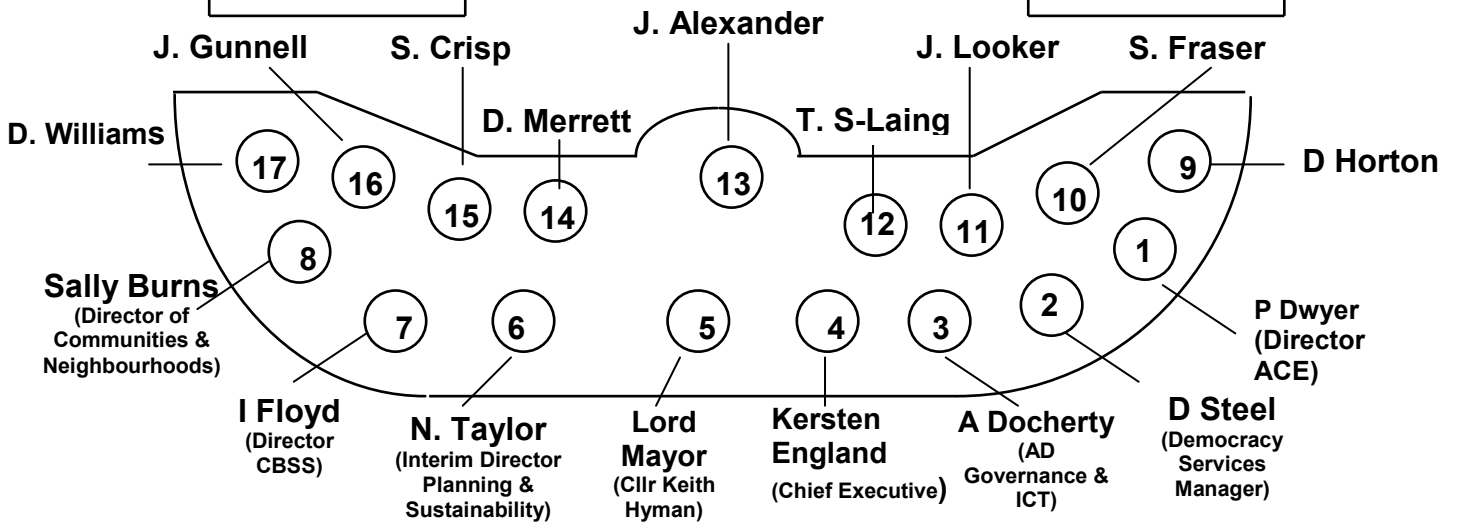
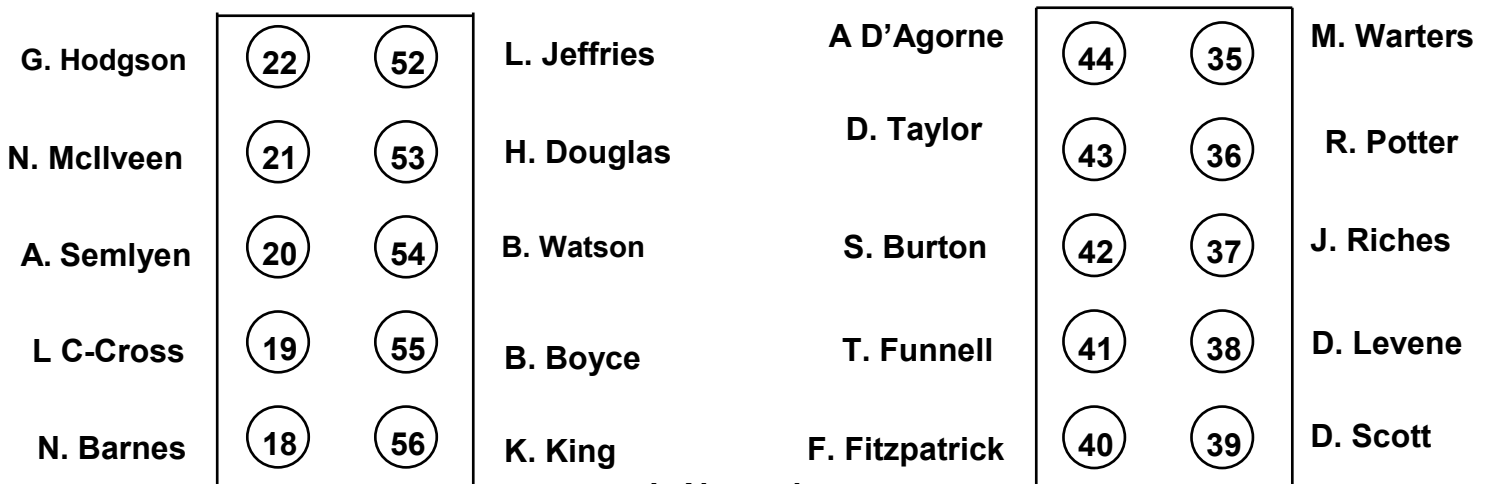
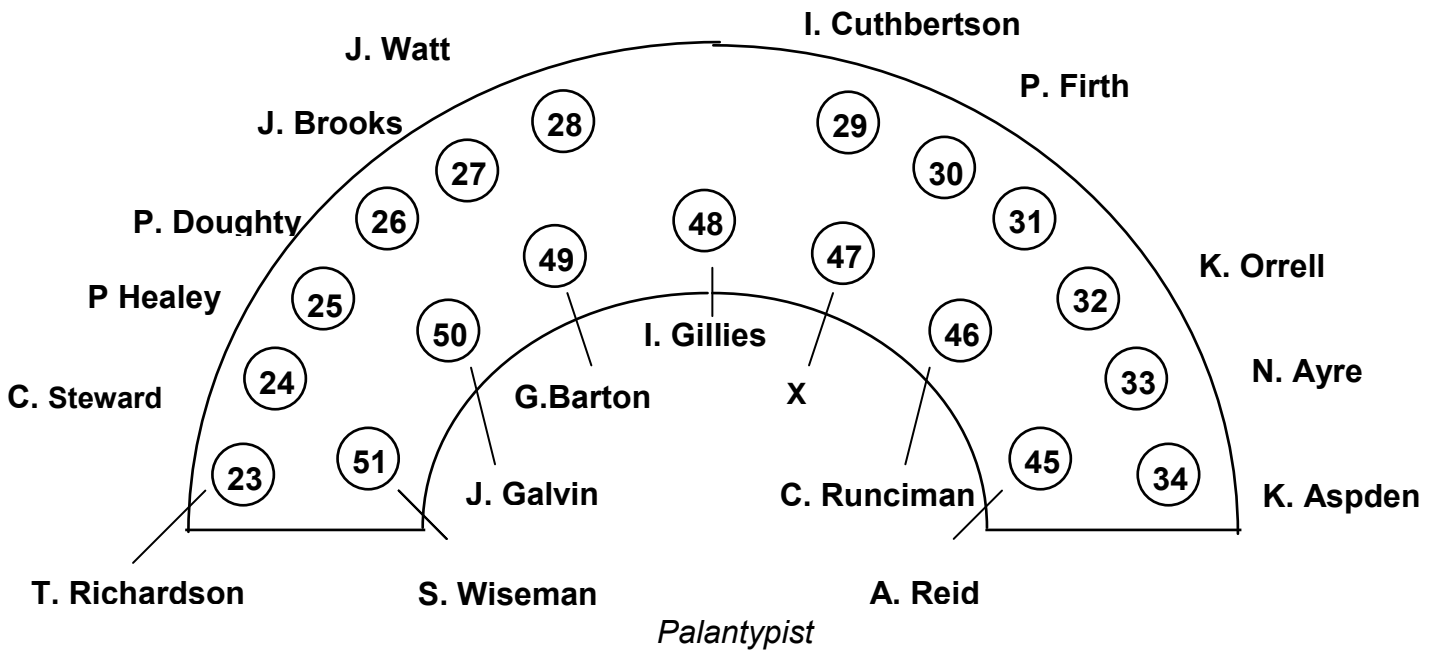


**CITY OF YORK COUNCIL
SUMMONS**

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, 11 October 2012 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, prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interests they may have in the business on this agenda.

