

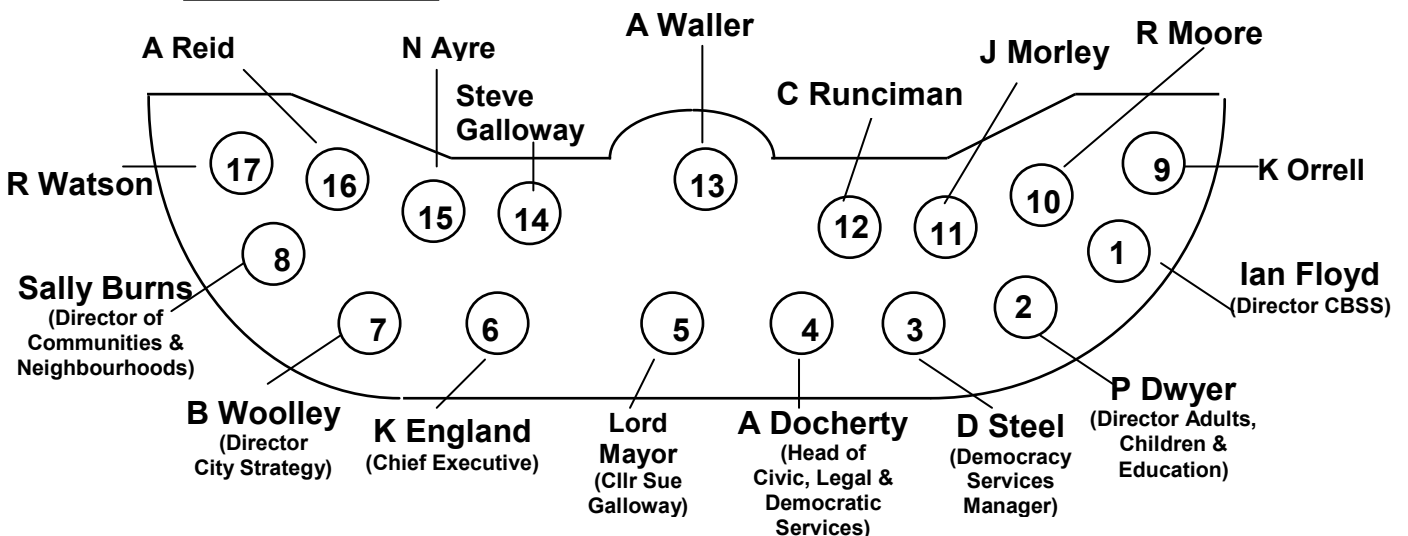
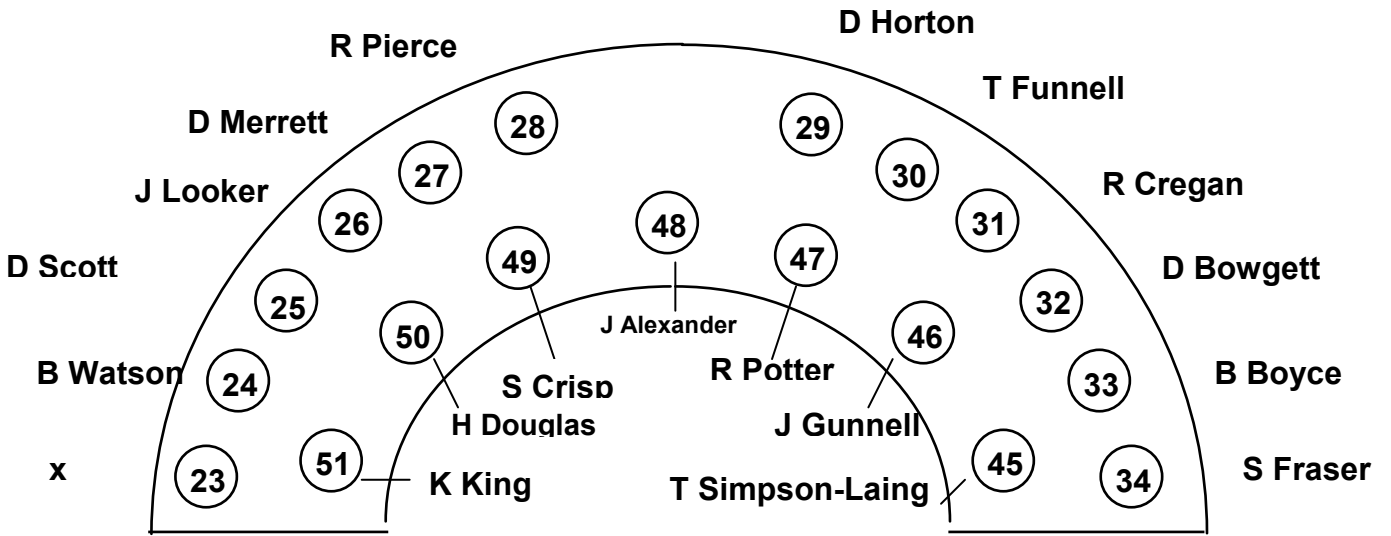
## CITY OF YORK COUNCIL SUMMONS

