

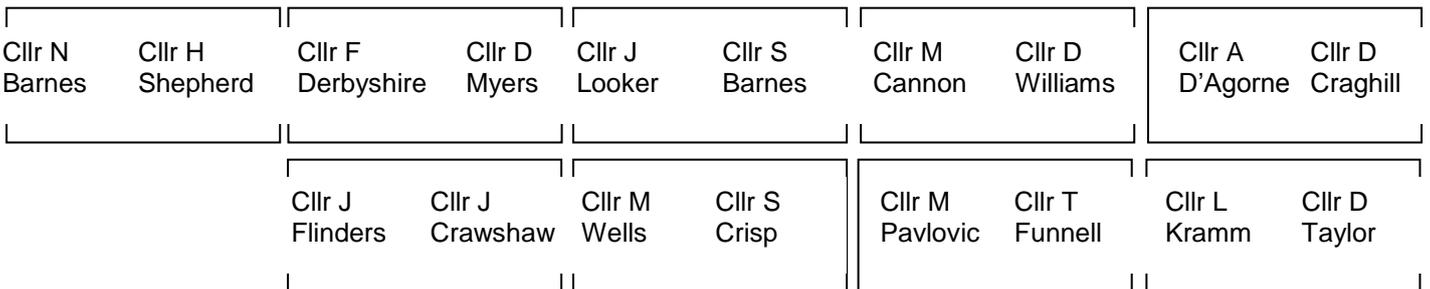
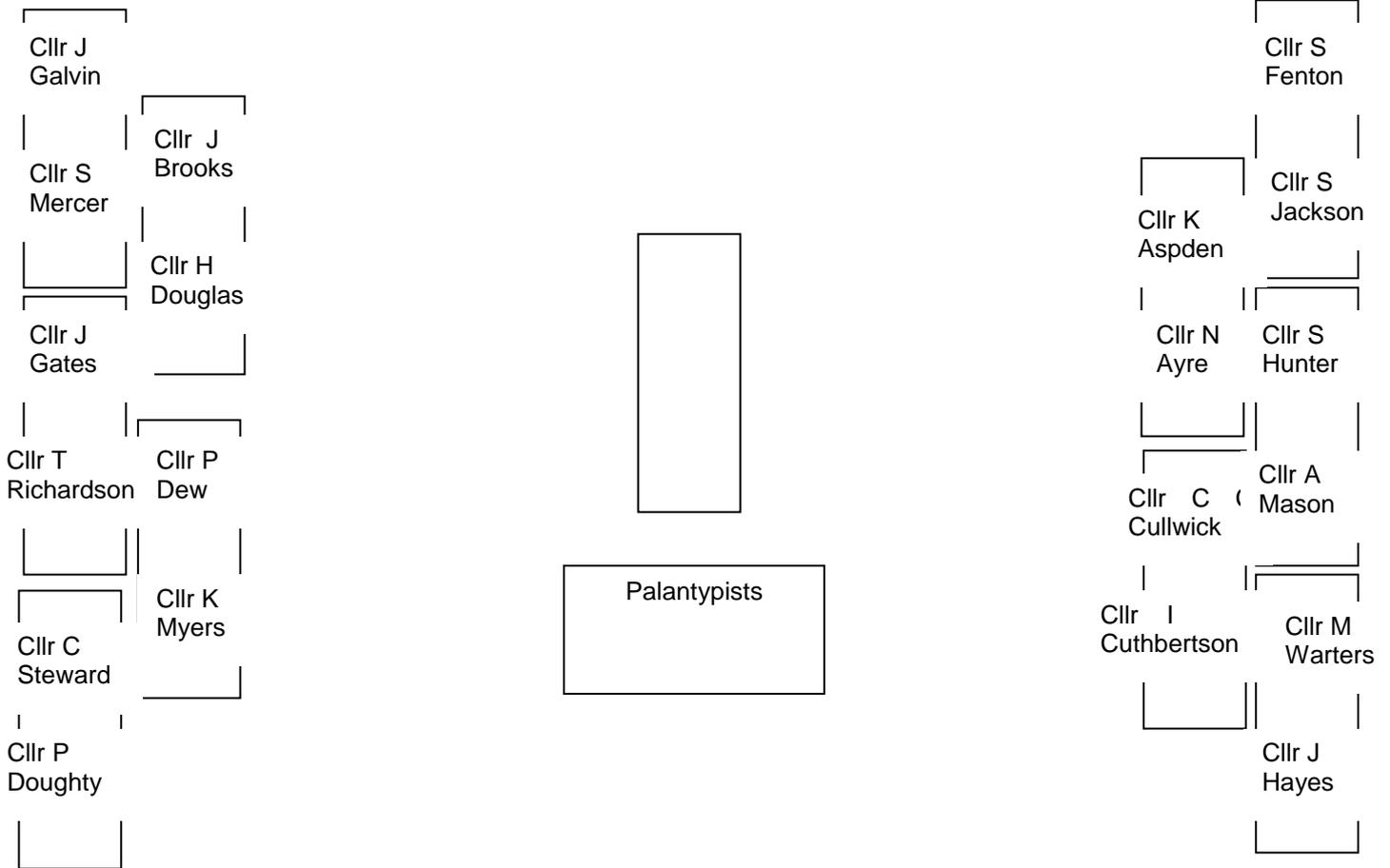
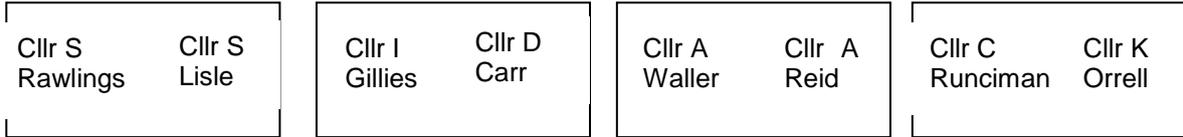
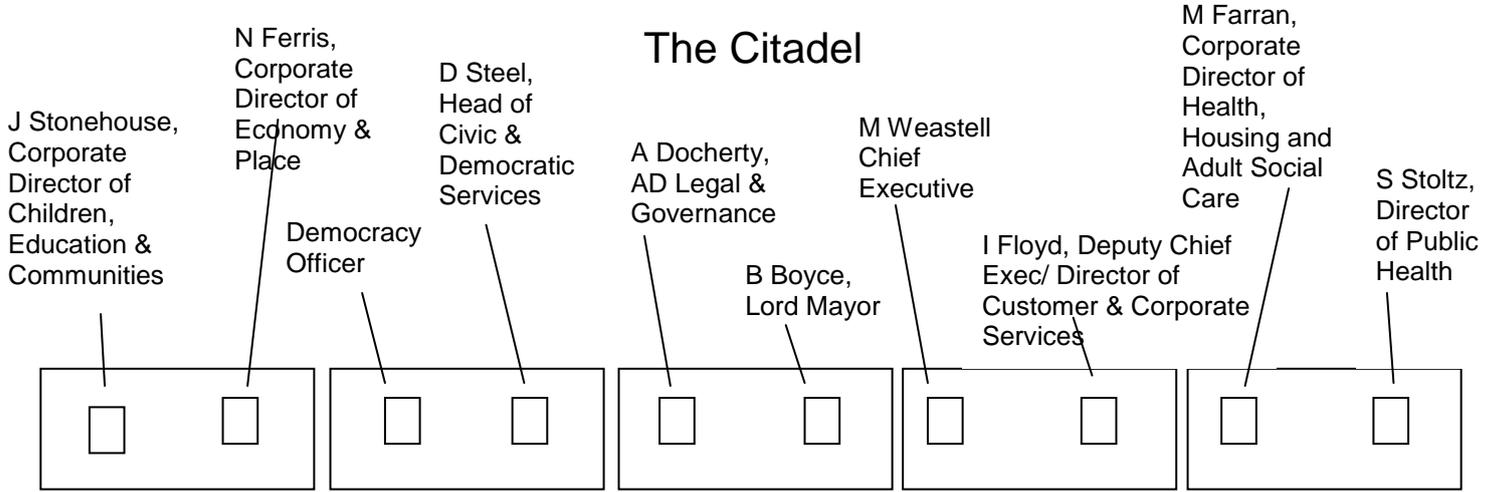
**CITY OF YORK COUNCIL  
SUMMONS**

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 Citadel, Gillygate, York, YO31 7EA** to consider the business contained in this agenda on the following date and time

Thursday, 26 October 2017 at 6.30 pm



# The Citadel



## **A G E N D A**

### **1. Declarations of Interest**

At this point, Members are asked to declare:

- any personal interests not included on the Register of Interests
- any prejudicial interests or
- any disclosable pecuniary interests

which they may have in respect of business on this agenda.

### **2. Minutes (Pages 1 - 22)**

To approve and sign the minutes of the Council meeting held on 20 July 2017.

### **3. Civic Announcements**

To consider any announcements made by the Lord Mayor in respect of Civic business.

### **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 25 October 2017.**

To register to speak please contact the Democracy Officers for the meeting, on the details at the foot of the agenda.

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**5. Petitions**

To consider any petitions received from Members in accordance with Standing Order No.15. Notice has been received of one petition to be presented by:

- Cllr Flinders, on behalf of Guildhall Ward residents, calling for a safe crossing on Lowther Street

**6. Report of Executive Leader and Executive Recommendations and Questions (Pages 23 - 30)**

To receive and consider a written report from the Leader and to answer questions on the work of the Executive and the Executive recommendations for approval, as set out below:

Meeting	Date	Recommendations
Executive	31 August 2017	Minute 51: Investment in New Extra Care Accommodation for Older People at Marjorie Waite Court following the closure of Burton Stone Lane Community Centre <a href="http://democracy.york.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=733&amp;MId=10190&amp;Ver=4">http://democracy.york.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=733&amp;MId=10190&amp;Ver=4</a>
Executive	31 August 2017	Minute 52: Q1 Capital Programme Monitor <a href="http://democracy.york.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=733&amp;MId=10190&amp;Ver=4">http://democracy.york.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=733&amp;MId=10190&amp;Ver=4</a>
Executive	19 October 2017	To Follow: Minerals and Waste Joint Plan – Submission <a href="http://democracy.york.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=733&amp;MId=10192&amp;Ver=4">http://democracy.york.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=733&amp;MId=10192&amp;Ver=4</a>

## 7. Report of Interim Deputy Leader and Questions

(Pages 31 - 36)

To receive and consider a written report from the interim Deputy Leader and to question the interim Deputy Leader thereon.

