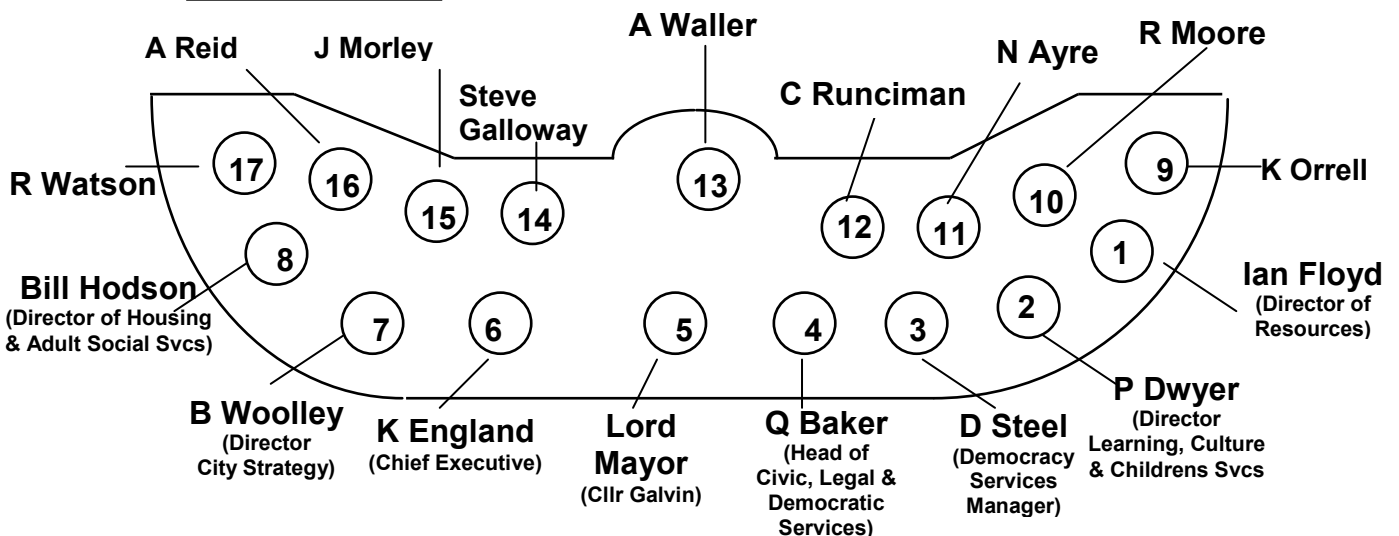
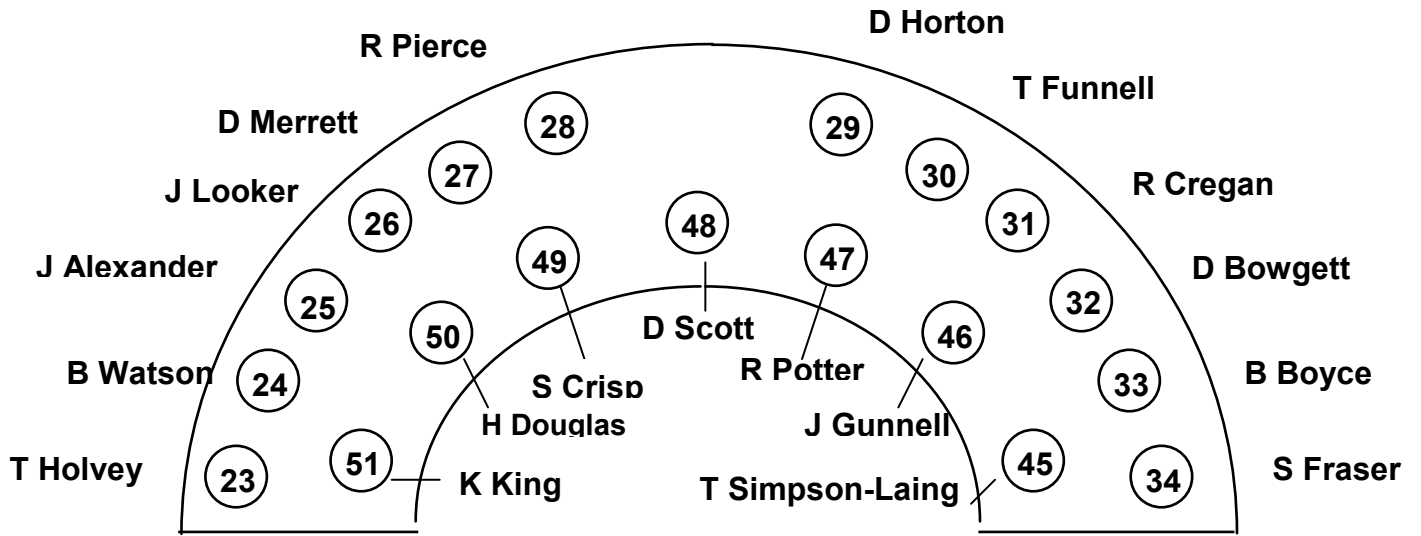


CITY OF YORK COUNCIL SUMMONS

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 **Guildhall, York**, to consider the business contained in this agenda on the following date and time

Thursday, 4 February 2010 at 6.30 pm

COUNCIL CHAMBER



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 - 30)

To approve and sign the minutes of the Special and Ordinary meetings of Council held on 3 December 2009.

3. Civic Announcements and Lord Mayor Elect

To consider any announcements made by the Lord Mayor in respect of Civic business, and in particular the nomination of the Lord Mayor Elect and the Sheriff of York for the Municipal Year 2010/11.

4. Public Participation

At this point in the meeting, any member of the public who has registered to address the Council, or to ask a Member of the Council a question, on a matter directly relevant to the business of the Council or the City, may do so. The deadline for registering is **5:00pm on Wednesday, 3 February 2010**.

5. Petitions

To consider any petitions received from Members in accordance with Standing Order No.7. To date, notice has been received of petitions to be presented by:

- (i) Cllr Simpson-Laing on behalf of residents calling for the introduction of a 20 mph zone in Sovereign Park.
- (ii) Cllr Alexander, on behalf of residents supporting the 'Fair Fare' Campaign.
- (iii) Cllr Moore, on behalf of the residents of Garburn Grove, calling for the implementation of restrictions to address the problem of the school run.

6. Report of Executive Leader and Executive Recommendations (Pages 31 - 46)

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:

Meeting	Date	Recommendations
Executive	19 January 2010	Minute 146: <i>Local Area Agreement Refresh 2009/10</i>
		<u>Note:</u> a copy of the draft refreshed LAA, for which approval is sought, is attached.

7. Recommendations of Audit & Governance Committee (Pages 47 - 52)

To consider the following recommendations for approval from the Audit & Governance Committee

Date of Meeting	Recommendations
21 December 2009	Minute 54: <i>Review of the Audit & Governance Committee's Terms of Reference (Articles & Functions)</i>
	<u>Note:</u> a copy of the terms of reference is attached, showing the changes recommended for approval.

8. Scrutiny - Report of the Chair of the Scrutiny Management Committee (Pages 53 - 54)

To receive a report from Councillor Healey, the Chair of the Scrutiny Management Committee (SMC), on the work of the SMC and to deal with any questions to the Chair received under Standing Order 11.2.

To date, notice has been received of the following questions to the Chair of SMC:

- (i) From Cllr Fraser
"Will the Chair of SMC look into the high-handed and

arrogant refusal of the Executive Member for Housing & Adult Social Services to attend the recent meeting of the Health Scrutiny Committee to account for his stewardship of the part of his portfolio relating to Adult Social Services, and specifically to assist in the consideration of his own Executive's reference regarding the disturbing budget overspend in that department ?”

(ii) From Cllr Fraser

"Will the Chair of SMC ensure that, in future, the Council's Constitution and scrutiny procedure rules (specifically, Pt 4 para 2.1.1 (f)) are fully complied with by all Members of the Council's Executive ?"

9. Report of Executive Member (Pages 55 - 60)

To receive a written report from the Executive Member for Housing & Adult Social Services, 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 8.2.1.

10. 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 via the Council's website at

<http://sql003.york.gov.uk/mgListOutsideBodies.asp?bcr=1>

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

- Quality Bus Partnership – meeting on 10/12/09
- Safer York Partnership – meeting on 09/12/09
- Without Walls Partnership – meeting on 09/12/09

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

11. Appointments and Changes to Membership (Pages 61 - 62)

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

12. Notices of Motion

To consider the following Notices of Motion under Standing Order 12:

A – Motions referred from the Executive in accordance with Standing Order 12.1(a)

None

B – Motions submitted for consideration directly by Council, in accordance with Standing Order 12.1(b)

(i) From Cllr Morley

“Council supports the principle of helping more people with care needs to stay in their own homes and the measures in the Personal Care at Home Bill to achieve that aim.

However, Council is concerned that local authorities will be asked to fund a substantial part of the new entitlements included in the bill from their own resources, assuming additional savings, and that the proposed Government funding is inadequate, even if its estimates of the cost of the entitlements are correct.

Council also shares the LGA’s concern that the Government has underestimated the number of people likely to be covered by the provisions of the bill and calls on the Government to commit to fully funding any shortfall in budgets that results should these estimates prove to be incorrect.

Council therefore instructs the Director of Housing and Adult Social Services to respond to the consultation on the proposals, setting out the Council’s concerns about the impact the additional cost will have on social care budgets.”

(ii) From Cllr Simpson-Laing

“Council calls upon the Chief Executive to instruct Officers to draw up a ‘Lifetime Homes Supplementary Planning Document’ to ensure all York’s future homes are built to the

Lifetime Homes Standards from 2011 and that this document is completed by May 2010.”

(iii) From Cllr D’Agorne

“This Council notes:

1. The clear evidence that slower speeds on our roads save lives: government figures indicate 20% of pedestrians hit at 30mph die, while for those hit at 20mph mortality is cut to 3%. A London Assembly report showed a 42% reduction in accident rates in 20mph zones within the capital.
2. The successful introduction of a 20mph limit on all residential streets in the City of Portsmouth, (a Liberal Democrat-controlled authority), with initial results indicating a 13% cut in accidents and a 15% cut in casualties.
3. The proposed new guidance from the Department for Transport (16/12/09), which encourages highway authorities to adopt a 20mph limit for streets which are primarily residential in nature and for town and city streets where pedestrian and cyclist movements are high.

This Council therefore requests the Executive to:

- a) Ensure that the 'total 20' approach adopted in Portsmouth forms a key part of the consultation on the third Local Transport Plan for the City of York
- b) Extend the 'made you look' public road safety education programme to include greater emphasis on casualty reduction benefits of lower speeds in built up and rural areas.
- c) Report back to full council within 6 months, outlining implementation plans for this programme in the light of public consultation on LTP3.”

(iv) From Cllr Horton

“This City of York Council, given the anticipated expenditure of £285k of Government - funded monies for alleged cycle improvements to the south end of Beckfield Lane, is appalled that the Executive Member for City Strategy appears to be intent on progressing this joint-user footpath scheme in spite of the overwhelming opposition of local residents, the Blind and Partially Sighted Society and the outright objections of York Cycle Campaign.

Council, therefore, calls on the Executive Member for City Strategy to give serious consideration to abandoning the scheme forthwith rather than using further valuable resources to develop this scheme, and to agree to concentrate efforts on much more advantageous cycling safety schemes in the City.”

(v) From Cllr Kirk

”Council notes that:

- Cold Weather Payments of £25 per week are paid to people on low incomes who receive a qualifying benefit, such as Pension Credit.
- The form to apply for Pension Credit is 18 pages long. The advisory notes on how to fill it in are 19 pages long.
- Last year 1.7million pensioners missed out on an average of over £1700 each of pension credit
- The Government has saved £17.5billion in 11 years that has not gone to struggling pensioners in pension credit payments.

Council is concerned that the complexity of the system to claim Pension Credit has put so many people off claiming the credit and that consequently they also do not receive the additional cold weather payments.

Council therefore instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State expressing Council’s wish to see the system for claiming pension credit simplified.”

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

To deal with the following questions to the Executive Leader and / or other Executive Members, in accordance with Standing Order 11.3(a):

- (i) To the Executive Leader, from Cllr Alexander:
“Can the Leader of the Council please tell me what the monetary value is of the savings made subsequent to your meetings with the Council’s Efficiency, Procurement and Risk Management Champion?”

- (ii) To the Executive Leader, from Cllr D’Agorne:
“What are the costs to CYC arising from the appointment of 6 'Renaissance team' staff (on costs, accommodation etc) and to whom are they accountable?”

- (iii) To the Executive Leader, from Cllr Vassie:
“Does the Executive Leader agree that openness and transparency could be improved if the Council published details of all Freedom of Information requests and subsequent answers on its website? Would the Executive Leader agree to take a report to the Executive reviewing the costs and processes used in implementing the FOI Act locally together with options for improving the transparency and efficiency of the system?”

- (iv) To the Executive Leader, from Cllr Alexander:
“Will the Leader of the Council ensure that this council writes to all other authorities in the country and asks them to adopt measures to support the Press’s Lifesavers campaign?”

- (v) To the Executive Leader, from Cllr Merrett:
“Would the Council Leader explain why the requirement of the January 2008 Council decision that *‘bi-monthly update reports - copied to all Council Members - be submitted via the Group Leader / Shadow Executive / Executive process detailing progress made on the delivery of the Action Plan for tackling climate change within the Council’* has not been implemented, and will he now ensure the decision is belatedly implemented?”

