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Revenue Taxes etc

ID	Proposal detail:
15	To enable villages to be sustainable for all members of society, the government should give grants, equal to parish council receipts to groups (volunteers, charitable associations) to allow them to decide upon local improvements, amenity improvements, etc. Only local organisations have their feet on the ground and know exactly what is required. This would be supported by all the groups in Skelton.
50	Tax to have the effect of double water rates if private gardens are made impermeable.
67	Charge business rates according to the waste produced from all of that company's products and processes (not just what they dispose of) and/or a packaging tax.
117	Require that the local authority give preference to locally sourced food, building materials, paper, wood, fuel etc through its contracts. Specify which items and a percentage.
119	Government promotion and new financial regulations to allow the issue of Community Bonds to finance local building of renewable energy, sustainable homes, retrofitting etc.
122	Business rates retained locally for spending on sustainability (including economic) by council.
184	Ensure that all landfill tax and Landfill Allowance Trading Scheme penalties are returned to local authorities for investment in further recycling, reduction, reuse and repair measures.
250	My concern for York... is being ready for the consequences of climate change and peak oil. We need to be actively trying to mitigate these by e.g. localising food production and employment, improving flood defences.
325	No bank in Strensall.

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Environment – Recycling

ID	Proposal detail:
40	Stop delivery of plastic charity bags
65	Make it illegal to make things that are non-repairable/recyclable (based on recommendations from WRAP)
68	Legislation so that packaging can be taken back to local supermarkets for re-use, recycling, or they would have to pay the landfill tax for its disposal.
69	Review property law so that it is not theft to take things that would otherwise be going to landfill.
112	Require composting toilets or reed bed systems and rainwater collection to be fitted in all new developments or on-site treatments tanks so no sewerage leaves the site and provide funding for the retrofitting of these. All recycles to allotment, garden or drinking water.
130	Bring commercial waste into councils targets for increasing recycling (I.e. by commercial waste in the system of Landfill Allowance Trading Scheme penalties)
213	Give the council powers to: 1) restrict wasteful packaging and promote recyclable or compostable packaging for take away food sales (I.e eliminate polystyrene boxes in favour of paper and card), 2) to require retail outlets and/or companies to collect recyclable containers (I.e. bottles and cans) against a deposit. For examples of this, look at Germany. York could promote itself as a flagship city of sustainable waste management and reduce the litter problem in the process. 3) Promote the use of (standard size and shape) returnable bottles, boxes and packaging, e.g. for food. This could also be first implemented in local bye-laws. McDonalds etc. would not want to pass up on a major tourist attraction. Packaging can be returned by supermarkets in empty returning lorries.
226	Companies should be taxed on any packaging other than cardboard and forced to accept it back for re-use or recycling as appropriate. Commercial waste should be included in the government target levels for cutting landfill and made to pay the same excess charge for exceeding those limits.
278	Demand that smokers use eco-cigarettes which are fully in compliance with 'Smoking Free' law in the UK. (see website www.ecocig.co.uk).

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Environment – Energy

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22	Make shops/companies let out the vacant rooms above their premises in return for a sustainable grant to make them energy efficient.
35	Support for insulation purchases. Better insulation reduces carbon emissions, warming and helps save us all money! Better threshold for new houses too.
61	Requirement to install Wind Turbines adjacent to the ring road roads (& other trunk roads) - This is clearly about both processes. The ring road is an almost derelict area, noisy and for the most part distant from housing. We should establish a series of Wind Turbines which are owned by the community and the profit used to support further greening of York and surrounds and help create a more equal community.
111	Require minimum levels of insulation before properties can be sold or rented (some financial aid for owners to bring buildings up to standard and limited exemptions for hard to treat properties e.g. listed buildings).
123	Generate energy via community renewable energy so that money comes back into the community.
182	Put environmental sustainability at the centre of Local Area Agreements (rather than sidelining it as is currently the case) and require all 'Sustainable Community Strategies' to include detailed plans (with annual targets) for cutting greenhouse emissions in the local authority area by 40% by 2020.
214	Give the council powers to: 1) to restrict usage of outdoor heating e.g. gas heaters used in pubs. Also include restrictions on heating in e.g. shops who leave their frontage wide open. 2) Relax conservation rules on listed buildings to allow double glazing and better insulation as well as renewable energy installations (solar water, photovoltaics) on roofs etc.
265	Extremely limited renewable micro-generation, especially solar hot water heating. Disgusted at the variation in price, and quality of installations, I self-installed a solar hot water heating system a couple of years ago and I have slashed my gas bill.
270	Hydro-electric power scheme on Foss Weir.
295	Community renewable energy projects.
298	Do everything required to bring in personal carbon budgets/rationing within 3 yrs.