2. Exclusion of Press and Public

To consider the exclusion of the press and public from the meeting during consideration of the following:

Annexes 2 and 3 to agenda item 7, relating to Cabinet Minute 33, (Sale of the Hungate Site) and Annex 2 to agenda item 7, relating to Cabinet Minute 34, (Admin Accommodation Portfolio) on the grounds that they contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of particular persons. This information is classed as exempt under paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A to Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as revised by The Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006).

Annex 4 to agenda item 7, relating to Cabinet Minute 33, (Sale of the Hungate Site) on the grounds that it contains information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings. This information is classed as exempt under paragraph 5 of Schedule 12A to Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as revised by The Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006).

3. Minutes (Pages 1 - 20)

To approve and sign the minutes of the last Council meeting held on 12 July 2012.

4. Civic Announcements

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

5. 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 10 October 2012.**

6. Petitions

To consider any petitions received from Members in accordance with Standing Order No.7. To date, notice has been received of four petitions as follows:

- A petition to be presented by Cllr Barton on behalf of residents of The Ruddings, Wheldrake requesting resurfacing of their road.
- A petition to be presented by Cllr Barton on behalf of the A19/Deighton Speed Restriction Group.
- A petition to be presented by Cllr Brooks on behalf of residents of Dunnington asking that litter bins that were removed in the summer be replaced.
- A petition to be presented by Cllr Cuthbertson on behalf of residents of Haxby regarding traffic issues in Calf Close, Haxby.

7. Report of Cabinet Leader and Cabinet Recommendations (Pages 21 - 68)

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

Meeting	Date	Recommendations
Cabinet	17 July 2012	i) Minute 12: Capital Programme Outturn 2011/12 and Revisions to the 2012/13-2016/17 Programme
Cabinet	9 October 2012	Minutes to follow: ii) Minute 33:

Sale of Hungate Site

iii) Minute 34:
Admin Accommodation
Portfolio – further property
rationalisation

[Copies of these draft minutes, marked to follow, together with the confidential annexes to these reports have now been added to this agenda.]

8. Recommendations of the Joint Standards Committee (Pages 69 - 70)

To consider the following recommendations for approval from the Joint Standards Committee:

Meeting	Date	Recommendations
Joint Standards Committee	12 September 2012	Minute 7: Implementation of New Standards Arrangements (Independent Persons)

9. Scrutiny - Report of the Chair of the Corporate and Scrutiny Management Committee (Pages 71 - 76)

To receive a report from Councillor Wiseman, the Chair of the Corporate and Scrutiny Management Committee (CSMC) on the work of the CSMC.

10. Independent Remuneration Panel (Pages 77 - 100)

To consider the final report and recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel in relation to Members allowances and reimbursements.

11. Report of Cabinet Member (Pages 101 - 114)

To receive a written report from the Cabinet Member for Planning, Transport and Sustainability, and to question the Cabinet Member thereon, provided any such questions are registered in accordance with the timescales and procedures set out in Standing Order 8.2.1.

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://modgov.york.gov.uk/mgListOutsideBodies.aspx?bcr=1>

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

- Fire Authority – 20 June 2012
- Police Authority – 25 June 2012
- Safer York Partnerships – 9 August 2012
- Local Government North Yorkshire & York – 12 July 2012
- Without Walls – 21 May 2012

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

13. **Notices of Motion**

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

A – Motions referred from the Cabinet 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 Simpson-Laing

“The City of York Council is concerned over the recent announcement that will allow household extensions, through Permitted Development Rights, to double in size without the need for Planning Consent

Council is concerned about the detrimental effect such large extensions could have on neighbours and neighbourhoods.

Council requests that Government undertake an extensive consultation on the extensions of Permitted Development Rights

Council requests that the Director of City and Environment bring forward proposals for an 'Article Four Direction', to limit the size of Household extensions not requiring Planning Consent, if the Government presses ahead with the proposed changes."

(ii) From Cllr Galvin

"Council believes in these difficult economic times, caused by the previous Labour government's financial incompetence, that the priority must be to protect both the vulnerable and residents' most basic council services. Council therefore pledges:

1. To restock and to maintain all existing salt bins throughout the coming winter: and
2. To rule out any additional charges to residents for the provision and removal of green waste bins for the remainder of this council.

The costs associated with these commitments, approximately £34k will be met by reallocating from the Economic Infrastructure Fund, £34,000 from New Homes Bonus funds for 12/13 and, from 13/14, by reducing the cost of Union support by the same sum"

(iii) From Cllr Reid

Council Notes:

Councillor Sonja Crisp's promise to Full Council in March that "all the salt bins required across all wards will be refilled from the core budget".

The decision taken last month by Councillor David Levene, Cabinet Member for Environmental Services, not to refill the 170 salt bins previously maintained through funding provided via ward committees.

Cuts and changes to the ward committee budgets now prevent these decisions being addressed at ward level.

Council believes:

- The plans to reduce overall salt bin provision in York from around 369 full bins to around 199 will, in a bad winter, have a significant and detrimental impact.
- Leaving the bins out empty is likely to lead to a further deterioration in their condition and make it harder to bring them back into use next winter.
- Public confusion is likely as residents will not know which salt bins are full and which salt bins are empty until they need to use them.
- The decision to cut provision before the promised review of salt bin locations for the winter of 2013/14 is misguided, as is the decision not to consult local residents or local councillors.
- The mistakes Labour made over the removal of 1-in-4 of York's dog and litter bins are being repeated.

Council calls on Councillor Levene to reverse his decision and refill all salt bins for this winter pending a review of salt bin locations for next winter, and carry out an assessment of which bins are in need of repair. The initial £17,000 cost would be funded by reducing the budget for Cabinet Members Allowances from £128,625 to £110,625.

(iv) From Cllr Alexander

City of York Council is experiencing almost a third cut in funding from the Conservative-led Government. This has led to unpopular service reductions and the situation is becoming critical.

Local Government is being asked to find savings that far outweigh Government expenditure reductions in other areas. In 2014/15 there will be a 0.6% reduction in public expenditure but Local Government will experience a cut 9 times higher. In York the savings required could be 17 times as high.

