

City of York Council

Resolutions and proceedings of the Meeting of the City of York Council held in the Guildhall, York on Thursday, 8th October, 2015, starting at 6.35 pm

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

Acomb Ward

Bishopthorpe Ward

S Barnes
K Myers

Clifton Ward

Copmanthorpe Ward

D Myers
Wells

Carr

Dringhouses & Woodthorpe Ward

Fishergate Ward

Fenton
Mason
Reid

D'Agorne
Taylor

Fulford and Heslington Ward

Guildhall Ward

Aspden

Craghill
Flinders
Looker

Haxby & Wigginton Ward

Heworth Ward

Cuthbertson
Gates
Richardson

Funnell
Williams

Heworth Without Ward

Holgate Ward

Ayre

Cannon
Crisp
Derbyshire

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

Orrell
Runciman

Micklegate Ward	Osbaldwick and Derwent Ward
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Gunnell
Hayes
Kramm

Brooks
Warters

Rawcliffe and Clifton Without Ward	Rural West York Ward
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Dew
Lisle

Gillies
Steward

Strensall Ward	Westfield Ward
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Doughty
Douglas

Hunter
Jackson
Waller

Wheldrake Ward

Mercer

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Galvin, Boyce, Cullwick and Rawlings

28. 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 **prejudicial** interest was declared and the Member took no part in the discussion or voting on the item:

Councillor	Agenda Item	Description of Interest
Warters	7. (iii) Motions on Notice – Climate Change	As owner of shares in an oil company

29. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the last ordinary meeting of the Council held on 16 July 2015 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

30. Civic Announcements

The Lord Mayor reported that this was the first meeting of Council since the death of Alderman Reg Pulleyn, a former Alderman, Lord Mayor and City of York Councillor for the Holgate and Beckfield Wards.

Members stood for a moments silence in memory of Alderman Pulleyn.

The Lord Mayor also displayed a picture she had recently been presented by the Queens Ghurkha Signals Regiment following the granting of the Freedom of the City to the Regiment on 8 September 2015.

31. Public Participation

Peter Richardson spoke in respect of Cllr Barnes Council Tax support scheme motion, in particular to express his concern at the Council's current 30% minimum Council Tax payment for residents, in comparison to neighbouring authorities and to the need for a reduction in the North Yorkshire Police precept.

Richard Bridge also spoke in relation to Cllr Barnes motion, and expressed his full support for changes to the Council's support scheme to assist those in Council Tax arrears. He supported the bringing forward consideration of changes as a matter of urgency.

John Warrington spoke as owner of the Carousel ride sited in St Sampson's Square expressing his concern at the suggested alternative siting offered at the Eye of York over the Christmas period. He referred to the affect the resiting would have on his

families livelihood and he requested Make it York to reconsider their offer.

Rebecca Jeffrey from Advice York also spoke in respect of Cllr Barnes motion as a campaigner against York's Council Tax Support Scheme. She provided examples of the effect the payment of Council Tax was having on residents and referred to Advice York's recommendations for changes to the scheme.

Tom Hughes spoke in support of Mr and Mrs Warrington, owners of the Carousel and their 2,300 signature petition for retention of the ride in St Sampson's Square over the Christmas period. He requested further scrutiny of Make it York and the siting of the Carousel back in the Square.

Peter Priestly also spoke in support of Cllr Barnes motion and questioned details of the formula used to calculate benefit claimants payments. He referred to his own experiences of meeting the extra payment and, whilst acknowledging that some payment was required, requested that an examination was made of the York scheme.

Joe Riches also spoke in support of Cllr Barnes motion referring to the concern he had felt at the scheme over a number of years. He requested the Council to support a reduction in the percentage payment to support York's most vulnerable residents.

Don Phillips spoke in relation to the Syrian refugees and York's place as a City of Sanctuary which should support assistance to the families involved. He felt that the Council had a duty to assist and requested a more proactive co-ordinated response.

Andrea Dudding spoke as a representative of Unison, in support of Cllr D Myers motion opposing the Trade Union Bill. A Bill she claimed would remove the Unions remaining powers and she asked all Members to support the motion.

