
Meeting	Decision Session - Cabinet Member for Finance & Performance
Date	17 July 2014
Present	Councillor Williams
In attendance	Councillor Cunningham-Cross

5. **Declarations of Interest**

The Cabinet Member was asked to declare any personal interests not included on the Register of Interests, any prejudicial interests or any disclosable pecuniary interests which he may have in respect of the business on the agenda. None were declared.

6. **Minutes**

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting of 29 May 2014 be approved and signed as a correct record.

7. **Public Participation**

It was reported that there were two registrations to speak under the Council's Public Participation Scheme and that a Member of Council had also registered to speak at the meeting. The registrations were in respect of agenda item 4 – "Applications for Community Right to Bid under the Localism Act 2011".

Mr Graeme Wilson spoke in support of Rawcliffe Parish Council's application for the Mitre Public House to be listed as an Asset of Community Value. He gave details of how public houses such as The Golden Ball could be successful by engaging with the community. He drew attention to national statistics on public house closures but stated that the issue was often related to mismanagement and the mark up by the pub operating companies on their tied products. Mr Wilson requested that the Cabinet Member supported the application for the public houses to be Assets of Community Value and

suggested that there should also be an Article 4 direction put in place.

Mr Paul Crossman detailed his involvement with several public houses within York. He stated his concerns regarding the stance taken by pub operating companies to leaseholders and the impact that this had on profitability. He explained the benefits of local ownership of public houses, including the impact on jobs and the local community. He expressed concern that the owners of the public houses were seeking to develop sites rather than retaining them as public houses. He requested that the Cabinet Member support the application for the public houses to be Assets of Community Value.

Councillor Cunningham-Cross stated that she was also speaking on behalf of Councillor McIlveen and the Rawcliffe Parish Council. She stated that she fully supported the points made by the Parish Council in their application. She stated that although there were other public houses in the area they were not part of the local community. Councillor Cunningham-Cross gave details of some of the community events held at The Mitre, including the Young at Heart Club. She stated that The Mitre was well supported by the local community and reiterated her support for the application by Rawcliffe Parish Council.

8. Applications for Community Right to Bid under the Localism Act 2011

The Cabinet Member considered a report which presented applications from Rawcliffe Parish Council to list the Mitre Public House, Shipton Road, Rawcliffe and the Save the Fox Inn Campaign to list the Fox Inn, 168 Holgate Road, York as Assets of Community Value.

The Cabinet Member was asked to determine whether to add the Mitre Public House and the Fox Inn should be added to the List of Community Assets.

The Cabinet Member stated that he was sympathetic to the points that had been raised regarding the role played in the community by these public houses.

Resolved: That the Mitre Public House, Shipton Road, York and The Fox Inn, Holgate Road, York be added to the register of assets of Community Value.

Reason: To ensure the Council meets its legislative requirements of the Localism Act 2011 and promotes community access to community facilities.

Councillor Williams, Cabinet Member

[The meeting started at 3.00 pm and finished at 3.15 pm].