

## City of York Council

Resolutions and proceedings of the Meeting of the City of York Council held in the Guildhall, York on Thursday, 24th March, 2016, starting at 6.30 pm

**Present:** The Lord Mayor (Cllr Sonja Crisp) in the Chair, and the following Councillors:

Acomb Ward	Bishopthorpe Ward
K Myers	Galvin
Clifton Ward	Copmanthorpe Ward
D Myers Wells	Carr
Dringhouses & Woodthorpe Ward	Fishergate Ward
Fenton Mason Reid	D'Agorne Taylor
Fulford and Heslington Ward	Guildhall Ward
Aspden	Craghill Flinders Looker
Haxby & Wigginton Ward	Heworth Ward
Cuthbertson Gates Richardson	Boyce Funnell
Heworth Without Ward	Holgate Ward
Ayre	Cannon Crisp Derbyshire

Hull Road Ward	Huntington and New Earswick Ward
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N Barnes  
Levene  
Shepherd

Cullwick  
Orrell  
Runciman

Micklegate Ward	Osballdwick and Derwent Ward
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Gunnell  
Hayes  
Kramm

Brooks  
Warters

Rawcliffe and Clifton Without Ward	Rural West York Ward
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Dew  
Lisle  
Rawlings

Gillies  
Steward

Strensall Ward	Westfield Ward
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Doughty

Hunter  
Waller

Wheldrake Ward
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Mercer

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S Barnes, Williams, Douglas and Jackson

## 65. **Declarations of Interest**

Members were invited to declare at this point in the meeting any personal interests not included on the Register of Interests, any prejudicial interests or any disclosable pecuniary interests they might have in the business on the agenda.

The following **personal** interests were declared:

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Description of Interest</u>
N Barnes	14. Public Interest Report – City of York Trading Ltd	Employer is a customer of CY Trading Ltd
Doughty	6. Recommendations of Executive: Community Stadium & Leisure Facilities	As a supporter and season ticket holder of York City Football Club and took no part in the discussion and voting thereon
Gates	6. Recommendations of Executive: Community Stadium & Leisure Facilities	Season Ticket holder York City and left the meeting for this item
Gillies	6. Recommendations of Executive: Community Stadium & Leisure Facilities	Daughter was founder member of York City Supporters Trust and son in law had been a long term mascot
Kramm	8.(ii) Motions on Notice – EU Referendum	Non EU resident
Mason	6. Recommendations of Executive: Community Stadium & Leisure Facilities	Provision of doctor and paramedical staff
D Myers	6. Recommendations of Executive: Community Stadium & Leisure Facilities	Member of York City Supporters Trust
Rawlings	14. Public Interest Report – City of York Trading Ltd	As Chair of City of York Trading Ltd he had been granted a dispensation to take part in the discussion and voting

Taylor	6. Recommendations of Executive: Community Stadium & Leisure Facilities	Cinema proposals may impact on viability of City Screen his employer – left the room and took no part in the discussion of voting
Waller	6. Recommendations of Executive: Community Stadium & Leisure Facilities	Local Authority Governor at York High School and administrator at the Energise Sports Centre

The following **prejudicial** interests were declared:

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Description of Interest</u>
N Barnes	6. Recommendations of Executive: Community Stadium & Leisure Facilities	Employer had a commercial interest in the project
Flinders	6. Report of Executive Leader - Transport	In his employment as project manager of a railway construction project

## 66. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the Ordinary meetings of Council held on 12 December 2015 and the Budget meeting held on 25 February 2016 be approved and signed by the Chair as correct records.

## 67. Civic Announcements

The Lord Mayor confirmed that she had no items of civic business to report to the meeting.

## 68. Public Participation

Clive Millard spoke in support of Councillor D'Agorne's motion, due for debate later in the meeting, in relation to the impact the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) could have on local government services and employment, suppliers and decision making. In view of the impact he urged Members to support the motion

Ginnie Shaw also spoke in support of Councillor D'Agorne's motion, and also requested Council support. She highlighted the four main reasons as secrecy regarding negotiations, the undermining of democracy, impact on local authorities and support for OnePlanetYork.

Gwen Vardigans also spoke in support of Councillor D'Agorne's motion, highlighting the Investor State Dispute Settlement mechanism which had been used by companies to overturn democratic decisions. She also raised the possible affect of this mechanism on the NHS.