## 8. Motions on Notice

To consider the following Motions on Notice under Standing Order 22:

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

(i) From Cllr Rawlings

Devolution for York

“Council notes:

That York has been closely involved with the ongoing negotiations seeking a resolution regarding devolution arrangements for Yorkshire;

The council’s position at these meetings has been to ensure that York plays a central role in the outcome of whatever ‘devolution deal’ eventually emerges from these talks and has at all times kept the interests of York residents and business at the heart of its discussions with the other Yorkshire authorities;

Council therefore endorses continuing negotiations with other Yorkshire authorities, and recognising that a separate South Yorkshire deal is now highly likely, would therefore prefer a Greater Yorkshire solution incorporating as much of Yorkshire’s historic North, East and West Ridings as possible which will benefit York Residents and the county as a whole.

The Council will therefore support the continuing efforts of the council leader in his negotiations.”

(ii) From Cllr Cuthbertson

Library Services in York

“Council notes:

The importance of library services to the residents of York in supporting lifelong learning and development and providing access to information and advice, regardless of personal circumstance.

The vital role that libraries fulfil in providing a focal point for people of all ages and backgrounds to meet and share ideas and experience.

The important contribution made by volunteers and friends groups in supporting the provision of library services across the city.

The beneficial effect that volunteering can have on personal wellbeing.

The intention of City of York Council to consult residents on a potential 'vision' for the future of York's library service, to inform a specification for the next contract period.

Council resolves:

To urge the Executive to consult on a proposed vision for the future that includes the provision of locally-based and sustainable library services that meet residents' needs and a commitment that there will be no reduction in the total number of staffed libraries across the city."

(iii) From Cllr Pavlovic

HMO Standards

"Council believes all housing should meet a basic minimum standard that provides safe living accommodation for those that occupy it, and that there is currently a significant requirement for the private rented sector (PRS) to meet local housing need.

Council notes:

- previous steps taken to improve housing standards in York and to create balanced communities through the introduction of mandatory licensing for large 'Houses in Multiple Occupation' (HMOs);
- the significant rise in recent years in the number of smaller HMOs that do not currently require licensing;
- an estimated 23% of PRS properties in York containing category 1 hazards (posing a serious and immediate risk to

a person's health and safety);

- cross-party support on City of York Council for extended licensing of HMOs at the May 2016 call-in meeting on the Private Sector Housing Strategy.

Council believes that to ensure clear standards are maintained within the PRS, that licensing should be extended as a valuable step towards achieving this goal.

Council resolves:

To request that the Executive undertakes a review of the evidence supporting the case for extended licensing across a proportion of the city (where the density of HMOs is the greatest) to assess the case for the introduction of additional discretionary HMO licensing.”

(iv) From Cllr Craghill

#### Homelessness in York

“Council is appalled by the growing homeless crisis nationally and here in York and notes with regret the following:

- The recent sudden death on the streets of York of one of our long term rough sleepers;
- A report published in August this year by ‘Crisis’, the national charity for homeless people, which shows that almost a quarter of a million people are experiencing the worst forms of homelessness across Britain, with rough sleeping set to rise by 76% in the next 10 years unless policies are changed;
- The fact that the official number of street homeless in York rose from 2 in Nov. 2011 to 18 in 2015 and has stayed at that level for the last two years;
- The lack of sufficient temporary accommodation in York and the lack of sufficient affordable one bedroom homes for

people to move into.

Council acknowledges the achievement of the Council's Housing Options team in being awarded a 'Gold Award' for their work and the large number of people inside and outside the Council in the voluntary and community sector striving to support people who are homeless.

However, Council is concerned that clearly something isn't working and more needs to be done. Council therefore resolves to call for an urgent report to Executive to consider options on the following:

- Immediate measures to provide additional temporary accommodation and avoid if at all possible any further deaths on our streets this winter;
- Any further measures that can be actioned in a short/medium timescale to prevent this crisis from spiralling out of control in York. These might include an extension of the Housing First model; the provision of daytime facilities in the city centre to improve the health of people who find themselves on the streets; and the options for closer working with partners across the region to improve outcomes for homeless people.
- Plans for engagement with people living on the streets, in temporary accommodation and other homeless people to learn from their views and ideas."

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

To question the Leader and/or Executive Members in respect of any matter within their portfolio responsibility, in accordance with Standing Order 20.

**10. Report of Executive Member (Pages 37 - 48)**

To receive a written report from the Executive Member for Transport and Planning and to question the Executive Member thereon, in accordance with Standing Order 19.

**11. Scrutiny - Report of the Chair of the Customer and Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee**

(Pages 49 - 52)

To receive a report from Councillor Williams, the Chair of the Customer and Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee (CCSMC) on the work of the Committee.

**12. Appointments and Changes to Membership** (Pages 53 - 54)

To consider appointments to the School Admission and/or Exclusion Appeals Panel as set out on the list attached to this summons.

**13. Urgent Business**

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

Democracy Officers

Catherine Clarke and Louise Cook (job share)

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**City of York Council**

Resolutions and proceedings of the Meeting of the City of York Council held in the Guildhall, York on Thursday, 20th July, 2017, starting at 6.30 pm

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

Acomb Ward	Bishopthorpe Ward
K Myers S Barnes	Galvin
Clifton Ward	Copmanthorpe Ward
D Myers	D 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 Williams
Heworth Without Ward	Holgate Ward
N Ayre	Cannon Derbyshire

Hull Road Ward

N Barnes  
M Pavlovic  
H Shepherd

Huntington and New Earswick Ward

Cullwick  
Orrell  
Runciman

Micklegate Ward

Crawshaw  
Hayes  
Kramm

Osbaldwick and Derwent Ward

J Brooks  
M Warters

Rawcliffe and Clifton Without Ward

P Dew  
S Lisle  
S Rawlings

Rural West York Ward

Gillies  
Steward

Strensall Ward

Doughty  
Douglas

Westfield Ward

S Hunter  
A Waller

Wheldrake Ward

S Mercer

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Wells, Crisp and Jackson

**17. 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>
Dew	8 – Motions on Notice (i) Ethical Care Charter (from Cllr D Myers)	Some members of his family receive benefits for home care
Mason	8 - Motions on Notice (iii) Mental Health (from Cllr Cullwick)	Council's appointed governor for Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust

The following **prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary** interests were declared:

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Description of Interest</u>
Flinders	6 – Report of Executive Leader and Executive Recommendations and Questions	References to York Central – as employee of Network Rail
	7 – Report of Deputy Leader and Questions	
	10 – Report of Executive Member	
Crawshaw	8 Motions on Notice (iii) Mental Health (from Cllr Cullwick)	Partner being under consideration for job with Tees, Esk and Wear Valley Mental Health Trust

**18. Exclusion of Press and Public**

Members were invited to indicate whether they wished to debate or question in any detail the information contained in the exempt annexes (1a, 1b, 2 and 3) to the report under agenda item 7 (minute No. 23 below) relating to a strategic commercial property acquisition, in which case, they would be asked to pass a resolution to exclude the press and public during such debate given the exempt nature of the business under discussion at that point.

No indication to debate the information concerned was made.

**19. Minutes**

Resolved: That the minutes of the last Ordinary Council meeting of Council held on 30 March 2017 and the Annual Council meeting held on 25 May 2017 be approved and then signed by the Chair as correct records.

**20. Civic Announcements**

The Lord Mayor drew Members attention to two plaques which were displayed on the table which had been recently received. She informed Members that one of them had been presented by Cllr Trish Minson, Deputy Mayor of Falmouth on 3 October 2016 to the former Lord Mayor, Cllr Taylor. The other one had been presented by the Mayor of Douglas (Isle of Man) to herself when she visited York on 22 June 2017.

In addition, the Lord Mayor stated that had recently visited the Harewood Whin Waste Transfer Station, where she had received a useful bag of compost.

**21. Public Participation**

Four members of the public had registered to speak under public participation.

Anna Semlyen, a local resident, spoke in relation to the road safety petition which was to be presented later in the meeting by

Councillor Crawshaw. The petition called for a push button road crossing to be installed on Bishopthorpe Road at its junction with Butcher Terrace in order to improve pedestrian and cycle safety. She advised there had been numerous accidents at this junction and that it was not suitable for a zebra crossing due to it being a four way junction.

Andrea Dudding, Unison Lead Convenor and Branch Secretary, spoke in support of the motion to be moved by Councillor Danny Myers on Unison's Ethical Care Charter. She gave some examples of current working practices amongst care workers and stressed the need for fair standards for those cared for and those who provide the care and expressed her wish for York to the next council to sign up to Union's Ethical Care Charter.

Claire Douglas, a local resident and trustee of Tang Hall Community Centre, spoke in support of the motion to be moved by Councillor Stuart Barnes on Universal Credit, Citizens Advice York and York Financial Assistance Scheme. She expressed concern about the implementation of the Universal Credit Full Service (UCFS) in York, the delays faced by residents in waiting for their first payments and the reduction in available Citizens Advice York (CAY) sessions and asked that members consider the effect on residents and look to devise an appropriate solution to the problem.

Honorary Alderman Brian Watson spoke on Castle Gateway. He advised that Guildhall Ward had received a presentation by the project team and at that time it had been agreed that presentations would be offered to other ward committees, but, to date, none appeared to have happened. He stressed that this was a large and important development for the city and it was important that all Wards were properly briefed and not just Guildhall Ward.