From 2003 to 2010 City of York Council received an additional £52m in funding from the Labour Government. During which time the Liberal Democrat administration led a 'Fair deal for York' campaign which said York was underfunded.

Since the General Election the Council has had to identify £41m of savings. York is contributing to deficit reduction but the Conservative-led Government is using deficit panic to attack York's public services.

At the 2010 General Election no party won. The Conservative-led Government has no mandate for their destructive course of action and the Government only exists because of choices made by the Liberal Democrats. Council will pledge its commitment to lead on and sign up to a non-partisan 'Enough is Enough' campaign to stop the Government attacking York's public services.

14. Questions to the Cabinet Leader and Cabinet Members received under Standing Order 11.3(a)

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

(i) To the Cabinet Leader from Cllr Runciman:

"Does the Council Leader agree with Councillor Semlyen, Chair of the Economic & City Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee, that the recent floods prove it would be wrong to invest £3.6 million of public money in the Bonding Warehouse?"

(ii) To the Cabinet Leader from Cllr Runciman:

"Firstly, I would like to thank those on the ground for their efforts in tackling the recent floods. However, after complaints from members of the public and his own public criticism, will the Council Leader support a full scrutiny review to analyse the response to the floods from City of York Council, Yorkshire Water, the Environment Agency and other relevant organisations?"

(iii) To the Cabinet Leader from Cllr Reid:

“Could the Council Leader provide an update on the future of the Beckfield Lane site?”

(iv) To the Cabinet Member for Health, Housing and Adult Social Services from Cllr Doughty:

“In the Adult Social Services Finance Report presented to the Health, Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 12th September, it detailed a projected Council overspend in excess of £2.6M for the directorate in the current fiscal year. This report detailed where some of the overspend has taken place or is forecast. It indicated that some “mitigating actions have also been identified to help compensate for some of these pressures” and listed some very generalised areas without giving detail.

Can the Cabinet Member please expand on this to give Council a clearer indication as to how the £2.6M overspend will be tackled and which specific areas, if any will be reviewed?”

(v) To the Cabinet Member for Health, Housing and Adult Social Services from Cllr Doughty:

“The Adult Social Services Finance Report referred to in my previous question also indicated that the directorate is assessing which 2013/2014 savings proposals can be brought forward. Can the Cabinet Member indicate what these might be at this stage. If not, what timescale can we expect to hear about them?”

(vi) To the Cabinet Member for Health, Housing & Adult Social Services from Cllr Barton:

“Excluding the efforts of the various housing associations, can the cabinet member say how many affordable homes have been completed as a result of developer contributions during the period the Labour Administration has been in control?”

(vii) To the Cabinet Member for Health, Housing and Adult Social Services from Cllr Aspden:

“Could the Cabinet Member update Council on what is happening

to the estimated 184 residents in the 'moderate' care bracket recently cut by Labour?"

(viii) To the Cabinet Member for Health, Housing and Adult Social Services from Cllr Reid:

"What has the uptake been for council tenants installing Solar PV (photovoltaic) panels and what impact will this have on national grid capacity?"

(ix) To the Cabinet Member for Transport, Planning & Sustainability from Cllr D'Agorne:

"Can the Cabinet Member report what reviews are taking place following the combined travel disruption caused by flooding and gas works around the city?"

(x) To the Cabinet Member for Transport, Planning & Sustainability from Cllr D'Agorne:

"Will there be a review of the arrangements with utility companies to prevent work being allowed simultaneously on several key roads at the same time (Tadcaster Rd, Sim Balk Lane, Bishopthorpe Rd, Cemetery Rd)?"

(xi) To the Cabinet Member for Transport, Planning & Sustainability from Cllr Barton:

"Bearing in mind that yet another LDF Working Group meeting (1st October) has been cancelled, when will the Conservative motion from the Council Meeting of 12th July 2012 and referred to this group be debated and a recommendation brought to full council?"

(xii) To the Cabinet Member for Transport, Planning & Sustainability from Cllr Reid:

"How much has been spent on the '20's Plenty' Campaign and does this include the cost of all marketing and advertising?"

(xiii) To the Cabinet Member for Transport, Planning & Sustainability from Cllr Ayre:

“The budget for 2011/12 included £158,000 for a statutory bus partnership and a further £100,000 has been allocated in 2012/13. Does the Cabinet Member think it is acceptable that 5 months after raising the question, I am yet to receive a detailed breakdown of how this money is being spent? Could the Cabinet Member now provide a detailed breakdown of what this £258,000 has been spent on and what benefits have come from this?”

(xiv) To the Cabinet Member for Transport, Planning & Sustainability from Cllr Reid:

“While recognising the excellent work of those on the ground tackling the floods, there were complaints that there were no sandbags available in the Skeldergate area and people were being left to fend for themselves. Could the Cabinet Member confirm that there are 40,000 empty sacks in the depot with sufficient sand to fill and these were properly distributed during the floods?”

(xv) To the Cabinet Member for Crime & Stronger Communities from Cllr Healey:

“Can the Cabinet Member please outline progress on the priorities identified from your administration’s Crime summit?”

(xvi) To the Cabinet Member for Crime & Stronger Communities from Cllr Healey:

“How does the Cabinet Member envisage his role changing with the election of a Police and Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire?”

(xvii) To the Cabinet Member for Crime & Stronger Communities from Cllr Healey:

“Does York Consortium’s £13,405 management fee of the Community Fund represent good value for money?”

(xviii) To the Cabinet Member for Crime & Stronger Communities from Cllr Orrell:

“How many Community Ward Contracts have been fully agreed and signed-off?”

(xix) To the Cabinet Member for Crime & Stronger Communities from Cllr Ayre:

“After first raising concerns in August, I have yet to receive a satisfactory answer to questions on the York Travellers Trust loss of £13,291 CYC funding. Could the Cabinet Member now confirm if this funding is being removed or whether they are receiving funds from a different pot? If they have lost funding what plans are in place to support the Trust? And will the Trust be able to continue without this funding?”

(xx) To the Cabinet Member for Leisure, Culture & Tourism from Cllr Richardson:

“Is the Cabinet Member going to resign as chair of the Equality Advisory Group given her comments made regarding Cllr. Jeffries and if not will she be apologising to this Group which is tasked with upholding equality in this city?”

(xxi) To the Cabinet Member for Leisure, Culture and Tourism from Cllr Ayre:

“An update sent to staff confirms that a project board has been convened to prepare a detailed ‘social enterprise’ model to transfer ownership of libraries from the Council. The recently launched library consultation does not ask residents for their views on this. Therefore, given that the consultation ignores the most important question, would the Cabinet Member consider withdrawing it and starting a proper full and frank discussion about the future ownership of libraries?”

(xxii) To the Cabinet Member for Leisure, Culture and Tourism from Cllr Ayre:

“Does the Cabinet Member believe that the ‘social enterprise’ model is the only way to deliver future library services?”

(xxiii) To the Cabinet Member for Leisure, Culture and Tourism from Cllr Ayre:

“Can the Cabinet Member guarantee that whatever the future ownership model of libraries, current staffing levels will be maintained?”

(xxiv) To the Cabinet Member for Leisure, Culture and Tourism from Cllr Ayre:

“When will the responsibility for equalities and inclusion transfer to the Cabinet Member for Crime and Stronger Communities?”