Gwen Swinburn spoke in relation to the Public Interest Report to be considered later in the meeting. She referred to the findings of the report regarding remuneration to Officers, governance of the Shareholder Committee, action taken and lessons learnt.

At this point the public speaker was asked to leave the meeting and the meeting was briefly suspended to allow the speaker to leave the Chamber.

Don Phillips spoke as the organiser of the Britain Stronger in Europe campaign, in support of Cllr Fenton's motion regarding the EU referendum to be discussed later in the meeting. He confirmed that it was in the city's best interests to remain in the EU referring to the funding benefits for York and the surrounding area

Robin Brabham spoke as a student, also in support of Cllr Fenton's motion, he asked the Council to support the motion as leaving the EU would be detrimental to students and staff of York University.

Martin Whiteley also spoke in relation to the Public Interest Report to be discussed later in the meeting. He expressed concern at its content and action taken by the Council. He suggested an audit of the management of Veritau, the shared service company.

John Heywood spoke in support of the Green Group motion on TTIP, in particular to the effect this could have on Small and Medium Sized Enterprises of which the city had many. He expressed concern that the SME's would have to compete with businesses in other countries which had to meet lower standards.

Hon Alderman Brian Watson spoke in relation to the recommendations of the Executive on the Community Stadium and Leisure Facilities. He expressed concern at the increase in size of the proposed facilities and that the stadium would not be available for the forthcoming season for the football and rugby teams.

Hazel Palmer also spoke in support of the TTIP motion and expressed concern at the lack of democracy in the process. She also raised a number of concerns regarding the effects on small businesses and food standards and requested Members to support the motion.

## **69. Petitions**

Under Standing Order 7, no petitions were presented by Members for referral to the Corporate and Scrutiny Management Policy and Scrutiny Committee.

## **70. Report of Executive Leader and Executive Recommendations and Questions**

### **A. Executive Leaders Report**

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

Members were then invited to question Cllr Steward on his report and questions were received from the floor from the following Members in relation to the subjects listed:

- Cllr Gunnell – regular flood updates to Communities & Environment Scrutiny Committee
- Cllr Reid – how can York ensure that it benefits from HS2 and HS3
- Cllr Funnell – recent announcements regarding the lesser role of school parent governors

- Cllr Levene – concerns regarding the removal of parent governors from schools
- Cllr Levene – April meeting of Local Plan Working Group or miss Government deadline
- Cllr Levene – consultation on significant changes to Local Plan and effect on deadline
- Cllr N Barnes – exploration of Devolution options and consultation
- Cllr N Barnes – meeting end of March devolution deadline

Cllr Steward responded directly to all the questions put to him.

*[At this point in the proceedings the Lord Mayor vacated the Chair and the Deputy Chair took the meeting for the following item]*

## **B Executive Recommendations**

### **Community Stadium and Leisure Facilities**

Cllr Steward moved, and Cllr Aspden seconded the following recommendation contained in Minute 83 of the Executive meeting held on 17 March 2016, circulated at the meeting:

#### **83. Community Stadium & Leisure Facilities**

Recommended: That Executive recommend Council approval of the following:

- (i) Agreement to proceed with the Community Stadium and Leisure Facilities Project.
- (ii) The Director of Customer and Business Support Services, in conjunction with the Leader and Executive Member for Leisure & Culture be authorised to complete all final negotiations and arrange execution of the following legal documents:
  - a) the Design, Build, Operate and Maintain contract (“DBOM Contract”) and ancillary documents to the DBOM Contract;
  - b) Freehold transfer of the land adjacent to the proposed South Stand of the NSLC (“Southern Block”);

- c) Agreement for lease of the East Stand Retail Units;
  - d) Agreement for lease of commercial space on first floor of the Southern Block;
  - e) Agreements for lease with the Community Partners.
- (iii) The approval of a total capital budget of £44.2m for the Project (as set out at table 2).
- (iv) Funding for the Project as set out below:
- a) £15.3m Stadium s106 contribution
  - b) £2.0m Football Club contribution
  - c) £1.2m Highways s106 contribution
  - d) £11.3m Commercial Capital Land Receipt
  - e) £13.4m Prudential borrowing
  - f) £1.0m Venture Fund
- (v) That additional borrowing of £5.4m, within the revised total Capital budget of £44.2m, is undertaken to fund the Project (as set out at paragraph 63 of the report).
- (vi) That the annual additional borrowing costs (£0.4m) relating to the prudential borrowing set out under recommendation (v) be included as a committed growth item in the 2017/18 Revenue Budget.
- (vii) That the Venture Fund be used to fund £1.0m of the capital expenditure which will be repaid from later years leisure revenue budget savings (as set out at paragraph 75 of the report).
- (viii) The use of the Venture Fund to manage early years deficits on the leisure revenue budget, up to a total of £0.3m. This to be repaid from later



years savings on the leisure revenue budget (as set out at paragraph 75).

