some new ad-hoc sub-committees.

The Committee resolved to set up two new panels which will be scrutinising:

- **Use of Council-Owned Land in Tang Hall Area**
- **Highways Maintenance Procurement Review**

The Committee is also considering setting up a third panel to review 'Traffic Congestion' and is awaiting a presentation from officers.

SMC continues to look at enhancing its work programming processes so that future reviews can be effectively prioritised, taking into account available resources and all new registrations will fall under the revised processes.

Scrutiny Calling-In Function

SMC has not been required to meet in its new constitutional calling-in capacity since my last report.

Completion of Reviews

Ad-Hoc reviews in relation to the following have also been brought to a conclusion since my last report:

- **Reducing Carbon Emissions for York's Public and Private Sector Housing**
- **Recycling and Reuse**
- **Guidance on Sustainable Development**

The Executive has considered and endorsed many of the recommendations resulting from the first two above reviews, as well as agreeing other related actions. It will receive the final report on Sustainable Development in December.

Scrutiny Committees

Education

SMC has received a report from this Scrutiny Committee on how they are considering scrutinising home-to-school transport contracts and how pupil safety can be maximised for primary schools.

Health

SMC received a report that this Committee continues to review its scrutiny of the North Yorkshire & York PCT measures to restore financial balance and some of its members met with the Chief Executive of the new PCT to discuss their concerns.

The Committee also received a report on PCT's responsibilities for commissioning dentistry and they will scrutinise the effect on dental services in York.

Councillor M Kirk,
Chair, Scrutiny Management Committee.

Membership of Committees, Working Groups and Outside Bodies**COMMITTEES**Health Scrutiny Committee

3rd Liberal Democrat substitute TBC

Social Inclusion Working Group

To appoint the following Community Group representatives as non-voting Co-Opted Members of the Social Inclusion Working Group:

Older People: Jack Archer
 Sue Lister

Sexual Orientation: Karen Roberts / Ely Treanor (will attend alternate meetings)

Ethnicity: Rita Sanderson
 Daryoush Mazloum

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