

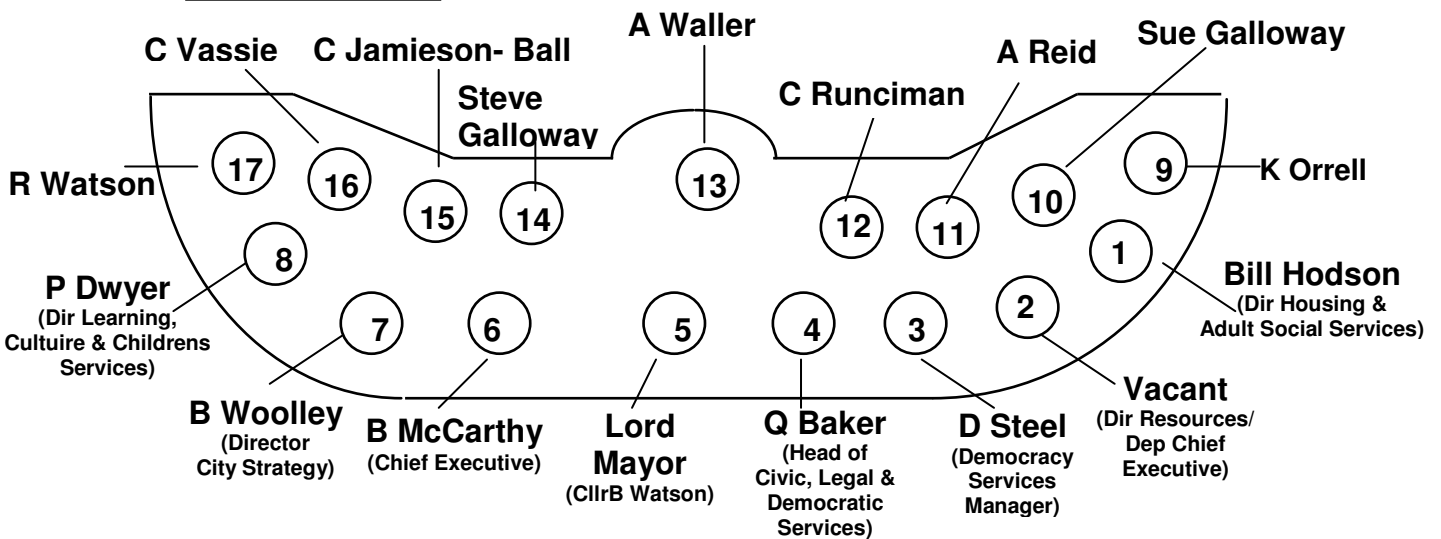
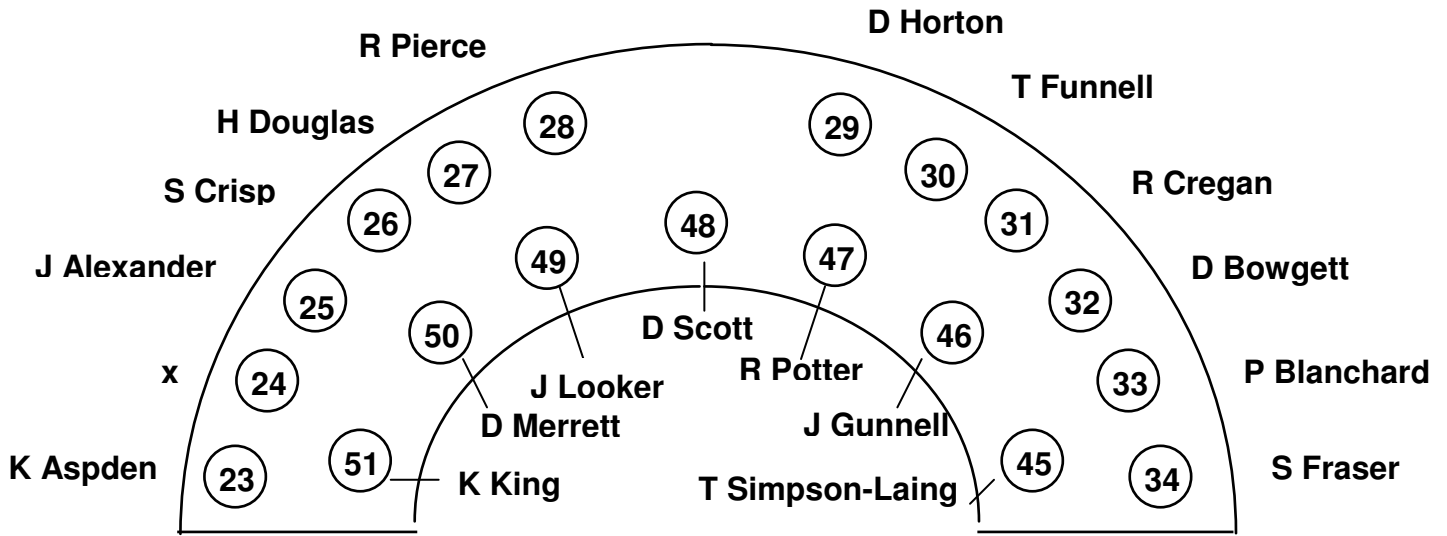
## CITY OF YORK COUNCIL SUMMONS