- (vi) To the Executive Member for City Strategy, from Cllr D'Agorne:
"What actions (beyond the current 'Fulford Corridor' highway works) might be put in place to address poor air quality in Fulford as a result of the declaration of an Air Quality Management Area?"
- (vii) To the Executive Member for City Strategy, from Cllr D'Agorne:
"What information will you be providing to Fulford Rd/ Main St residents explaining the benefits of declaring their area as an AQMA in order to help them respond to the recent questionnaire in the ward newsletter?"
- (viii) To the Executive Member for City Strategy, from Cllr D'Agorne:
"What is the timetable for citywide consultation on the draft LTP3 and measures that will reduce air pollution to meet the air quality limits for the city centre AQMA?"
- (ix) To the Executive Member for Corporate Services, from Cllr Fraser:
"Can the Executive Member for Corporate Services provide details of the rollout of the planned new fibre-optic ICT infrastructure to all the Council's various buildings, including the priority for the various categories of buildings referred to in the email briefing to councillors sent out by the Head of IT last month?"
- (x) To the Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services, from Cllr Firth:
"Can the Executive Member outline the Council's response to the severe weather situation over the Christmas period?"
- (xi) To the Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services, from Cllr D'Agorne:
"Will she make available to members a full report of dates and times of gritting of cycle routes as well as roads and paths outside the 'priority network' and what work is planned to assess what can be learnt from accident records and injury claims arising from the recent icy weather?"

(xii) To the Executive Member for Children & Young People's Services, from Cllr Waudby:

"Can the Executive Member tell Council how the Adoption Service performed in its recent Ofsted inspection?"

(xiii) To the Executive Member for Housing & Adult Social Services, from Cllr Fraser:

"Can the Executive Member for HASS tell us how he justifies his refusal to attend the recent meeting of the Health Scrutiny Committee to account for his stewardship of the part of his portfolio relating to Adult Social Services, and specifically to assist in the consideration of his own Executive's reference regarding the disturbing budget overspend in that department?"

(xiv) To the Executive Member for Leisure, Culture & Heritage, from Cllr B Watson:

"Can the Executive Member for Leisure, Culture and Heritage define the remit of the Heritage Champion and outline his work to date?"

(xv) To the Executive Member for Leisure, Culture & Heritage, from Cllr Holvey:

"The recent Active People Study showed a 6% increase in adult participation in sport from 19% to 25%. Could the Executive Member update Council on the current situation regarding Adult participation?"

14. Urgent Business

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

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For more information about any of the following please contact the Democratic Services Officer responsible for servicing this meeting:

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- Business of the meeting
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CITY OF YORK COUNCIL

Resolutions and proceedings of the Meeting of the City of York Council held in Guildhall, York on Thursday, 3rd December, 2009, starting at 6.30 pm

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

ACOMB WARD

Horton
Simpson-Laing

BISHOPTHORPE WARD**CLIFTON WARD**

Douglas
King
Scott

DERWENT WARD

Brooks

DRINGHOUSES & WOODTHORPE WARD

Holvey
Reid
Sunderland

FISHERGATE WARD

Taylor

FULFORD WARD

Aspden

GUILDHALL WARD

Looker
B Watson

HAXBY & WIGGINTON WARD

Firth
Hogg
R Watson

HESLINGTON WARD**HEWORTH WARD**

Boyce
Funnell

HEWORTH WITHOUT WARD

Ayre

HOLGATE WARD

Alexander
Bowgett
Crisp

HULL ROAD WARD

Cregan
Pierce

HUNTINGTON & NEW EARSWICK
WARD

Hyman
Orrell
Runciman

MICKLEGATE WARD

Fraser
Gunnell
Merrett

OSBALDWICK WARD

Morley

RURAL WEST YORK WARD

Gillies
Healey
Hudson

SKELTON, RAWCLIFFE & CLIFTON
WITHOUT WARD

Moore
Watt
Waudby

STRENSALL WARD

Kirk
Wiseman

WESTFIELD WARD

Steve Galloway
Sue Galloway
Waller

WHELDRAKE WARD

Vassie

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D'Agorne, Jamieson-Ball and Potter

OBJECT OF THE MEETING

53. The Lord Mayor declared the object of the meeting, under Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972. which was to confer the status of Honorary Freeman upon Mr Peter Gibson OBE and to confer the Freedom of Entry to the City upon the Yorkshire Squadron of the Queen's Own Yeomanry.

HONORARY FREEMAN

54. It was moved by Cllr Waller and seconded by Cllr Scott:

"That, pursuant to its powers under Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council do confer the title of Honorary Freeman of the City of York upon:

Mr Peter Gibson OBE, in recognition of his contribution to the history, conservation and tourism of York.

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

RESOLVED: That the above motion be approved.

FREEDOM OF ENTRY TO THE CITY

55. It was moved by the Lord Mayor, Cllr Galvin, and seconded by Cllr Waller:

"That, pursuant to its powers under Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council do confer the Freedom of Entry to the City of York upon:

The Yorkshire Squadron of the Queen's Own Yeomanry, in recognition of its long and illustrious history and association with the City of York.

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

RESOLVED: That the above motion be approved.

J Galvin

LORD MAYOR OF YORK

[The meeting started at 6.30 pm and concluded at 6.35 pm]

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Douglas
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Brooks

DRINGHOUSES & WOODTHORPE WARD **FISHERGATE WARD**

Holvey
Reid
Sunderland

Taylor

FULFORD WARD **GUILDHALL WARD**

Aspden

Looker
B Watson

HAXBY & WIGGINTON WARD **HESLINGTON WARD**

Firth
Hogg
R Watson

Jamieson-Ball

HEWORTH WARD **HEWORTH WITHOUT WARD**

Boyce
Funnell

Ayre

HOLGATE WARD **HULL ROAD WARD**

Alexander
Bowgett
Crisp

Cregan
Pierce

HUNTINGTON & NEW EARSWICK
WARD

Hyman
Orrell
Runciman

MICKLEGATE WARD

Fraser
Gunnell
Merrett

OSBALDWICK WARD

Morley

RURAL WEST YORK WARD

Gillies
Healey
Hudson

SKELTON, RAWCLIFFE & CLIFTON
WITHOUT WARD

Moore
Watt
Waudby

STRENSALL WARD

Kirk
Wiseman

WESTFIELD WARD

Steve Galloway
Sue Galloway
Waller

WHELDRAKE WARD

Vassie

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D'Agorne and Potter

56. 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.

The following interests were declared:

- Cllr Watt - a personal and prejudicial interest in Cllr Wiseman's Notice of Motion on the closure of RAF Linton-on-Ouse (agenda item 13B(iii)), as the manager of a company which had a contract with the RAF.
- Cllr Fraser - a personal interest in Cllr Gunnell's Notice of Motion on youth training (agenda item 13B(iv)) and in staffing matters generally, as a member of the retired section of Unison and the retired section of the Acts section of the TGWU section of Unite.
- Cllr Crisp - a personal interest in Cllr Gunnell's Notice of Motion, as a member of the retired section of Unison.
- Cllrs Steve Galloway, Merrett and Waller - personal interests in Cllr Vassie's Notice of Motion on the Covenant of Mayors and action on climate change (agenda item 13B(v)), as members of Friends of the Earth.
- Cllr Simpson-Laing - a personal interest in Cllr Gunnell's Notice of Motion, as a member of Unison, and in Cllr Vassie's Notice of Motion, as a member of Friends of the Earth.
- Cllr Scott - a personal interest in the recommendations of the Executive in respect of the More for York Blueprints (agenda item 6) and in staffing matters generally, being married to an employee of City of York Council.
- Cllr Looker - a personal interest in the recommendations of the Executive in respect of the Corporate Debt Policy (agenda item 6), as a member of the York Credit Union.
- Cllr Taylor - a personal interest in the refurbishment of York Central Library, as an employee of City Screen, which was offering discounts to holders of library cards whilst the refurbishment was in progress.

57. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 15 October 2009 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record, subject to the addition of Cllr Boyce to the list of Members present at the meeting.

58. CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord Mayor announced the receipt of a framed certificate from the Carbon Trust, which was on display in the Council Chamber.

59. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Robin Rawson spoke in support of the petition to be presented by Cllr Funnell under agenda item 5 seeking the introduction of a 20 mph zone on Dodsworth Avenue. As a resident of Dodsworth Avenue with two small children, he outlined his concerns regarding traffic in the area and urged Members to support the petition.

Mark Warters spoke in relation to the EU Commission's investigation regarding the proposed Derwenthorpe development in Osbaldwick. He expressed the view that the Council Leader's recent trip to Brussels in respect of this matter had been a waste of time and that the Leader would be to blame if the investigation resulted in the Council being fined.

60. PETITIONS

Under Standing Order 7, petitions were presented by:

- (i) Cllr Simpson-Laing, on behalf of residents calling for the introduction of a 20 mph zone on Cranbrook Road;¹
- (ii) Cllr Horton, on behalf of residents calling for the introduction of a 20 mph zone on Beckfield Lane;²
- (iii) Cllr Funnell, on behalf of residents calling for the introduction of a 20 mph zone on Dodsworth Avenue;³
- (iv) Cllr Boyce, on behalf of residents requesting that council-owned homes in the Monkton Road area be fitted with energy-efficient double glazing;⁴
- (v) Cllr Aspden, on behalf of residents of Fulford Park regarding aspects of the Fulford Road improvements.⁵

It was then

RESOLVED: That the above petitions be referred to the Executive or appropriate Committee.¹⁻⁵

Action Required

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| 1,2,3 & 5: Schedule reports on Forward Plan for Executive or Executive Member Decision Session and keep relevant Members updated on progress | SS |
| 4. Schedule report on Forward Plan for Executive or Executive Member Decision Session and keep relevant Member updated on progress | SB |

61. REPORT OF EXECUTIVE LEADER AND EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

A written report was received from the Executive Leader, Cllr Andrew Waller, on the work of the Executive. In addition to the matters covered in the report, the Leader provided an update on the outcome of the Leeds City Region Summit held on 27 November 2009 and congratulated the Director, department and Executive Member responsible for Housing and Adult Social Services for an excellent Care Quality Commission Assessment result. In reply to matters raised by the Opposition Group Leaders in their responses to his report, the Leader confirmed that the issue of the York Central development was to be considered by the Yorkshire Forward Board and agreed that there should be more engagement between the Council and the Economic Development Partnership.

The Leader then moved, and Cllr Runciman seconded, the recommendations contained in the following minutes of the Executive meetings held on 20 October 2009 and 17 November 2009:

- Minute 99 – More For York Blueprints¹
- Minute 111 – Capital Programme Monitor Two²
- Minute 112 – Draft Revised Contract Procedure Rules³
- Minute 113 – Corporate Debt Policy⁴

Each set of recommendations was moved, seconded, debated and voted upon separately and on being put to the vote each was declared CARRIED. It was therefore

RESOLVED: That the recommendations contained in Minutes 99, 111, 112 and 113 of the Executive meetings held on 20 October and 17 November 2009 be approved.¹⁻⁴

Action Required

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| 1. Make the agreed changes to the capital and revenue budgets to fund work on the efficiency programme | SA |
| 2. Make the agreed adjustments to the capital budget | SA |
| 3. Make arrangements to implement the revised Contract Procedure Rules | SA |
| 4. Make arrangements to implement the Corporate Debt Policy | SA |

62. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

As Vice Chair of the Standards Committee Cllr Horton moved, and Cllr Hudson seconded, the recommendation contained in Minute 30 of the meeting of that Committee held on 20 November 2009, in relation to the Member Training and Development Policy.

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

RESOLVED: That the recommendation of the Standards Committee be approved and the Member Training and Development Policy be adopted, subject to the amendments requested by the Committee.¹

Action Required

1. Make arrangements to implement the Member Training & Development Policy (subject to the amendment requested by Standards Committee) AEO

63. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GAMBLING & LICENSING ACTS COMMITTEE

As Chair of the Gambling & Licensing Acts Committee, Cllr Merrett moved the recommendation contained in Minute 25 of the meeting of that Committee held on 20 November 2009, concerning the Triennial Review of the Statement of Policy.

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

RESOLVED: That the recommendation of the Gambling & Licensing Acts Committee be approved and the Statement of Gambling Policy be adopted, subject to the amendments requested by the Committee.¹

Action Required

1. Make arrangements to implement the revised Statement of Gambling Policy (subject to the amendments requested by Gambling & Licensing Acts Committee) KS

64. SCRUTINY - REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

A written report was received from Cllr Paul Healey, the Chair of the Scrutiny Management Committee (SMC) on the work of the SMC since the last report to Council, on 15 October 2009.

65. REPORT OF EXECUTIVE MEMBER

A written report was received from Cllr Steve Galloway, the Executive Member for City Strategy.

Notice had been received of seven questions on the report, submitted by Members in accordance with Standing Orders. The questions were put and answered as follows:

1. From Cllr Brian Watson:

“Can the Executive Member give assurances that they will be pursuing the retention of the ‘Ice Factor’ on the Eye of York for future years, having regard to the fact that they are conforming with all the solutions for alleviating the concerns of the courts?”

The Executive Member replied

The Executive member for Leisure is leading on this issue.