- (ix) That £1.2m of the transport mitigation monies from the Vangarde Section 106 Agreement be used to fund the Project (further detail of which are set out at paragraph 58).
- (x) That £0.4m be used from the existing stadium capital budget for continued early design works through to DBOM Contract signature (“Financial Close”). This £0.4m will be netted off from the overall DBOM Contract capital cost set out in the report and is therefore not an additional cost.
- (xi) That the Commercial Development proposal be approved bringing the “Capital Land Receipt” and capital contribution to Stadium works to the Project (further detail of which are set out at paragraphs 32 - 41).
- (xii) That the freehold land transfer from the Council to the Investment Fund of the Southern Block is approved.
- (xiii) That the terms of Agreement for Lease of the East Stand Retail Units under which the Council will grant a 250 year lease to the Investment Fund be approved.
- (xiv) That the Director of Customer and Business Support Services, in conjunction with the Leader and Executive Member for Leisure & Culture be authorised, following further negotiations, to finalise and arrange execution of a 15 year lease with the Investment Fund for a portion of commercial space in the Southern Block (further detail of which are set out at paragraphs 42 - 43).
- (xv) That the Director of Customer and Business Support Services, in conjunction with the Leader and Executive Member for Leisure & Culture be authorised to complete all final negotiations and arrange execution of the Stadium Naming Rights Sponsorship agreement.

- (xvi) That the terms of the current Design Build Operate and Maintain (DBOM) Contract, as set out at paragraphs 22 - 29 be acknowledged and in relation to Yearsley Pool note the continuing Review which will be subject of a separate Executive report to be brought in Autumn 2016.
- (xvii) That the current anticipated Project timetable for delivery of the New Stadium and Leisure Complex (NSLC) in the report is acknowledged, as set out at table 7.
- (xviii) That the risks of the Project as set out in the report, that cover the period to reaching DBOM Contract signature and through the NSLC construction period and the ongoing operation of the full term of the DBOM Contract, are noted.<sup>1</sup>

Reason: To progress with the Project and enter into all legal agreements to deliver NSLC and operation by Greenwich Leisure Ltd of the NSLC and the city's wider leisure facilities.

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

Resolved: That the above recommendations in respect of the new Community Stadium and Leisure Facilities be approved.<sup>1</sup>

#### Action Required

1. Proceed with scheme and negotiations in conjunction with Leader and Executive Member. IF

### **71. Report of Deputy Leader and Questions**

A written report was received from the Deputy Leader, Cllr Keith Aspden, on his portfolio area.

Members were then invited to question Cllr Aspden on his report and questions were received from the floor from the following Members in relation to the subjects listed:

- Cllr Mason – Members continued input into review of ward committees
- Cllr N Barnes – subject Ward Committees to internal audit to ensure value for money
- Cllr Kramm –Ward Committees and additional funding to city centre wards
- Cllr Kramm – Economic Strategy and need for reliable C21<sup>st</sup> infrastructure
- Cllr Kramm –recent infrastructure failures in the city and a requirement for more reliability and resilience
- Cllr Levene – Local Plan and its relationship to York Central and the environment, need to bring forward to avoid missing deadlines
- Cllr Orrell – update on arrival of Syrian refugees in York and delay

Cllr Aspden responded directly to all the questions put to him.

## 72. **Motions on Notice**

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

#### (i) From Cllr Galvin

#### Flooding in the City

“Following the York Christmas floods, council puts on record its thanks to all council staff and emergency services for their work, and further notes the tremendous efforts of volunteers, including Mountain Rescue, York residents, businesses, the York floods Facebook group and those from outside York such as and the mosques from around the country all of whom contributed valuable help and support.

Council acknowledges and welcomes the assistance provided by other authorities, the willingness of the Government to deploy military resources and sandbags and its long-term additional £10 million of funding for the Foss Barrier.