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:

Monday, 30 June 2008 at 6.30 pm



# COUNCIL CHAMBER





## **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 - 32)

To approve and sign the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 10 April 2008 and the Annual Council meeting held on 22 May 2008.

### **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 Friday, 27 June 2008**.

### **5. Petitions**

To consider any petitions received from Members in accordance with Standing Order No.7.

## 6. Notices of Motion

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)**

None

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

#### (i) From Cllr Runciman

“Council notes that

- 1) Despite being one of the wealthiest countries in the world, Britain has one in five of its children living in poverty.
- 2) This is the second successive year that national figures have failed to improve, with the number of children living in relative poverty having risen by 100,000.
- 3) Child poverty has only fallen by an estimated 15% since 1998, when the Government set its target to halve it by 2010 and abolish it completely by 2020.
- 4) Approximately 14% of York's children live in poverty, and despite this being below the national average of 20% this is still unacceptable.

Council requests that the Chief Executive writes to the Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families and to the 4 MPs for the City of York Council area to request that the Government reaffirms its commitment to halving child poverty by 2010, by investing £2.8bn a year to tackle the issue of increasing child poverty in Britain.”

#### (ii) From Cllr Gillies

"That this Council instructs officers to investigate, and report back through City Strategy EMAP, with the appropriate agencies the feasibility of developing a dedicated rail service to run between York Railway Station

and Strensall, with intermediate stops at York District Hospital and Haxby, utilising the existing railway infrastructure.

The Council also registers its support for future light railway/tram train systems for the City of York."

(iii) From Cllr Scott

"Council notes and welcomes the £690,000 Local Authority Business Growth Incentive (LABGI) reward money.

Council also notes that £200,000 has been allocated to assist in the establishment of a community stadium in York.

Council instructs that the reward money be spent in the following ways:-

- £30,000 grant to York Racial Equality Network (YREN)
- £53,000 to reinstate travel tokens entitlements to the 07/08 level
- £54,000 to the Graffiti Tackling Team initiative to replace the cuts in the Neighbourhood Services portfolio budget.
- £10,000 to Safer York Partnership (SYP) towards the establishing of a graffiti database, to replace the cuts to York Pride money allocated to it.
- £50,000 to fund a fireworks display
- £40,000 to fund better Christmas lights
- £30,000 to bring forward the recycling pilot to start pilot to terraced and difficult to access areas in August 2008
- £50,000 to fund pilot of 'Smart Choices' initiative for personalised travel planning
- £20,000 to reinstate Audit and Fraud post

- £50,000 for additional contact hours for Home Care – in relation to city wide enabling and intermediate care team - High Dependency and EMI services
- £40,000 to reduce residents' parking permit fees by 10%
- £27,000 for free evening parking for residents from 5.30pm with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2009
- £7,500 to establish free parking for Green Minster Badge holders – for cars owned by residents which are considered 'environmentally friendly' .
- £15,000 additional grant to York Credit
- £7,500 grant to the Older People's Assembly
- £6,000 grant to Older People's Advocacy York"

(iv) From Cllr Kirk

"Council notes that

1) From 2011/12 everyone over the age of 16 applying for a passport will have their details - including fingerprints and facial scans - added to a National Identity register. The Government also plans to make it compulsory for all UK citizens over the age of 16 to have ID cards, despite the fact that all legal UK citizens have NHS and NI numbers so this is wasteful duplication.