## **22. Petitions**

Under Standing Order 15, the following petitions were presented by the following Members for reference to the Customer and Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee, in accordance with the Council's petition arrangements:

- Councillor Williams, on behalf of residents, calling for the installation of permanent basketball nets on Glen Gardens Basketball Court.<sup>1</sup>

- Councillor Crawshaw, on behalf of residents, calling for a safe crossing to be installed on Bishopthorpe Road, close to its junction with Butcher Terrace where significant safety concerns exist around pedestrian and cyclist safety.<sup>2</sup>

Action Required

1-2 Refer to Customer and Corporate Services            CC  
Scrutiny Management Committee

**23. Report of Executive Leader and Executive Recommendations and Questions**

**A. Executive Leader's Report**

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

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

- Cllr Derbyshire – reference to devolution but no mention of mention local plan in the report.
- Cllr Taylor – how York was planning to commemorate 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of twinning of city with Munster
- Cllr Looker – regional working and LEPs – discussions re dualling of outer ring road. Supplementary question from Cllr D'Agorne regarding available LEP funding towards public transport projects.<sup>1</sup>
- Williams – vision for devolution and need for cross party working

Cllr Carr responded directly to all the questions put to him, including supplementary questions, but agreed to respond in writing to the supplementary question from Cllr D'Agorne.<sup>1</sup>

**B Executive Recommendations**

**Shared Ownership Affordable Housing Programme**

Cllr Carr moved and Cllr Aspden seconded the following recommendation contained in Minute 161 of the Executive Meeting held on 18 May 2017

Recommended: That Council agrees a budget of £5.52m for the scheme funded from the HCA grant (£2.76m) and the HRA investment reserve (£2.76m).

Reason: So that the Council can formally accept the HCA investment and deliver this affordable home ownership programme as part of the Council's ambition to deliver a wider range of tenure products to meet the housing needs of the city.

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

Resolved: That the above recommendation in respect of the funding of the Shared Ownership Affordable Housing Programme, be approved. <sup>2</sup>

### **Capital Programme Outturn**

Cllr Carr moved and Cllr Aspden seconded the following recommendations contained in Minute 13 of the Executive meeting held on 29 June 2017

Resolved: That the Executive recommend to Full Council the restated 2017/18 to 2021/22 programme of £252.615m as summarised in Table 3 and detailed in Annex A.

Reason: To enable the effective management and monitoring of the Council's capital programme.

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

Resolved: That the above recommendation in respect of the funding of the Capital Programme Outturn, be approved.

### **York Central Update and Partnership Agreement**

Cllr Carr moved and Cllr Aspden seconded the following recommendation contained in Minute 25 of the Executive meeting held on 13 July 2017.

Resolved: That the Executive recommends to Council that a budget of £37.4m be approved for the York Central

Transport improvements funded from the West Yorkshire Plus Transport Fund grant.

Reason: To ensure the delivery of York Central and to ensure that a range of access options have been considered.

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

Resolved: That the above recommendation in respect of the funding of the York Central Update and Partnership Agreement, be approved.<sup>3</sup>

### **Proposed York Outer Ring Road Improvement – Approach to Delivery**

Cllr Carr moved and Cllr Aspden seconded the following recommendation contained in Minute 26 of the Executive meeting held on 13 July 2017.

Resolved: That the Executive proposes to full Council that a budget of £34.2m be approved for the York Outer Ring Road improvements funded from the West Yorkshire Plus Transport Fund grant.

Reason: To confirm the detailed allocation within the budget for the delivery of the Outer Ring Road Upgrade scheme in accordance with the previous Council Decision taken in December 2016.

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

Resolved: That the above recommendation in respect of the Proposed Outer Ring Road Improvement – Approach to Delivery, be approved.<sup>4</sup>

### **Establishing an Investment Budget for a Strategic Commercial Property Acquisition**

Cllr Carr moved and Cllr Aspden seconded the following recommendation contained in Minute 27 of the Executive meeting held on 13 July 2017.

Resolved: That the Executive recommends to full Council:-

(i) the establishment of a capital budget of £15m, to be financed initially from borrowing, to fund the acquisition of freehold interest in a portfolio of city centre commercial property assets; and

(ii) to agree that any future capital receipts not currently assumed in the Capital strategy, be allocated to fund the purchase, thereby reducing in time the associated borrowing related to the investment. This will be updated in capital monitor reports in the future.

Reason: To ensure the ongoing economic vibrancy of the city centre and increase the income from the council's commercial property portfolio in order to achieve budget targets.

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

Resolved: That the above recommendation in respect of Establishing an Investment Budget for a Strategic Commercial Property Acquisition be approved.<sup>5</sup>

Action Required

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| 1 - Leader to provide response to question from Cllr D'Agorne   | CC |
| 2 - To note Council approval of budget for the scheme   | TB |
| 3 - To note Council approval for funding for York Central transport improvements                                  | TC |
| 4 - To note Council approval of budget for delivery of the scheme.  | NF |
| 5 - To note the allocation of capital funds with regard to the proposed Strategic Commercial Property Acquisition | TC |

**24. Report of Deputy Leader and Questions**

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

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

- Cllr Craghill – requesting assurance that highways will have sufficient staff resources to enable them to respond to ward requests for highway schemes.
- Cllr Pavlovic – housing delivery rates - support for Local Plan – provides best balance and opportunity to provide much needed housing.
- Cllr D Myers –closure of Army barracks

Cllr Aspden responded directly to all the questions put to him, including supplementaries.

## 25. Motions on Notice

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

#### **(i) Ethical Care Charter**

(proposed by Cllr D Myers and seconded by Cllr Shepherd)

“This Council notes that the UNISON Ethical Care Charter sets minimum standards to protect the dignity and quality of life for people who need homecare. It commits councils to buying homecare only from providers who give workers enough time, training and a living wage, so they can provide better quality care for thousands of service users who rely on it.

This Council recognises the important job that carers do and believes that the time allocated to visits should match the needs of the clients. Clients should be allocated the same homecare worker wherever possible and zero-hours contracts should not be used in place of permanent contracts. Homecare workers should be paid for their travel time, travel costs and other necessary expenses. Visits should be scheduled so that homecare workers are not forced to rush their time with clients or leave their clients early to get to the next one on time.

This Council asks the Corporate Director: Health, Housing and Adult Social Care to prepare a report for the Executive setting out the Council's current position in the different areas covered by the Charter, and the implications of signing up to it, to inform a plan for City of York Council adopting the Charter.”

An amendment was proposed by Cllr Runciman, and seconded by Cllr Fenton, as follows:

**“Remove** the following words from the last sentence:  
“to inform a plan for City of York Council adopting the Charter”

On being put to the vote the amendment was CARRIED.

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

Resolved: That the original motion, as altered by Cllr Runciman’s amendment, be approved as set out below: <sup>1</sup>

“This Council notes that the UNISON Ethical Care Charter sets minimum standards to protect the dignity and quality of life for people who need homecare. It commits councils to buying homecare only from providers who give workers enough time, training and a living wage, so they can provide better quality care for thousands of service users who rely on it.

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**(ii) Channel 4**

(proposed by Cllr Carr and seconded by Cllr Galvin)

“Council notes:

That a consultation has recently closed soliciting views as to what extent Channel 4, a statutory body owned by the government, could more effectively contribute to regional growth, including questions as to whether all or part of its operations should be relocated outside of London;

There is enthusiasm throughout Yorkshire to position itself as the future home of all or part of Channel 4 should developments warrant;

That within Yorkshire, the Leeds City Region, and York itself would represent an ideal location for any such transfer of Channel 4 operations either in part or in full;

Council therefore resolves to take a proactive role in any decisions regarding the results of the consultation in order to position itself to work on behalf of bringing Channel 4 to Yorkshire and invites officers to maintain both a watching brief on developments and to put together preliminary plans to be able to respond in a timely matter to the potential outcomes of the consultation, including working with other organisations similarly enthusiastic about relocating Channel 4 to Yorkshire.”

On being put to the vote, the motion was CARRIED.

Resolved: That the motion be approved. <sup>2</sup>

### **(iii) Mental Health**

Councillor Cullwick sought Council’s consent to alter his motion to include Cllr Craghill’s proposed amendment.

“Under ‘Council welcomes’ **add** second bullet point:

- The first steps towards a long overdue comprehensive Mental Health Strategy for York.

Under ‘Council resolves’ **add** fourth bullet point as follows:

- To work through the Health, Housing and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee to closely monitor progress towards improved mental health services in York - taking into account the challenge to provide high quality hospital and community based services for all, in the context of a wider local health system facing financial crisis.”

Council agreed to the motion as altered above for debate, so that it now read:

“Council notes that:

- Mental health issues will affect 1 in 4 people at some point in their lives
- Over 5,000 people in Yorkshire and the Humber could be affected by mental health issues
- Mental health issues can shorten life expectancy in some cases by 15 to 20 years
- There is often a direct link between mental health and issues such as housing, employment, family problems or debt
- There is a growing consensus that it is unacceptable to treat people with mental health conditions any differently from those with physical health conditions.

Council welcomes:

- The £200,000 investment into mental health services as part of the 17/18 Council budget, including training for Youth Health Champions and a Ways into Work scheme.
- The first steps towards a long overdue comprehensive Mental Health Strategy for York.

Council resolves:

- To ask the Health and Well Being Board to work closely with the Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group, the Tees, Esk & Wear Valley Mental Health Trust and the local voluntary sector to support a fair deal for people with mental health conditions – including support for the Mental Health Concordat <http://www.crisiscareconcordat.org.uk/about/>
- To lend its support to the Executive Member for Health and Adult Social Care in championing mental health care, within her remit, fighting for the interests of those with mental health issues
- To write to the Secretary of State for Health asking him to ensure that mental health has parity of esteem with physical health throughout the health service and is funded accordingly.
- To work through the Health, Housing and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee to closely monitor progress towards improved mental health services in York - taking into account the challenge to provide high quality hospital and community based services for all, in the context of a wider local health system facing financial crisis.”

A vote was taken on the motion, as altered to incorporate the words of Cllr Craghill's amendment, which was CARRIED and it was:

Resolved: That the original motion, as altered, and set out above, be approved.<sup>3</sup>

**(iv) Universal Credit, Citizens Advice York and York Financial Assistance Scheme**

(proposed by Cllr S Barnes and seconded by Cllr Derbyshire)

“Council has concerns regarding the implementation of Universal Credit Full Service (UCFS) in York and the possible impact on the city's residents.