Whilst welcoming the early announcement of an Independent Inquiry into the floods and without wishing to prejudice any conclusions resulting from said inquiry, council wishes to put forward three recommendations arising from York’s recent experiences:

- a) That at the appropriate time the council makes written representations to the Environment Agency regarding the need for more local and regional input into decision-making and programme development;
- b) The council strengthens its working relationship with North Yorkshire County Council regarding flood planning, with a particular emphasis on proposing a specific programme addressing the long-term development of steps which can be taken up river from York to mitigate extreme weather events; and
- c) To ensure that York accesses all possible funding avenues for both the Christmas floods and for future planning and that Executive lobbies government as appropriate.”

The first amendment was proposed by Cllr Flinders as follows:

**Delete** “and its long-term additional £10 million of funding for the Foss Barrier” and **insert** “While it welcomes additional funding after the recent flooding, Council expresses deep concern at the Government’s 14% reduction in Environment Agency funding despite being told in November 2015 that this could cost the UK £1.1 billion (Association of Drainage Authorities), and that according to the Office of National Statistics, Government flood spending has been reduced in real terms.”

**Delete** “put forward three” and **insert** “ask the Inquiry to consider four”

At the end of the motion, **insert:** “d) The council makes written representations to the Government stating its concern at past reductions in flood funding and expressing the need for a long-term funding settlement to ensure flood defences can be properly planned.”

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

A second amendment was proposed by Cllr Waller as follows:

**Insert** after “Barrier” “plus the additional £45m funding announced last week for 15 flood defence schemes in York and we look forward to further details on these.

*Council recognises the need for consistent funding for flood defences which keeps pace with the rising pressures of Climate Change.”*

**Change** “three” to “four” in the paragraph starting “Whilst welcoming....”

In the next paragraph **change** the “Environment Agency” to “DEFRA” and **insert** “long-term” after the word “more” and **insert** “by councils and the Environment Agency” after the word “input.”

In the next paragraph **insert** “recognises the success of the North Yorkshire Flood Risk Partnership in bringing together City of York Council, North Yorkshire County Council and further” after “The council” and **delete** the word “and” after “events.”

In the next paragraph **insert** the words “and welcomes the application for European Solidarity funding for the North of England after appropriate.”

**Insert** as point four “Council further agrees to lobby the government as appropriate on the reduction of funding for local authorities, cuts which will put at risk the capacity to respond to future flooding events and the provision of trained engineering staff to develop flood protection from river and surface flooding.”

On being put to the vote the amendment was CARRIED.

A vote was then taken on the original motion, as altered by Cllr Waller’s amendment, which was also CARRIED and it was

Resolved: That the original motion, as altered by Cllr Waller’s amendment, be approved. <sup>1</sup>.

(ii) From Cllr Fenton

York and the EU Referendum

“Council notes:

The cross-party campaign for Britain to remain in the EU is supported by party leaders including David Cameron, Jeremy Corbyn, Tim Farron and Natalie Bennett

The campaign argues that we are stronger, safer and better off in Europe and the UK can more effectively tackle global threats – be it terrorism, cross-border crime or climate change – by working with our partners in the EU

More than 3 million jobs in Britain are linked to our trade with other EU Countries, including 350,000 jobs in Yorkshire

Major employers in York including the Chairman of Nestlé and Chief Executive of BT have called for Britain to stay in the EU

Around 70% of tourists visiting the UK come from the EU and the inbound tourism sector have consistently warned against Brexit

200,000 UK businesses, including many small businesses in York, trade with the EU

York and Yorkshire benefits directly from EU investment, which will include between now and 2020:

- £743million from 'Horizon 2020' for science in Yorkshire (more than any other UK region)
- £78million from the 'European Structural and Investment Fund' to support local economic growth and create jobs via the York, North Yorkshire, East Riding LEP

Council believes:

The interests of York's economy and the wider UK economy are best served by being within the EU

Brexit would be a leap in the dark for our local economy and could put at risk jobs and businesses in our city."

Council resolves:

To send a letter to Lord Rose, Chair of 'Britain Stronger In Europe', outlining our position that York and the UK are stronger, safer and better off in the EU."