2) Successive cases of data loss by the Government, most notably the loss of computer discs containing the personal details of 25 million people, has made the public increasingly concerned about the ID cards scheme.

3) Such a scheme will cost every York taxpayer at least £200, and all York residents £90 to obtain one of the ID cards. The introduction of compulsory identity cards will unfairly penalise residents on lower incomes in York, who are finding it difficult to cope with rising costs of food and fuel.

4) Identity cards will obstruct our civil liberties, allow personal data to be shared without our consent, encourage



fraud, will not prevent illegal working and will not help to fight crime and terrorism.

5) The scheme could cost up to £18bn, which would be better spent on other security measures, such as more police and intelligence officers.

Council therefore instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Home Secretary asking that the Government rejects its expensive plans for ineffective ID cards, most particularly making them compulsory at the expense of local residents.”

(v) From Cllr Simpson-Laing

“City of York Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Housing Minister in support of the cross party report of The Communities and Local Government Select Committee – ‘The Supply of Rented Housing’. Council requests that he ensures that York’s need for affordable housing, as identified in the independent Fordham’s Report, are highlighted in relation to the Committee’s recommendations to ensure that the city of York and its residents receive a fair share of any financial allocation resulting from the report.

The Chief Executive is asked to draw particular attention to the following matters in writing to the Housing Minister in order to:

- receive a fair quota for York of the Committees call to build an extra 50,000 properties, nationally, for the social rented sector each year to meet the country's housing shortage.
- allow councils, including City of York, to build its own homes as a means to providing much-needed affordable homes for York residents.
- increase the supply and quality of rented housing and that homes for rent should no longer be seen as "second best" to owner occupation.
- build more affordable family homes to reduce

overcrowding and waiting lists as a result of building too many flats.

- call for restrictions to be imposed on right-to-buy sales where necessary and that money received remains within the authority of purchase.
- support the call for the Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) to investigate fiscal measures that would provide an incentive to property owners not to leave their properties empty for long periods – and support local authorities in their efforts to prevent and reduce the incidence of ‘buy-to-leave’ through investigating how there can be better use of existing powers, including Empty Dwelling Management Orders, to bring empty dwellings into use and by ensuring that the information necessary to take action, on ownership for example, is readily available.”

## 7. **Report of Executive Leader and Executive Recommendations** (Pages 33 - 44)

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	3 June 2008	<i>Minute 7 – York: A City Making History: York’s Sustainable Community Strategy and Local Area Agreement</i> <i><u>Note:</u> the draft Sustainable Community Strategy (Annex A to item 5 on the Executive agenda) can be found by clicking on the link below. Printed copies can be obtained on request from Democratic Services:</i> <a href="http://democracy.york.gov.uk">http://democracy.york.gov.uk</a>

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Executive	17 June 2008	Minute 16 - Urgent Business: Reconsideration of Decision on Back Park Petition
Executive	30 June 2008	Minute - <i>Statement of Accounts (to follow)</i> <i>Note: a copy of the Statement of Accounts was circulated to all Members on 27 June 2008, together with the recommendations of the Audit &amp; Governance Committee on the Annual Governance Statement.</i>

**8. Report of Executive Member (Pages 45 - 48)**

To receive a written report from the Executive Member for Housing and Adult Social 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 Leader, from Cllr Alexander:  
“Will the Executive Leader give a date for changes to the Council’s Constitution that will allow ‘champions’ to report to, and progress issues through Council?”
  