I can confirm though that my understanding is that meetings with the MD of the Ice Factor’s sponsoring company have taken place and alternative sites for this facility are under active consideration. None would in my opinion present insurmountable planning issues although the access requirements for vehicles installing and removing the equipment are a constraint.

It seems unlikely at the present time that the Crown Court will withdraw their opposition to the continued use of the Eye of York for the Ice Rink.”

In response to a supplementary question from Cllr Watson the Executive Member indicated that, although personally he would like to see the Ice Factor return to the Eye of York, accepting an alternative venue would provide greater certainty and was preferably to incurring the risk of legal proceedings.

2. From Cllr Looker:

“Can the Executive Member explain to Council what he is doing to bring the City Strategy overspend back within the budget for 2009/10?”

The Executive Member replied

The overspend reported to Executive at 17th November totalled £239k excluding Property Services.

There were a number of reasons for the potential overspend. The main factors relate to income shortfalls from Planning £500k, Building Control £125k, Car Parking £133k, Section 38 income £40k, Newgate Market £40k and Yorwaste Dividend £130k. These primarily relate to the impact on income budgets as a result of the economic downturn. This has been partially offset by assumed additional income from Housing and Planning delivery Grant (£440k) although it should be noted that this is still to be confirmed. Total net income shortfalls were therefore £528k.

The other key expenditure pressure during the year relates to concessionary fares. There is a forecast overspend of £420k due to continued growth in the number of trips made by bus pass holders.

This overspend has partially been mitigated by the introduction of a reduced reimbursement rate offered to bus companies which should reduce this particular overspend in year to £216k.

Total combined budget pressures for the year are therefore £744k

Already significant management action has been undertaken to mitigate this overspend. Strict vacancy management has resulted in staffing underspends projected to total £369k by year end.

There has also been a review of projects where expenditure has slipped or been controlled. This includes the Local Development Framework, speed camera trial and road safety projects. This is resulting in projected savings totalling £155k.

There remains a projected overspend of £239k which is being closely monitored. A freeze on non-essential expenditure has been introduced including controls on stationary, training courses, hospitality, office equipment etc however it is too soon to see what impact that will have on the overall budget.

It has been considered, but no decision yet made, that the remaining overspend could be funded by reducing the expenditure on the Local Transport Plan by £250k within the year. It will then be necessary to undertake an exercise to create a revenue underspend by capitalising legitimate revenue expenditure elsewhere in the council budget e.g. highway maintenance / IT.

This will be undertaken as a year end exercise if necessary. In the normal course of events unexpected savings do accrue during the course of a financial year so at this stage I am not anticipating the cost control measures will have any major impact of service quality or the implementation of the capital programme.”

In response to a supplementary question from Cllr Looker, the Executive Member stated that the reason for the overspend was the current national economic position and it had nothing to do with the additional proposals approved at the last Budget Council meeting.

3. From Cllr Merrett:

“Can the Executive Member update Council on progress with the Waste PFI solution for York as this is not included in your report and tell us what the type of ‘plant’ will be built, the likely location and timescales for development?”

The Executive Member replied

“North Yorkshire County Council and City of York Council are currently tendering for a long term solution for the treatment of residual municipal waste. The competitive process requires tenderers to develop detailed proposals demonstrating how they would manage municipal waste to meet the Council’s obligations to reduce the reliance on landfill.

The competitive environment of the procurement, and associated confidentiality constraints, means that officers are not in a position to enter into any discussions about any of the solutions offered or offer any further information at the moment. However, a range of solutions have been developed by the companies participating in the PFI tender

and we are currently evaluating proposals on their merits without pre-judging what the outcome will be.

We expect to announce the Preferred Bidder for the long term waste contract early in 2010. That announcement will include details of their proposed solution, including locations and technology. A period of public and stakeholder consultation will then commence where people will have the opportunity to ask questions and make their views known. Any proposal for new waste treatment facilities will of course be subject to normal regulatory consents including detailed planning permission and granting of a permit to operate by the Environment Agency.”

In response to a supplementary question from Cllr Merrett, the Executive Member replied that the joint scheme with NYCC had nothing to do with the public outcry against plans for an incinerator at Tockwith and that it would be inappropriate for CYC to bring any pressure to bear on NYCC in respect of the planning application for that site.

The time limit for questions on the Executive Member’s written report having expired, Members agreed to accept written answers to the remaining questions submitted, as set out below.;

4. From Cllr Brian Watson:

“Will the Executive Member inform Council on progress with the following projects:- York North West, particularly that part previously known as York Central, the Community Stadium, the Barbican site and the new Council HQ?”

Reply:

Cllr Watson will be aware that most of these projects fall outside the Strategy Portfolio responsibilities.

However my understanding is as follows:

- *Currently no developer has been found for the York Central site. Consequently it is unlikely that further work will be possible on the North West Area Action Plan until it is clearer when a developer could be appointed. It is hoped that some development work will be possible in a 1-3 year time frame on the former British sugar site and we are currently awaiting a formal decision from central government on an application for funding to help to kick start this part of the development. I understand though that a Ministerial announcement earlier in the week, on how £10 million of funding intended fro Eco Towns, might be distributed does give some cause for optimism.*
- *Expressions of interest for the Barbican site are I understand due to be received by the Council by 17 February.*
- *A report on the tenders for the new Council HQ is due to be published on Friday (tomorrow).*

The remaining item – the Community Stadium – is my responsibility. I would refer the member to the answer given to the question tabled under Standing Order 10C by Cllr Gillies and which appears at Agenda Item 14 on the Council agenda”.

5. From Cllr Merrett:
“What measures is the Executive Member taking to address the decline in air quality around the inner ring road?”

Reply:

Measures to improve air quality are in the second Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP2), which in turn forms part (Annex U) of the second Local Transport Plan (LTP2):

Many of the measures in AQAP2 have already been delivered. These include:

- *New planning guidance on sustainability*
- *A car club*
- *Cleaner, lower emission taxis*
- *Graduated parking charges based on emission levels and size.*
- *New cycle network facilities which has seen a 7% increase in cycling in the City*

We are currently progressing:

- *3 New Park & Rides*
- *A low emission zone feasibility study*

Other measures to improve air quality will be progressed via the Local Development Framework, the City Centre Area Action Plan, the third Local Transport Plan (LTP3) and the emerging Low Emission Strategy. These include:

- *Extension of the foot streets and their hours of operation*
- *A freight transshipment centre to remove heavily polluting diesel lorries from the city centre and AQMA*
- *Promotion of low emission and zero emission biomethane and electric vehicles and the infrastructure to support them.*

The low emission strategy will build on the existing air quality action plan, LTP3 and the Climate Change Strategy and look holistically at emissions of CO₂, nitrogen dioxide and particulates from all sources and not just transport or development.”

6. From Cllr Alexander:
“What measures is the Executive member taking to improve bus reliability, punctuality, reduce bus fares and introduce cross ticketing in the City?”

Reply:

The Executive decided earlier this year to request officers to seek access to 'bus operator reports' which, because they are based upon real time bus operator data, will provide us with details of bus punctuality along a majority of routes in the City.

This will allow us to analyse problems/time delays on specific corridors/sections of route at different times of day/week.

In turn this will help to inform infrastructural schemes, traffic light timings, etc. Officers are due to receive training on the programme in December/January.

We are working with local bus operators to draft 'Punctuality Improvement Partnerships' for a number of routes experiencing poor

punctuality. These will be presented for company directors' and members' consideration early in 2010 to ensure that officers and members can move forward in confidence that both sides will be able deliver.

Five further junctions around York will be fitted with traffic light priority which will reduce delays to buses.

In addition of course the Council continues to invest heavily in bus priority measures work on the next of which, concerning the Fulford Road corridor, is due to commence in a few days time

The Council has no direct influence on stage carriageway bus fare levels in the City. Although we have over many years enjoyed relatively low fares on our contracted park and ride services.

The predominant operator in the City, First, review their charges in January of each year. TransDev recently introduced fare changes on some of its routes.

There are a number of commercial influences on fare levels. The most obvious is passenger numbers and, as with most other transport modes, the recession has reduced the numbers travelling by bus.

While average fares paid have actually decreased as a result of the "free travel" concession implemented for pensioners, paradoxically a revision to the rebate rate paid to bus companies to compensate for this concession, is putting pressure on their income. It may be that any fare increase will reflect this change.

There is little evidence that central government is planning a fundamental shake up of local bus services which would control any profit made by bus companies on particular networks. Nor do they seem willing to provide subsidies which would see bus fares generally reduced.

Cross ticketing continues to be discussed with First and other operators. Members will recall that an officer report presented to Executive in September 2008 indicated the cheapest cross-ticketing option would involve one off set up costs of £187k as well as ongoing running costs of £130k (other options were not realistically affordable). This is mainly due to the need for a manual apportionment of revenue system which would require a significant back office operation.

Officers have been asked to see whether – on a trial basis- it might be possible to introduce limited cross-ticketing, for example, for those visiting the hospital. Implementation of a wider system is likely to rely on the introduction of payment using smartcard technology."

7. From Cllr Simpson-Laing:

"Can the Executive Member for City Strategy, with regard to Safe Routes to School, confirm whether all York schools will have meaningful green travel plans in place by the Government's deadline for their introduction, and what the emerging pattern of targets relative to existing travel patterns to & from them is in terms of the shift of pupil and staff travel away from motorised to green transport modes?"

Reply:

Members will appreciate that schools now enjoy a large measure of autonomy on the way that they choose to run their facility. The fact that there is no compulsion for schools to implement and monitor travel

plans makes it very difficult for the Council to otherwise persuade schools that do not wish to implement a travel plan.

Currently, I understand that the following schools have not so far fully implemented green travel plans:

- *Burnholme*
- *Manor*
- *Fulford*
- *Applefields*
- *St Aelreds*
- *Burton Green*
- *Acomb Primary*
- *The Danesgate Centre*
- *Bootham*
- *Minster*

All of the above are engaged in the process. It is not possible to forecast whether all will achieve the target by the deadline of the end of March 2010.

All of the submitted and approved travel plans have actions plans attached to them with targets to decrease their car use and increase the sustainable modes split. Following the census last January we produced maps for each school in York demonstrating their modal splits and intend to do so again following this January's census - these have been given to the schools.

We have been analysing the preferred mode of travel data provided by students earlier this year and are targeting resource at schools with the maximum potential for movement to more sustainable modes from the car.

Copies of the draft sustainable travel to schools strategy are available on request."

66. ACTIVITIES OF OUTSIDE BODIES

Minutes of the following outside bodies had been made available for Members to view on the Council's website:

- North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue – meeting on 09/09/09
- Quality Bus Partnership – meeting on 10/09/09
- Safer York Partnership – meetings on 11/08/09 and 13/10/09
- Without Walls Partnership – meeting on 23/11/09
- Yorkshire & Humber Assembly – meetings on 18/03/09 and 23/03/09
- York NHS Foundation Trust – meetings on 01/07/09 and 02/09/09
- Economic Development Partnership Board – meeting on 09/03/09
- Local Government North Yorkshire & York – meeting on 29/06/09
- Local Government Yorkshire & Humber – meeting on 26/06/09 and 10/09/09

No questions had been submitted to representatives on the above bodies.

67. APPOINTMENTS AND CHANGES TO MEMBERSHIP

(i) Establishing a Mansion House and Mayoralty Advisory Group

Cllr Waller moved, and Cllr Runciman seconded, the following recommendation contained in a report of the Head of Civic, Democratic and Legal Services concerning the establishment of a Mansion House and Mayoralty Advisory Group:

“That a Mansion House and Mayoralty Advisory Group be established, based on the composition set out in the report, and that the draft terms of reference for that Group set out in Annex A be approved.”

Cllr Scott then moved, and Cllr King seconded, an amendment to the above motion, as follows:

Delete all after ‘and’ in the second line and insert:
‘with the following revised terms of reference:

This Advisory Group will be established on a task and finish basis, reporting and making recommendations to the Executive.

It will have the delegated authority to co-opt such external or other representation as may be appropriate to enhance its ability to fulfill the following terms of reference

- to produce a long term Development Plan for the Mansion House, identifying how to improve income generation and sponsorship opportunities, and to better fund its on-going maintenance.*
- to review the remit and functions of the Lord Mayor and Civic Party in York for the 21st century and how they can best enhance the City's standing and reputation, and bring additional benefit to the City and its residents, businesses and other organisations.*
- to review the current operation and use of the Mansion House/Guildhall and its repair and maintenance.”*

Cllr Waller agreed to accept the amendment.

The motion, as amended now read as follows:

“That a Mansion House and Mayoralty Advisory Group be established, based on the composition set out in the report, and with the following revised terms of reference:

This Advisory Group will be established on a task and finish basis, reporting and making recommendations to the Executive.

It will have the delegated authority to co-opt such external or other representation as may be appropriate to enhance its ability to fulfill the following terms of reference

- *to produce a long term Development Plan for the Mansion House, identifying how to improve income generation and sponsorship opportunities, and to better fund it's on-going maintenance.*
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- *to review the current operation and use of the Mansion House/Guildhall and its repair and maintenance."*

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

RESOLVED: That the motion be approved and the Mansion House Advisory Group, with the revised terms of reference, be established.¹

Action Required

1. Make arrangements to establish the Mansion House & Mayoralty Advisory Group and add it to the Committee Management System MM

(ii) Membership of Committees and Outside Bodies

The Lord Mayor announced that a separate vote would first be taken on the proposal to increase the number of substitute members of the Scrutiny Management Committee (SMC) to 5 for the Liberal Democrat Group, 5 for the Labour Group and 3 for the Conservative Group. This proposal was then put to the vote and was declared CARRIED.