(xxv) To the Cabinet Member for Leisure, Culture and Tourism from Cllr Ayre:

“Could the Cabinet Member give a detailed breakdown of the cost of ‘Illuminating York’ for the last 3 years and for this year?”

(xxvi) To the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services from Cllr Cuthbertson:

“In light of the disastrous 2012-13 Performance and Finance Monitor 1 report which showed a projected overspend of £5.9 million, could the Cabinet Member outline how this situation will be rectified?”

(xxvii) To the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services from Cllr Cuthbertson:

“Will the Cabinet Member ensure that as soon as she receives information on the proposed growth items and savings for next year’s budget, these will be made available to opposition councillors?”

(xxviii) To the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services from Cllr Cuthbertson:

“What was the total revenue lost to this Council through the traffic wardens strike in July?”

(xxix) To the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services from Cllr Reid:

“In the light of other colleagues not having answered this question, I am now asking the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services – In April the Council said it expected to “receive full payment within the next month” for the outstanding rent still owed by UK Entertainment Online Ltd in regards to the Winter Wonderland in Exhibition Square last December. Could the Cabinet Member indicate whether this was achieved and if not what money is still owed to the Council?”

(xxx) To the Cabinet Member for Environmental Services from Cllr Firth:

“Will the Cabinet Member confirm that his colleague, Councillor Sonja Crisp, was wrong to say in March that “all the salt bins required across all wards will be refilled from the core budget?”

(xxxii) To the Cabinet Member for Environmental Services from Cllr Aspden:

“The Cabinet Member recently said that he thinks the “Liberal Democrats could be more constructive” when it comes to reducing litter. Does he agree that the most constructive way to reduce litter would be for Labour to listen to the thousands of residents that have signed petitions and return the 349 litter and dog bins removed earlier this year?”

(xxxii) To the Cabinet Member for Environmental Services from Cllr Reid:

“What does the Cabinet Member intend to do about the salt bins that are out on the street but in need of repair?”

(xxxiii) To the Cabinet Member for Environmental Services from Cllr Reid:

“Can the Cabinet Member confirm that the Snow Wardens scheme will continue?”

(xxxiv) To the Cabinet Member for Environmental Services from Cllr Reid:

“When will the public consultation on changes to the green bin

service take place?”

(xxxv)To the Cabinet Member for Environmental Services from Cllr Reid:

“Given the delays in consultation, the threat of a rise in landfill tax charge, and the public opposition, will the Cabinet Member formally rule out introducing charging for the green bin service?”

15. Urgent Business

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

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- Registering to speak
- Business of the meeting
- Any special arrangements
- Copies of reports

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CITY OF YORK COUNCIL

Resolutions and proceedings of the Meeting of the City of York Council held in Guildhall, York on Thursday, 12th July, 2012, starting at 6.30 pm

Present: The Lord Mayor (Cllr Keith Hyman) in the Chair, and the following Councillors:

ACOMB WARD

Horton
Simpson-Laing

BISHOPTHORPE WARD

Galvin

CLIFTON WARD

Douglas
King
Scott

DERWENT WARD

Brooks

**DRINGHOUSES &
WOODTHORPE WARD**

Hodgson
Reid
Semlyen

FISHERGATE WARD

D'Agorne
Taylor

FULFORD WARD

Aspden

GUILDHALL WARD

Looker
Watson

HAXBY & WIGGINTON WARD

Cuthbertson
Firth
Richardson

HESLINGTON WARD

Levene

HEWORTH WARD

Boyce
Funnell
Potter

HEWORTH WITHOUT WARD

Ayre

HOLGATE WARD

Alexander
Crisp
Riches

HULL ROAD WARD

Barnes
Fitzpatrick

HUNTINGTON & NEW
EARSWICK WARD

Hyman
Orrell
Runciman

MICKLEGATE WARD

Fraser
Gunnell
Merrett

OSBALDWICK WARD

Warters

RURAL WEST YORK WARD

Gillies
Healey
Steward

SKELTON, RAWCLIFFE &
CLIFTON WITHOUT WARD

Cunningham-Cross
McIlveen

STRENSALL WARD

Doughty
Wiseman

WESTFIELD WARD

Jeffries
Burton
Williams

WHELDRAKE WARD

Barton

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Watt.

14. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were invited to declare at this point in the meeting any personal or prejudicial interests or disclosable pecuniary interest they might have in the business on the agenda.

The following **prejudicial** interests were declared:

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Description of Interest</u>
Cuthbertson	5(i) – Petitions Burnholme Community College	Governor, Burnholme Community College
Cunningham-Cross	14 B(iv) - Notice of Motion – Equal Marriage Rights	Husbands employment as a spokesperson for the Archbishop of York
Funnell	5(i) – Petitions Burnholme Community College	Governor, Burnholme Community College
Potter	14 B (iv). Notice of Motion – North Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	As an election candidate

Note: The above members left the room during the debate / vote on the relevant items and took no part in the decisions thereon.

The following **personal** interests were declared:

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Description of Interest</u>
Fraser	Any staffing related issues	Member of retired section of Unison and Unite (ACTS/TGWU Sections)
Hodgson	15. Questions to the Cabinet Leader and Cabinet Members received under Standing Order 10 (c)	Member York Co-operative Party and Former employee of York Hospital Trust

Gunnell	14B (iv) Motions – Marriage Equality	As seconder of the motion
	Any staffing related issues	As Cabinet Member membership of Unison
Potter	Any staffing related issues	Member of Unison
Scott	Any staffing related issues	Member Unite and National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers Union
Williams	Any staffing related issues	Member of Unison and Unite unions

15. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Council on 29 March 2012, the Extraordinary meeting held on 24 April 2012 and the Annual Council meeting held on 24 May 2012 all be approved and signed as correct records.

16. CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord Mayor asked Members to join him in congratulating Cllr David Horton on his well deserved receipt of the MBE for his work in the local community.

Members were also reminded that the Yorkshire Regiment would be undertaking a Freedom Parade in the city the following day. Mention was also made of the previous week's Freedom Parade by the 2nd Signal Regiment following their six month tour of Afghanistan which had been enjoyed by the civic party.

17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Lord Mayor announced that 10 members of the public had registered to speak at the meeting.

Margaret Silcock spoke in support of making York a 'Frack Free Zone'. Details of the practice which involved the hydraulic fracturing of underground rock following the injection of millions of

gallons of water and chemicals to release gas was described together with the resultant pollution and acid rain seen in the United States. Earth tremors on the Fylde in Lancashire had been reported as part of exploration undertaken in the UK and, she asked that, until it had been proven that no hazards existed from these undertakings that members took all measures possible to make York a 'Frack Free Zone'.

Richard Briggs spoke in relation to the forthcoming Police Commissioner elections, particularly to the lack of information being provided for voters to enable them to make an informed decision. Any appointments made would have a profound affect on policing both locally and nationally so a central website was felt insufficient to inform residents. He requested members to support the inclusion of candidates' information in 'Your Voice', provide details on the Council's website one month prior to the election and to provide information to Town and Parish Council's on the additional measures taken to provide accessibility to all.