Council further notes the inquiry launched by the parliamentary Work and Pensions select committee, and recognises the ‘serious concerns’ identified by the committee, including:

- Claimants waiting 12 weeks or more for their first payment, resulting in hardship and distress.
- Vulnerable claimants struggling to adapt to receiving UC as a single monthly payment.
- The seven waiting days at the start of a claim, for which claimants receive no benefit, adding to claimants' financial difficulty.
- Rent arrears amongst UC claimants rising.
- Poor communications between landlords, support organisations and the Department for Work and Pensions where UC ‘full service’ is operating.
- UC inadequately supporting claimants in emergency temporary accommodation.

Council also regrets the fact that Citizens Advice York (CAY) is being forced to halve the number of days it is able to offer advice sessions to York residents due to funding difficulties at the same time as demand for help is expected to escalate.

Council has significant concerns that the implementation of UCFS will significantly impact on the level of rent arrears for the council's own housing stock.

Council resolves:

To request the relevant director to urgently produce costed options for presentation to the Executive or relevant Executive Member Decision Session for consideration and decision.

To further request the options presented to include:

- An option to provide temporary, urgent financial support to CAY to enable it to continue offering the full four-day service of advice sessions (that was available to citizens in York until recently) for at least the first 12 months following full implementation of UC;
- An option to provide dedicated drop-in outreach sessions around the city for clients encountering difficulties with UCFS
- An option to provide a dedicated housing officer available during such sessions to liaise with CAY advisers to help facilitate an early warning system where rent arrears as a result of the implementation of UCFS may lead to evictions
- Proposals to increase the awareness and uptake of the York Financial Assistance Scheme (YFAS) – Including: the ability for third party advocacy groups to make applications on behalf of residents; and, the ability for individuals or advocates to make YFAS applications online.”

An amendment was proposed by Cllr Cuthbertson, and seconded by Cllr Reid, as follows:

“ Under Council resolves:

**Delete** ‘costed options for presentation to the Executive or relevant Executive Member Decision Session for consideration and decision,’ **add** ‘an assessment for presentation to the relevant Executive Member Decision Session. This assessment should set out practical measures that the council and its partners could quickly put in place to mitigate the risk of residents being adversely affected by the introduction of UCFS’

**Delete** ‘To further request the options presented to’ **add** ‘this assessment should include, but not be limited to’

**Delete**, from the first bullet point, ‘An option to provide temporary, urgent support to enable it to continue offering the full four day

service of advice sessions (that was available to citizens in York until recently) for at least the first 12 months following full implementation of UC **add** ' Options for the provision of additional financial or other assistance to CAY and/or other partners to support access to drop-in outreach sessions for clients encountering difficulties with UCFS'

**Delete**, the second bullet point , 'An option to provide dedicated drop-in outreach sessions around the city for clients encountering difficulties with UCFS'

**Delete** from the third bullet point, ' An option to provide a dedicated housing officer available during such sessions to liaise with CAY advisers to help facilitate an early warning system, **add** ' Options for an 'early warning system' to be put in place through which Housing Officers can quickly and easily signpost residents to sources of help and support'

**Delete** the word 'Proposal' from the fourth bullet point and **replace** 'Options'. **Add** in the word 'Scheme' after Assistant.

On being put to the vote the amendment was CARRIED.

A vote was then taken on the original motion, as amended above, which was CARRIED and it was:

Resolved: That the original motion, as amended above, and set out in full below, be approved. <sup>4</sup>

"Council has concerns regarding the implementation of Universal Credit Full Service (UCFS) in York and the possible impact on the city's residents.

Council further notes the inquiry launched by the parliamentary Work and Pensions select committee, and recognises the 'serious concerns' identified by the committee, including:

- Claimants waiting 12 weeks or more for their first payment, resulting in hardship and distress.
- Vulnerable claimants struggling to adapt to receiving UC as a single monthly payment.
- The seven waiting days at the start of a claim, for which claimants receive no benefit, adding to claimants' financial difficulty.

- Rent arrears amongst UC claimants rising.
- Poor communications between landlords, support organisations and the Department for Work and Pensions where UC 'full service' is operating.
- UC inadequately supporting claimants in emergency temporary accommodation.

Council also regrets the fact that Citizens Advice York (CAY) is being forced to halve the number of days it is able to offer advice sessions to York residents due to funding difficulties at the same time as demand for help is expected to escalate.

Council has significant concerns that the implementation of UCFS will significantly impact on the level of rent arrears for the council's own housing stock.

Council resolves:

To request the relevant director to urgently produce an assessment for presentation to the relevant Executive Member Decision Session. This assessment should set out practical measures that the council and its partners could quickly put in place to mitigate the risk of residents being adversely affected by the introduction of UCFS.

This assessment should include, but not be limited to:

- Options for the provision of additional financial or other assistance to CAY and/or other partners to support access to drop-in outreach sessions for clients encountering difficulties with UCFS.
- Options for an 'early warning system' to be put in place through which Housing Officers can quickly and easily signpost residents to sources of help and support where rent arrears as a result of the implementation of UCFS may lead to evictions
- Options to increase the awareness and uptake of the York Financial Assistance Scheme – Including: the ability for third party advocacy groups to make applications on behalf of residents; and, the ability for individuals or advocates to make YFAS applications online.”

Action Required

1. Corporate Director, Health, Housing and Adult MF

Social Care, to prepare report for Executive setting out Council's current position in different areas covered by the Unison Ethical Care Charter, and implications of signing up to it.

2. Officers to maintain watching brief on development with regards to bringing Channel 4 to Yorkshire and put together preliminary plans to be able to respond to potential outcomes of consultation, including working with other organisations. IF

3. To take the actions detailed in council motion, as altered in minute number 25 (20 July 2017) MF

4. Relevant Director to produce an assessment for presentation to relevant Executive Member Decision Session setting out practical measures that council and partners could put in place to mitigate risk of residents being adversely affected by introduction of UCFS. MF

## 26. Questions to the Leader or Executive Members

In accordance with Standing Order 20, Members were then invited to question Cllr Carr and/or the Executive Members in respect of any matters within their portfolio responsibility. Questions were received from the floor from the following Members in relation to the subjects listed:

(i) To Cllr Aspden, Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Economic Development & Community Engagement

- From Cllr N Barnes – in relation to the process used to identify what areas should benefit for proposed extra highways funding.
- From Cllr Warters – importance of ensuring residents and local groups are in possession of full facts with regard to local plan so they are in position to comment during consultation process.
- From Cllr Kramm – queried why certain access solutions, ie Poppleton Road into York Central, had been excluded from further consultation on York Central. (*The Deputy*

*Leader referred Cllr Kramm to the Executive report and indicated that he would forward him a copy)*

- (ii) To Executive Member for Culture, Leisure & Tourism
  - From Cllr Hunter – request to commit to full open consultation on potential improvements to playing fields at Chesney Fields.
- (iii) To Executive Member for Transport and Planning
  - From Cllr Flinders – regarding measures to reduce congestion in the city, and air quality issues

The Executive Members responded directly to all the questions, including supplementary ones, put to them.

## **27. Report of Executive Member**

Council received a written report from Cllr Carr, Executive Member for Finance and Performance.

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

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

- Cllr Fenton – Customer Services - update on move of transactional revenues and benefits services online, and on MyAccount facility.
- Cllr N Barnes – Financial Management - concern that individual departments were over budget at end of year, particularly Economy and Place
- Cllr Craghill – Asset Management - believes that Asset Management Strategy should include assets of value to communities as well as assets of financial value.
- Cllr Warters – Review of Administration and Accommodation – asked that Executive Member ensures rapid public dissemination of formal report of LGA peer

review team of council's procurement service when it is available.

- Cllr Kramm – Human Resources – ability to deal with individual cases of under-performance and breaches of processes.

Cllr Carr responded directly to the questions put to him.

**28. Scrutiny - Report of the Chair of the Customer and Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee**

Council received the report of the Chair of the Customer and Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee on the work of the Committee. Council was asked them to endorse the Annual Scrutiny Report attached to the agenda papers, in line with the recommendation of the Customer and Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee from its meeting on 12 June 2017.

Councillor Williams moved and Cllr Galvin seconded acceptance of the report and recommendation of the Committee.

Resolved: That the report of the Customer and Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee be noted and the Annual Scrutiny Report be approved.

Reason: To update Members on the work of the committee and to ensure the Council receives an Annual Scrutiny Report in accordance with Constitutional requirements.

**29. Allocation to Seats and Appointments to the Council Structure and Outside Bodies for 2017/18 and Revisions to Health & Wellbeing Board Terms of Reference**

Council considered a report which set out details of the proposed new arrangements with regard to the revised allocation of seats, as a result of the By-Elections held on 8 June 2017 for Hull Road and Micklegate wards. The report also set out proposed revised appointments as a result of changes to proportionality but also to include standard in year changes in committee places. The report also sought Members approval for some slight amendments to the Terms of Reference of the Health and Wellbeing Board, further to those agreed at the Annual Meeting.

Resolved: (i) That the revised allocation of seats detailed at Annex A be approved.

(ii) That the appropriate revised appointments to committees, as set out in Annex B be approved.

(iii) That the further revisions to the Health and Wellbeing Board Terms of Reference, set out in Annex C to the report be approved.

Reason: To fulfil the Council's statutory and constitutional requirements.

Cllr Barbara Boyce  
LORD MAYOR OF YORK

*[The meeting started at 6.30 pm and concluded at 9.45 pm]*

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**LEADER'S REPORT TO FULL COUNCIL: OCTOBER 2017**

Since the last Council in July, the Executive has, amongst other items:

- considered two reports on the Community Stadium where we have agreed to proceed to construction, and I can advise Members that final contracts are anticipated to be completed in the next few days, and I can also advise that advance works have already commenced, and subject to final sign off the scheme will now proceed.
- approved the acquisition of Swinegate Court, a purchase that secures the Council's interest in these significant properties in the heart of York.
- received a number of reports on the Older Persons Programme, which will see significant investment in new facilities, generate significant capital receipts, and also the delivery of significant efficiencies in future years.
- approved the replacement and upgrade of the Scarborough Bridge footbridge.
- approved the temporary use of part of Castle Car Park during the summer of 2018 for Shakespeare's Rose Theatre, a 'pop-up' restoration theatre.

