

**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

Wednesday, 17 July 2019, to start immediately following the Special Meeting of Council, but no earlier than 6.35 pm

The Citadel

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Health, Housing
and Adult Social
Care

D Steel,
Head of
Civic &
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Services

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Officer

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Chief
Executive

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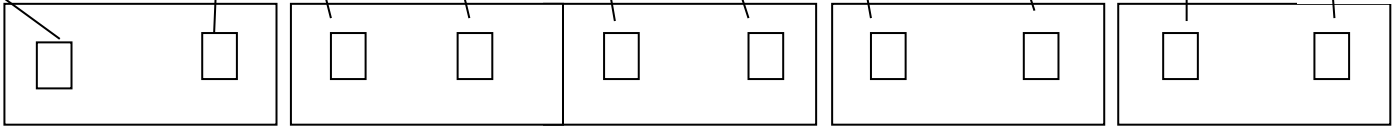
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Director of
Children,
Education &
Communities

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Officer

Cllr J Looker
Lord Mayor

I Floyd, Deputy Chief
Exec/ Director of
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S Stoltz,
Director
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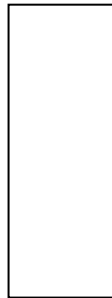
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Taylor

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Fitzpatrick

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Myers

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Pavlovic

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Douglas

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Crawshaw

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Kilbane

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Heaton

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Norman

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Wells

AGENDA

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 - 30)

To approve and sign the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 21 March 2019 and the Annual Council meeting held on 22 May 2019.

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 Tuesday 16 July 2019**. To register to speak please contact the Democracy Officer 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. No notice of petitions has been received.

6. Report of Executive Leader and Executive

Recommendations and Questions (Pages 31 - 38)

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	27 June 2019	Minute Item 9: Capital Programme Outturn 2018/19 and Revisions to the 2019/20-2023/24 Programme https://democracy.york.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CategoryId=733&MId=11106

7. Report of Deputy Leader and Questions (Pages 39 - 44)

To receive and consider a written report from the Deputy Leader and, to question the 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 Councillor Crawshaw

Carbon Neutral City

“Council notes:

- the difficulty the city faces in defining meaningful, deliverable and measurable outcomes when working towards its stated aim of achieving carbon neutrality by 2030;
- that motor-traffic remains a significant contributor to air pollution and carbon emissions;
- the significant number of big developments in the pipeline or underway across York, with York Central set to be the largest single development York has seen in our lifetimes.

Council believes:

- that to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030, any new developments, particularly those delivering at scale and in sustainable locations, must be net contributors to our city’s carbon neutral strategy;
- that construction methods, materials used and design standards, including the energy efficiency of buildings, are all ways of achieving low carbon development;
- that a simple way to reduce carbon emissions is by ensuring future developments are low-car wherever possible.

Council resolves to request that the Executive:

- expedites the amendment of our Supplementary Planning Documents and any other such legislative tools as are available to us in order that they reflect our stated ambition to be carbon neutral by 2030, in line with the Coalition’s Partnership Agreement;

- uses every power at the council's disposal to deliver a low-car, carbon neutral development on York Central."

(ii) From Councillor Aspden

A Fair Deal for York

"This Council notes that York has been disproportionately affected by the Conservative Government's cuts to public services. This means that local services have been continuously under-funded, particularly when compared to other areas in the UK.

This Council further notes:

- Schools in York remain the worst funded in the country for per-pupil funding;
- York's CCG continues to operate with a large deficit;
- Investment in the Yorkshire & Humber region's transport infrastructure significantly lags behind London, the South East and even the North West;
- More than 20 newspapers and websites have come together, including local media in York, to lobby the Government to commit to a package of policy measures to 'Power up the North';
- The North of England is home to 15 million people and the region employs a quarter of England's workforce (7.2 million people), all of whom deserve a fairer deal on the public services they receive;
- According to figures published by Leicestershire County Council, who have developed an alternative fairer funding model, York could

receive an additional £13 million per year, or an extra £61 per resident, if funding were to be redistributed based on need.