Dianne Willcocks spoke as a 'gay grandma' in support of the final Council motion on equal marriage rights. She spoke of the joys same sex couples brought to people's lives and the need to fight discrimination. She asked members to be bold and support the motion, together with the flying of the rainbow flag over the Mansion House on Saturday 21 July for the York Pride 2012 march showing the authority's full support for equality and fairness throughout the city.

Dan Sidley also spoke, in his capacity as Chair of York Pride, in support of the motion on equal marriage rights. He requested members to support the motion to improve the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender couples and ending discrimination and allowing fairness and equality of human rights for all.

Colin Hall also spoke in favour of the motion and full equality for all residents. He confirmed his support for the previous speakers' comments emphasising the importance of the rainbow flag and pointed out that this was a historic opportunity for the City of York Council to show their support and commitment for equality.

Katie Walker, Chair of the Youth Council, spoke in support of the petition, to be presented later in the meeting by Cllr Looker, for young people up to 18 years of age to use bus transport at weekends and during school holidays for a one pound fare. Transport was a key issue for young people, particularly the cost. She referred to low income families who were unable to support

children who chose to stay on at school after 16 years of age and who were no longer eligible for a Yorzone card and having to pay full fares. Members were asked to support the petition particularly as this scheme was being implemented in other parts of North Yorkshire.

Peter Kay, of the York Economic Partnership, spoke in support of the Council motion to withdraw the LDF Core Strategy from the examination process and the production of a new Local Plan. He pointed out that part of the Economic Partnership's role had been to press for adoption of the LDF and he stressed the importance of adoption of a plan to provide place shaping and certainty for the city. He asked that officers endeavour to have a new plan in place within the next 24/30 months to give the planning process certainty in the future.

Alan Smith, Chair of Fulford Parish Council, spoke in respect of a petition signed by Fulford residents to be submitted later in the meeting by the ward member. Detailed consultation was requested in respect of the Germany Beck development, which had received approval some five years ago. Residents were concerned that no recent consultation had taken place in particular in relation to flooding, traffic volumes and access concerns previously raised

Stephen Hodgson, Chair of Governors at Burnholme Community College spoke in relation to the proposed closure of the Burnholme Community College. He spoke of the constructive feedback received from the last Council meeting but at the absence of any significant debate. Reference was made to the College's values and support of families together with some excellent results and to the damage done by myths and scaremongering. He understood the need to be realistic and paid tribute to staff and young people at the College as well as Mr Crosby Manor School Head for his support during the transition period.

Adrian Fisher, of Burnholme Parents' Action Group spoke in support of the petition to be debated later in the evening against the proposed College closure. He spoke of the excellent education the College gave to young people preparing them for life and their future careers together with excellent community facilities for the area. Concern was expressed at logistical issues of travel for vulnerable children across the city with no plans yet in place for the satellite class. He expressed his disappointment at

the haste in which the decisions had been taken in view of the support of the local community for the Colleges retention.

18. PETITIONS

A. Petition from Burnholme Parents Action Group

In view of the number of signatories, over 1,996 people, the petition against the proposed closure of the Burnholme Community College, organised by the Burnholme Parents Action Group and presented to the Council in June, was then discussed by members.

Following lengthy debate, the Lord Mayor paid tribute to the work of the Burnholme Parents Action Group and their conduct during this difficult time.

The Lord Mayor confirmed that the petition and comment, made at the meeting, would be taken into account on 17 July when Cabinet members considered the representations on the proposal to close the College.

B. Petitions Presented Under Standing Order 7

Under Standing Order 7, petitions were presented by:

- i) Cllr Looker on behalf of the Youth Council who were trying to secure a 'ride around for a pound' deal on bus transport for all young people (18 years and younger) in York. ¹
- ii) Cllr Aspden on behalf of households in the Fulford area requesting more meaningful consultation on Germany Beck, as five years had passed since the planning application had been approved by the Planning Inspector. ²
- iii) Cllr Aspden on behalf of residents in the Fulford area requesting co-ordinated action to solve the parking problems in the Heslington Lane and Heath Moor Drive areas of Fulford. ³
- iv) Cllr Reid on behalf of residents of Ashbourne Way and Ashbourne Place, Woodthorpe requesting night time closure of snickets in

Ashbourne Way owing to anti social behaviour in the area. ^{4.}

Action Required

1-4 Schedule items on the Forward Plan, if required, and keep relevant member updated on progress.

SS

19. URGENT NOTICE OF MOTION

(i) From Cllr Alexander

It was moved by Cllr Alexander and seconded by Cllr Wiseman that:

“Council unanimously supported a previous motion in April 2011, to lobby for the retention of the Children’s Heart Unit at Leeds General Infirmary.

The Review of Children’s Congenital Cardiac Services in England undertaken by the NHS Specialised Services Safe and Sustainable Programme continues to be fully supported by the Council as a member of the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Yorkshire and the Humber. We recognise that specialists centres providing 24/7 care are essential to ensure safe, high quality care in a highly specialised clinical area.

However, we are concerned at the way the Meetings held by the JCPCT have been conducted. They have not shared information, no papers were available at the final Meeting of the JCPCT held in London on Wednesday 4th July, this meeting while, held in public, did not make available any of the documentation being considered by them, and the agenda was only published on Friday 29th June at 17.40 hours.

CYC therefore request a Meeting with the Secretary of State for Health, Mr Andrew Lansley to share these concerns which do not comply with Department of Health Guidance on openness in the NHS, and for Mr Lansley to give answers to the many unanswered questions put to the JCPCT by the Yorkshire and Humber Overview and Scrutiny Committee.”

The Lord Mayor confirmed that all parties on the Council had agreed that no debate was necessary as there was all party support for the sentiments in the motion.

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

RESOLVED: That the above notice of motion be approved. ¹.

Action Required

1. Request meeting with the Secretary of State for Health to share concerns expressed in motion. WB

20. CITY OF YORK LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

Cllr Alexander, presented the written report and motion of the Cabinet Member for Planning, Transport and Sustainability asking Council to instruct officers to undertake the necessary formal steps to withdraw the LDF Core Strategy from the Examination process.

Cllr Alexander then moved the motion to withdraw the Core Strategy, which was seconded by Cllr Merrett.

RESOLVED: That the motion in respect of the LDF Core Strategy be approved. ¹.

Action Required

1. Undertake the necessary formal steps to withdraw the LDF Core Strategy. RW

21. REPORT OF CABINET LEADER

A written report was received from the Cabinet Leader, Cllr James Alexander, on the work of the Cabinet.

A Questions

Notice had been received of seven questions on the written report, submitted by Members in accordance with Standing Orders. Details of a further five questions received from Cllr Steward also in relation to the Leader's report were circulated at the meeting. The first five questions were put and answered at the meeting and Cllr Alexander undertook to provide Members with written answers to the remaining questions.

22. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MEMBER DEVELOPMENT STEERING GROUP

As Chair of the Steering Group, Cllr Douglas moved, and Cllr Runciman seconded, the following recommendations contained in Minute 38 of the meeting of 8 March 2012:

“That Council approves:

- (i) The name change of the Committee to “Member Support Steering Group”.*
- (ii) The proposed changes to the future remit of the Steering Group.”*

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

RESOLVED: That the recommendations in Minute 38 of the Member Development Steering Group meeting held on 8 March 2012 be approved. ¹.