The Council's budget consultation has recently been launched and work is progressing in the development of the budget for 2018/19. We start this process from a strong position, which was demonstrated by an overall underspend in the last financial year of some £1m, with the first monitor report for this financial year indicating we are on track to operate within budget for this financial year.

This year has seen, once again, York's children and young people achieving excellent examination results. Un-validated results show that our pupils achieved some of the best results in the region at all key stages, despite significant changes in the Primary and Secondary curriculum over the past few years. Their hard work is mirrored by that of

people across our education system, and I would like to thank all our schools for their considerable efforts in helping achieve this.

I can also report that we received the keys to the restored Mansion House in the last few weeks, and during October and November the furniture and exhibits will be moved back into the House for an official opening in December. I would urge all Council Members to visit this precious historic building once opened.

### **Foreign Relationships**

In late September, the Civic Party and Chief Executive, travelled to York's twin city in Germany to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that twinning relationship. To my great disappointment, I was unable to accept my invitation to accompany them due to a long-arranged personal trip to Canada.

During the visit, the York party showcased York Central to an international audience and presented the strengths of our city as an inward investment destination. A particular highlight was York receiving the Lebendige Stadt Foundation Award presented to the Lord Mayor and Mayor of Muenster, Marcus Lewe, at an international event in Hamburg.

York's relationship with Munster was chosen as the winner because of its long history; 2017 marked 60 years of the twinning relationship. Since 1957 there have been numerous exchange visits and initiatives between our two great cities. We are proud that this relationship continues and we recognise that there is much we can learn from each other and celebrate together.

I am also pleased to report that we shall shortly be signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the city of Nanjing in China, with whom we are developing close ties across a wide range of interests, a relationship which was established by the former Lord Mayor, Cllr Dave Taylor. At the MoU signing, Nanjing will be represented by Mr Zheng Shang, the Secretary of Nanjing Education, and the MoU will formalise close collaboration between our two cities in the education and learning fields.

### **Acquisition of Swinegate Court, York**

Approval was given by Full Council on 20 July 2017 to allocate a capital budget of £15 million in order to make a strategic acquisition of a mixed-

use commercial property portfolio in York city centre, known as Swinegate Court East and West.

I am pleased to advise that this purchase was successfully completed on 6th October 2017 and hence the City Council now owns the freehold interest of this significant city-centre property, subject to and with the benefit of the various leases, all of which are held on full repairing and insuring terms (ie. these are the responsibility of the tenants).

The portfolio generates a present rent roll of £813,000 per annum, with potential for rental and capital growth, from a mix of tenants of the calibre of restaurants Lucia's and Slug and Lettuce, shops Mulberry and Sahara, and the York offices of Banks Sadler and solicitors Switalskis.

This acquisition not only makes sound commercial sense, where a surplus of income over debt servicing costs will boost the authority's annual revenue, but it also gives the Council a greater level of control as landlord than as planning authority thus giving it a bigger role in ensuring the ongoing economic vibrancy of the city centre. In addition there is the positive perception of the Council investing in the economic wellbeing and commercial potential of its own city-centre.

### **Shakespeare's Rose Theatre**

In August the Executive approved the temporary use of part of the Castle Car Park for a 'pop-up' prefabricated facsimile Rose Theatre to host productions of Shakespeare throughout next summer. The project will be delivered and managed by local firm, Lunchbox Productions, who will meet the entire cost of the project including the reimbursement to the Council of the car parking income foregone throughout the period.

In addition to bringing high quality entertainment to York, and presenting a great innovative opportunity to introduce school pupils and young people to Shakespeare, this will bring increased cultural activity and vibrancy drive to the Castle Gateway regeneration area. It will also allow the council to study the impact of the displacement of car journeys and parking with no effect on car-parking revenue. This could potentially pave the way for the long term redevelopment of Castle Car Park as the key to unlocking the regeneration of this part of the city.

## **Older Persons' Accommodation Programme**

Great progress is being made rolling out the Older Peoples' Accommodation Programme which when completed will provide over 900 new units of accommodation with care for older people across York utilising the resources of both private and public sector investment. This is an ambitious and complex programme of work, but I am confident that it will deliver what our city needs to support our older people in fit-for-purpose accommodation.

Some of the highlights of that programme include: work at Glen Lodge is nearly complete, providing 27 additional homes, all of which are designed to be 'dementia friendly' with the first residents expected to move in in November. Alongside this, planning applications are being prepared for the development of Extra Care schemes at Oakhaven and the 33 home extension at Marjorie Waite Court, delivering accommodation to support independence for those with some care needs.

At Burnholme, construction of the library and community centre is progressing well. The retained buildings are being modified and the steelwork for the new accommodation is being erected. Ashley House and HC1 have submitted plans for the Burnholme Health & Wellbeing Campus site for a new 80 bed residential and nursing care home on the site. In addition a total of 75 homes are planned for the site.

For people with a high level of need, we are progressing the development of new residential and nursing care provision. To facilitate this, we have recently started consultation with residents in Windsor House on options to close the home in early 2018. We recognise that this consultation process can be an unsettling and upsetting one and officers are working closely with the residents, families and staff to make sure they have the support and advice they need throughout.

Last week, at Lowfield Green, a planning application for 140 homes and accommodation for older persons on the former Lowfield school site was submitted. The older persons element of the scheme comprises a 70-bed care home, offering residential, nursing and dementia care with 18 apartments and 26 two-bedroomed bungalows, all of which are wheelchair accessible.

The new homes element is a total of 96 two, three, and four-bedroomed houses to be offered on a variety of affordable ownership and rental options. In addition, there will be facility for six self-build homes and up to 19 community plots as well as a health and public service building.

I want to emphasise what a great step forward this Lowfield planning application is. After lying idle for around 10 years, this previously developed site is now being brought forward for development as a high-quality, mixed tenure sustainable community; the largest housing development promoted by the Council since 1988 and a significant contributor to meeting the demand for housing in the city.

## **York Central**

The regeneration of this strategic 72 hectare (180 acre) brownfield site, one of the largest in the country, is being promoted by the York Central Partnership (YCP). YCP is made up of Network Rail (NR) the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA), the National Railway Museum (NRM), and City of York Council (CYC).

The delivery of York Central is essential to the economic growth of York and the regional economy and will make a significant contribution to meeting housing demand in the city. It is estimated that on completion, the development of this site will add over £1billion to the local economy, increasing the city's GDP by up to 20%. In early 2016, an informal consultation on the principles of redeveloping the site showed clear public support for the concept.

Although the site has been identified for redevelopment for many years, previous attempts at delivery have been unsuccessful. However, considerable progress has been made of late and we are now finally in a position where all partners' ambitions for the site are aligned and many of the historic hurdles are being overcome.

For example, the YCP has been formed, operational land has been cleared and land ownership has been concentrated in the partners' hands, Housing Zone status has been conferred bringing investment from the HCA, an Enterprise Zone has been established bringing with it the prospect of significant additional business rates income to the Council, and finally a significant level of enabling funding has been provided by the West Yorkshire Transport Fund, the York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP), the Leeds City region LEP, the HCA and Department of Communities and Local Government.

The next major step now to proceeding with the regeneration of this important site, bounded as it is by operational railway lines, is to approve the provision of a new vehicular access into the site. To this end following a wide consultation process on three of the possible locations and routes for the access, a detailed report will be presented to Executive in November detailing the various characteristics and merits of each option.

The YCP has established a series of masterplanning and development principles which is being used to shape the spatial plan for the site and the commercial arrangements for delivery. At the heart of these are the joint objectives to meet housing demand, deliver economic growth, and create a high-quality place which will complement the rest of the city and integrate with existing adjoining communities.

The selection of the access option will inform the final spatial layout of the site thus enabling the masterplan to be consulted on and finalised. This will then pave the way for the preparation and submission of planning applications, before which comprehensive pre-application consultation will be carried out.

**Cllr. David Carr**  
**Leader of the Council**

**Abbreviations:**

CYC – City of York Council  
GDP – Gross Domestic Product  
HCA – Homes and Communities Agency  
HC1 – Care Partner  
LEP – Local Enterprise Partnership  
MoU – Memorandum of Understanding  
NRM – National Railway Museum  
NR – Network Rail  
YCP – York Central Partnership

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Meeting	Executive
Date	31 August 2017
Present	Councillors Carr (Chair), Gillies, Lisle, Rawlings and Runciman (Minute Item 41 only)

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## **PART B - MATTERS REFERRED TO COUNCIL**

### **51. Investment in New Extra Care Accommodation for Older People at Marjorie Waite Court following the closure of Burton Stone Lane Community Centre**

The Programme Director, Older Persons' Accommodation and Strategic Services Manager presented a report providing information on the outcome of public consultation concerning the future of Burton Stone Lane Community Centre and were asked to confirm its closure and approve investment into the provision of new Extra Care accommodation for older people and new community facilities in its place.

The Executive were asked to agree to invest in new Extra Care accommodation for older people and new community facilities as an extension to Marjorie Waite Court following the closure of Burton Stone Lane Community Centre.

Recommendation: That Executive recommend to Council that the estimated £6.667m of gross cost for the Marjorie Waite Court extension and the community facilities are added to the Capital Programme with the costs to be funded from the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) investment reserve, recycled right to buy receipts, other Housing Capital Receipts and capital held by the Older Persons Accommodation Programme for the purpose of expanding the provision of accommodation with care with the receipts received from the sale of Older People's Shared Ownership properties being used to reduce the gross cost of the scheme.

Reason: In order to delivery a more cost-efficient community facility service and increase the supply of Extra Care accommodation with care to address the changing needs and aspirations amongst York's older population and ensuring that more can choose to live independently at home.

**52. Q1 Capital Programme Monitor**

The Deputy Chief Executive & Director of Customer & Corporate Services presented a report which set out the projected outturn position for 2017/18 including any under/overspends and adjustments, along with requests to re-profile budgets to/from current and future years.

Recommendation: That Executive recommend to Full Council the adjustments resulting in a decrease in the 2017/18 budget of £14.065m as detailed in the report and contained in Annex A.