The Labour Group confirmed that they did not wish to nominate any additional substitute Members to the SMC.

The nominations and changes to membership set out on the revised list circulated around the Chamber were then put to the vote and declared CARRIED and it was

RESOLVED: (i) That the number of substitute members of the Scrutiny Management Committee be increased as proposed.¹

(ii) That the appointments to Committees, Outside Bodies and Working Groups set out on the list circulated around the Council Chamber be approved.¹

Note: the full list of agreed appointments is attached as an annex to these minutes.

Action Required

1. Amend the details on the Committee Management System to incorporate these changes and additions MM

68. NOTICES OF MOTION

(i) Government funding

It was moved by Cllr Waller and seconded by Cllr Moore that:

“As councils across the country prepare for public spending cuts over the next few years, Council regrets that York is yet again being put at a disadvantage by unfair government funding formulas.

Council notes that

- Despite the welcome announcement of extra funding for concessionary fares, the funding does not cover the £1.1m paid by local Council Tax payers to fund the service over the last six years.
- Having paid over £15m in landfill taxes over the past 13 years, York has only received £2.5m in grants to help improve recycling.
- York is still not getting a fair deal in its core funding from Government. This year York will receive £1.155m less than should have been allocated by the formula.

Council looks forward to a time when York receives a fair deal on funding from the government and instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State expressing the Council’s concerns.”

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

RESOLVED: That the above notice of motion be approved. ¹

(ii) Executive Decisions

It was moved by Cllr Scott and seconded by Cllr Simpson-Laing that:

“Council notes that the Executive failed to change its decisions following the meeting of the Scrutiny Management Committee on the 26th October 2009.

Council further notes that, contrary to the decision of this Council, the Executive on the 17th November failed to follow an agreed motion to progress to a Quality Contract Scheme for bus operators in the City.

Council therefore resolves that the Executive reconsider those matters and recommends that the Executive change their decision to:

- a) Set SMART objectives for assessing the effectiveness of attracting and promoting Green Jobs to the City.
- b) Start the process for delivering a city centre pool by:
 - creating a leisure reserve from directorate under-spends and section 106 agreements
 - commissioning a report to identify city centre sites within the city centre for a community pool, with particular reference to Hungate, and provide provisional designs.

- Identifying the amount needed from reserves to enable such a report to be produced.
- c) Progress with preparatory work for implementing a Quality Contract scheme within York, with a review to be conducted after the publication of the Department of Transport Guidance.

For the avoidance of doubt the following Councillors request the reconsideration of these decisions:

Cllr J Alexander
Cllr D Bowgett
Cllr B Boyce
Cllr R Cregan
Cllr S Crisp
Cllr H Douglas
Cllr S Fraser
Cllr T Funnell
Cllr J Gunnell
Cllr D Horton
Cllr K King
Cllr J Looker
Cllr D Merrett
Cllr R Pierce
Cllr R Potter
Cllr D Scott
Cllr T Simpson-Laing
Cllr B Watson”

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

RESOLVED: That the above notice of motion not be approved.

(iii) **RAF Linton-on-Ouse**

A notice of motion had been submitted by Cllr Wiseman in the following terms:

“This Council notes with concern reports that the Ministry of Defence is examining closing RAF Linton-on-Ouse. The effects of the closure of RAF Linton on the City of York would be significant, with the loss of 700 jobs and the loss of an estimated £25 million of economic activity that the base generates for the local economy.

The Council therefore asks the Chief Executive to write to the Minister of Defence in order to request a meeting with the appropriate party to enable CYC to make its representations to the MOD regarding possible closure of the base as early in the consultation process as possible.”

Cllr Wiseman now sought leave to alter the above motion to read as follows:

“This Council notes with concern reports that the Ministry of Defence is examining closing RAF Linton-on-Ouse. The effects of the closure of RAF Linton on the City of York would be significant, with the loss of 700 jobs and the loss of an estimated £25 million of economic activity that the base generates from the local economy.

The Council therefore asks the Chief Executive to **invite the Chief Executive of North Yorkshire County Council to join with her in writing** to the Ministry of Defence in order to request a meeting with the appropriate party to enable CYC and NYCC to make **their** representations to the MOD regarding possible closure of the base as early in the consultation process as possible.”

Council having agreed to that alteration, Cllr Wiseman moved, and Cllr Hudson seconded, the motion as altered.

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

RESOLVED: That the above notice of motion be approved. ²

[Note: Cllr Watt, having declared a prejudicial interest in the above notice of motion, left the Chamber during consideration of the motion and took no part in the discussions or decisions thereon.]

(iv) Young people not in education, employment or training (NEETs)

A notice of motion had been submitted by Cllr Gunnell the following terms:

“Council notes:

- That York’s Local Area Agreement has set a target to reduce the numbers of 16-18 years olds not in education, employment or training (NEET) under National Indicator 117, a target which was not met last year and is not being met this year
- As at the 15th October 2009 the City of York Council had only 21 Traineeships
- Only 3 out of 5 directorates had Traineeships;
- The impact of the economic downturn on training and employment opportunities for those that are NEET and those who have little or no work experience.

In response to this challenge, Council:

1. Requests the Chief Executive to take the necessary action to devise a comprehensive and strategic programme to increase the number of traineeships within the city by:
 - Drawing up an action plan to increase the number of Traineeships, training and work experience placements available within the Council that:-
 - Involves all council directorates
 - Involves a wide range of council functions and disciplines

- Has a full understanding and appreciation of the two distinct groups of vulnerable young people, those who fall out of education, employment and training and those with the potential to
 - Acknowledges the Council's responsibilities as a Corporate Parent, ensuring that looked after children and care leavers are prioritised
 - Incorporates, utilises and achieves the Aims of the Councils Sustainability Procurement Policy
 - Ensures that advertising opportunities on internet sites are relevant to this audience
 - Devising a mechanism to work in partnership with other large employers, interested smaller employers and educational establishment within the city to identify opportunities to increase the number of Traineeships
2. Requests the Effective Organisation Overview and Scrutiny to consider devising how such a programme would be developed and implemented, before making recommendations to the Scrutiny Management Committee, which in turn will make recommendations to Full Council no later than April 2010."

Cllr Gunnell now sought leave to alter the above motion to read as follows:

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Council having agreed to that alteration, Cllr Gunnell moved, and Cllr Fraser seconded, the motion as altered.

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

RESOLVED: That the above notice of motion not be approved.

At this point in the meeting, the guillotine fell and the following motion and amendment were deemed to have been moved and seconded and were voted upon without debate.

(v) **Covenant of Mayors**

Motion submitted by Cllr Vassie:

“As the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change in Copenhagen approaches, Council recognises the need to send a clear message to the Government that the public expect a global deal to reduce carbon emissions.

Council therefore resolves to join the 963 local authorities across Europe, representing over 130 million people, in signing up to the Covenant of Mayors, signalling the clear intention of local people to tackle climate change on a local level and sending the message that similar action on an international level is expected from national governments.

Council also requests that Officers report to the Executive on how energy consumption can be reduced at Listed buildings in the City.”

Amendment submitted by Cllr Merrett:

“In the second paragraph, after ‘*Covenant of Mayors*’, insert:

'and to the Friends of the Earth 'Get serious about Co2 campaign'.

To the end of the third paragraph, add:

'and to discuss with the 'Without Walls' partners, local businesses and organisations about how York can deliver a minimum 40% reduction of CO2 emissions from York by 2020, and the production of an action plan to deliver that reduction.'"

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

The motion, as amended, now read as follows:

"As the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change in Copenhagen approaches, Council recognises the need to send a clear message to the Government that the public expect a global deal to reduce carbon emissions.

Council therefore resolves to join the 963 local authorities across Europe, representing over 130 million people, in signing up to the Covenant of Mayors and to the Friends of the Earth 'Get serious about Co2 campaign', signalling the clear intention of local people to tackle climate change on a local level and sending the message that similar action on an international level is expected from national governments.³

Council also requests that Officers report to the Executive on how energy consumption can be reduced at Listed buildings in the City and to discuss with the 'Without Walls' partners, local businesses and organisations about how York can deliver a minimum 40% reduction of CO2 emissions from York by 2020, and the production of an action plan to deliver that reduction."⁴

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

RESOLVED: That the above notice of motion, as amended, be approved.³⁻⁴

Action Required

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| 1. Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State in the terms agreed | SH |
| 2. Chief Executive to liaise with the CE of NYCC and write to the Minister in the terms agreed | SH |
| 3. Make arrangements for the Council to sign up to the Covenant of Mayors | SH |
| 4. Schedule a report on energy consumption in Listed Buildings on the Executive Forward Plan | SS |

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

Twelve questions had been submitted to the Executive Leader and Executive Members under Standing Order 11.3(a). As the guillotine had now fallen, Members agreed to receive written responses to these questions. The questions and the written responses are set out below:

(i) To the Executive Leader, from Cllr Alexander:

“Can the Executive Leader please tell Council how many meetings he has had with the Council's Information Management and E-Government Champion to specifically discuss Information Management and E-Government since being in the position?”

Reply

“It will come as no surprise to say that I see Cllr Ayre frequently and have had a number of meetings throughout the time that Cllr Ayre has been the Council's Information Management and E-Government Champion to discuss issues relating to the council's electronic communication, data security, and implications of government legislation. Many of these discussions have been as part of other meetings that I have had with him, and I therefore I am not in a position to state how many were specifically to discuss Information Management and E-Government, and how many were the efficient use of time at other scheduled meeting times.”

(ii) To the Executive Member for City Strategy, from Cllr Gillies:

“Can the Executive Member brief the Council on the progress made on identifying the availability of sites and the availability of funding for the community stadium and whether these activities are meeting the timeline?”

Reply

“The feasibility work commissioned by the Executive of June 23rd 2009 is under way. As part of this feasibility study officers are undertaking site selection, needs and financial analysis to identify preferred site(s) and options for the community stadium project.

Advisors have been engaged for the project who are providing the advice on financial and planning issues.

- *Investigated developments being pursued elsewhere in the country.*
- *Detailed community needs analysis completed.*
- *Collated all the potential sites which has been extensive.*
- *Extensive discussions with landowners and potential partners.*
- *Development of outline business cases on more optimistic sites.*
- *Internal discussions on planning and transport issues for several potential sites.*

Given the timescales involved we would expect to bring an report to the Executive in the spring with an earlier update report being submitted to an Executive decision session.”

- (iii) To the Executive Member for City Strategy, from Cllr Wiseman:
“Could the Executive Member set forth the requirements for when Highways officers are required to attend planning meetings in order to address members’ queries regarding their response, or lack of written response, to planning applications?”

Reply

“The service template (protocol) governing attendance at Planning meetings was agreed 3 years ago. Committee chairs were involved in drawing up the agreement. It followed a reduction in staffing in the transport section. It was felt at that attendance would only be routinely provided for major applications that have city wide implications.

Officers have been following this procedure for the past 3 years. The transport team responds to all planning consultations in writing. This advice is made available to the Committee. Verbal discussions also take place between the planning case officer and highways officer on specific aspects.

In addition, if questions are raised at the Chair’s brief, these are relayed back to the highway officer and a response is provided at the committee.

Additional support/attendance can be provided in exceptional circumstances.

Any specific cases, where a request for written advice has been made without an appropriate response, should be referred, in the first instance, to the Director.”

- (iv) To the Executive Member for City Strategy, from Cllr Wiseman:
“Can you tell us why Lendal Bridge is no longer lit up at night?”

Reply

“Lighting now falls within the remit of the Neighbourhoods portfolio.

I understand though that the question refers to the under-bridge floodlighting.

As members may know this lighting has been subject to considerable non accidental damage over the months and more recently theft of some of the equipment. Officers are seeking to effect repairs although river levels can influence the timetable for so doing.

We are discussing options with a company who manufacture lighting for prisons in the hope we will be able to install vandal proof lighting in the near future.

Incidentally, the new flood lighting at the side of Lendal arch will be commissioned next week. The new floodlights at Lendal Arch are colour changing LED's, the colour is programmable (millions of colours), they will probably be purple through the Christmas period, then will be predominantly white to emphasize the features of the wall, they use approx 1/3 of the energy compared to the existing system and they are vandal resistant.”

- (v) To the Executive Member for Corporate Services, from Cllr Healey:
“When does the Executive Member expect the adult social care provision part of More4York to come before the Executive?”

Reply

"The More for York Adult Social Care proposals will come before the Executive at the meeting on 15th December. The papers for the meeting will be published tomorrow."

- (vi) To the Executive Member for Corporate Services, from Cllr Alexander:
"Can the Executive Member for Corporate Services tell Council how many meetings he has had with the Council's Efficiency, Procurement and Risk Management Champion to specifically discuss Efficiency, Procurement and Risk Management since being in the position?"

Reply

"I have frequent meetings with the Efficiency, Procurement and Risk Management Champion to discuss these issues. However I do not have a full record of these meetings and so am unable to tell Council how many such meetings have taken place."