32. Petitions

Under Standing Order 7, petitions were presented by the following Members for referral to the Corporate and Scrutiny Management Policy and Scrutiny Committee, in accordance with the Council's new petition arrangements:

- (i) Cllr Hunter on behalf of local residents requesting the Council to gate the snickets between the backs of 30-38 Gale Lane, 1-9 Bachelor Hill and behind 11-15 Bachelor Hill backed by the green metal fencing.¹
- (ii) Cllr Ayre on behalf of 49 residents in the Langdale Avenue and Rydal Avenue area regarding the state of nearby roads and calling on the Council to work with residents to improve the roads.²

Action Required

1&2. Refer to Executive Member and update CSMC petition schedule.

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33. Report of Executive Leader and Executive Recommendations

A Executive Leaders Report

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

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

- Cllr Gunnell – request for a more proactive stance in relation to the Syrian Refugees and highlighting inconsistencies between the Leader and Executive Members reports in relation to progress on the Community Stadium
- Cllr Cannon – public concern regarding the Care Quality Commission's (CQC) closure of Bootham Park Hospital and a request for support for an independent inquiry
- Cllr S Barnes – current funding of Yearsley Pool to 2022 and the funding gap to 2028
- Cllr Cuthbertson – request for an update on York's devolution bid, following Sheffield's recent successful bid
- Cllr Kramm – in relation to the new Ward funding model

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

B Executive Recommendations

Older Persons' Accommodation Programme: The Business Case

Cllr Steward moved, and Cllr Aspden seconded the following recommendation contained in Minute 34 of the Executive meeting held on 30 July 2015:

Recommended: That Council agree that the £1.156m Programme management costs be funded from existing Adult Social Care Capital Grant and are added to the Capital Programme and incurred over four years; these costs would be chargeable to revenue should the capital schemes fail to progress and that revenue budgets would be needed to address this.

Reason: So that the project can progress.

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

Resolved: That the above recommendation in respect of funding of the Accommodation Programme management costs from the existing Adult Social Care Capital Grant be approved.¹

Capital Programme Outturn 2014/15 and Revisions to the 2015/16 – 2019/20 Programme

Cllr Steward moved, and Cllr Aspden seconded the following recommendation contained in Minute 35 of the Executive meeting held on 30 July 2015:

Recommended: That Full Council agree the restated 2014/15 to 2018/19 programme of £206.231m as summarised in Table 3 and detailed in Annex A of the report.

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 restated capital programme be approved.²

Treasury Management Annual Report & Review of Prudential Indicators 2014/15

Cllr Steward moved, and Cllr Aspden seconded the following recommendation contained in Minute 36 of the Executive meeting held on 30 July 2015:

Recommended: That Full Council agree amendment to the Treasury Management Annual Investment Strategy per Annex B of the report and the Creditworthiness Policy wording to:

“Typically the minimum credit ratings criteria the Council use will be a short term rating (Fitch or equivalents) of Short Term rating F1 and Long Term rating A-. There may be occasions when the counterparty ratings from one rating agency are marginally lower than these ratings but may still be used. In these instances consideration will be given to the whole range of ratings available, or other topical market information, to support their use.”

Reason: To ensure the continued performance of the Council’s Treasury Management function can be monitored.

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

Resolved: That the above recommendation to amend both the Treasury Management Annual Investment Strategy and the Creditworthiness Policy be approved.³

Capital Programme – Monitor 2015/16

Cllr Steward moved, and Cllr Aspden seconded the following recommendation contained in Minute 48 of the Executive meeting held on 27 August 2015:

Recommended: That Full Council agree the adjustments in the programme of a decrease of £5.091m in 2015/16 as detailed in the report and contained 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 to agree the adjustments in the Capital programme be approved. ⁴.

Draft Council Plan 2015-19: Report on the Consultation Exercise

Cllr Steward moved, and Cllr Aspden seconded the following recommendation contained in Minute 60 of the Executive meeting held on 24 September 2015:

Recommended: That Council adopt the draft Council Plan for 2015-19.

Reason: To ensure that the Council Plan is adopted by Council to inform service delivery of the priorities set out in the Plan.

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

Resolved: That the above recommendation to adopt the 2015-19 Council Plan be approved. ⁵.