Action Required

1. Implement changes to the name and remit of the Steering Group.

DS

23. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

As Vice Chair of the Standards Committee, Cllr Scott moved, and Cllr Runciman seconded, the following recommendations contained in Minutes 8, 9 and 10 of the meeting of that committee held on 26 June 2012:

8. Code of Conduct

- “(i) [That Council], subject to the amendments detailed in the report, approve the draft Code of Conduct and the revised copy be submitted to Council for adoption.*

- (ii) *That the new Code of Conduct be kept under review by the new Joint Standards Committee.*¹

9. Joint Committee

- “(i) [That Council] confirm its agreement to the establishment of the Joint Committee with the terms of reference as annexed to the report (subject to the amendment detailed in the minutes).*
- (ii) *That the powers to deal with dispensations be delegated to the Joint Committee.*
- (iii) *That the Monitoring Officer be appointed as Proper Officer for the purpose of receiving applications for dispensation.”*²

10. Transitional Provisions and Implementation of Arrangements

*“That as an interim measure, the three existing independent Members carry out the Independent Person role pending the appointment of two Independent Persons at the Council meeting in October.”*³

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

RESOLVED: That the recommendations in Minutes 8, 9 and 10 of the Standards Committee meeting held on 26 June 2012 be approved.

Action Required

- 1. Adopt the new Code of Conduct. AD
- 2. Establish Joint Committee with agreed terms of reference. AD
- 3. Refer appointments to October Council meeting. AD

24. SCRUTINY - REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE CORPORATE AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Council received the Annual Scrutiny Report from Cllr Wiseman, Chair of the Corporate and Scrutiny Management Committee, on the work of the committee during the 2011/12 municipal year.

Councillor Wiseman then moved, and Cllr Runciman seconded acceptance of the report and it was

RESOLVED: That the Annual Scrutiny Report be received and noted.

25. REPORT OF CABINET MEMBER

Council received a written report from Cllr Fraser, Cabinet Member for Environmental Services.

Notice had been received of thirteen questions on the report, submitted by Members in accordance with Standing Orders. Details of a further seven questions received for the Cabinet Member from Cllr Steward were also circulated at the meeting. The first three questions were put and answered at the meeting and Cllr Fraser undertook to provide written answers to the remaining questions.

26. ACTIVITIES OF OUTSIDE BODIES

Minutes of the following meetings had been made available for Members to view on the Council's website:

- York NHS Trust – 20/02/12
- Safer York Partnership – 02/04/12
- Police Authority – 12/12/11
- Quality Bus Partnerships – 18/06/12
- Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation – 23/03/12
- Local Government North Yorkshire & York – 20/01/12

- Local Government Yorkshire & Humber – Minutes from Various Meetings from October 2011 to May 2012

No questions had been submitted to representatives on outside bodies.

27. APPOINTMENTS AND CHANGES TO MEMBERSHIP

RESOLVED: That the appointments to, and changes to membership of, committees, outside bodies and working groups set out in the revised list circulated around the Council Chamber (and attached as an annex to these minutes) be approved.¹

Action Required

1. Ensure that the agreed changes to membership are implemented.

JP

28. NOTICES OF MOTION

(i) North Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner

It was moved by Cllr Williams and seconded by Cllr D'Agorne that:

“This Council calls upon the Chief Executive to facilitate the inclusion in Your Voice an article which includes the names, addresses and websites for each candidate for the position of York and North Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner. It further calls upon her to ensure that the relevant issue of Your Voice is distributed to all households in the City of York Council area in good time before the 15th November election for the PCC post along with supporting information to explain the role of the Police and Crime Commissioner.”

Councillor Healey then moved and Cllr Galvin seconded, an amendment to the above motion as follows:

In the second sentence –

Delete the words “in good time” and replace with “after the publication of persons nominated on 23 October 2012 and”

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

The motion, as amended, now reads as follows:

“This Council calls upon the Chief Executive to facilitate the inclusion in Your Voice an article which includes the names, addresses and websites for each candidate for the position of York and North Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner. It further calls upon her to ensure that the relevant issue of Your Voice is distributed to all households in the City of York Council area *after the publication of persons nominated on 23 October 2012 and before the 15th November election for the PCC post along with supporting information to explain the role of the Police and Crime Commissioner.*”

The motion, as amended, was then put to the vote and declared CARRIED and it was

RESOLVED: That the above notice of motion, as amended, be approved. ^{1.}

(ii) Affordable Housing

Cllr Doughty had submitted the following motion:

“Council recognises that urgent action is needed to address the desperate shortage of house building in the city.

Council notes that this stagnation is having a particularly detrimental effect on first time buyers and those seeking genuinely affordable accommodation whether that be rental, shared ownership or otherwise. Developers have long claimed that the targets for the number of affordable homes required in larger developments make such schemes unviable and statistics back this claim.

Council therefore seeks to stimulate local growth and employment in York. It agrees to implement the following policy with immediate effect:-

A reduction to 10% of the affordable housing component on all brownfield site planning applications for developments of ten or more properties throughout the city. This policy shall be reviewed 24 months from inception.”

Cllr Merrett, as Cabinet Member for Planning Transport and Sustainability, moved, and Cllr Potter seconded referral of this motion, to Cabinet via the Local Development Working Group as part of an officer report, to include information on the appropriateness of the policy.

On being put to the vote the motion was declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED: That the above motion be referred to Cabinet via the Local Development Framework Working Group together with an officer report addressing the full implications.²

(iii) Litter and Dog Bins

It was moved by Cllr Reid and seconded by Cllr Runciman that:

“Council notes that over recent weeks 349 litter and dog bins have been removed from the city’s streets without any prior consultation with ward councillors, local residents or Parish Councils. This move has sparked widespread anger and all opposition groups have expressed concern over the cuts.

Council believes these are unnecessary cuts to frontline services that will increase litter and fly-tipping, lead to a general deterioration in the look and feel of our streets, and fatally undermine the legacy of York Pride.

Council resolves to instruct officers to work in collaboration with ward councillors, residents and where applicable Parish Councils to reverse these cuts and restore the lost bins in all areas where there is demand to do so. The £40,000 cost would be funded by reducing the budget for Cabinet Members from £128,625 to £88,625.”

On being put to the vote, the motion was declared LOST and it was:

RESOLVED: That the above motion be not approved.

(iv) Equal Marriage Rights

It was moved by Barnes and seconded by Cllr Fitzpatrick that:

“Council recognises that all York residents should be treated equally and should not be barred from any aspect of civil society either because of their beliefs, race, disability or sexual orientation. Council notes the recent Government consultation on extending the legal form of marriage to same-sex couples, and the commitment of City of York Council to equal rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered persons.