- (vii) To the Executive Member for Corporate Services, from Cllr Scott:
"Does the Executive Member for Corporate Services still believe in openness and transparency in local democracy in the operation of the Council?"

Reply

"I refer Councillor Scott to my previous answer to this question on 15th October."

- (viii) To the Executive Member for Housing & Adult Social Services, from Cllr Alexander:
"Would the Executive Member for Housing and Adult Social Services explain whether the Council offers those who receive a 'meals on wheels' service to opt for a frozen meal alternative, and if so does the Council provide microwaves free of charge to these individuals?"

Reply

"The meals on wheels service ended in 2006 as part of a wider review of home care services. Since that time customers have been able to choose from a range of providers of frozen meals. A small number of customers continue to receive help in preparing their meals. The frozen meals providers do not supply microwaves but if any customer could not afford to purchase one themselves the council would try to assist through a charitable source."

- (ix) To the Executive Member for Housing & Adult Social Services, from Cllr Simpson-Laing:
"Will the Executive Member for HASS work with me to increase signing up to the Organ Donor Register by ensuring that all Council buildings, both public and private, display information on how to join the Register and that this information is also included for the next 12 months in all Council internal and external publications to help aid the rise in those signed to the register in the City?"

Reply

“Clearly there are some council publications and buildings in which such information may not be appropriate however, with this in mind I would be happy to work with Councillor Simpson-Laing to raise awareness of this very important issue.

As Councillor Simpson-Laing will be aware it is Liberal Democrat policy to introduce an opt-out system for organ donation, a move which I am sure would boost the number of organ donors massively as people who want to donate but haven't got round to signing up are included on the list. I would hope that this policy will receive cross party support the next time it is raised in parliament.”

- (x) To the Executive Member for Learning, Culture & Children's Services, from Cllr Healey:

"Would the Executive Member outline the contingency arrangements for SEN children who move into the authority's catchment area during the school year?"

Reply

“When a child with a Statement transfers to CYC, there is a legal responsibility to meet the child's needs as specified in the Statement and to match the arrangements put in place by the previous Authority. No additional funding can be made available within the financial year but the budget will be adjusted to take account of the additional placement in the next financial year.

If the child requires a mainstream placement with additional support, the funding arrangements to achieve this are exactly the same as for any CYC child who has a Statement of Special Needs. This means that the school will be responsible, from its own delegated budgets, to fund the first 15 hours of additional support and the Local Authority will fund any support above the 15 hour threshold. In York, over 90% of the available funding for Special Educational Needs is already delegated directly to schools.

Whilst there is no specific contingency fund for individual children, newly arrived in the city, there is an SEN contingency fund for schools which find themselves in financial difficulties because of an unexpectedly higher level of children with high level special educational needs. Application is on the basis of the overall SEN budget position within the school, not the needs of a specific individual child, and the overall financial reserves held by the school are also taken into account. The Schools Forum makes such decisions. Schools who take in unanticipated new arrivals could be in a position to make an application to the contingency fund if the increased budgeting demand places them in overall difficulties.

In general the Local Authority and the Schools Forum have taken the view that contingency funding, although helpful, should be kept to a relatively modest level because holding money in this way can only be done by top slicing the amount that is delegated to schools. Overall, schools tell us that the current arrangements are working well.”

- (xi) To the Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services, from Cllr Alexander:

“Can the Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services report to Council how many times police officers have been ‘rented’ under the Police Act 1996 to further reduce crime and as in line with their Election pledge of 2007?”

Reply

“None.”

- (xii) To the Executive Member for Leisure, Culture & Social Inclusion, from Cllr Crisp:

“Can the Executive Member for Leisure & Culture describe his plans to increase York residents’ take up of sport and active leisure in relation to the continued decreasing figures, as reported in the Council’s National Indicator Report?”

Reply

“It is our stated ambition that by 2013 York will have the highest participation rates in active lifestyles of any city in the country. To achieve LAA target (NI8) of increasing participation in sport by 1% per annum we need to see an increase of 1,657 new people playing sport in the city every year. In order to realise this aim we have put together our own service plan as well as working closely with Active York to develop the City Sport and Active Leisure Strategy that combines raising the profile of sport in the city, investment in new facilities and greater tailoring of our offer to ensure that there is something available to meet everyone’s tastes.

Examples of the work currently under way include:

- Targeted participation programmes based on needs analysis e.g. Walking for Health programmes, postural stability programmes, Age Concern swimming sessions, The ‘Fit as a Fiddle’ programme for people over 50 and people with disabilities*
- Actively supporting local sports club development programmes. Ensuring that over 280 sports clubs in York are accessible to all members of the community by offering information about club accreditation, funding opportunities, Discretionary Rate Relief, CASC status, National Governing Body developments, sports specific forums attendance, specific project management for funding bids.*
- Strategic development of funding bid portfolios on behalf of Active York (currently £5m for football, £1.5m for sport and physical activity)*
- Investing in facilities including the new Energise sports centre with new pool and gym.*
- Support for a range of disability activity sessions including Inclusive Gym Sessions, Sportsability, 1st York Boccia, Bowlsability, Danceability, York St John Inclusive Activity Club, Disabled Learn to Swim Program, Footballability, Disabled Swimming Sessions at New Earswick, Athletics Disabled Sessions at Huntington, Core*

Stability sessions at Hob Moor, Tag Rugby at Westfield, disabled Tennis at York Tennis Club.”

Cllr John Galvin

LORD MAYOR OF YORK

[The meeting started at 6.35 pm and concluded at 10.00 pm]

Leader's report to Full Council 4th February 2010**1. Winter Weather**

I would like to start by putting on record my appreciation of the efforts that staff right across the council have gone to maintain public services during the recent extreme winter weather conditions. The efforts of the gritting teams have been appreciated by the residents of the city, and they literally worked around the clock to keep roads open, salt bins replenished, and responded to the icy conditions.

I am grateful to partners who helped out during the situation, in particular Age Concern who were able to ensure that there was additional capacity to the social care teams to respond to calls for assistance. Support for a 'Good Neighbour' campaign to encourage the neighbourliness that already operates in the city, was given by the Press, church organisations and the Neighbourhood Watch system.



Gritters in between runs being washed down at the eco Depot

The 'Salt Cell' that has taken control of salt supplies at the national level has, as I write, held back the supply of salt from our suppliers that we have not received a delivery for two weeks. Although that stock levels are currently higher than many authorities, it is of concern given that we are a long way before the end of the winter period.

2. Oneplace : Audit Commission

The Audit Commission in the Oneplace assessment of York published on 9th December recognised the work by City of York Children's Services with disabled children awarding one of only 7 'green flags' for councils in the Yorkshire Region. I am sure that staff, partners and parents will have felt that this was acknowledgement

of the work that goes on in the city to support the needs of disabled children here in York.

This follows on from the inspection in 2008 by Ofsted and the Audit Commission which judged as outstanding the council's services for children with learning difficulties and disabilities.

Innovation was noted in the joining up of services with mention of the multi-agency Transitions Team supporting young people aged 14-25 which provides independent travel training, and provision of shared and independent housing. "Support is seamless – its focus is on the child or young person not on the particular organisation providing the support. It successfully puts the customer at the heart of what partners are doing."

The comment by the Audit Commission on the general services that the council provides was kicked off by the following;

'York is a good place to live and work. Public services are working well together to achieve the improvements local people need and want. Strong progress in recent years includes improved public health, retaining a strong economy - even during recession, making York a 'greener' city, and reducing crime.'

3. Fairness and Inclusion, and Equality

In early December the Executive approved the Council's Fairness and Inclusion Strategy and Single Corporate Equality Scheme (2009-12) Directorates will have action plans on how they are drawing their activities into this agenda, and so the review of tangible outcomes in April 2010 should show this and the positive changes to the lives of the residents of York. Social Inclusion work and efforts to promote equalities are important for York to maintain its position as one of cities in the country with the lowest social divisions when nationally these have been on the increase.

4. More for York

The Executive approved the proposals for the restructuring of senior management roles and responsibilities within the City of York Council as part of the More for York programme. The More for York Programme is essential if the council is going to avoid the worst of the effects of the reductions in public expenditure which will inevitably follow the General Election given the level of government debt. Part of this wider programme is the review of senior management of the authority, which is similar to the steps being taken by many businesses and organisations in the city. All parts of the council organisation will need to deliver savings in order that the majority of street level services can be retained in the face of reductions in funding, and therefore the senior management structure will have to reflect this pressure. It is inevitable that the reduction in capacity will have an impact on the operation of the council, and this will need to be spelt out to the public and members as the changes will not be without pain.

Across the council there will need to be a greater delegation of decision making which will be a change in culture which needs to be managed. The strength of the organisation will be tested, and so there is a requirement on all members to be

constructive in their engagement with the process. Equally there will need to be a greater pressure on driving out the time consuming aspects that add little to the delivery of high quality services. A greater awareness of cutting out non-essential meetings and reports will be essential as part of this process. I have asked for a report to come to Executive detailing the red tape that should be reviewed in the requirements from central government. A number of years ago the figure of £1 million was attributed to City of York Council from government form filling, and this is something that all councils and the Local Government Association are challenging for this is finance that certainly cannot be defended when essential budgets are under pressure.

The proposed changes brought forward by the Chief Executive in the composition of the Senior Management Team will have its own impact on a personal level which will need to be handled sensitively and appropriately, as well as the need for all members to appreciate the impact on the work on the council by reducing the number of senior managers. We will become a different council to what we are currently, and this will be reflected up and down the country. We must recognise the impact that this will have on staff who have spent years delivering good public service.

The new Directors posts were agreed to be as follows;

- Director of Customer and Business Support Services
- Director of Communities and Neighbourhoods
- Director of Adult, Children and Education Services
- Director of City Strategy

5. Other aspects of the More for York Programme

The Income Collection strand has already collected over £218,000 of overdue debt from the commercial debtors, and measures are being taken to recover other old debt. The review of Single Person Discount has identified a number of cases where the resident has not notified the Council of a change of circumstances, with the result that over £237,000 has been collected where the discount was applied incorrectly. I appreciate that members may have received queries from residents who have not previously been asked to maintain their position as being in receipt of 'single persons discount', but I hope that members will explain why there has to be a tightening up of checks in this area.

ICT has identified a number of measures to improve efficiency and make savings, and the audit of all desktop hardware should identify more savings. This area has one disadvantage, in that the requirement of the Council to join Government Connect has restricted some measures due to the necessity to meet Government aspirations.

The Executive also gave support for the More For York Adult Social Care Blueprint and asked officers to further investigate joint working with the PCT and Hospital Trust to achieve a more joined up approach to the Health Care Economy.

6. Council Headquarters

The Executive received the report of the outcomes of the evaluation of final tenders for the delivery of the Council's new headquarters on 15th December and agreed the recommendation that Tarras Park Properties York Investors LLP be the preferred bidder.

It is a major step forward to be at this point, and within the timetable set for the competitive tendering process. It has been to the credit of both sets of developers that the council had a choice of options to take forward for the scheme.

The final contract will shortly be signed, and officers will need to continue to press for the best value for council tax payers money. Communications will be maintained as the public needs to be aware of the significant financial savings that will arise from this project, and that these were the key driver for embarking on the need for a new HQ. A pre Planning exhibition for the public will be held in the Mansion House towards the end of February

7. The 14-19 Reforms – the York Response to National Changes

The report setting out the priorities for the reform of funding for 14-19 year olds after the transfer of funding from the LSC in April 2010 was approved by the Executive recently. Curriculum reforms for young people in this age group are well established in the city and plans for the requirement for education or training to continue until the age of 17 years (from 2013) and 18yrs (from 2015) are well underway.

An increasing range of options is available to individuals via our schools and colleges and information, advice and guidance works to tailor the provision so that it suits the individual young person's abilities and aptitudes. Well-informed commissioning will allow this to continue and expand.

It is essential to ensure that the offer includes both vocational and academic options and to support a push for greater numbers of apprenticeships. To this end, greater work with partners will be needed to ensure that learners who may not be suited to present provision have all the options they need. The Executive noted the good progress made on delivering the 14 to 19 curriculum reforms, and the high regard in which the work of the York Partnership is held. Endorse the strategic approach as set out in the 14-19 plan.

The Executive requested that the Director of Children's Services comes back with a strategic action plan to increase apprenticeships across the council in every area and department, taking into account the need to include LACs as a priority group, reduce NEETs and ensure sustainability; progress on the resulting work to be reported to the Executive Member for Children and Young People at six monthly intervals. This programme of will be publicised and accessible to young people via the Internet.

8. Business Engagement and Inward Investment

The Executive recently received report presents recommendations for the future delivery of Business Engagement with major employers (often referred to as Key Account Management) and Inward Investment in York, to ensure a continued private sector focus and to provide support in a more streamlined and effective way.

The change to yorkengland.com has been triggered by North Yorkshire County Council wishing to take their part of the service in-house. However, this does present the city with the opportunity to clarify the purpose of a successor service to focus on the city council area. The decision in early 2003 to spread the area of interest of the organisation to cover parts of the county created a lack of focus which I appreciate was a cause of frustration to the York business community, and therefore a fresh start will give the City of York to provide a service which more closely follows the

ambitions of the Future York report. Nevertheless it is vital that the message is received by the city that this is not a step back to the 1990's and that the council's re-organisation is able to develop a "York Enterprise" service which whilst being funded through the local authority, and therefore more secure in its destiny than the current organisation, is able to retain the benefits that independence brought yorkengland.com in the eyes of the business community. This has been presented to the Economic Partnership and there was appreciation that Yorkshire Forward are maintaining their funding, and a complementary business engagement processes for large employers.