Action Required

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| 1. Note agreement to funding of Programme management costs. | RW |
| 2.&4. Revise the Capital Programme accordingly. | DM |
| 3. Amend the Strategy and Policy as outlined. | DM |
| 4. Provide copies to residents, businesses and stakeholders by December 2015 and embed content in Service Planning for 2016/17. | DW |

34. Motions on Notice

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

- (i) Council tax support scheme
(moved by Cllr N Barnes and seconded by Cllr Cannon)

“Council notes the inclusion of a review of York’s Council Tax Support scheme on the Executive Forward Plan, due for consideration on 26th November.

Council also notes the requirement to have any changes set by 31st January 2016, following a 12 week statutory consultation. Scheduling this review with only 9 weeks before the deadline for agreed changes provides insufficient time for the Executive to make changes to the current scheme.

Council believes that the impact of the current scheme has resulted in hardship to some individuals beyond that envisaged when implemented, resulting in council tax arrears in York rising year on year.

Council also believes that some York residents have been unfairly impacted by the current scheme and that more should be done to alleviate the tax burden on the most vulnerable in our city.

Council requests that the Executive:

- Brings forward the Council Tax Support Scheme review paper to the October meeting of the Executive, to include a range of options, including one to consult on changes to the current scheme;
- requests that an option for consultation is prepared with the principle of reducing the council tax burden for those eligible for council tax support in mind;
- agrees a timetable that meets the 31st January deadline, should it agree to make changes to the scheme, in advance of the 2016-17 budget setting meeting in February."

An **amendment** was proposed by Councillor Aspden who also sought Council’s consent to alter the amendment with the removal of the two references to ‘including Cllr Barnes’, which was agreed.

Cllr Aspden’s amendment to now read as follows:

In the first paragraph, after Council notes, the **addition** of the following additional paragraphs

“the current council tax support system was put in place by the previous Labour administration in 2013 despite the significant concerns raised by opposition councillors and residents.

Labour councillors ignored these local concerns by turning down a ‘Transitional Grant’ of nearly £250,000 from the Government and imposed a flat 30% charge on ‘working-age’ residents who previously received council tax benefit.

Research from the Joseph Rowntree Foundation found that Labour’s scheme is amongst the “worst for claimants” nationally while York Citizens’ Advice Bureau has reported a 65% rise in a year in the number of people seeking help due to council tax arrears.

The previous Labour Cabinet brought forward no plans to review their scheme despite concerns being raised consistently by organisations such as Advice York.

Council believes it was right for the current Executive to bring forward a review of Labour’s scheme and Executive Members should be congratulated for doing so”.

The **deletion** of the second sentence in the second paragraph, beginning ‘Scheduling..’ and insert ‘Executive is asked to review the Forward Plan to ensure this gives sufficient time if any changes are needed.’

The **deletion** of the third and fourth paragraphs and their **replacement** with

‘Council further notes that some, ~~including Cllr Barnes,~~ believe Labour’s scheme has resulted in hardship to some, resulting in council tax arrears in York rising year on year.

Some, ~~including Cllr Barnes,~~ believe York residents have been unfairly impacted by Labour’s scheme and more should be done to alleviate the tax burden on the most vulnerable in our city following Labour’s dismal record between 2011-2015.’

In the final paragraph the **deletion** of the first two points, following ‘Council requests that the Executive’ and the **addition** of the following

‘ - continue with its review and bring forward a paper to the October meeting of the Executive, to cover a range of options including one to consult on changes to the current scheme.’

On being put to the vote the amendment, as altered, was declared CARRIED.

On being put to the vote, the original motion as amended, was then CARRIED and it was

Resolved: That the original motion, as amended, be approved. ¹.

(ii) Business Improvement District

(moved by Cllr Steward and seconded by Cllr Levene)

“Council notes that:

- the process of creating a Business Improvement District (“BID”) is currently progressing well in York. This is a city-wide partnership initiative led primarily by local businesses, with the council as the accountable body, designed to enable coordinated investment in the management and marketing area of a defined commercial area within the City Centre.
- the many benefits of a BID district are that: it creates a single source of funding to be spent in the area; it provides a business plan that focuses on improving the area, addressing anti social behaviour and other problems; it improves the resilience of the city centre to changes in the retail market and it will work towards improving a city centre that increases resident well being and presents an improved business offer.
- the BID will be funded by contributions from businesses within the defined area with a rateable value above a threshold of £12,500, and it will be supported through the ballot process and the collection of the levy by the Council, the accountable body, with £25,000 paid to us from the BID in administration costs each year.