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, 15 July 2010 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 - 36)

To approve and sign the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 8 April 2010 and the Annual Council meeting held on 27 May 2010.

### **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, 14 July 2010**.

### **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 D'Agorne, on behalf of residents calling for the introduction of a 20 mph zone in Danesmead and Fulford Cross, in the vicinity of the Steiner School / Danesgate.
- (ii) Cllr D'Agorne, on behalf of residents calling for the introduction of a 20 mph zone outside Fishergate and St George's Schools.
- (iii) Cllr Douglas, on behalf of residents of Haxby Road, regarding road safety outside Haxby Road School.

- (iv) Cllr Alexander, on behalf of local residents, regarding a play area behind Kirkdale Road.
- (v) Cllr Crisp, on behalf of Holgate residents, regarding front of house refuse collections.

**6. Report of Executive Leader and Executive Recommendations**  
(Pages 37 - 50)

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	6 July 2010	Minute 27: Community Stadium Business Case <i>(use of £198k LABGI money to progress the scheme)</i>
		Minute 28: York Sports Village Swimming Pool <i>(increase capital grant to the project to £3m)</i>

**7. Recommendations of the Standards Committee** (Pages 51 - 58)

To consider the following recommendations for approval from the Standards Committee

Date of Meeting	Recommendations
25 June 2010	Minute 11: Annual Monitor of Member Training and Development <i>(Note: a copy of the Annual Monitor report is attached)</i>

**8. Scrutiny - Annual Report** (Pages 59 - 82)

To receive the Annual Scrutiny Report from Councillor Galvin, the Chair of the Scrutiny Management Committee.

**9. Report of Executive Member (Pages 83 - 86)**

To receive a written report from the Executive Member for Children & Young People's 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 8.2.1.

**10. 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/mqListOutsideBodies.asp?bcr=1>

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

- North Yorkshire Police Authority – meeting on 05/02/10
- Quality Bus Partnership – meeting on 23/03/10
- Safer York Partnership – meetings on 01/02/10 and 21/06/10
- Without Walls Partnership – meeting on 11/02/10
- NHS Foundation Trust - 16/03/10
- York & North Yorkshire Waste Management Partnership – meeting on 04/03/10
- Economic Partnership/Skills Board – meeting on 13/01/10

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

**11. Appointments and Changes to Membership (Pages 87 - 88)**

To consider the appointments and changes to membership of committees and outside bodies set out on the list attached to this summons.

## 12. Notices of Motion

To consider the following Notices of Motion under Standing Order 12:

### **A – Motions referred from the Executive in accordance with Standing Order 12.1(a)**

None

### **B – Motions submitted for consideration directly by Council, in accordance with Standing Order 12.1(b)**

#### (i) From Cllr Waller

“Council welcomes the coalition government’s action to restore freedoms for local people and local authorities that had been reduced by the Labour government centralising power in Whitehall.