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House Planning Land Use Etc

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37	Require developers to lease land they own, but have not developed, to local councils to use for community purposes. The land could be put to good use by communities to provide facilities for local residents (allotments/playing fields). The developers would retain ownership of the land which councils would be barred from using in ways that prevented its subsequent development in the long term. The land would be leased to local communities at a nominal rate.
43	Introduce legislation to ban the sale of properties in new developments as second homes. (See Hungate example where new properties are being marketed as second homes, which contributes nothing to meeting local housing need.)
44	Introduce legislation to give local communities the same rights to appeal against planning decisions as developers. As part of this, empower local authorities to provide an independent fund to which local communities can apply for financial support when contesting development proposals and provide government funding to support this.
45	Make it clear in legislation that local authorities make the final decision (through their Local Development Framework process) regarding housing allocation target numbers for their area, whilst still requiring them to cooperate and discuss housing strategies at a regional level.
118	Requirement that trees, bushes etc. used in landscaping be those that produce an edible crop e.g. fruit and nut trees, fruit bushes or those suitable for coppicing.
124	Change of regulation so that community-based ambient renewable energy facilities are classified as general permitted developments (not requiring planning permission) but for community initiatives only, not for external companies.
153	Let the City of York keep 100% of council house rental income.
202	Improvements to Fulford Ings. It is mostly in private ownership but the public have access to it and it has Site of Specific Interest status. Natural England works with landowners on a management scheme but is finding it difficult to fund this. There are many things which would improve the site by preserving its biological diversity and making it more accessible to the public. Work needed would include improvements to the drainage and footpaths, new fencing gates and hedging. See sheet for full details.
220	Councils should have the power and funding to buy any houses/apartments that are unsold for more than a year and make them available as affordable housing for people on their housing waiting list. This would both help to re-start the housing market and force developers to sell to a housing association/local council or cut their prices to meet what people can afford to pay in the current recession rather than they be left standing empty.
260	Lots of green trees but nothing useful about those trees i.e. not edible or beneficial to bees etc. Lots of sealed surfaces (driveways and road and pavements).

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296	Encourage local initiatives to plant fruit bearing trees in local landscaping schemes - look for every opportunity and make this a positive local <sic>
310	Planning decision should remain local, not overturned by appeal to central government.
318	Many houses in York have walls unsuitable for cavity wall insulation. Could the Council obtain technical advice on an effective method of insulating such properties or even help with funding? In conservation areas only inside walls could be treated.

Transport

ID	Proposal detail:
148	Legislation to reduce the horse-power rating allowed for private vehicles, perhaps with application/proof of use necessary to buy high-power agricultural/load towing 4x4 vehicles.
183	Give local authorities full powers and appropriate funding to re-regulate bus services.
204	On the spot fines for parking on the verges is merely cosmetic and will not address the issue of cars obstructing pavements, so it would be much more helpful if there were on the spot fines for parking on any raised pavement areas. This would assist not only the blind and partially sighted but also those in wheelchairs or with walking frames. Cars also park over the lowered pavement access area thus forcing wheelchair users and their carers to negotiate kerbs - not acceptable. The quality of life and environment is impaired by those who park on any pavement area and on the spot fines would send a message that it is unacceptable in York and hopefully would lead to the problem being solved.
211	I would like to see air compressed cars only allowed in the city centre. Can you, in association with Yorkshire Forward, invite MDI (vehicle manufacturer) to start production here?
223	The national curriculum should be changed to include being a safe road user (including cycling and driver education). The national 'Bike It' cycle training should be government funded to be offered free in all schools.
290	Take bold steps to deal with the appalling traffic problem and make commuting a pleasure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Make public transport more favourable in cost and convenience than use of cars. Slash prices, increase frequency and charge motorists coming into the city to help pay for the public transport. b) During rush-hours give an extra green light for cyclists to give them a head-start (and an incentive). c) Make cycling on narrow busy roads safer e.g. Haxby Road; could it have a one-way priority system like the Huntington Road? <p>The solutions are out there. Look at Holland or Switzerland as models for how to solve urban traffic. It is achievable. Don't just tinker at the edges.</p>