- smaller businesses beneath the rateable value threshold will not be required to pay the levy, but will nevertheless benefit from the additional funding and still have a voice on spending decisions made within the BID area.
- a ballot will get underway in October for businesses within the proposed BID area to vote on the establishment of the district.
- if approved by local businesses, it is expected to generate over £800,000 per annum for the next five years, all to be reinvested into the city and in addition to any services provided by the local authority, the base line for which the Council will determine in the near future.

Council therefore expresses its support for the establishment of the BID and encourages businesses within the proposed BID to make their vote 'yes'."

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

Resolved: That the motion be approved. ².

(iii) Tackling Climate Change

(moved by Cllr Waller and seconded by Cllr Orrell)

"Council notes:

- The need for local, national and international action to tackle Climate Change.
- The forthcoming 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Paris which has as its objective a binding and universal agreement on steps to reduce greenhouse emissions.
- The Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDC) to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the European Union to the Conference is 40% by 2030.
- Energy company Drax has abandoned a £1billion project to introduce 'carbon capture' technology at its plant in North

Yorkshire after the government's decision to reduce subsidies for renewable energy.

- Initial steps taken by the Joint Executive to make York the 'Greenest City in the North' including:
 - The stated aim to increase the waste sent to recycling by 5,000 tonnes and increase recycling rates to over 50%.
 - The reversal of plans to charge residents for their first Green Bin collection.
 - The commitment in the Draft Council Plan to cut the council's carbon emissions, re-establish a Green Jobs Task Group, and work towards plans for 'One Planet Living'.

Council Resolves to:

Write to the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change, Amber Rudd MP, expressing concern over the developments at Drax and asking for a reversal of the decision to cut support for renewable energy, including the removal of the tax exemption for renewable power that is sold to industrial companies.

Work on a cross-party basis to ensure that policies are adopted which increase recycling, reduce carbon emissions, expand the use of renewable power generation, and support community energy projects.

Ensure that all decision papers produced include as standard an Environmental Sustainability Impact Assessment in order to make certain that environmental sustainability underpins everything we do as an authority."

Council considered two amendments to the motion, the first being proposed by Councillor Craghill as follows:

Add the following additional bullet points following the words 'Council notes';

- 'The growing commitments amongst major UK institutions as diverse as the British Medical Association, the Church of England and our own Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust to withdraw their investments from fossil fuels as part of a global divestment trend;

- The recent report from [350.org](https://www.350.org) showing that UK local authorities currently have at least £14 billion invested in companies that are contributing to climate change and recent decisions by UK councils such as Bristol and Oxford to cease investing in fossil fuels.’

Under ‘Council resolves to’ add the following:

‘Require a report to Audit & Governance setting out the details of York’s current direct and indirect investments in fossil fuels including current investment by North Yorkshire Pension Fund (around 7% of total according to [350.org](https://www.350.org)) and giving a range of options for action on both direct and indirect investments, including an option to commit to no future investment and for a process of total divestment and proposals to initiate similar discussions within North Yorkshire Pension Fund.’

“**Insert** the following final paragraph under “Council Resolves to:”
‘Require a report to Audit & Governance setting out the details of York’s current direct and indirect investments in fossil fuels including current investment by North Yorkshire Pension Fund (around 7% of total according to [350.org](https://www.350.org)) and giving a range of options for action on both direct and indirect investments, including an option to commit to no future investment and proposals for a process of total divestment and proposals to initiate similar discussions about their Pension Fund Policies & Strategies with the Pension Fund Committee (PFC) of the North Yorkshire Pension Fund.’

On being put to the vote Cllr Craghill’s amendment was declared CARRIED.

A second **amendment** was then proposed by Councillor Derbyshire as follows:

Delete the following sentence in the last bullet point
“The reversal of plans to charge residents for their first Green Bin collection.”

Amend the first paragraph following “Council Resolves” to read

Write to the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change, Amber Rudd MP;

- (i) expressing concern over the developments at Drax and asking for a reversal of the decision to cut support for renewable energy, including the removal of the tax exemption for renewable power that is sold to industrial companies.
- (ii) and expressing opposition to the Government's proposals for fracking applications to be given preferential treatment, by way of being routinely called in if not determined by local authorities within the statutory 16 week period.