Following Council's agreement in the absence of Cllr Williams, the amendment was proposed by Cllr Boyce, as follows:

*After "York, North Yorkshire, East Riding LEP" in the second bullet point, **insert** "and a further £338million via the Leeds City Region*

*LEP. - A share of £125 million from the EU Solidarity Fund to deal with damage from flooding. - Up to £1.29 million of Community-Led Local Development European funding in deprived areas of York."*

*After "businesses in our city" in the second paragraph under "Council believes", **insert** a new paragraph reading "However, Council also recognises the EU's flaws and believes that it needs to be more democratic, less bureaucratic, and go further to promote workers' rights and conditions, social justice and sustainable development."*

*In the final line under "Council resolves " **replace** "better off in the EU" with "better off in a social Europe based on democracy, workers' rights and conditions, social justice and sustainable development, and that we need to stay in Europe to change Europe."*

On being put to the vote the amendment was CARRIED.

A vote was then taken on the original motion, as altered by Cllr Boyce's amendment, which was also CARRIED and it was

Resolved: That the original motion, as altered by Cllr Boyce's amendment, be approved. <sup>2</sup>.

(iii) From Cllr D Myers

#### Protecting Local Decision Making motion

"Council notes with alarm the Department for Communities and Local Government's recent consultation on new, more restrictive guidelines on Councils' investment and procurement policies.

Council believes that this represents an attack on localism, local decision-making, and local democracy and accountability. This is directly contrary to the Government's claims to support localism, given a statutory basis by the Localism Act 2011, which holds that local authorities are best able to do their jobs when they have genuine freedom to respond to what local people want, not what they are told to do by government.

Council also believes that this is a further erosion of local authorities' ability to achieve their policy aims, in York for example, using procurement to encourage local supply chains, apprenticeships and the Living Wage, or using socially responsible

investment strategies to tackle climate change and its consequences such as flooding.

Council therefore resolves to oppose these new measures, including:

- Writing to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government to express Council's unequivocal opposition to the proposed changes; and
- Working with other local authorities, the Local Government Association, and other appropriate forums and partner organisations (such as local trade unions and community groups) who share these concerns to raise awareness of the implications of the proposed measures and to campaign against their introduction."

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

Resolved: That the motion be approved. <sup>3</sup>.

At this point in the meeting, the guillotine fell and the following business was deemed moved and seconded. Where a proposer and seconder were before Council, at the time of the guillotine falling, details are listed below:

(iv) From Cllr D'Agorne

Transatlantic Trade and Investment

"Council notes that:

- The European Union (EU) and the USA launched negotiations in July 2013 on a Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP);
- Negotiations continue, seeking to protect international investors, harmonise standards, reduce tariffs and open new markets throughout the EU and USA;
- Services within TTIP includes not just private but also public services
- There has been no assessment of the potential impact on local authorities and their services;
- There has been no scrutiny or consultation with City of York Council or other local government representatives such as the Local Government Association (LGA) and our local MPs



for York Central or York Outer are also unable to scrutinise the negotiating documents;

- Our twin municipality of Munster in Germany passed a resolution in 2014 to reject TTIP;
- Our twin municipality of Dijon in France passed a resolution in 2014 to ask for the full involvement of local authorities in free trade negotiations and public disclosure of all texts on the TTIP negotiations.

Council believes that:

- TTIP could have a significant impact on local services, employment, suppliers and decision-making;
- A thorough impact assessment of TTIP on local authorities must be carried out before the negotiations can be concluded;
- The proposed Investor State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) mechanism has been used by corporations to overturn democratic decisions by all levels of governments at significant public cost. Local decision-making must be protected from ISDS;
- The EU's food, environmental and labour standards are better than those in the US and TTIP negotiations must raise and not lower these standards across the EU and USA;
- Sourcing supplies and employment locally is important to strengthening local economies and meeting local needs. TTIP must not impact on local authorities' ability to act in the best interests of their communities.

Council resolves:

(i) That appropriate officers report to the Executive analysing the potential impact of TTIP upon the Council and its services, with a view to -

writing to the Secretary of State for the Environment and Local Government, the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, the MPs for York Central and York Outer and all Yorkshire and the Humber MEPs, as well as the Local Government Association, raising the serious concerns of the City of York Council about the potential impact of TTIP on our local authority and the secrecy of the negotiating process.

(ii) That any report to the Executive addresses the feasibility of and resource implications associated with:

- calling for a full assessment of the impact of TTIP on local authorities;
- joining with other local authorities that are opposed to TTIP across Europe and work with local campaigners to raise awareness about the potential impact of TTIP;
- developing local supply chains and business networks through better advertising and promotion of what local companies can provide;
- reviewing the council's own procurement policies to promote as much as possible the take up of locally produced and fair trade food;
- enhancing the support to York's diversity of small, independent and locally based shops;
- developing a Local Food Strategy for York in conjunction with the health service and producer groups in our region (including the promotion of local supply chains and networks, support for producers and feasibility studies into increasing the local production of high quality healthy food in the region)."