Council acknowledges and welcomes the positive efforts of the last Government to support lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender rights, including:

- Equal legal age of consent;
- Adoption rights for same-sex couples;
- Fertility treatment rights;
- Introduction of civil partnerships for same-sex couples

Council supports the current Prime Minister’s efforts to build on this progress, and legislate for equal Civil Marriage and also calls for equal Civil Partnerships

Council requests:

- that the Chief Executive write to Hugh Bayley MP and Julian Sturdy MP requesting they vote in favour of any Parliamentary vote supporting the equal marriage rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered couples to bring any proposed legislation to a reality and that they lobby for equal Civil Partnerships ³.
- ensures York Pride 2012 and Parade for Equal Marriage on Saturday 21st July is publicised via all CYC communications and that the ‘rainbow’ flag be displayed at the top of the Mansion House on the day.” ⁴.

Councillor Steward then moved and Cllr Doughty seconded, an amendment to the above motion as follows:

In the second paragraph, first line –

After the word ‘of’ add ‘this and’

In the third paragraph –

Delete the first bullet point “that the Chief Executive write to Hugh Bayley MP and Julian Sturdy MP requesting they vote in favour of any Parliamentary vote supporting the equal marriage rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered couples to bring any

proposed legislation to a reality and that they lobby for equal Civil Partnerships” and replace with “That members continue to engage positively with residents, bodies and other officials whether elected or not to support lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered couples and their interests’.

In the second bullet point delete the words “via all CYC communications and that the ‘rainbow’ flag be displayed at the top of the Mansion House on the day” and replace with “via CYC communications where appropriate”.

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

The original motion was then put to the vote and declared CARRIED and it was

RESOLVED: That the above motion be approved.

Action Required

1. Arrange for inclusion of article on candidates in Your Voice. WB
2. Refer motion to Cabinet via LDF Working Group. RW
3. Write to Hugh Bayley and Julian Sturdy supporting equal marriage rights as set out in the motion. WB
4. Arrange to publicise York Pride 2012/Parade and flying of rainbow flag on Mansion House. WB

29. QUESTIONS TO THE CABINET LEADER AND CABINET MEMBERS RECEIVED UNDER STANDING ORDER 10(C)

Fifty two questions had been submitted to the Cabinet Leader and Cabinet Members under Standing Order 11.3(a). The guillotine having fallen at this point, the Cabinet Members undertook to provide Members with written answers to these questions.

Cllr K Hyman

LORD MAYOR OF YORK

[The meeting started at 6.30 pm and concluded at 10.00 pm]

Membership of Committees, Working Groups and Outside Bodies

Committees/Working Groups

Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee

To amend the Conservative substitutes on the Committee and reorder as follows:

1st named sub - Cllr Wiseman

2nd named sub – Cllr Galvin

3rd named sub - Cllr Brooks

Outside Bodies

St Wilfrid's Eleemosynary Charity

To appoint Cllr Cuthbertson as the second nomination

The University of Hull's Court – Class 3

To appoint Cllrs Brooks and Riches

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Council Report of the Cabinet Leader

Floods

I want to publicly thank the staff of all agencies for the hard work they carried out during the recent floods. I know ward colleagues and my Deputy were up most of the night as the flood levels reached their peak in the Leeman Road area, helping the local community during this difficult time. At the Ouse's peak, I visited various parts of the city to see how the floods were being managed. This included visiting Silver Command at Fulford Police Station.

I will be writing to the Government to call for resources in helping with the clean up operation. Thanks to all who supported the combined effort, whether paid staff or fellow residents.

Inward Investment

Preparations are being made with a view to welcoming Hiscox to York and to the Hungate site. This will require Cabinet taking a decision to sell land on the site to accommodate the new employer. This will bring 500 jobs, of which 200 will be relocated. The council has shown it can be quick to respond positively to inward investment opportunities when they arise. I first met with Hiscox in November and encouraged its representatives to bring the company to York. At the time they were considering another Yorkshire city. This opportunity was created due to the hard work of Richard Flanagan, the President of the Chamber of Commerce.

I directed resources to this inward investment opportunity and have since met with Hiscox again and been in close contact. I will soon be visiting their London office for further discussions. This investment is the biggest vote of confidence in York's economy since Labour last attracted CPP to York. This has sent out a positive signal about York being open for business and has galvanized the council's reputation after the passing of the Monks Cross planning application. Not only are the employment and supply chain opportunities good for York, but to also begin sorting out the Hungate site and supplying extra footfall for the city centre is tremendous.

Although we have shown we can respond to opportunities quickly, we as yet are not creating enough of these opportunities ourselves. I have come to the conclusion that the only reason a company relocates is to be closer to its supply chain and the labour it requires. I have therefore instructed our economic development team to survey York's top

companies and find out who their top suppliers are. If there is commonality and if York is a leader in the field of that business, then we will begin to aggressively target those companies to locate to York.

Internationalisation

We are forging economic links with Nanjing, Chongqing, the Philippines, Chicago and Dijon.

The Lord Mayor and I travelled to Dijon last month to develop economic links and opportunities. This followed an invitation from the deputy regional Mayor. It was really positive for the Lord Mayor and the Council Leader to work together in this way to do what is best for the city, something I hope we are able to do more regularly in future.

It is clear that Dijon is working in similar markets to us, especially around food agriculture technology. We will be following up the opportunities and giving a presentation back to the Business Forum to which all councillors will be invited. The Burgundy Chamber of Commerce wishes to send a delegation to York following our visit and I have already set up meetings between the Chamber and a number of York companies.

The University of York, York St John and York Professionals also accompanied us on the visit enabling the city to develop relationships across a number of important sectors.

Homelessness

I visited the Peasholme centre and our other homelessness services recently. I want to pay tribute to our staff who work in very difficult circumstances, providing an essential service to those in less fortunate circumstances than ourselves. It is a service that will come under increased pressure in the future as the impact of national policy is fully felt at the local level.

Benefits Advice

I have spoken to staff in the benefits advice office and to residents who access this service and it was really interesting listening to the concerns of both.

We believe in helping people to achieve self-sufficiency, but benefits must be available and promoted to those that most need them. In a society such as our own, how well and to what extent we do this is an important measure of how developed that society is.

Veritau

I have visited Veritau and discussed their work and how they can save more money for the council. I was alarmed to learn that under the previous Liberal Democrat administration the council stopped verifying housing benefit payments and therefore the level of inappropriate claims has risen. I have instructed the Chief Executive to begin these verifications again to ensure payments are correct, warranted and ultimately to save the local taxpayer money.

York's Fairness Commission

I welcome the final report of the independent York Fairness Commission and the Cabinet will analyse its recommendations and give a full response as to how we take those recommendations forward.

We welcome public debate on the report's recommendations and on some of the more fundamental challenges the council faces in creating a fairer city.

We know the principle of fairness is anathema to Conservatives but establishing the Commission was a key part of the Labour manifesto that we were elected on, and fairness one of our core values.

Reinvigorate York

We have committed £3.3m to city centre infrastructure and this has been welcomed by city centre businesses. This is the biggest investment the city centre has seen since Labour introduced pedestrianisation.

We will be extending this programme and the new City Team York has been helpful in this regard.

Tour de France

Progress is being made on securing the Tour de France coming to Yorkshire and York.

The country has had an incredible sporting year, and that success can only help with bids such as this. We must capitalise on the momentum and good will built up this year and the Tour De France coming to York, as well as increasing interest in cycling, are great ways of achieving that.