9. Review of Low Carbon Emission Residents' Parking Schemes

York became the first authority in the country in 2004 to introduce discount-parking rates for the owners of small and less polluting vehicles

A review on the practicality of introducing a vehicle specific charging schemes was undertaken following discussions leading up to last years budget setting meeting. A officer report concludes that to move to a scheme such as has been recently introduced in Edinburgh and Richmond on Thames would be very costly for motorists and would involve a lot of administrative time.



Against a background of unstable air quality issues, there is, however, an increasingly strong argument that the largest and most polluting vehicles should pay more to enter and park in the City. One way of making a start on such a policy would be to charge a premium for those (relatively) high emission vehicles which park in ResPark areas. The proposal below envisages an increase in the cost of a pass for those vehicles in VED bands J – M.

Approximately 620 vehicle owners would be affected, out of a total of about 5400 pass holders.

One advantage of the scheme would be that all the charges for the other vehicle bands would be frozen at their present levels for a further year. This would be the fourth successive year that low emission (bands A-C) pass costs have been frozen at a charge of £44 per year.

It is hoped that the scheme would also deter the owners of very large vehicles such as motor homes and some wide 4X4s from parking on the streets. Such vehicles can take up an excessive amount of space both in terms of length and width.

The Executive also asked officers to prepare a further report that considers the implications of a vehicle specific low emission scheme including discount incentives for commercial vehicles meeting the latest Euro emission targets

10. Access York Phase 1 Park and Ride Development

The Executive agreed to appoint Halcrow Group Ltd as the successful bidder for the Lead Design Consultant for the Access York Phase 1 Park and Ride Project as part of the city's continuing transport improvement programme which will go on to receive DfT approval.

11. Local Area Agreement Refresh 2009/10

Finally central Government has acknowledged that the recession which will impact on the outcomes of many activities of the local authorities, partners, and businesses in Local Strategic Partnership area. The changes to the proportion of working age people on out of work benefits is being recommended at 4.3% below the national average. The number of affordable homes has been reduced from 797 to 549 which is more realistic. The figure for average earnings is measured in comparison with the national average rather than an absolute figure and thus the national average will have a built in response to the recession

12. Centre for Cities Report

There has been an updated Centre for Cities report launched on 18th January 2010.



York is in many of the top 10's; high levels of employment, high levels of training and qualifications. We are also shown to continue to have the lowest levels of inequalities, and lowest levels of people without any formal qualifications – all of which are the result of tremendous efforts by the council, schools, and a whole range of partners, we cannot let up on these efforts to keep York where we are. The 'One City' campaign in response to the recession is supporting retraining, and providing help to local companies.

The independence of York's economy is recognised in this report, but it also supports the policy of co-operation with neighbouring areas as jobs and employment patterns flow beyond council boundaries. We will continue to engage with the Leeds City Region where we benefit from being part of a larger economy based on 3 million people, arguing for our fair share of national resources, but without losing our identity as York, an internationally known city.

There are now much better links between the council businesses and the Chamber of Commerce in the city than I have know over the last two decades. There is a 'cautious confidence' that York companies can make the most out of a future recovery. I recognise that there are responsibilities on both sides to take full advantage of this.

As a city we need to build on our strengths in science and technology, food, 'green jobs' and tourism. The spin off businesses from York University, Science City, and more recently the Phoenix Centre at York St John University are setting up the

companies that will employ future generations. The eco-business centre at Clifton Moor is also a key to helping companies to set up and grow.

The reports argues that we are seeing the benefits for the future of the city from the investment by the public sector in the Heslington East Expansion, new buildings at York St John, and York College, new council homes, an new council HQ, and the national recognition of the eco-housing proposal for the former British Sugar site. We are making a pitch for relevant civil service and government science jobs being relocated out of London. During 2010 we will see the benefits of investment in the Yorkshire Museum, and a new Visitor Information Centre in Blake Street, building up York's reputation for heritage and tourism.

Investment by the private sector is vital for a balanced economy, and this is recognised in the report.. I look forward to the new hotels emerging from the former Rail Headquarters, Blossom Street, and the improvements in other hotels around the city. Network Rail are investing in the mainline up the East Coast which is a lifeline to the York economy. I will keep the pressure up on getting investment for York Central site to open that up for development. From the retail sector new shops are opening up in York as a sign of confidence in the local economy.

There are positive signs from the report, but I am sure that along with other members of the York Economic Partnership we will see this as a reason to step up efforts to get the most out of the opportunities that this city has for a strong future.



Retailers at the January 25th Retail Strategy Group meeting reported that sales in the run up to Christmas 2009 had been up on the previous year, and in many cases recovering to 2007 levels which is a sign of how much stronger the retail economy is doing in York relative to others around the region

St Nicholas Fayre 2009, Parliament Street York

Cllr Andrew Waller
Leader

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MEETING	EXECUTIVE
DATE	19 JANUARY 2010
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS WALLER (CHAIR), AYRE, STEVE GALLOWAY, MOORE, MORLEY, REID AND RUNCIMAN

PART B - MATTERS REFERRED TO COUNCIL

145. LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT REFRESH 2009/10

Members considered a report which presented a refreshed version of the Council's Local Area Agreement (LAA) for the period 2009/10. The refreshed LAA was attached as Annex A to the report.

The 2009/10 LAA refresh process applied only to the following designated indicators:

- NI 116 – Proportion of children in poverty
- NI 152 – Working age people on out of work benefits
- NI 155 – Number of affordable homes delivered (gross)
- NI 166 – Average earnings of employees in the area
- NI 171 – VAT registration rates.

The report set out the latest position on each of the above indicators, following discussions and negotiations with Government Office for Yorkshire & the Humber (GOYH). Officers reported at the meeting that GOYH's negotiating position on indicator NI 116 was currently unclear. All Council Members would be informed of any change to this position before the Full Council meeting on 4 February.

Although the formal refresh process did not apply to York's local LAA indicators, the following local indicators had also been updated where required for the final year of the LAA:

- NI 54 – Services for disabled children
- NI 57 – Children's participation in sport
- LI 5 – Adult participation in physical activity.

RECOMMENDED: That Council approve the refreshed Local Area Agreement presented at Annex A to the report, for endorsement by Without Walls on 11 February 2010 prior to submission to central government.¹

REASON: In order to meet the statutory requirement to refresh the LAA and meet central government guidelines.

A Waller, Chair

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

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Priority	NI	Indicator(s), including those from national indicator set (shown with a *)	Baseline	Local Improvement Target (including those to be designated shown with a *)			Partners who have signed-up to the target and any which are acting as lead partner/s (shown with a *)
				2008/9	2009/10	2010/11	
LOCAL IMPROVEMENT TARGETS (DESIGNATED)							
Inclusive City	NI 1	% of people who believe people from different backgrounds get on well together in their local area*	79.0% (Places Survey 2008)	N/A	-	83.1%*	City of York Council*
Inclusive City	NI 4	% of people who feel that they can influence decisions in their locality*	31.5% (Places Survey 2008)	N/A	-	34.3%*	City of York Council*
Inclusive City	NI 6	Participation in regular volunteering *	23.1% (Places Survey 2008)	N/A	-	26.6%*	City of York Council*
Inclusive City	NI 7	Environment for a thriving third sector*	19.7% (Third Sector Survey 2008/9)	19.7%*	22.0%*	A measurable improvement, calculated in accordance with published OTS guidance. Based on the results of the 2008 national survey of third sector organisations it is estimated that the required improvement in York will be 4.5 percentage points. This remains an estimate. The final target will be confirmed once the 2010 national survey of third sector organisations has reported*	City of York Council*
City of Culture	NI 8	Adult participation in sport *	24.9%	26.9%	27.9%*	28.9%*	City of York Council* NHS North Yorkshire & York
Safer City	NI 16	Serious acquisitive crime rate*	22.5 per 1,000 population	20.3*	19.3*	18.3*	North Yorkshire Police (Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership)*

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Safer City	NI 17	Perceptions of anti-social behaviour*	11.2% (Places Survey 2008)	N/A	-	Meaningful Statistically Significant Improvement The result of the 2008 Place Based Survey minus the minimum change required to demonstrate a statistically significant improvement (calculated in accordance with Home Office advice). The final numerical value for the 2010-11 target will be confirmed by the Home Office once data for the 2010 Place Survey are available.*	North Yorkshire Police (Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership)*
Safer City	NI 19	Rate of proven re-offending by young offenders*	1.91 (2005)	1.82*	1.74*	1.66*	Youth Offending Team
Safer City	NI 30	Re-offending rate of prolific and priority offenders*	For 2008/09 (April 07-March 08 = 131) For 2009/10 (Oct 07-Sept 08 =85) For 2010/11 (baseline to be confirmed)	20% reduction in offences from 131 baseline (no more than 105 offences)*	21% reduction in offences from 85 baseline (no more than 67 offences)*	The target will be arrived at by applying the common ratio 1.19 to the performance ceiling % target identified after the cohort has been refreshed*	Probation/LCJB*
Safer City	NI 38	Drug-related (Class A) offending rate*	Out-turn for Jan-Mar 2008 cohort. Final data available July 2009. Emerging baseline = 1.13	N/A	1.05*	0.98*	North Yorkshire Police (Drug & Alcohol Action Team)*
Safer City	NI 39	Alcohol-harm related hospital admission rates*	1,270 per 100,000	1,544 per 100,000*	1,620 per 100,000*	1,675 per 100,000*	NHS North Yorkshire & York*

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				2008/9	2009/10	2010/11	
Safer City	NI 47	People killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents*	118 (2007)	113*	87*	81*	City of York Council*
Healthy City	NI 56	Obesity among primary school age children in year 6*	15.6%	15.4%*	15.4%*	15.4%*	NHS North Yorkshire & York*
Learning City	NI 81	Inequality gap in the achievement of a level 3 qualification by the age of 19*	30% (Academic year 2007)	29%* (Academic year 2008)	28%* (Academic year 2009)	27%* (Academic year 2010)	Learning & Skills Council*
City of Culture	NI 110	Young people's participation in positive activities*	69.7% (TellUs3 2008/9)	N/A	75%*	79%*	City of York Council*
Healthy City	NI 112	Under 18 conception rate*	15.3% (2006)	-18%*	-34%*	-50%*	City of York Council* NHS North Yorkshire & `
Safer City	NI 115	Substance misuse by young people*	11.9% (TellUs3 2008/09)	12%*	11%*	9.2%*	City of York Council*
Inclusive City	NI 116	Proportion of children in poverty*	14% (2006)	12.1%*	11.6%*	11.2%*	City of York Council* Jobcentre Plus
Inclusive City	NI 116	Proportion of children in poverty*	N/A	N/A	N/A	7.6 percentage points better than the national average	City of York Council* Jobcentre Plus
Learning City	NI 117	16 to 18 year olds who are not in education, training or employment (NEET) *	3.9% (Nov 07-Jan08)	3.7% (Nov 08 - Jan 09)	3.5% (Nov 09 - Jan 10)*	3.3% (Nov 10 - Jan 11)*	City of York Council*
Healthy City	NI 120	All-age all cause mortality rate*	Male 663 per 100,000 Female 440 per 100,000 (2006)	Male 658* per 100,000 Female 428* per 100,000	Male 643* per 100,000 Female 419* per 100,000	Male 628* per 100,000 Female 410* per 100,000	NHS North Yorkshire & York* City of York Council
Healthy City	NI 130	Social care clients receiving Self Directed Support (Direct Payments and Individual Budgets)*	2.2%	N/A	12.5%*	30.5%*	City of York Council*
Healthy City	NI 135	Carers receiving needs assessment or review and a specific carer's service, or advice and information*	10.18% (2006/07)	18.75%*	20.18%*	21.55%*	City of York Council*

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Healthy City	NI 141	Number of vulnerable people achieving independent living*	66.8%	68.5%*	70%*	72%*	City of York Council*
Thriving City	NI 152	Working age people on out of work benefits*	7.4%	7.1%*	6.8%*	6.4%*	City of York Council* Jobcentre Plus
Thriving City	NI 152	Working age people on out of work benefits*	N/A	N/A	N/A	7.4%(i.e. 4.3 percentage points better than the national average)	City of York Council* Jobcentre Plus
Inclusive City	NI 155	Number of affordable homes delivered (gross)*	125 (5 year average)	165*	280*	350*	City of York Council*
Inclusive City	NI 155	Number of affordable homes delivered (gross)*	125 (5 year average)	151	146	252	City of York Council
Inclusive City	NI 156	Number of households living in temporary accommodation*	242 (2004)	170*	120*	110*	City of York Council*
Learning City	NI 163	Working age population qualified to at least NVQ level 2 *	73.3% APS	75.8%*	78.3%*	80.8%*	Learning & Skills Coun
Thriving City	NI 165	Working age population qualified to at least NVQ level 4 *	33.8% APS	34.8%*	35.8%*	36.8%*	City of York Council* Learning & Skills Council Yorkshire Forward (RDA)
Thriving City	NI 166	Average earnings of employees in the area*	0.9758 ratio to England average for 1997-2006	0.9758*	0.99*	1.00*	City of York Council*
Sustainable City	NI 167	Congestion - average journey time per mile during the morning peak*	3 min 24 sec	less than 3 min 26 sec*	less than 3 min 29 sec*	less than 3 min 32 sec*	City of York Council*
Thriving City	NI 171	VAT registration rate *	44.5 per 10,000 working age population	34.7 per 10,000 working age population*	39.6 per 10,000 working age population*	44.5 per 10,000 working age population*	City of York Council*
Sustainable City	NI 186	Per capita reduction in CO2 emissions in the local area.*	6.7 tonnes	4% reduction*	8% reduction*	12% reduction* (5.9 tonnes)	City of York Council*
Sustainable City	NI 187	Tackling fuel poverty - people receiving income based benefits living in homes with a low energy rating*	low = 6.9% high = 60.4% (2008/9)	low = 6.9%* high = 60.4%*	low = 6.49%* high = 60.8%*	low = 6.09%* high = 61.2%*	City of York Council*