Council welcomes the moves to cut red tape for local authorities and restore freedom in local decision making. Council feels that the abolition of centrally driven inspection regimes will allow local authorities to focus on delivering services that meet the needs of local people, rather than spending time ticking boxes as demanded by central government.

Council also supports the initiative put forward by the Deputy Prime Minister, Nick Clegg MP, encouraging people to have their say on repealing unnecessary laws and restoring individual freedoms.

Council urges York residents to take part in the Your Freedom consultation and resolves to promote the consultation to residents using the City of York Council website.”

#### (ii) From Cllr Alexander

“This Council notes:

1. That the Council is making £7m savings this financial year, which includes redundancies;

2. That the Coalition Government announced on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June £2.8m of cuts to the Council budget, including almost £1m in education and £1m in transport;
3. That the Coalition Government announced in the budget on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June an increase in VAT to 20%, despite pre-election pledges from both coalition partners not to do this;
4. That an increase in VAT will cost the Council at least £150k per annum;
5. The Coalition Government's cut to North Yorkshire Police of £1.1m;
6. The Coalition Government's review of £23m allocated to York for Park & Ride provision;
7. That the Coalition Government have announced a two-year public sector pay freeze, cuts in child tax credits for families on a moderate income, freezing child benefit, cutting disability living allowance, cuts in the housing benefit of the unemployed, abolishing the health in pregnancy grant, restricting the sure-start maternity grant to the first child and scrapping tax relief for the video games industry;
8. That the Coalition Government have abolished Regional Development Agencies, when Yorkshire Forward was helping, amongst other developments, the stalled York Central development, the Renaissance project and the Minster Piazza project;
9. That the Council is planning a further £10m of cuts in the next financial year.

This Council resolves:

1. To recognise that the current financial situation of the Council is made worse by recent cuts and announcements from the Coalition Government;
2. To request the Chief Executive to write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer stating this;
3. To request the Chief Executive to write to both of York's MPs calling on them to lobby against further cuts."



(iii) From Cllr Healey

“Whereas:

- Thirteen years of a high-spending Labour government coupled with international economic instability has left the country in extremely difficult economic circumstances regarding the money available for public expenditure; and
- In the coming 2011-2012 fiscal year CYC will be facing a reduced grant settlement combined with a mandatory low or a zero council tax rise, resulting in substantial additional fiscal pressures well beyond those addressed by the More4York programme

Therefore, this Council instructs the Executive to provide to all Council Members, before 16 November 2010, details of the More for York programme, its contribution to meeting savings targets for 2011/12, broad details of savings areas in individual directorates and full details of the extent to which the More for York programme will meet the financial targets in 2011/12, in order to:

- build an understanding across York regarding the economic choices facing the city and
- allow our staff, private and voluntary sector partners the opportunity to propose potential alternative delivery measures.”

(iv) From Cllr Brian Watson

“Council condemns the demolition of the former Peaseholme Centre and asks the Executive to agree to reserve the site for public use.”

(v) From Cllr Runciman

“This Council acknowledges:

- The excellent results achieved by students in schools across the City and the hard work of children, staff and parents to gain those results
- The significant role of local authority officers in challenging and supporting schools to drive up and maintain standards

- The importance of the ‘family’ of York schools, working together co-operatively to support and help each other in the best interests of all York’s children.

Council notes the recent representations by the Local Government Association with all-party support, stating that:

- The strategic role of the local authority should be retained within the forthcoming Academies Bill
- That local authorities should retain responsibility for improving and maintaining standards in all schools
- That local authorities should continue to ensure fair access to school places, appropriate provision according to numbers of children and
- Ensure by careful scrutiny that public money is used wisely and not wasted.