Now, at a time of unprecedented national uncertainty, it is more important than ever to address the chronic under investment in the North.

Therefore, this Council resolves that formal lobbying efforts are made to the Government, and the newly appointed Prime Minister, to request:

- Additional funding for York schools;
- Additional funding to create GP-led, multi-disciplinary health and care hubs, including mobile services, to keep more people out of hospital;
- That Northern Powerhouse Rail is made a national priority;
- A commitment that the Government's 'Shared Prosperity Fund', intended to replace EU structural funding, be devolved to enable strategic decisions to be taken locally."

(iii) From Councillor Fenton:

Long-term Empty Properties in York

"This Council notes that despite the pressures on York's housing market, some properties in the city have remained empty for a considerable length of time.

This Council further notes:

- That there are currently 200,000 properties standing empty in England, with 527 empty in the City of York, according to data from 2017;

- Empty properties can attract squatters, vandalism, anti-social behaviour and therefore can be a blight on the local community;
- When 1.6 million households in the UK are on social housing waiting lists, long-term empty properties are a wasted resource, particularly in York where there is considerable demand for housing;
- An empty property, for council tax purposes, is defined as a property that is ‘unoccupied and substantially unfurnished’;
- Since 1st April 2013, local authorities in England have been able to charge a premium of 50% on the full council tax charge, and from 1st November 2018, local authorities have been permitted to raise this premium up to 100%;
- From April 2021, Councils will be allowed to charge owners of empty properties up to 300% council tax premium.

Therefore, this Council resolves:

- That the Council should increase council tax charges to the maximum (300%), at the earliest date legislated for.
- Given that York has experienced a recent spike in the number of homes left empty for six months or more, that Council Officers produce a report for consideration by the Executive to examine the potential options available to the Council to further reduce the number of empty homes in the city.”

(iv) From Councillor D Taylor
A Pollinator Action Plan

“Council notes

- that whilst the Government introduced a national Pollinator Strategy in 2014, a great deal more needs to be done.
- bees and other pollinators are vital to our crops, wildlife, countryside and gardens; around 80% of our crops and garden produce relies on insect pollination.
- Yet there is a serious decline in our native pollinators due to a combination of climate change, farming practices, pesticide use and patterns of urban development.
- Half of our bumblebee species are in decline with 3 already extinct; 7 bumblebee species have declined by more than 50% in the last 25 years and 71% of our butterflies are in long term decline.

Council further notes

- Many UK councils are now introducing Pollinator Action Plans. Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Newcastle and Oxford already have plans in place.
- Budget savings may be made on grass cutting costs by managing grass verges and other areas for wildflowers, biodiversity and pollinators. Dorset Council has saved £93,000/year.
- Wildflower verges and other areas can enhance the appearance and prestige of the city and support residents' health and quality of life.

Council resolves to request a paper to Executive setting out the options for a comprehensive Pollinator Action Plan to include consideration of the

management of appropriate verges, parks and other open spaces for wildflowers and biodiversity; other possible measures to support pollinators and the options for working collaboratively to develop and implement the plan with other local organisations.”

- 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 45 - 50)**
To receive a written report from the Executive Member for Finance & Performance, and to question the Executive Member thereon, in accordance with Standing Order 19.
- 11. Report of the Chair of the Customer and Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee (Pages 51 - 66)**
To receive a report from Councillor Crawshaw, Chair of the Customer and Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee (CSMC) on the work of the Committee.
- 12. Annual Report of the Audit & Governance Committee (Pages 67 - 78)**
To receive a report from Councillor Pavlovic, Chair of the Audit & Governance Committee on the work of the Committee.
- 13. Supplementary Budget Proposals 2019/20 (Pages 79 - 94)**
This report sets out proposals for amendments to the Councils revenue and capital budgets.
- 14. Urgent Business**
Any other business which the Chair considers urgent under the Local Government Act 1972.

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