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Sustainable City	NI 191	Residual household waste per household*	663 kg	640 kg*	617 kg*	611 kg*	City of York Council*
Sustainable City	NI 197	Improved local biodiversity - active management of local sites*	28%* (2008)	35%*	52%*	64%*	City of York Council*

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LOCAL INDICATORS							
Inclusive City	NI 54	Services for disabled children*	65%	N/A	66%	67%	City of York Council*
City of Culture	NI 57	Children's participation in PE and sport*	77%	N/A	85%	86%	City of York Council* NHS North Yorkshire & York
Learning City	NI 102	Achievement gap between pupils eligible for free school meals and their peers achieving the expected level at Key Stages 2 and 4*	30.3% (KS2) 31.2% (KS4) (2006/7 academic year)	28% (KS2) 29% (KS4) (2007/8 academic year)	26% (KS2) 27% (KS4) (2008/9 academic year)	24% (KS2) 25% (KS4) (2009/10 academic year)	City of York Council*
Safer City	NI 111	First time entrants to the Youth Justice System aged 10-17*	2350	2185	2040	1900	Youth Offending Team*
Healthy City	NI 128	DELAYED - User reported measure of respect and dignity in their treatment*	DELAYED	DELAYED	DELAYED	DELAYED	City of York Council*
Healthy City	NI 139	People over 65 who say that they receive the information, assistance and support needed to exercise choice and control to live independently*	29.9%	29.9%	-	33.6%	City of York Council*
Learning City	NI 164	Working age population qualified to at least NVQ level 3*	53.9% APS	56%	58%	60%	Learning & Skills Coun
Sustainable City	NI 188	Adapting to climate change*	Level 0	Level 1	Level 1	Level 2	City of York Council*
Learning City	LI 1	CYP8.10: % of pupils living in the 30% most deprived areas in the country (IDACI) gaining 5 A*-C, including maths and English, at GCSE	25% (2005/6 academic year) 29% (2006/7 academic year)	33%	35%	37%	City of York Council*
Thriving City	LI 2	EDE1.4: Maintain percentage difference between York and regional median and 25% percentile figures for residents pay in York (av. gross weekly earnings).	71.9% (average 02/07)	72% (average 06/08)	72% (average 07/09)	72% (average 08/10)	City of York Council*
Healthy City	LI 3	HCOP1.1: Reduce health inequalities within the local area, by narrowing the gap in all-age, all-cause mortality	Ratio: 1.34 (2005 average)	less than Ratio: 1.34 (2006-2008)	less than Ratio: 1.34 (2007-2009)	less than Ratio: 1.34 (2008-2010)	NHS North Yorkshire & York* City of York Council
Sustainable City	LI 4	BVPI 219b: Conservation Area Appraisals undertaken	1	4	2	2	City of York Council*
City of Culture	LI 5	LLC14: Adult (16+) participation in physical activity (5 times 30 mins a week)	56.8% (2009/10)	N/A	N/A	57.8%	City of York Council*

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Committee Minutes

MEETING	AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
DATE	21 DECEMBER 2009
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS B WATSON (CHAIR), BROOKS (VICE-CHAIR), JAMIESON-BALL, KIRK AND GUNNELL (SUBSTITUTE)
APOLOGIES	COUNCILLORS BOWGETT, SCOTT AND R WATSON
IN ATTENDANCE	COUNCILLOR MOORE (EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR CORPORATE SERVICES) COUNCILLOR CRISP MIKE NEWBURY (AREA LEAD FOR CAA) ALISTAIR NEWALL (LOCAL AUDIT MANAGER)

PART B - MATTERS REFERRED TO COUNCIL

54. REVIEW OF THE AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE'S TERMS OF REFERENCE (ARTICLES & FUNCTIONS)

[See also under Part A Minutes]

Members considered a report which outlined proposed revisions to the Audit & Governance Committee's Terms of Reference (described as Articles and Functions in the Council's Constitution).

The changes proposed, as explained in paragraphs 5-10 and set out in the tracked changes document at Annex A to the report, would bring the Committee's operation in line with best practice as set down by CIPFA and the Audit Commission. They were mostly minor amendments, but included a significant change to the Committee's role and responsibilities regarding amendments to the Council's Constitution. This would mean transferring to the Staffing Matters & Urgency Committee responsibility for recommending constitutional amendments to Council, but retaining responsibility for recommending amendments to Financial Regulations and Contract Procedure Rules and certain changes to the Policy Framework.

The document at Annex A incorporated the amendment already agreed regarding the appointment of an independent advisor to the Committee. A person specification for this role was in preparation and a recruitment plan would be discussed with the Chair before the start of the next municipal year.

RECOMMENDED: (i) That responsibility for amending the Constitution remain with the Audit & Governance Committee and not be transferred to the Staffing Matters & Urgency Committee.

REASON: In accordance with the role of Audit & Governance Committee to oversee governance arrangements within the Council.

(ii) That the following amendments be made to the relevant parts of the Constitution and that authority be delegated to the Interim Head of Civic, Democratic and Legal Services to make the necessary drafting changes, together with any minor changes to other parts of the Constitution consequential upon these amendments:

a) An amendment to paragraph 1.1 of Article 9 to remove the reference to the Shadow Executive, which no longer exists.

b) Amendments to paragraph 8 of Part 3C to reflect the fact that responsibility for producing the Annual Internal Audit Plans, Reports and related annual opinion is now delegated to the Head of Internal Audit, who manages the shared internal audit Provider, Veritau Ltd.

c) An amendment to paragraph 20 of Part 3C, the amended paragraph to read as follows:

'To consider proposals to change the Council's Constitution referred to it by the Executive and / or Officers and, where it agrees or disagrees that amendments to the Constitution are required, to make recommendations to Council as appropriate.'

REASON: To ensure that the Committee's Articles and Functions properly and accurately reflect its responsibilities and those specifically delegated by Council, and to remove the current ambiguity in the interpretation of paragraph 20 of Part 3C.

B Watson, Chair
[The meeting started at 5.40 pm and finished at 8.55 pm].

Pt 2 Articles of the Constitution(Extract)**ARTICLE 9 - THE AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE****1 Composition**

1.1 The Council will establish an Audit & Governance Committee composed of seven Councillors on a proportionate basis. The Chair of Audit & Governance Committee may not be an Executive or Shadow Executive Member. The Committee will be supported by an appropriately skilled and experienced external independent advisor in a non-voting capacity.

2 General Role

2.1 The Audit & Governance Committee is charged with the overall responsibility for governance and will seek to:

- (a) ensure the probity, propriety and lawfulness of all activities and transactions effected in the name of the Council;
- (b) promote value for money in the use of resources;
- (c) help to raise awareness of key aspects of good governance across the organisation, including the role of audit, risk management and effective procurement;
- (d) ensure the Council has sufficiently invested in the internal and external audit functions in accordance with legislative requirements on the Council to do so;
- (e) protect and promote the independence and rights of both the internal and external audit functions to conduct their work and report on their findings without fear or favour;
- (f) liaise as necessary with the Standards Committee on any matter that may be of common concern to both, principally in relation to any matter arising in relation to ethics and/or conduct.

Pt 3C Responsibility for Functions (Extract)

8.1 The functions of the Audit & Governance Committee are:

Audit

1. To consider the annual report and opinion of the ~~Assistant Director~~Head of Internal Audit (Customer Service & Governance) including a summary of internal ~~and external~~ audit activity (~~actual and proposed in the relevant accounting period~~) and the level of assurance that can be given over the corporate governance arrangements at the Council and to advise the Executive accordingly.
2. To consider summaries of specific internal audit reports as scheduled in the forward plan for the Committee or otherwise requested by Members.
3. To consider reports dealing with the management and performance of ~~the Internal and~~ External Audit functions and the Internal Audit provider.
4. To consider reports from Internal Audit on agreed recommendations not implemented within agreed timescales.
5. To consider the action plan arising from the Annual Letter of the External Auditor. *With respect to the Annual Letter being first considered and accepted by the Executive.*
6. To consider all other relevant reports from the ~~District~~External Auditor as scheduled in the forward plan for the Committee as agreed with the External Auditor or otherwise requested by Members.
7. To comment on the scope and depth of External Audit work and ensure it provides value for money.
8. To liaise with the Audit Commission over the appointment of the Council's External Audit body.
9. To approve the Annual Plans of the Internal Audit ~~Service~~provider and the External Auditor.
10. To commission work from the Internal Audit ~~Service~~provider and External Audit with regard to the resources available and the existing scope and breadth of their respective work programmes and the forward plan for the Committee. *Subject to budgetary provision.*

11. To provide advice to the Council on issues arising out of a fraud investigation and report any action which has or ought to be taken by the Council.

Governance & Regulatory

12. To keep under review the Council's contract procedure rules, financial regulations, ~~policy documents and other working protocols and codes of conduct and behaviour related to the purpose of the Committee~~ (not otherwise reserved to the Standards Committee or Staffing and Urgency Committee) and to recommend any changes to Council.
13. To review any relevant issue referred to it by the Chief Executive, S151 Officer, the Assistant Director (Customer Service & Governance), the Monitoring Officer or any other Council body.
14. To consider any reports of the Assistant Director (Customer Service & Governance) referred to the Committee for consideration further to Article 13 of this Constitution.
15. To monitor the effective development and operation of risk management and corporate governance across the Council.
16. To monitor the Council's policies on counter fraud and 'whistle blowing', ~~the Anti-Fraud & Corruption Strategy~~ and to consider any issues referred to it in accordance with the Council's whistle blowing policy and procedures as set out in Part 5 of this Constitution.
17. To oversee the production of the Council's Annual Governance Statement and to recommend its adoption to Full Council. *With respect to the Annual Governance Statement, the Leader's, Chief Executive's, Monitoring Officer's and Section 151 Officer's responsibilities for satisfying themselves with the content and signing on behalf of the Council.*
18. To consider the Council's arrangements for corporate governance and make recommendations about all actions necessary for compliance with best practice to Full Council.
19. To consider the Council's compliance with its own and other relevant published regulations, controls, operational standards and codes of practice.
- ~~20. To bring to Full Council all proposals for amendment to this Constitution submitted by Members in accordance with this Constitution. Subject to the advice of the Head of Civic, Democratic and Legal Services.~~

Accounts

204. To review and approve the annual statement of accounts and specifically to consider whether appropriate accounting policies have been followed and whether there are any concerns arising from the financial statements or from the audit that need to be brought to the attention of the Council. |

212. To consider the External Auditor's report to those charged with governance on issues arising from the audit of the accounts. |

Scrutiny Report To Council February 2010

Report of the Chair of Scrutiny Management Committee

1. This report is submitted by the Chair of Scrutiny Management Committee (SMC), in accordance with the constitutional requirements set out in Standing Order 4.3(l) to update Council on scrutiny work during the period of activity since the last Council meeting and to set out any recommendations such as may be made to Council in relation to that work.

Update on Scrutiny Work

2. **SMC** have met to consider 2 call-ins as follows:
 - 7 December 2009
 - Introduction of a Quality Contract for Bus Service Provision in York
 - 25th January 2010
 - Westminster Road Area Consultation & Survey Results

Standing Scrutiny Committees

3. Further meetings of the standing scrutiny committees have taken place since the last Council meeting.
4. **Health Scrutiny Committee** have met 3 times since the last Council meeting in December 2009. Over these 3 meetings Members of the Committee have given consideration to a referral from the Executive regarding overspends in Adult Social Services and have reported back to the Executive Member for Housing and Adult Social Services with their findings. They are scheduled to report back to the Executive on this in February 2010.
5. In addition to the Committee have received and considered a feasibility report regarding 'Maternity Matters' and an associated presentation on 'A Child's First 6 months: Their Expected Health Input both now and in the Future', an update report regarding outreach workers, an update on recommendations arising from the previously undertaken review on 'Dementia (Access to Secondary Care)', the results of the Annual Performance Assessment of Adult Social Services 2008/09.
6. They are currently undertaking a review into Childhood Obesity and the associated Task Group have met to continue work on this.
7. **Effective Organisation Overview & Scrutiny Committee** are continuing their work on the review of the Effectiveness of the Executive Forward Plan. A task group has been formed to consider the optimum format and layout for the plan, and they are also looking at the definition of a key decision in order to

recommend changes that will assist officers to correctly identify forthcoming issues requiring a decision.