Council resolves to write to the Secretary of State supporting the views of the LGA and stating:

- That, particularly in a unitary authority the size of the City of York, the local authority’s role in maintaining and strengthening the family of schools is vital and should remain
- That experience in managing the local education system is one of the most important contributing factors to the success of local schools and that they should not be centrally controlled
- That there should continue to be clear local accountability through the local authority and the knowledge that elected Members bring to the education of the City’s children
- That all these significant factors should be taken into account during the development of the Academies Bill as it progresses through Parliament.”

### **13. Questions to the Executive Leader and Executive Members received under Standing Order 11.3(a)**

To deal with the following questions to the Executive Leader and / or other Executive Members, in accordance with Standing Order 11.3(a):

- (i) To the Executive Member for City Strategy, from Cllr Potter:  
“Will the Executive Member for City Strategy join with me in

expressing great disappointment at the cut to the funding for Park & Ride sites at Askham Bar, the A59 and Wigginton Road and will he inform Council what action he is taking to get his government to reverse this situation?"

(ii) To the Executive Member for City Strategy, from Cllr D'Agorne:

"Regarding Fulford Road public transport improvements, what is the average inbound bus journey time now, compared with the experience prior to the changes to the layout?"

(iii) To the Executive Member for City Strategy, from Cllr D'Agorne:

"Regarding Fulford Road public transport improvements, has there been any significant increase in the outbound journey time since the changes?"

(iv) To the Executive Member for City Strategy, from Cllr D'Agorne:

"Regarding Fulford Road public transport improvements, what further action is proposed to reduce the illegal air quality levels at the junction of Main Street and Heslington Lane?"

(v) To the Executive Member for City Strategy, from Cllr Kirk:

"Would the Executive member confirm that the recent coalition government announcement about the abolition of the RSS imposed housing number targets means that the City's draft green belt is now free from the threat of development?"

(vi) To the Executive Member for City Strategy, from Cllr Horton:

"Can the Executive Member for City Strategy comment on the current running reliability of the ftr, whether this meets agreements made between the City of York Council in 2006 and how he plans to ensure that First improve service reliability, with particular concern to early morning running?"

(vii) To the Executive Member for City Strategy, from Cllr Firth:

"In view of the promise by the newly elected Member of

Parliament for the Outer York Constituency that he would ensure that funding was made available to provide a dual carriageway on the line of the A1237 northern by pass, would the Executive Member for City Strategy indicate how much additional funding for transport has been made available to York as a result of the MPs representations?”

- (viii) To the Executive Member for City Strategy, from Cllr Potter:  
“Will the Executive Member for City Strategy write to the Transport Minister and support his call to introduce a 20 mph speed limit to all town centres and residential streets across the country?”
- (ix) To the Executive Member for City Strategy from Cllr Keith Orrell:  
“Would the Executive Member for City Strategy pass on the congratulations of the Council to all who have been involved in reducing the number of people killed or seriously injured in road accidents in the City by 36% during the last 2 years?”
- (x) To the Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services, from Cllr D’Agorne:  
“What is the projected impact on recycling rates for 2011-12 and 2012-13 of the roll-out of kerbside recycling and fortnightly collection being extended to all properties?”
- (xi) To the Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services, from Cllr Simpson-Laing:  
“Will the Executive Member indicate whether she will write to the Housing and Communities Ministers to request that they do not hold up the Housing Revenue Account review, initiated by the former Housing Minister John Healy MP, so that the building of much needed council housing is not held up?”
- (xii) To the Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services, from Cllr D’Agorne:  
“What work has been done on developing a waste reduction alternative to the 25 year PFI waste treatment plants proposed for York and North Yorkshire for this authority to consider before committing to the contract?”

(xiii) To the Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services, from Cllr D'Agorne:

“What additional annual costs will face the Council:

a) to pay for the loans and

b) to pay if the volume of waste is less than projected over the lifetime of the contract?”

(xiv) To the Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services, from Cllr Simpson-Laing:

“Will the Executive Member pledge to residents in private rented accommodation in York that they will not lose their homes when the cuts to Housing Benefit take place, and will she outline how the Council will protect these residents?”

#### **14. Urgent Business**

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

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