



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 **Guildhall, York**, to consider the business contained in this agenda on the following date and time

Thursday, 28 June 2007 at 6.35 pm

A G E N D A

1. Declarations of Interest

At this point Members are asked to declare any personal or prejudicial interests they may have in the business on this agenda.

2. Minutes (Pages 1 - 22)

To approve and sign the minutes of the ordinary Council meeting held on 12 April 2007 and the Annual Council meeting held on 24 May 2007.

3. Civic Announcements

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

4. Public Participation

It is at this point in the meeting that members of the public who have registered their wish to speak regarding an item on the agenda or an issue within the remit of Council may do so. Anyone who wishes to register, or requires further information, is requested to contact the Democracy Officer for this meeting. Contact details are listed at the foot of this agenda. The deadline for registering is **5:00pm on Wednesday 27 June 2007**.

5. Petitions

To consider any petitions received from Members in accordance with Standing Order No.7. To date, notice has been received of petitions to be presented by:

- i) Cllr Potter, on behalf of the residents of Morrit Close, requesting that bungalows be built on the Council land adjacent to their homes.

6. Notices of Motion (Pages 23 - 38)

To consider the following Notices of Motion under Standing Order 11:

A – Motions referred from the Executive in accordance with Standing Order 11(a)(i) (*copies of the relevant report to the Executive are attached and an extract from the Executive minutes will be circulated at the meeting*)

(i) From Cllr Scott

“Council instructs Council officers as a matter of urgency to seek to retain the option of a pool on the Kent Street site. To enable the re-provision of a pool on the site this Council asks

- a) That officers take no active steps to promote the sale of the site, save as might be required by law;
- b) That officers enter into negotiations to withdraw from the agreed sale.
- c) The £2m funding currently earmarked for a University Pool to be retained by the Council for pump priming a pool development at the Kent Street site or other appropriate city centre location.
- d) Officers provide a report which examines alternative design solutions for a replacement pool including examining
 - i) whether an agreement can be reached with the car park owner for car parking facilities to provide the customer parking off the coach park site, or
 - ii) the possible release of the end bay of the car park, and
 - iii) the redesigning of the previously proposed pool etc to provide front servicing to remove the need for the access road to the back.”

B – Motions submitted for consideration directly by Council, in accordance with Standing Orders 11(a)(ii)

(ii) From Cllr SF Galloway

“Council:

- a) Notes the publication of the important *Future York* report on the economic well being of the City
- b) Places on record its thanks to Christopher Garnett and the other members of the Future York Group for the time that they have invested and the quality and depth of the report that they have produced.
- c) Welcomes the underlying conclusion of the report which is an endorsement of the economic strategy that has been pursued by the Council on behalf of the City for the last few years
- d) Urges residents and local businesses to consider and make their views known on the recommendations made in the report so that when the Council comes to consider its reaction, it can do so confident that, any refinements

which may be necessary to the City's economic strategy, will have the support of the local community."

(iii) From Cllr Orrell

- a) "Council extends a welcome to the new Chief Constable Graham Maxwell and looks forward to further cementing the constructive partnership with his staff which has led to significant reductions in crime levels in our City over the last 2 years.
- b) Whilst Council recognises the financial pressures being felt by many public agencies including the Police, it would be deeply concerned if any reduction in "front line" neighbourhood or reactive policing resources were advocated as a way of tackling any budget deficit.
- c) Council looks forward to discussing with the new Chief Constable how it may cooperate in addressing some of the more intractable issues in the City including the levels of violent crime, traffic speeds & anti social behaviour generally together with the causes, consequences and possible remedies for drug and alcohol abuse."

(iv) From Cllr Potter

"The York Older People's Assembly, a registered charity representing the majority of York citizens over 50, call upon the City of York Council to urgently consider a grant of £6,000 so as to add to monies received by the Assembly from the North Yorkshire & York Primary Care Trust.

This will enable the Assembly is able to employ a part-time member of staff for 16 hours per week at Scale 4 (Local Government scales).

This will allow the Assembly to: -

- 1) Expand its contacts with older people in their own settings.
- 2) Aid its applications for alternative funding sources.
- 3) Embed and extend current work plans.
- 4) Ensure that it remains the key representative body for older people in the City of York Council area.
- 5) Be the key City of York Council focus of consultation with

older people in the City.

6) Ensure Council services meet the needs of its older citizens.”

(v) From Cllr Galvin

“That an additional Council Meeting be held at or around the end of July to enable any Council business to be dealt with effectively between the current June and October cycles.”

7. Report of Executive Leader and Executive Recommendations (Pages 39 - 40)

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

Meeting	Date	Recommendations
Executive	26 June 2007	Minute 20 – 2007/08 Best Value Performance Plan (BVPP) and Year-End Performance Review of 2006/07 Minute 21 – Statement of Accounts Minute 22 - Corporate Procurement Strategy 2007-2010

(minutes to be circulated at the meeting)

[Copies of the Statement of Accounts (subject to validation) are available for inspection at Guildhall Reception and in the Members’ Library. Hard copies will be circulated to Members on 22 June 2007.]

8. Report of Executive Member (Pages 41 - 46)

To receive a written report from the Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services, and to question the Executive Member

thereon, provided any such questions are registered in accordance with the timescales and procedures set out in Standing Order 8(2)(a).

9. Questions to the Executive Leader and Executive Members received under Standing Order 10(c)

To deal with the following questions to the Executive Leader and / or other Executive Members, in accordance with Standing Order 10(a):

- (i) To the Executive Member for City Strategy, from Cllr Vassie:
“Can the Executive Member report on the success of the relaunched Yozone card?”

[Deferred from the meeting on 12 April 2007 as the guillotine had fallen.]