Insert the words "tackle poor air quality", prior to the words "increase recycling" in the penultimate paragraph

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

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

Resolved: That the original motion, as amended by Cllr Craghill's amendment, be approved. ³.

(iv) Trade Union Bill

(moved by Cllr D Myers and seconded by Cllr Looker)

"This Council notes that in February 2015 the United Nations agency the International Labour Organisation reaffirmed its belief that 'without protecting a right to strike, Freedom of Association, in particular the right to organise activities for the purpose of promoting and protecting workers' interests, cannot be fully realised'.

Council notes the Government's Trade Union Bill, which would require that in order to vote for industrial action:

- there is a turnout of over 50% of eligible members, in addition to a simple majority voting in favour;
- for 'important public services' 40% of eligible members vote in favour (80% of those voting if turnout were 50%).

This Council further notes that the Trade Union Bill has been criticised by the International Labour Organisation and human

rights organisations including Liberty, Amnesty International and the British Institute of Human Rights who argue it “would hamper people’s basic rights to protest and shift even more power from the employee to the employer”.

This Council believes that, when negotiation and mediation have failed, the right to strike and to protest are fundamental rights which should be respected in a free and democratic society.

Council continues to support engagement with its workforce through trade unions, where employees have democratically decided to be represented by a trade union.

This Council resolves to instruct the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, expressing its opposition to the Trade Union Bill.”

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

Resolved: That the motion be approved. ⁴.

Action Required

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| 1. Bring Council Tax Support review report to 29 October Executive meeting to include a range of options and agree a timetable to enable any changes to be made to the scheme in advance of the budget setting meeting. | DW, PS |
| 2. Confirm Council's support for the establishment of the BID and encourage businesses to vote in support. | SB, PW |
| 3. Write to the SofS expressing concern on the lines stated, prepare a report for Audit & Governance Committee to include the requested information and ensure that future Council reports include ESIA's. | SB, IF, MS, AD |
| 4. Write to the SofS expressing the Council's opposition to the Bill. | SB |

35. Questions to the Leader or Executive Members

In accordance with Standing Order 20. Members were then invited to question Cllr Steward 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 Gillies, Executive Member for Transport & Planning:

- Cllr Williams – The Executive Member’s references to not requiring assistance from outside the Council in relation to traffic issues and congestion in the city and to the hierarchy of road users
- Cllr D’Agorne – whether residents’ views would be sought in relation to methods of alleviating congestion
- Cllr Looker – concern at possible changes to the transport hierarchy for road users if one of the items under examination for alleviation of traffic congestion was switching off traffic lights
- Cllr Levene – changes to the transport hierarchy
- Cllr Reid – confirmation that the hierarchy of road users was set out in the first Local Transport Plan
- Cllr Craghill – questioned possible future discussion with Fossgate Traders regarding pedestrianisation of Fossgate

(ii) To Cllr Runciman, Executive Member for Adult Social Care & Health:

- Cllr Mason –the provision of defibrillators in all public buildings

(iii) To Cllr Brooks, Executive Member for Education, Children & Young People:

- Cllr Gunnell – concerns regarding future space planning at Scarcroft Primary School
- Cllr Kramm – request for Ward Member involvement into space planning issues at Scarcroft Primary School

Members responded directly to all the questions put to them.

36. Report of Executive Member

Council received a written report from Councillor Ayre, Executive Member for Culture, Leisure and Tourism, as set out in the agenda papers at pages 33 to 38.

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

- Cllr Gunnell – assurances regarding the budgetary commitment for the Community Stadium
- Cllr Warters –when the changes in the retail/leisure offer at the Community Stadium would be brought back to Members
- Cllr Taylor – reputational damage to CYC/York Museums Trust regarding resident access to the Art Gallery
- Cllr S Barnes – omission of Yearsley Pool and the Pool's funding from the Executive Member's report
- Cllr Kramm – Plans to celebrate the Diamond Anniversary of York's twinning with Münster

Cllr Ayre responded directly to all the questions put to him

Resolved: That the report of the Executive Member for Culture, Leisure and Tourism be received and noted.

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

Council received the report of the Chair of the Corporate and Scrutiny Management Policy and Scrutiny Committee, at pages 39 to 42 of the agenda papers, on the work of the Committee, since the last report to Council in July.