Resolved: To enable the effective management and monitoring of the Council's capital programme

Cllr D Carr, Chair

[The meeting started at 5.30 pm and finished at 7.50 pm].

## Report to council by interim Deputy Leader Cllr Andrew Waller

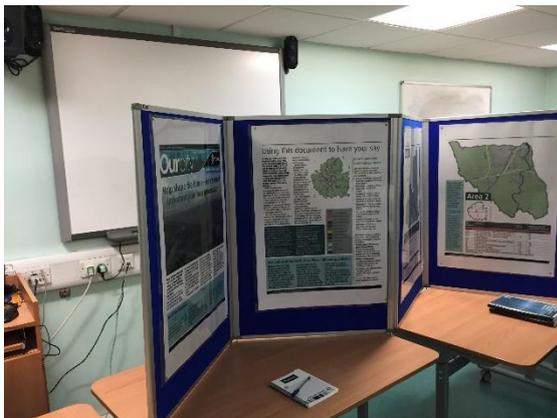
### 1. Local Plan Consultation



Public consultation on the Local Plan has been launched I would encourage all residents to become involved as it is a long term strategy for the city and land use for a generation. All residents should have received an edition of Our City specially dealing with the subject.

Ensuring that major developments in the city are sustainable and work with plans to improve flood defences, improve air quality, and don't overload existing infrastructure will be important for the city. The retention of

open space is a major question being raised in a number of parts of the city.



There have been a number of local sessions including the one above at Acomb Explore Library at which residents have been able to speak with officers and complete their own comments forms.

It is vital that residents receive sufficient information in order to participate meaningfully. This has been of major concern in terms of recent consultations on major development proposals in the city. Openness from the council will be essential to generate trust with residents in terms of planning assumptions and the ways in which air quality and sustainability will be integral to the developments.

I am grateful for council officers in Münster in a visit in September (which was before the Civic visit linked to the official 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary twinning

celebrations) for detailing the way in which they had consulted with their public on the development proposals for the York and Oxford Barracks which have been vacated by the British Army and are now available for inclusion within the city. This issue had been raised by the Münster's Oberbürgermeister Markus Lewe speaking at the One Planet York conference at the University of York earlier this year. I am feeding this experience into the current consultation processes with York Central and other active public consultations on major development as it is vital that the city ensures that these are as sustainable as possible to be lasting legacies for future generations.



I was also grateful for the time taken by officers in Münster to detail progress with the electric bus fleet there, and how there can be closer co-operation between York and the teams there with practical experience and training.

## **2. Budget Consultation**

The consultation on the council budget has a more extensive public consultation this year and given this is always the most significant decision of council it is important that all residents have their say, and feel that their views have been considered in the process.

The main Central government grant provided for 40% of the council's income in 2012/13 but fell to just seven per cent last year. By 2020, York will receive no government grant. That means the services the council provides will have to be funded from a share of business rates, from the council tax and through any fees and costs it charges.

Residents can complete the survey online or in paper form through the special Our City which has been produced for this purpose.

The online consultation will close on Friday, 15 December. Printed questionnaire responses from Our City must be received by Friday, 1 December.

### **3. Regional Aspects on future investment**

There have been significant meetings of Leeds City Region (LCR) Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) and West Yorkshire Combined Authority at which the case for York station to receive the same attention as Leeds Station has been made to ensure that we don't miss out on the advantages which come from future enhancements of the rail network. The importance of maintaining York's position as a rail hub is vital for the continued economic investment in the city. I have made the case for plans being developed for submission to Government later this year, making clear the importance of York to this side of the city region, and our neighbouring council areas who will benefit. It has been disappointing to see the rolling back of plans to electrify the rail network in the North of England, the link between Leeds and York is a specific project which should have been made years ago to assist with the operation of the East Coast Mainline and would assist with the ultimate aim of speeding up connections across the North.

More details are available via the link below:

<http://westyorkshire.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=133&MId=471>

### **4. Future Energy**

There are a number of programmes across the region and at city level to review the proposals for future clean energy generation and these are developing at a pace which reflects the rate of change of technology.

#### **a) Resource Efficiency Fund**

The LCR Green Economy Panel is leading on the Resource Efficiency Fund (REF).

They can offer free efficiency assessments, hands-on business support and 50% capital grant funding of up to £10,000 to help companies save money and resources.

To be eligible for support, a business must be:

- A small or medium sized enterprise (SME), defined as:
- having fewer than 250 employees AND
- a turnover of under c £40m OR a balance sheet of under c £35m

- not being part of a larger group of companies that takes it over this threshold
- Based in the Leeds City Region excluding Barnsley
- In an eligible sector - this generally excludes primary agriculture, banking and financial services, and (for grants in particular) those trading directly with consumers - e.g. retail and hospitality
- Able to provide evidence of your previous energy and resource consumption, for example your previous utility bills.

### **b) Energy Accelerator**

This programme will provide grant funding and specialist expertise to help public and private sector organisations in Leeds City Region develop low carbon local energy projects. It will help projects get off the ground, providing technical support and advice along the journey from concept to investment-ready proposition.

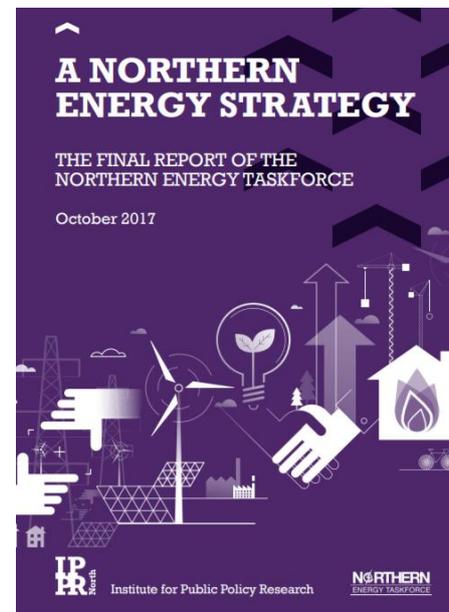
<http://www.the-lep.com/for-investors/energy-investment/>

### **c) Community Energy**

The council is working on a scheme with Community Energy York for more PVs and with other organisations to develop local sources of energy which reduce our dependency on external sources and reduce losses in distribution.

### **d) Northern Energy Strategy**

With some input from York into the consultation over the summer by the Institute for Public Policy Research there has been work drawing together a plan for a £15 Billion 100,000 job low carbon energy plan which could see an “Energy for the North” being established along the lines of Transport for the North. Whilst some features relating to nuclear power and its professed agnosticism on the matter of shale gas extraction will lead to future debates on detailed implementation, there are many proposals which link up with the work of the LCR Green Economy Panel. Ensuring that York is connected to these new proposals will enable a greater engineering future for our young people.



## 5. Ouse Safety Plan

I observed Exercise Mashua on the 9<sup>th</sup> October which was a live multi-agency exercise to test the River Ouse Emergency Plan which is led and maintained the by ROSAG (River Ouse Safety Advisory Group) which is chaired by CYC Emergency Planning.



The aim of the exercise was to test a multi-agency response to an incident involving a City Cruise boat with multiple casualties. This involved simulating a tree falling onto a boat and injuring people

who subsequently needed rescuing. Volunteer casualties were taken off the City Cruise boat onto the Fire and Rescue or York Rescue boats and taken to the Bishopthorpe Marina where an ambulance casualty clearing station was set up. From there they were taken to the survivor reception centre (SRC) run by the Major Incident Response Team (MIRT) team. Testing the SRC was the main objective for CYC and coincides with the Rest Centre Plan which is currently being reviewed.

Partners that took part in the exercise include CYC, all three emergency services, including the specialist Ambulance HART (Hazardous Area Response Team) team, MIRT, York Rescue Boat, City Cruise York, Canal and Rivers Trust and a variety of other agencies as observers.



The exercise took approximately 6 months of planning lead by CYC Emergency Planning and supported by a team of 14 people in the planning group. In total there were 180 participants including exercise facilitators, responders and casualties. I

understand that due to the scale of the exercise this is not done every year but on a 3 to 5 year basis.

The ROSAG group will now look at lessons identified in the exercise and how these can be embedded into organisations and the plan. A post exercise report will be issued in due course and I would like to thank all officers, partners and volunteers who worked on the day, and in the months leading up to the exercise.

Cllr Andrew Waller  
October 2017

**Abbreviations:**

CYC – City of York Council

HART – Hazardous Area Response Team

LCR – Leeds City Region

LEP – Local Enterprise Partnership

MIRT - Major Incident Response Team

PVs - Photovoltaic cells

REF – Resource Efficiency Fund

ROSAG – River Ouse Safety Advisory Group

SME – Small or medium sized enterprise

SRC – Survivor Reception Centre

**Report of the Executive Member for Transport and Planning  
To Full Council – 26 October 2017**

**Summary of Successful Funding Bids within the last 12 months relating to the Transport and Planning portfolio:-**

- **Ultra Low Emission** - £3.3m
- **National Productivity Investment Fund** - £626k
- **West Yorkshire Plus Transport Fund Grant**
  - York Central - £37.4m
  - Outer Ring Road - £34.2m
- **Dft Pothole Spotter** – £250k
- **Access Funding Programme** - £1.3m over 3 years
- **Scarborough Bridge** - £4.9m
- **Council has released Lendal Bridge Reserve to spend on highway and transport initiatives** - £676k

**Transport**

A great deal has been achieved over the last 12 months in the transport area - ranging from the upgrade of traffic signals across the city to the successful reinstatement of camera enforcement of Coppergate access restrictions. The city has also been awarded significant funding, including £3.3m from the Low Emission Bus Scheme, to deliver future transport improvements across the city.

The key highlights in the Transport Area are identified in the following sections.

- 9 Resident Parking Schemes in progress
- In excess of 100 new/amended Traffic Regulation Order's (TRO's) in progress (Annual Review)
- Many events days with successful traffic management plans agreed - approved, including Micklegate Soapbox, Marathon, York Races
- Multiple developments with new and improved highways in progress, e.g. Terry's, Hungate, Grain stores, Poor Clares.
- Coordination and inspection services in respect of over 2000 Streetworks (Utility) Notices.