8. In addition, the Committee has recently received training on their role as monitors of strategic finance and performance issues.
9. **Economic & City Development Overview & Scrutiny Committee** has met twice since the last Council meeting to consider a scoping/timetabling report regarding their review on Newgate Market, two feasibility studies on newly put forward topics and interim reports regarding the Water End Councillor Call for Action (CCfA). They have also agreed to facilitate a round table discussion regarding problems being experienced at Broadway Shops.
10. The Task Group for the Water Lane CCfA has met informally since last Council where they considered further evidence in relation to their review.
11. **Learning & Culture Overview & Scrutiny Committee** have met twice since the last Council meeting, and held an informal information gathering session in support of their ongoing review on 'Casual Play Opportunities'. The Committee have also received half year performance update reports from York Museums Trust and York Theatre Royal, and met with the Chairs of the relevant partnership bodies.
12. **Community Safety Overview & Scrutiny Committee** met recently to receive a presentation from North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service, and to consider a report detailing a number of possible topics suitable for scrutiny review. The Committee agreed to proceed with a review of the Council's Gritting Policy and also requested information on 'Drug Usage in the city and its knock-on effects in terms of associated crime and health issues', and 'Domestic Violence' with a mind to perhaps carry out a review of one or both of these in the next Municipal year.
13. **Traffic Congestion Ad Hoc Scrutiny Committee** As a result of the request from City Strategy, to defer the distribution of the traffic congestion survey until February 2010 to avoid problems with any overlap with the LTP3 introductory leaflet & questionnaire, the Committee have agreed to submit their final report, ahead of the results from their survey in order to ensure it can be made available for the Executive's consideration before the end of this municipal year. Their intention is to provide a further report to the Executive with any additional relevant recommendations arising from the survey results, once they have been collated and analysed.

Councillor Paul Healey
Chair of Scrutiny Management Committee

Executive Member for Housing & Adult Social Services – Report to Council

There is an annual assessment of **adult social care** by the Care Quality Commission (CQC) . Their report on 2008/9 was published in December 2009. It was a pleasing culmination of the improvement plan approved under the leadership of the previous Executive member Sue Galloway as well as the hard work of the staff and management team that CQC announced that Adult Social Services were “Performing Well” – the second highest rating.

The 3 new Portfolios within Adult Social Services which were in place from the 1st November 2008 provide suitable headings for the Adult Social Care section of my report. Referring to the changes in management structure in its recently published report, the Care Quality Commission (CQC) noted that the department had achieved stronger alignment of senior roles to the changes it needs to make.” Good progress has been achieved in each of these portfolio areas.

Commissioning and Partnerships

There have been a number of specific improvements in stakeholder involvement.

A new Mental Health Modernisation Partnership Board has met for the first time in December. This new Board will have a wider membership and remit than our previous Board, which had no representation from users and carers or the voluntary sector. The Board will bring together commissioners, providers, clinicians and users carers and voluntary sector, to identify priorities for change and improvement, drive the delivery of the local and national strategies, and recommend actions and business cases to commissioning partners. The first annual ‘Open meeting’ of the Board will have been held on January 29th

Valuing People Partnership Board now has an advocacy service to support ‘self advocates’ (customers) and carers groups to feed in ideas, responses and issues to the Task Groups and the main Board. A graphic artist, and use of video recording is helping make information from the Board meetings more accessible. Task groups mean more stakeholders are involved in the detail of the Board’s work. The Board has recently funded a new Specialist Nurse post to be based in York Hospital, to help improve care for people with Learning Disabilities within the hospital.

The Council has funded the CVS to support the development of a User Led Organisation, to lead a **Centre for Independent Living** (CIL)in York. The organisation is now formally constituted and undergoing registration as a charity. It has already begun to take on work within the city. A CIL will give anyone with a disability the opportunity to access advice information and support from a user led perspective, and it harnesses the skills knowledge and experience of those who live with a disability to help others, and to inform agencies in their planning and service development.

The Carers Forum, which was developed in the same way, goes from strength to strength, and is making a real difference in helping to identify carers and to give them a voice.

Older Citizens Advocacy York was assisted in its application for lottery funding to continue its advocacy role for older people in York, and announced at its AGM in July 2009 that the bid had been successful.

All three of the top priorities for older people emerging from the consultation undertaken with the help of voluntary sector partners for the long term commissioning plan for older people, and championed by my predecessor Sue Galloway, have now been implemented.. There are three new services:

- a **signposting and information service**, offering a single point of contact for help for anyone over 50, and this has been provided by Age Concern since last Spring.
- A **handypersons scheme** which offers help with small repairs and household maintenance tasks for vulnerable people. This has been provided by Yorkshire Housing since last Spring and is funded by Supporting People programme and so is free to those on low incomes
- A **footcare service**, which has been given 'start up' funding by the Council and the local GP commissioning group (York Health Group). This service will be provided by Age Concern and was launched in January

The opportunities for **people with learning disabilities** to live more independently are increasing, with new support and accommodation commissioned for people previously living in residential care homes and in long stay hospitals. An additional 52 people have benefited from these programmes, moving from residential or hospital care to supported living accommodation, 19 of these from residential care homes in York.

Assessment and Personalisation

Personalisation is the opportunity for individuals to decide for themselves how to spend the money allocated for their care and to have the option of an individual budget to meet their care needs. It is central to the Government's transformation agenda.

There has been a project plan in place for some time for individuals to be able to take the option of a self-directed support package and an individual budget. The project plan has been coming to fruition steadily through the year and there are currently in excess of 680 people in York receiving a direct payment, which is 11% of adult social care customer population - one of the highest percentage in the region and on course to achieve the Government target of 30% by March 2011.

There is a duty of care to all adults "whose independence and wellbeing is at risk due to abuse or neglect." This is the essence of the department's **safeguarding** work, where there have been significant improvements in the safeguarding systems within the Council.

A new Board was put in place in November 2008 and has a new set of governance arrangements reporting through to the Safer York Partnership Board.

The number of referrals that have been received by the newly formed Initial Assessment and Safeguarding Team (IAST) has increased by over 82% to September 2009 as opposed to the previous year. This trend of assessments appears to be continuing, an indication that there is increasing awareness of the need to report rather than necessarily pointing to an increase in safeguarding incidents.

The Annual Performance Assessment of adult social care by the Care Quality Commission, concluded that the Council was performing “well” on the criterion “promoting dignity and respect” which largely relates to the safeguarding area of the council’s work.

The area of Assessment & Personalisation is responsible for most of the national **performance indicators and measurements** within the Directorate and it is pleasing to note that the main indicators were proving particularly challenging are continuing to improve.

These include

- the timeliness of social care assessments (this measures the percentage of people who receive a social care assessment within 28 days) has improved from an outturn in 08/09 of 67% to over 79% this year.
- Carers assessments and reviews have increased significantly since 08/09 (over 4% improvement)

General reviews will have increased significantly since 08/09 (over 6% improvement)

Service Delivery and Transformation

Following the first phase of finding alternative provision for the users of **Yearsley Bridge**, which closed in May 2008, and the opening of the new Hydrotherapy pool at Energise Leisure Centre (formerly Oaklands Leisure Centre) on the 14th December, an end is in sight for the continuing use of the outdated hydrotherapy pool at Yearsley Bridge.

Hydrotherapy is a therapeutic form of exercise in water enabling mobility and movement which might otherwise be restricted. The new pool provides a safe and user-friendly environment for customers with physical and learning disabilities who may be unable to use mainstream swimming pools.

The final transfer from the Newbridge day centre at Yearsley has been made possible by the development of individual day service packages for the majority of the customers which are ready to start from this month.

A newly expanded site at Pine Trees will provide day service for four people.

The **Warden Call service** provided over 2000 individual pieces of call system and telecare equipment during 2009. There are now 579 customers with telecare equipment and a further 93 customers with bogus caller buttons. Smoke Detectors and Carbon monoxide detectors are also offered.

Warden Call are working with both the Safer York Partnership and the Fire Service to promote and respond to home safety issues. If someone has experienced a bogus caller they will be offered a visit from a Community Safety Officer. Fire risk assessments will include consideration of telecare.

We also provide individually tailored packages for more vulnerable customers to address specific risks such as

- Epilepsy sensor
- Fall detector
- Medication dispenser.
- Chair sensor
- Bed sensor.
- Automatic lamp switch – linked to bed sensor
- Enuresis sensor
- Pressure mats
- Temperature extremes sensor
- Motion sensors
- Property exit sensor

Currently approximately 50 people receive a personalised package.

There are also six 'Just Checking' kits. These provide lifestyle monitoring – bringing together a range of information about when someone is active in the home which has been very useful in assessing the needs of people experiencing dementia.

The **Care Quality Commission** has inspected our elderly persons homes and the Care service (formerly known as the EMI and High Dependency Home Care Services) during 2009. Whilst these reports are not yet published by CQC the results show that 2 of our elderly persons homes moved up from adequate to good which now means that there is 1 excellent rated EPH, 6 are rated as good, and 2 as adequate. The Care service has moved up from adequate to now be rated as good.

Housing Services in York received an “excellent 4 out of 4” CPA rating for the financial year 2007/08, which was announced in March 2009 and continues to provide evidence of excellence.

We are leading the development a sub-regional choice-based letting scheme which will bring together 7 local authorities under a single housing register and allocations policy.

We have successfully bid for funding to build the first council houses for York for almost 15 years (21 new family homes will be built: nine two-bed homes and 12 three -bed homes on council-owned land off Lilbourne Drive in Clifton). The properties will be built to the Code for Sustainable Homes Level 5, and is one of only a hand full of developments in the country that is being built to this high standard.

Housing Services has set up the innovative YorHome social lettings agency which provides a combination of services so that private landlords can let homes as quickly, efficiently and trouble free as possible to customers who are in housing need and supported by the councils Housing Options Team. This supports the drive to reduce the numbers of tenants in temporary accommodation.

In September 2008 we introduced a new way of dealing with housing advice and homeless application. The new Housing Options Team, working in conjunction with the temporary accommodation team have been working hard to reduce the numbers of applicants living in temporary accommodation. At the beginning of the financial year there was 167 households living in temporary accommodation, with a year end target of 121. At the end of December 2009 the number of households living in temporary accommodation had reduced to 75, well in excess of our year end target.

Significant work has been undertaken in improving the time it takes to re-let empty homes. The average void period is 20 days.(20.08 in November 2009) and rent loss due to voids is down from 1.07% in 2007/08 to 0.33% in September 2009. The reduction in void period means that applicants are re-housed quicker, properties are empty for a shorter period, often resulting in less vandalism & anti-social behaviour which can be associated with empty homes.

We are on target to achieve and exceed the governments decent homes standard, improving properties to the "York Standard" by the end of 2010. During this financial year approximately 246 homes will receive full Tenants Choice modernisation (new kitchen, bathroom, re-wire & central heating), 400 homes will benefit from new central heating & 60 homes (in blocks of flats) will be re-rendered.

As part of the partnership work with the Golden Triangle we have successfully completed a scheme at Fifth Avenue to encourage tenants who are under occupying our own stock to down-sizing to a new built property with an RSL partner, freeing up much needed family homes.

We are leading a national trial with two major paint manufacturers testing new external water based gloss paints on our housing stock.

These have clearly been challenging times for housing, as well in relation to the economic downturn. Housing completions are down resulting in less affordable housing been achieved through the planning system. Nevertheless there have been some notable developments of affordable housing. Last November the Leader officially opened Poppleton Gate House, a York Housing Association project which replaced a building divided into flats with a larger number of mixed flats (14) and town houses (5).

Progress has been maintained in the Discus development, where old Discus bungalows on 3 sites are being replaced by new bungalows and, on the St Ann's site, an extra care facility. Former tenants of the old bungalows have

been able to have a say and keep an eye on developments and have had a choice of styles and materials for the finishing of their new homes. The first homes at St Ann's Court are being handed over to residents this month. There is an event on February 1st to allow interested parties to visit the properties before the residents move in, to which I am sure all members would be welcome to attend.

Work has been proceeding to address fuel poverty through Warm Front and Hot Spots schemes. Over 600 homes have benefited from Energy efficiency grants, funded through both the regional private sector funding and the councils own capital programme.

We have been involved in various measures, through the Golden Triangle Partnership, to address the particular needs of York, and to assist new buyers into the market and to avoid repossessions through the Home Save Mortgage Rescue Scheme. Although the latter has not had the take-up that was expected, 6 homes are expected to have benefited under the scheme within York.

Measures to tackle homelessness and rough sleeping have been enhanced by excellent provision of accommodation and support at Arclight and the new Peasholme Resettlement Centre, the latter opened in November 2009. Following the rejection of a "Places for Change" bid for funding to provide youth accommodation at Ordnance Lane, the outcome of a further bid is awaited. There are also plans to provide a transition to the hoped for new accommodation at Ordnance Lane by bringing together the presently scattered accommodation for young homeless people in York into a single building.

**Membership of Committees, Working Groups and Outside
Bodies**

Committees/Working Groups

Young People's Working Group

To appoint Cllr Boyce as 2nd Labour substitute, in place of Cllr Alexander

Outside Bodies

York and North Yorkshire Playing Fields Association

To appoint Cllr Ayre, in place of Cllr Moore

York Foundation Trust

To note that, as from 1 January 2010, Cllr Wiseman is no longer a representative on the above body, as the number of City of York Council representatives has been reduced to two.

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