Resolved: That the scrutiny report be received and noted.

38. Recommendations of the Staffing Matters and Urgency Committee

Councillor Steward as Chair of the Staffing Matters and Urgency Committee, moved the following recommendation, from the Committee meeting on 20 July 2015, as set out at Minute 25, relating to the remuneration for the appointment of an Acting Director of Public Health.

25. Appointment of the Acting Director of Public Health

Recommended: That Council approve a salary package which is in excess of £100,000 for the post

of Acting Director of Public Health, should it be necessary. ¹.

Reason: To allow the appointment to an Acting Director of Public Health to be made.

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

Resolved: That the above recommendation of the Staffing Matters and Urgency Committee meeting held on 20 July 2015 be approved.

Action Required

1. If necessary, note agreed remuneration package for the post.

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39. Recommendations of the Gambling, Licensing and Regulatory Committee

As Chair of the Gambling, Licensing & Regulatory Committee, Cllr Douglas moved and Cllr Gillies seconded, the following recommendation contained in Minute 11 of the meeting of that Committee held on 7 September 2015:

Explosives Policy

Recommend: That Full Council approve the Explosives Policy and adopt the delegation scheme.

Reason: To provide the Council with an explosives policy that will aid applicants, licence holders and officers and provide a delegation scheme for dealing with applications.

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

Resolved: That the recommendation in relation to the City Of York Council's Explosives Policy from the Gambling, Licensing and Regulatory Committee meeting held on 7 September 2015 be approved. ¹.

Action Required

1. Implement new Policy and delegation scheme. LC

40. Recommendations of the Audit and Governance Committee

As Vice Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee, Councillor Dew moved, and Cllr Fenton seconded, the following recommendation, in respect of an amendment to the Council procedure rules to include provision for a report from the Deputy Leader, contained in Minute 33 of the Audit and Governance Committee meeting held on 23 September 2015:

Deputy Leader's Report to Council

Recommend: (a) That Council consider a proposal that:

- (i) The Council procedure rules include provision for a report from the Deputy Leader.
- (ii) The existing rules for Cabinet Members' reports be applied to the report of the Deputy Leader.
- (iii) The Deputy Leader's right to respond to the Leader's report be removed from the Constitution.
- (iv) The time for questions on the Leader's report be reduced from fifteen to ten minutes.

(b) That Council note the comments of the committee on the proposals.

- Reasons:
- (i) To allow Full Council to consider the introduction of a Deputy Leader's report.
 - (ii) To enable Council to have the benefit of the Committee's advice when debating the proposal.

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

Resolved: That the above recommendation of the Audit and Governance Committee meeting held on 23 September 2015 be approved. ¹.

Action Required

1. Amend Constitution on the lines agreed. AD, JC

41. Joint Standards Committee

Council considered a motion which asked them to agree the establishment of a new Joint Standards Committee, in place of the former Joint Committee set up on 1 July 2012 and to confirm the terms of reference for the new Committee as set out at pages 63 to 66 of the Council papers.

Councillor Runciman moved and Councillor Cuthbertson seconded the establishment of a new Committee and the revised terms of reference.

Resolved: That the motion in respect of a new Joint Standards Committee with revised terms of reference be approved. ¹.

Action Required

1. Establish new Committee with the revised terms of reference AD, JC

42. Appointment of Honorary Recorder

Council considered a request to replace His Honour Judge Ashurst as Honorary Recorder, with effect from the date on which he would take up an appointment as Resident Judge for York.

Resolved: That Honorary Recorder His Honour Judge Batty be appointed in place of His Honour Judge Ashurst, with effect from the date that he takes up his appointment, as Resident Judge for York and to record Council's thanks to HHJ Ashurst for his contribution to the civic life of the City. ¹.

Action Required

1. Pass on CYC's thanks to Judge Ashurst. AP

43. **Appointments and Changes to Membership**

Council considered a request for a change in membership on the Ainsty Internal Drainage Board, as set out at page 67 of the Council papers.

Resolved: That the change to membership on the Ainsty Internal Drainage Board, as set out in the Council papers page 67, be approved. ¹.

Action Required

1. Inform IDB of agreed changes.

JP

Cllr Sonja Crisp

LORD MAYOR OF YORK

[The meeting started at 6.35pm and concluded at 10pm]