Cllr Cuthbertson moved, and Cllr Gillies seconded, reference of the motion to scrutiny for further consideration before reconsideration by Council, at a later date. On being put to the vote the reference of the motion was CARRIED and it was

Resolved: That Cllr D'Agorne's TTIP motion, be referred to scrutiny for consideration, prior to further consideration by Council. <sup>4</sup>.

#### Action Required

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| 1. Implement four recommendations arising from flood motion.   | SW     |
| 2. Send letter to Lord Rose on the lines stated.   | SB, SS |
| 3. Send letter to SofS for Communities and Local Government and raise awareness on the lines stated in the motion. | SB, SS |
| 4. Refer to CSMC for consideration.  | DS     |

**73. Questions to the Leader or Executive Members**

As the guillotine had fallen earlier in the meeting Members were unable to question Cllr Steward and/or the Executive Members in respect of any matters within their portfolio responsibility.

**74. Report of Executive Member**

Council received a written report from Councillor Waller, Executive Member for the Environment, as set out in the agenda papers at pages 47 to 52.

As the guillotine had fallen earlier in the meeting Members were unable to question Cllr Waller on his report.

Resolved: That the report of the Executive Member for the Environment be received and noted.

**75. Scrutiny - Report of the Chair of the Corporate and Scrutiny Management Policy and Scrutiny Committee**

Council received the report of the Chair of the Corporate and Scrutiny Management Policy and Scrutiny Committee, at pages 53 to 56 of the agenda papers, on the work of the Committee, since the last report to Council in December.

Resolved: That the scrutiny report be received and noted.

**76. Recommendation of the Staffing Matters and Urgency Committee**

Councillor Steward as Chair of the Staffing Matters and Urgency Committee, moved the following recommendation, from the Committee's meeting held on 1 February 2016, as set out at Minute 68, relating to the remuneration for Chief Officer appointments.

**68. Organisational Review – Senior Management Arrangements within the City of York Council**

Recommend: That Council approves a salary package for the Director of City and Environmental Services and the Director of Public Health which is in excess of £100,000, should it be necessary. <sup>1</sup>.

Reason: To allow for the appointments to be made.

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

Resolved: That the above recommendation of the Staffing Matters and Urgency Committee meeting held on 1 February 2016 be approved.

Action Required

1. Note salary package agreement, if required. MB

**77. Pay Policy 2016/17**

Consideration was given to a written report detailing the Council's Pay Policy Statement for 2016/17 relating to the pay of the Council's senior staff, to fulfil the requirements of Sections 38-43 of the Localism Act 2011.

Councillor Steward moved a motion to approve the Pay Policy Statement, which was seconded by Councillor Aspden.

Resolved: That the motion in respect of the Pay Policy Statement for 2016/17 be approved.

Reason: In order to fulfil the requirements of Section 38 – 43 of the Localism Act 2011 for the council to produce and publish an annual policy statement that covers a number of matters concerning the pay of the council's senior staff, principally Chief Officers and relationships with the pay of the rest of the workforce.

**78. Public Interest Report – City of York Trading Ltd**

Council received a report submitted in response to the Public Interest Report issued by Mr Gareth Davies, the Council's external auditor, on 26 February 2016. The Council was legally required to consider the report and its recommendation within one month of issue.

Councillor Steward moved and Councillor Aspden seconded the following recommendations in relation to the report:

- Recommended: (i) That Members confirm their consideration of the Public Interest Report published by the Auditor.
- (ii) That Council note and endorse the proposed responses that CYC has made to the recommendations (set out from Para 19 of the report) and those that will be considered by the Executive.

- Reason: (i) It is a legal requirement for Members to consider the Public Interest Report.
- (ii) There is a legal requirement for the Council to respond to the Auditors recommendations.

Following full consideration it was

Resolved: That the recommendations set out in the Chief Executive's report set out above, be approved.

#### **79. Appointments and Changes to Membership**

Resolved: That the appointments and changes to membership of Committees and outside bodies, as set out in the updated list circulated at the meeting and in the republished papers online, be approved. <sup>1</sup>

#### Action Required

1. Update lists and inform relevant bodies. JP

Cllr Sonja Crisp

LORD MAYOR OF YORK

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

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