- (ii) To the Executive Member for City Strategy, from Cllr Potter:  
“Can the Executive Member for City Strategy explain what work has been undertaken on the following motion passed at Council in November 2007:

*'Council agrees that bus cross-ticketing, within the City of York Council boundary, is adopted as a primary objective of Council's desire to further develop public transport usage in the city. Council calls for council officers to negotiate with local bus operators to achieve this with a target implementation date being set as being no later than January 2009'?"*

- (iii) To the Executive Member for City Strategy, from Cllr Merrett:  
"Would the Executive Member for City Strategy explain what progress has been made on updating the Council's bio-diversity action plan to meet current standards and to feed in to the draft Local Plan?"
- (iv) To the Executive Member for City Strategy, from Cllr Potter:  
"Can the Executive Member for City Strategy urgently investigate ways of incentivising local residents to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions and so contribute locally to preventing global warming and climate change, bringing a report back to Full Council for discussion in September?"
- (v) To the Executive Member for Corporate Services, from Cllr Gunnell:  
"Can the Executive Member for Corporate Services give council members the year on year running costs of the Barbican auditorium to the council since its closure, including Business Rates, Utilities and Security costs?"
- (vi) To the Executive Member for Corporate Services, from Cllr Simpson-Laing:  
"Can the Executive Member for Corporate Services give an update on the identification of ownership of land on Runswick Avenue, which officers have been trying to identify since July 2007?"
- (vii) To the Executive Member for Leisure, Culture & Social Inclusion, from Cllr Ayre:  
"Would the Executive Member for Leisure, Culture and Social Inclusion report on the visitor figures for the revamped Acomb library and outline forthcoming changes

to the library service elsewhere in the city?"

(viii) To the Executive Member for Leisure, Culture & Social Inclusion, from Cllr Moore:

"Would the Executive Member for Leisure, Culture and Social Inclusion comment on the Council's new position on encouraging film crews to visit the city?"

(ix) To the Executive Member for Leisure, Culture & Social Inclusion, from Cllr Moore:

"Would the Executive Member for Leisure, Culture and Social Inclusion provide visitor figures and energy performance figures for Yearsley pool since it reopened?"

(x) To the Executive Member for Leisure, Culture & Social Inclusion, from Cllr Looker:

"Can the Executive Member for Leisure, Culture and Social Inclusion confirm that the swimming pool at Heslington East campus is a crucial part of the Liberal Democrat swimming strategy, and if so give Council a date when work is expected to commence on site, along with a clear timetable so Council knows the expected date of opening and the pool's location?"

(xi) To the Executive Member for Housing & Adult Social Services, from Cllr Simpson-Laing:

"Can the Executive Member for Housing and Adult Social Services describe her plans and campaigns, through partnership working with the Executive Member for Corporate Services, for the financial year 2008/09, to ensure that York's retired residents who are entitled to Pension Credit and Council Tax benefit are claiming the benefits they are entitled to?"

(xii) To the Executive Member for Housing & Adult Social Services, from Cllr Simpson-Laing:

"Can the Executive Member for Housing and Adult Social Services explain her plans to program and install either double or secondary glazing in remaining single glazed council properties as a means to improve the SAP ratings and eco-footprints of the Council's stock, as well to reduce the fuel bills of tenants?"

(xiii) To the Executive Member for Housing & Adult Social Services, from Cllr Alexander:

“Can the Executive Member for Housing and Adult Social Services report to Council the number of private sector landlords who have signed up to the ‘Voluntary Code of Conduct’ with regard to ‘To Let’ sign advertising that a property is a student property, and what percentage is that of all private sector landlords?”

**10. Scrutiny - Report of the Chair of the Scrutiny Management Committee** (Pages 49 - 50)

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

**11. Activities of Outside Bodies** (Pages 51 - 52)

**a) Minutes 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>

- York & North Yorkshire Waste Management Partnership – meeting on 7/2/08
- North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority – meetings on 13/2/08 and 25/2/08
- Safer York Partnership – meeting on 10/4/08
- Pension Fund Sub-Committee – meeting on 15/5/08
- North Yorkshire Police Authority – meetings on 4/2/08 and 25/2/08

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

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

**b) Review of List of Minutes of Outside Bodies reported to Council**

Members are invited to review the list of Outside Bodies whose minutes are currently reported to Council and to approve a revised list (*attached*).

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

To consider the appointments and changes to membership of committees and outside bodies 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.

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- Business of the meeting
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