## **Sustainable Transport**

**James Street Link Road Phase 2** – The final section of the link road (Eboracum Way) connecting Layerthorpe and Heworth Green was opened in June. The road was delivered jointly with the developer of the Travelodge site completing the route from Hull Road to Heworth Green commenced in 2006 reducing congestion on Foss Bank and Foss Islands Road.

**Park & Ride contract** –The Park & Ride contract has been successful procured to operate from 2018 to 2026 with an improvement to emissions levels (including introduction of new fully electric buses) and retention of the same frequency of service currently provided. The Low Emission Bus Scheme grant will enable further enhancement of the vehicles to deliver an electric Park & Ride service.

**Sustainable Travel Access Fund** – The Council has been awarded £1.3m of Government funding for a three year programme of sustainable travel measures which, working with partners, will encourage consideration of sustainable modes of travel, through a programme engaging educational establishments, businesses and the wider York community to improve air quality and ease pressure on the highway network across the City.

**‘York by bus card’** launched with ‘All York’ (multi-operator), First York, Yorkshire Coastliner and Park & Ride products available for purchase from 17 automatic vending kiosks and the Bus and Visitor information point at York railway station. Over £360k of transactions since May 2016.

**Clarence Street** – New signals activated, road re-surfaced and relined. The signal changes will reduce journey times in to York by 1 minute in the AM peak from Clarence Street (resulting in faster bus journey times).

**Bus journey time interventions** on main York radial routes – These include changes to traffic signals which have resulted in a journey time saving of 2 minutes on buses using Fulford Road in the AM peak.

**Scarborough Bridge** – £4.9m of funding has been secured from the Council, York North Yorkshire East Riding LEP and West Yorkshire Combined Authority to deliver a 3.6m wide foot/cyclebridge replacement with new approach ramps. A planning application will be submitted in November with completion of the scheme anticipated in January 2019.

**Air Quality** – The conversion of all of the tour buses to electric operation has taken longer than anticipated but will be complete by the end of 2017/18. Development work for the Go Ultra Low Rapid Chargers is being progressed with the first charger hub to be delivered at Monks Cross.

### **Major Schemes**

**West Yorkshire Transport Fund** – The city has formally joined the fund gaining access to £85m of funding for York Central Access and Outer Ring Road Upgrade schemes to be delivered by 2021/22.

**Outer Ring Road Upgrade** - Development work is ongoing in line with the July Executive Report programme. Subject to land acquisition the first upgrade at Wetherby Road will commence in mid 2018.

**Outer Ring Road Dualling** – Over the next 18 months the council will use £295k awarded from the West Yorkshire Transport Transformational Fund to undertake pre-feasibility work to establish the strategic case for upgrading the route to dual carriageway standard.

**York Central Access** – The York Central Partnership are currently reviewing the results of the access options consultation. Works to the front of the station including the demolition of Queen Street Bridge are currently being explored with Archaeological investigations being planned for early 2018.

**A19/Crockey Hill Junction** – To reduce outbound delays at the A19/A64 junction capacity enhancements are being delivered at Crockey Hill. Preparatory Utility and site clearance work will be undertaken in the autumn with the main works planned to commence in January.

### **Network Management**

**A Boards** – City Centre controls have been put in place after many years of debate with a licensing system introduced on Micklegate. A review of the impact of the restrictions will be undertaken in 2018.

**Coppergate** – Bus Lane Enforcement has been successfully reintroduced. Non-compliance levels have reduced considerably.

**Fossgate** – A trial reversal of the traffic flow in Fossgate was introduced in September which aims to reduce the impact of vehicles on this area of the city. Subject to the results of the trial changes expected to be

presented to a Decision Session in early 2018 changes to the highway layout would then be delivered later in the year.

**Traffic Signal Asset Renewal** – This programme will see the refurbishment of more than 40 traffic signal installations across the York area. In year one of the programme in 2016/17, nine traffic signals were upgraded: 5 pedestrian crossings, 4 junction replacements. A further 6 pedestrian crossings and 5 junctions will be upgraded in 2017/18. All of the installations allow for improved, remote management of the traffic signals. A priority bicycle traffic signal on this key cycle route was introduced at the Skeldergate / North Street / Bridge Street / Micklegate junction.

**Highways lining** – Over 400km of Road markings refreshed across city.

**Traffic Innovation TTRIG / CITS** – The Government has awarded over £460k to CYC to implement traffic signal trials in preparation for the introduction of connected and autonomous vehicles on the UK's roads in the coming years. This work will be concentrated on the A59 corridor over the next 18 months.

**CCTV** – Gough and Kelly have been awarded the contract to operate and maintain the city's CCTV operation starting in November. The Council continues to work with North Yorkshire Police to explore enhancing the cost effectiveness of CCTV provision for the city.

### **Parking Services**

Introduction of a partnership between Parking Services and Veritau to tackle and prosecute Blue Badge fraud.

Developing stronger partnerships with the Police, Make It York and BID to help address congestion in the foot streets from delivery vehicles.

Introduction of card only Pay and Display machines as well as an increase in card/cash machines.

Tendering of a new pay by phone parking payment service, that brought in the UK's leading provider, RingGo, saving the Council £10K in comparison to the previous service. Also providing savings to customers who are not now charged for purchases under £5.

We have increased our Parking Enforcement capacity including Bus Wardens now issuing PCNs in key areas.

## **Highway Maintenance**

This report provides an update of the service performance delivered in highway maintenance commencing April 2017. The report identifies the proposed programmes of work through to completion.

### **Resurfacing and Reconstruction Works (R&R)**

2016 /17 Footway & Carriageway, Maintenance programme.

- 81 Programmed footway schemes, 47 completed to date
- 30 Programmed carriageway schemes 16 completed to date

### **Basic Maintenance**

- Total masons repairs carried out 369 jobs repairing 904 M<sup>2</sup>
- Total tarmac repairs carried out to date 798 jobs repairing 6'964m<sup>2</sup>

### **Street Lighting**

- Structural testing of steel columns 8,402 to date
- Column replacement 295 replaced to date
- Led lanterns replaced 405 to date
- Phase 2 to commence January 2018 - 810 column and LED lanterns identified for replacement from the structural report.

### **Winter Maintenance**

- Preparedness for winter maintenance is underway, including salt bin review vehicle maintenance and winter service plan.

### **Bar walls/Clifford tower colour changing LED scheme:**

Clifford's Tower and Bar Wall Complete Replacement of floodlights at three sections and linked to the station frontage scheme. This can now offer colour change facilities for specific calendar dates etc to promote certain days/events.

### **Micklegate Bar**

Work to remove the scaffold will commence this week. The works to the Bar have included the full and complete removal of the roof, repairs and renewal of the roof timbers including installation of insulation and a breathable membrane. The roof has been raised to improve the pitch and control of rain water and moisture penetration. The Stone work has been cleaned and re-pointed where required and the coat of arms has been carefully repainted. All gutters and downfall pipes have been repaired and there has been 19 motion detectors installed to the Bar to

monitor masonry movement. Works are complete this week and the road is planned to be reopened on the 30<sup>th</sup> October.

### **Pot hole spotter**

The **Department for Transport** announced on Friday 13 January 2017 a trial with **Thurrock, Wiltshire** and **York Council** including private sector SMEs, **Gaist** and **SOENECS**, to use High Definition Cameras on refuse collection vehicles and on buses, and Cycles within York – this work is ongoing under the supervision of Department for Transport (DfT).

### **Highways Maintenance**

The maintenance team are working closely with the Yorkshire Alliance updating intelligence and policies to align with the new DfT code of practice for Highway Maintenance and good asset management which is expected to be adopted by the Council in early 2018.

### **Development Services**

The Development Management Service has co-ordinated and negotiated successful outcomes for a number of significant planning proposals for the City over the last year. Pre- application discussion have been instigated in relation to key strategic sites at York Central and Castle Piccadilly, and the service is helping to facilitate the delivery of the Elderly Person's accommodation and Council Housing development strategies.

### **Planning Performance**

For the year to 30<sup>th</sup> September, York exceeded the national targets for percentage of applications decided within the time statutory target time period or in the agreed time in every application category:-

<b>Type</b>	<b>York</b>	<b>National Target</b>
<b>Major</b>	84%	60%
<b>Minor</b>	79.29%	65%
<b>Other</b>	87.47%	80%

With regard to the Government's new statistics in relation to the quality of decisions made (based on the percentage of appeals overturned compared to the total number of decisions and on the number of older applications), for 2 years to 30<sup>th</sup> June York was well within the top 20% of authorities in England in dealing with minor and other category applications.

### **Proportion of Applications Approved**

In York in the year to 30<sup>th</sup> June, 91% of applications were granted, above the national average of 88%. This is despite the high quality environment and heritage asset constraints on development and demonstrates that we work with applicants to seek acceptable solutions, rather than just refusing applications without engagement.

### **Appeals Performance**

For the year to the end of June, 20% of appeals decided were allowed; well below the national average of 34%. This indicates that where we are refusing applications, the decisions are not taken lightly and it is usually with sound reasoning.

### **Land Charges and Property Gazetteer**

In March at the Land Data Local Land Charges Awards for Excellence the Council's Local Land Charges Section were runners up in the Best Performing Local Authority at National Land Information Service Level 3 Local Land Charges Department, for the speed and quality of the service

The Local Land and Property Gazetteer team also received a gold achievement award at the Geoplace Exemplar Awards in May, for the quality and accuracy of address data.

### **Joint Working**

York has continued to manage the Building Control Service for Harrogate Council, and has recently provided managerial support for Selby Council's Development Management Service during a service review and recruitment process. This has had mutual benefits in initiating joint improvement projects and identifying process efficiencies at the authorities involved.

### **Strategic Planning**

Local Plan is progressing and is covered under the Leader's report.

## **Neighbourhood Planning**

**Poppleton Neighbourhood Plan** – This is our first Neighbourhood Plan to have reached the final stages of the process. Examination on the Plan commenced in January 2017 with the Examiners report issued in May. A Referendum was held on the Upper and Nether Poppleton Neighbourhood Plan on Wednesday 23 August 2017. The result was 'Yes'. Upper and Nether Poppleton Neighbourhood Plan will be progressed through the Local Plan Working Group and Executive.

