

CITY OF YORK COUNCIL

Resolutions and proceedings of the Meeting of the City of York Council held in Guildhall, York on Thursday, 9th December, 2010, starting at 6.35 pm

Present: The Lord Mayor (Councillor Sue Galloway) in the Chair, and the following Councillors:

ACOMB WARD

Horton
Simpson-Laing

BISHOPTHORPE WARD

Galvin

CLIFTON WARD

King
Scott

DERWENT WARD

Brooks

DRINGHOUSES & WOODTHORPE WARD

Holvey
Reid
Sunderland

FISHERGATE WARD

D'Agorne
Taylor

FULFORD WARD

Aspden

GUILDHALL WARD

Looker
B Watson

HAXBY & WIGGINTON WARD

Firth
R Watson

HESLINGTON WARD

HEWORTH WARD

Boyce
Potter

HEWORTH WITHOUT WARD

Ayre

HOLGATE WARD

Alexander
Bowgett
Crisp

HULL ROAD WARD

Cregan
Hoban

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
Waller

WHELDRAKE WARD

Vassie

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Douglas, Funnell, Hogg and Jamieson-Ball

45. 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. No interests were declared.

46. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Lord Mayor reported that there had been no registrations to speak at the meeting under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

47. NEW EXECUTIVE ARRANGEMENTS

Cllr Waller moved, and Cllr Runciman seconded, the recommendations set out in the report of the Monitoring Officer at pages 1-4 of the Council papers, as follows:

"That the following changes in the Council's governance arrangements, to come into operation on 8th May 2011, be approved:

- That the Council's Executive form should be the 'new style' Leader and Cabinet Executive (England).
- That the Council should have the power to remove the Leader by way of resolution by a simple majority.
- That the 'local choice' functions should be discharged as set out in the Constitution in force at the date of the election.
- That the councillor who holds the office of Leader of the City of York Council who is in office on 8th May 2011 should remain in office until the annual meeting of Council provided that he remains a councillor.
- That the scheme of responsibility for the City of York Council's executive functions listed in the Council's Constitution in force at the date of the election should remain in force until such time as the Leader appointed at the annual meeting directs otherwise
- That the Monitoring Officer be requested to bring forward the necessary amendments to the Constitution of the Council to a meeting of Council prior to the end of the Municipal Year."¹

Cllr Alexander then moved, and Cllr Boyce seconded, an amendment to the above recommendations, as follows:

"At the end of the 4th bullet point, after '*remains a councillor*', insert:
' subject to no new initiatives being started, no new expenditure being authorised by the Executive Leader and that there is recognition that former councillors cannot remain as Executive Members beyond the expiry of their term of office three days after the election. Should a new majority be formed from the May 2011 elections, their authority will be formally recognised at the earliest juncture.'"

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

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

RESOLVED: That the recommendations contained in the report of the Monitoring Officer, as set out above, be approved.

Action Required

1. Prepare a report to Council on 7 April on Constitutional amendments AD

Councillor Sue Galloway
LORD MAYOR OF YORK

[The meeting started at 6.35 pm and concluded at 6.45 pm]