- (ii) To the Executive Member for Adult Social Services, from Cllr Fraser:
“In the light of continuing failures to maintain services to customers reliant on Home Care, and the recent decision to re-tender part of the contract in the West locality, will the Executive Member for Adult Social Services take responsibility for the inadequate implementation of her decision to reorganise the service?”

[Deferred from the meeting on 12 April 2007 as the guillotine had fallen.]

- (iii) To the Executive Member for Youth and Social Inclusion, from Cllr Gunnell:
““Will the Executive Member for Youth and Social Inclusion explain why the young people of Strensall and Haxby feel excluded?”

[Reworded question submitted in place of one deferred from the meeting on 12 April 2007 as the guillotine had fallen.]

- (iv) To the Executive Leader, from Cllr Potter:
“What action is being taken to ensure that the LPSA2

targets relating to violent crime, vehicle interference, reducing the reporting of noise nuisance and people feeling free from crime and violence will be met so that grant income can be maximised and reinvested into community safety?"

- (v) To the Executive Leader, from Cllr Holvey:
"Would the Leader confirm the current levels of unemployment in the City and compare them with rates over the last few years? Would he provide information on how wage levels are changing in the City and particularly with regard to the traditionally low paid sectors?"
- (vi) To the Executive Member for City Strategy, from Cllr Simpson-Laing:
"Will the Executive Member for City Strategy promise to undertake a review of the Council's Conservation Team in light of the known and expected development that is to come forward in the City over the next decade?"
- (vii) To the Executive Member for City Strategy, from Cllr Simpson-Laing:
"Can the Executive Member for City Strategy explain why the City's Variable Message Signs are not being used to promote modal shift, report on Air Quality and advertise Council Transport Campaigns?"
- (viii) To the Executive Member for City Strategy, from Cllr Simpson-Laing:
"Would the Executive Member for City Strategy join with me in welcoming the Government's latest initiatives on Climate Change, which called for Local Authorities to adopt their own local strategies and inform members when she expects the first papers to go to City Strategy?"
- (ix) To the Executive Member for City Strategy, from Cllr D'Agorne:
"In the light of the 'Future York' recommendations on dualling of the outer ring road, will the Executive Member provide its members and new council members with the Executive summary of the Halcrow Outer Ring Road study, reported to EMAP on July 6th 2005? Could she advise us

what has changed since the conclusion of this report (commissioned by the council) that 'The full dual option results in similar time user benefits to that of upgrading roundabouts... but has a much lower benefit to cost ratio'?"

- (x) To the Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services, from Cllr Potter:

"Can the Executive Member inform Council what plans are being put in place to ensure the roll out of recycling to terraced and flatted areas, and hard to reach properties in the City, in order that residents who live in these types of properties receive a recycling service that is equitable with the rest of the City?"

- (xi) To the Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services, from Cllr Potter:

"Will the Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services ensure that there are staff available to deal with any raised alarms in public disabled toilets, as currently if any alarm is triggered when 'mitie' are not on site there is no-one available to deal with the issues as there is no set procedure in relation to one of the alarms being activated?"

- (xii) To the Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services, from Cllr Taylor:

"Would the Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services agree with me that the Government's Gambling Act of 2005 is both a hurried and hazardous piece of legislation. In light of the recent tragedy related to gambling and the Executive Member's comments in the media in relation to this man's death, would he support a 'no casino clause' if brought forward to Full Council?"

- (xiii) To the Executive Member for Youth and Social Inclusion, from Cllr Orrell:

"Would the Executive Member tell me about the number of applications received for YorKash, and whether he hopes it will be a successful year for the scheme?"

- (xiv) To the Executive Member for Youth and Social Inclusion, from Cllr Fraser:

"Would the Executive Member outline one ambition for his

coming year in office?”

- (xv) To the Executive Member for Housing, from Cllr Hyman:
“Would the Executive Member confirm what progress has been made over the last few years in bringing Council housing in the City up to “decent homes” standard and would she compare this performance with that of other Councils in the region?”
- (xvi) To the Executive Member for Adult Social Services, from Cllr Hogg:
“Could the Executive Member comment on any success that the Council may have had recently in encouraging vulnerable residents to claim the benefits to which they are entitled?”

10. Recommendations from Standards Committee (Pages 47 - 58)

To receive recommendations from Standards Committee for approval, as set out below:

Date	Recommendations
8 June 2007	Minute 6 - The Revised Model Code of Conduct for Local Authority Members 2007

(A copy of the Code is attached and the minute will be circulated at the meeting)

11. Scrutiny - Report of the Chair of the Scrutiny Management Committee (Pages 59 - 60)

To receive a report from Cllr Galvin, the Chair of the Scrutiny Management Committee (SMC) on the work of the SMC.

12. Activities of Outside Bodies

Minutes of the following meetings of outside bodies, received since the last meeting of Council, have been made available for Members to view via the Council’s website at

<http://sql003.york.gov.uk/mgListOutsideBodies.asp?bcr=1>

Copies may also be obtained by contacting Democracy Support Group at the Guildhall, York (tel. 01904 551088)

Details of any minutes available for consideration will be circulated ahead of the meeting.

Members are invited to put any questions to the Council's representatives on the above bodies, in accordance with Standing Order 10(b).

13. Appointments and Changes to Membership (Pages 61 - 120)

- a) To consider the appointments and changes to membership of committees and outside bodies, indicated in italics on the list attached to this summons, and the appointment of proper officers.

- b) To approve the scheme of delegation for the Strategic Policy Panel and changes to the relevant article of the constitution (*report to follow*).

14. Urgent Business

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

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- Business of the meeting
- Any special arrangements
- Copies of reports

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