We continue to work on progressing 14 other Neighbourhood Plans in the Authority including progress on Micklegate as our first Neighbourhood Forum and Plan Area.

## **Design/Conservation**

**Input on major planning pre apps, applications and conditions – to date include:-**

- **Guildhall** (Grade I, II\* & II) for its continued civic use and development into serviced offices and restaurants. Listed Building Consent (LBC) & planning achieved.
- **Nestle** main factory building reuse as private residential and community uses (Cream & almond building & listed library). LBC & planning achieved summer 2017 and pre app engagement now started on the main masterplan site.
- **Bootham Park Hospital** (Grade I, II\* & II) culminating in current application for new Mental Health services building at Haxby Rd site.
- **Assembly Rooms** (Grade I) assistance on emergency repair of ceiling. LBC achieved.
- **Mansion House** (Grade I) ongoing input into LBC.
- **Hudson House** demolition and redevelopment into four significant sized buildings adjacent to city walls (planning permission)
- **Refurbishment of Stonebow House** (conditions). Refurbishment almost complete.

## **Licensing**

The taxis and private hire trade make an important contribution to the local transport system with the authority area. They provide a flexible

form of public transport, providing a service in situations where other forms of transport are not available (rural areas and late evenings). They can play an important role in improving accessibility to those with a range of impairments such as mental health conditions, sensory impairments and dementia as well as physical disabilities in accessing services, communicating and travelling independently. They are used by all social groups.

CYC currently issues licences to:

- hackney carriage vehicles 183
- hackney carriage drivers 289
- private hire vehicles 588
- private hire drivers 607
- private hire operators 61

Administration of the taxi licensing policy is undertaken by the Gambling, Licensing and Regulatory Committee and not directly part of my portfolio.

### **Training for Private Hire and Taxi drivers**

As of September 2017 a new training requirement has been introduced for new driver applicants 'Knowledge and Safeguarding Training'. This training covers a variety of topics aimed at helping applicants in their new role:

- Disability Awareness;
- Child and Adult Safeguarding;
- Sexual Exploitation;
- Equality Awareness;
- Customer Service;
- Legislation and Byelaws; and
- York's Pedestrian Zone awareness

As the council limits the number of hackney carriage vehicle licences issued, it is best practice that an unmet demand survey is undertaken once every three years. A survey has been commissioned the results of which will be taken to Gambling, Licensing and Regulatory Committee.

### **Working with neighbouring Councils**

As the council is a member of the combined authorities group, along with authorities from West Yorkshire, officers are working on joint approaches in relation to certain areas of taxi licensing, for example vehicles standards and conviction policy. Cross border enforcement

authorisation has been agreed by the six authorities, this will enable authorised officers from the council to take relevant enforcement action against licensed vehicles/drivers from the West Yorkshire Authorities who are operating in York.

### **National policy issues**

Taxi licensing legislation is outdated, it still mentions a horse and carriage, and has not kept up with technology. Following a recommendation by the LGA the Chair of GLR Committee, I wrote to our local MPs asking them to lobby Parliament, asking that taxi licensing reform is put on the agenda. The Minister of State, John Hayes, has established a Taxi and Private Hire Task and Finish Group to consider the adequacy and efficiency of legislation and guidance concerning the licensing of taxis and private hire in England. This group is chaired by Bolton University's Professor Mohammed Abdel-Haq.

### **Digital Infrastructure**

Building on from being the first city in the country to benefit from a fibre based broadband private sector funded initiative, our digital landscape continues to be enhanced through a blend of both public and significant private sector funding models with particular reference to the active Talk Talk and Virgin programmes in our city.

Our developing digital landscape is already providing new opportunities and support for thousands of businesses based here and a better quality of life and value for our residents, and the confirmed growth of this key enabling utility, will help York to remain one of the UK's top digital infrastructure cities.

This reflects the council and our partners' ambition to make York the first truly gigabit and well connected city, which has been identified as a key city building block for the Government's industrial strategy.

Our fibre network has benefited from several funding streams and private sector investment which has laid an infrastructure supporting bids to create a city-wide intelligent transport management system and that's ready to support 5G.

Our connectivity is not only helping to create new jobs and attract investment, but it's making York an enviable business, residential and tourist destination. The gigabit network and widespread WiFi allows creative companies to communicate and exchange data with global clients at blistering speeds in an inspirational city.

Councillor Ian Gillies

**Executive Member for Transport and Planning**

**Abbreviations:**

CITS – Corporate Intelligent Transport Systems

CYC – City of York Council

DfT – Department for Transport

GLR – Gambling, Licensing and Regulatory Committee

LBC – Listed Building Consent

LGA – Local Government Association

MP – Members of Parliament

SME – Small and Medium-sized Enterprise

SOENECS -Social, ENvironmental & EConomic Services

TTRIG – Transport Technical Research Innovation Grant

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**Report of the Chair of Customer & Corporate Services  
Scrutiny Management Committee**

**26 October 2017**

1. This report is submitted by the Chair of Customer & Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee (CSMC), in accordance with the constitutional requirements set out in Standing order 8.3 (m) to update Council on scrutiny work and to set out any recommendations such as may be made to Council in relation to that work.

**Finance and Performance**

2. Since the last report to on 20 July 2017 the Customer & Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee, the Health, Housing and Adult Social Care Policy and Scrutiny Committee and the Economy and Place Scrutiny Committee have considered their end of year Finance and Performance Monitoring Report while the Customer & Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee, Economy and Place Scrutiny Committee, the Health, Housing and Adult Social Care Policy and Scrutiny Committee Children, Education and Communities Policy and Scrutiny Committee have all considered their 1<sup>st</sup> quarter Monitoring Reports. Finance and Performance reports are not within the terms of reference of the Economy & Place Policy Development Committee.

**Attendance of Executive Members**

3. The Deputy Executive Leader (Economic Development and Community Engagement) and the Executive Member for Environment both attended the July meeting of the Economy and Place Policy Development Committee to provide an overview of their priorities and challenges for the municipal year both these executive Members also attended the August meeting of the Economy and Place Scrutiny Committee, along with the Executive Member for Transport and Planning.

**Pre-Decision Call-Ins**

4. The Economy and Place Scrutiny Committee has considered one Called-In item since the last report to Council. In September the considered the Future Management of Allotments Next Steps and Member comments and recommendations were included for submission in a report to the Executive Member for Culture, Leisure and Tourism ahead of a future Executive Member Decision Session.

### **Post-Decision Call-Ins**

5. The Customer and Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee has considered one Called-In item since the last report to Council, In August members considered the Called-In Item: City of York Local Plan and agreed there were no grounds to make specific recommendations to the Executive and therefore confirmed the Executive decision of 13 July.

### **Customer & Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee**

#### Petitions

6. At each of its meetings, this Committee continues to receive its standing report on Council petitions providing details of new petitions received by the Council and the appropriate course of action.

#### Scrutiny Work

7. The Customer and Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee has met twice since the last report of this kind. In July the Committee considered a presentation by the North Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner on the future Governance of North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service. In September they considered update reports on Consultation on the Council's Draft ICT Policy and Section 106 Agreements and overview reports on Financial Inclusion and CYC Sickness Absence.

### **Health, Housing & Adult Social Care Policy & Scrutiny Committee**

8. The Health, Housing & Adult Social Care Policy & Scrutiny Committee has met twice since the last report to Council. In late July the Committee considered a report on Be Independent's End of Year Position, a report on The Retreat's Action Plan following a recent Care Quality Commission inspection and the Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Annual Assurance Report. Members were also given an introduction to the work of Safer York Partnership and considered a report on the city's new Community Safety Strategy.
9. In September the Committee considered a report on Consultation in the new Mental Health Strategy for York and an update report on York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust's financial situation. They also received a report on the Implications of the Homelessness Reduction Act and an update report on fire safety in the city.

10. Since the restructure of scrutiny committees to align with directorates and the addition of housing matters to this committee's work load, a number of reports previously considered at meetings of the former Health and Adult Social Care Policy and Scrutiny Committee are now dealt with via email and are only brought to committee if members raise any concerns. Since the last report to council these have included the Annual report of the Tees Esk and Wear Valleys Foundation Trust – the mental health services provider in the city; A further update report on community service provision and delivering Home First following the closure of Archways Intermediate Care Unit; York Teaching Hospital NHS FT's Annual Report; Yorkshire Ambulance Service Annual Report and the Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group's Annual Report.

### **Children, Education & Communities Policy & Scrutiny Committee**

11. This Committee has met once since the last report to Council. In September the Committee considered an update report on a York Trial of 30 Hours Free Childcare for Working Families and the Bi-Annual progress report on Safeguarding and Looked After Children. Members also considered the Learning Services end of year update report and received a presentation on the Vision for the city's library service. Finally, they considered update reports on the implementation of recommendations from previously completed Ward Funding Scrutiny Review and the Play Opportunities Scrutiny Review.

### **Economy and Place Policy Development Committee**

12. This Committee has met twice since the last report of this nature. In late July Members received an introductory presentation on City of York Council fleet generated emissions in support of a proposed CYC Emissions Policy Development Review. In September the Committee received a detailed presentation on the medium term future of urban transport and what it means for York.

### **Economy and Place Scrutiny Committee**

13. This Committee has met twice since the last report to Council. In August Members an evaluation report of Air Quality on New Developments and a briefing paper on Building Controls and Fire Safety. In October Members received a progress report on Allerton Park Waste Recovery Treatment Centre and a bi-annual update on CYC's Flood Defences Action Plan from the Environment Agency. They also received a presentation on the operation of CYC's commercial portfolio.

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

**School Admission and/or Exclusion Appeals Panel**

To appoint the following panellists:

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Jenny Caldwell  
Shirley Chapman  
John Robinson  
Wayne Barnacal  
Margaret Manning

Non-Lay

Mererid Hunt  
Liz McAllister  
Heather Atkinson  
Mike Goode  
Vince Wright  
John Manning  
Garry Hancock  
Sandra Whitson

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