This will be a sporting event on a hitherto unseen scale in the city, with a global TV audience of 50m + as well as huge economic benefits for York.

Please pledge your support to get it here, and encourage those you know to do likewise at: www.yorkshire.com/back-the-bid

City Deals

I have negotiated for York to be a part of the Leeds City Region Deal in terms of transport and skills. This is the biggest devolution York has secured in some time and follows the mandate the council gave to campaign for regional governance. This is an important first step.

I am currently involved in securing a city deal for York and North Yorkshire with regards to the food agriculture industry.

GCSEs

We have given our backing to legal action being taken by Lewisham Council against political interference in GCSE examination marking. It is unfair for hard working pupils to get lower grades now than they would've done a few months ago, and the Government shouldn't be playing politics with the education of young people.

Employment

After visiting Job Centre Plus and Prospect training and listening to staff, I have asked the council to begin setting up work experience schemes for the unemployed.

This builds on the good work we have already carried out in recruiting apprentices, which has been recognised further afield and which I was asked to share with Lord Adonis and others at a meeting today.

Councillor James Alexander
2nd October, 2012

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Committee Minutes

MEETING	CABINET
DATE	17 JULY 2012
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS ALEXANDER (CHAIR), CRISP, FRASER, GUNNELL, LOOKER, MERRETT, SIMPSON-LAING (VICE-CHAIR) AND WILLIAMS
IN ATTENDANCE	COUNCILLORS CUTHBERTSON AND WARTERS

PART B - MATTERS REFERRED TO COUNCIL

12. CAPITAL PROGRAMME OUTTURN 2011/12 AND REVISIONS TO THE 2012/13 - 2016/17 PROGRAMME

Consideration was given to a report which set out the Council's capital outturn position for 2011/12 together with the final outturn position.

The current approved capital programme for 2011/12 of £57.031m, had been financed by £25.347m of external funding, and internal funding of £31,684m. Variations against the Monitor 3 budget of - £7.184m had resulted in a capital outturn of £49.847m arising from revisions to existing budgets, reprofiling and genuine under/overspends. Information on budget requests to be carried forward were set out in Table 2 in the report with supporting information at paragraphs 9 to 38.

An update on the 2012/13 to 2016/17 Capital Programme following the re-profiling of current schemes and requests for new funding was set out in paragraphs 39 to 44 and at Annex 1, of the report.

The Cabinet Member reported on the headline variations, confirming that all schemes were on track for completion this financial year.

RECOMMENDED: i) That Council use £1.5m of Prudential Borrowing for the Primary School Strategic Programme in 2011/12 with the associated revenue implications to be met from the Children's Services budgets and repaid over a

period of 25 years from savings made as a result of the amalgamation of the schools.

- ii) That Council approve the restated 2012/13 to 2016/17 programme as summarised in Table 3 and detailed in Annex 1 of the report, taking account of the re-profiling of schemes.

REASON: To allow the continued effective financial management of the capital programme from 2012/13 to 2016/17.

Cllr J Alexander, Chair

[The meeting started at 5.30 pm and finished at 7.30 pm].

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MEETING	CABINET
DATE	9 OCTOBER 2012
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS ALEXANDER (CHAIR), CRISP, GUNNELL, LEVENE, MERRETT, SIMPSON-LAING (VICE-CHAIR) AND WILLIAMS
IN ATTENDANCE	COUNCILLORS HEALEY, STEWARD AND WARTERS
APOLOGIES	COUNCILLOR LOOKER

PART B - MATTERS REFERRED TO COUNCIL

33. SALE OF THE HUNGATE SITE

Consideration was given to a report which set out proposals to sell Council land on the Hungate site to bring new jobs into the city and generate a capital receipt.

The site which comprised the former Peasholme Hostel, the Haymarket Car Park and the former Dundas Street Ambulance Station was shown at Annex 1 of the report.

Interest in the site had been forthcoming from Hiscox Ltd and following detailed investigations and discussions a formal offer for the site received. Although the site had not been marketed other interested parties had also been asked to submit offers and a number for expressions of interest and subsequent offers had now been received.

Information on and an analysis of the three bids was set out at paragraphs 6 to 18 and at Confidential Annex 2. Additional options together with an evaluation of the individual bids and the report of the independent valuer were also provided at paragraphs 19 to 26 and Annex 3. It was also note that the Council had an obligation not to sell land for less than the best consideration reasonably obtainable, without the consent of the Secretary of State. The Council would need to be satisfied that these obligations were complied and this was further explained in Confidential Annex 4.

The Leader pointed out that whilst the offer by Bidder 2 was not the highest, that it provided the largest economic benefit to the city and higher business rates than would have resulted from a hotel development.

Following further lengthy discussion it was

- RECOMMENDED:
- i) That Council agree to commence negotiations for the sale of the Hungate site to the Hiscox development partner, Bidder 2.
 - ii) That Council delegate authority to the Director of Customer and Business Support Services the power to finalise an agreement for the sale of the land to Bidder 2 at a commercial market value being not less than the figure set out in Annex 2 of the report.
 - iii) Cabinet recommends to Council amendment of the capital programme financing, reducing capital receipts by £1.627m, with a corresponding increase in prudential borrowing.

- REASON:
- i) To promote the economic well being of the City by ensuring the creation of between 400-600 new jobs and realising a capital receipt to fund the capital programme.
 - ii) & iii) To ensure the effective delivery of the capital programme.

34. ADMIN ACCOMMODATION PORTFOLIO - FURTHER PROPERTY RATIONALISATION

Members considered a progress update on the extension of the scope of the Administrative Accommodation rationalisation to further reduce the number of office buildings used by the Council and increase the accommodation provided to partners.

Following inclusion in the programme, in January 2012, the exiting of the Guildhall, St Anthony's House and 50 Acomb Road, accommodation had been required for an additional 200 staff and 47 members within the two remaining buildings.

In order to achieve further savings additional changes were required at West Offices and it was proposed that the Hazel Court site was used as the second Admin Accommodation site, as detailed in paragraphs 7 to 13 of the report. This would provide flexible workspace for all Council staff and partners. A further break down of the cost of modifications required at Hazel Court were set out in the Confidential Annex 2 to the report.

Members referred to repairs required to existing buildings and accessibility concerns and to the need for smarter working which the enhanced proposals would provide.

It was then

- RECOMMENDED:
- i) That Council agree the proposals for amending the design of Hazel Court to accommodate additional staff and an increased range of facilities.
 - ii) That Council be requested to create a capital budget of £618k to be funded from revenue savings achieved by exiting the 3 additional buildings.

- REASON:
- i) To reduce the Council's Admin Accommodation portfolio and ensure the provision of suitable flexible workspaces for staff and partners in Hazel Court.
 - ii) To ensure the effective delivery of the capital programme.

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MEETING	JOINT STANDARDS COMMITTEE
DATE	12 SEPTEMBER 2012
PRESENT	COUNCILLOR RUNCIMAN (CYC COUNCIL MEMBER) COUNCILLOR BARTON (CYC COUNCIL MEMBER) COUNCILLOR SCOTT (CYC COUNCIL MEMBER) COUNCILLOR TAYLOR (CYC COUNCIL MEMBER) COUNCILLOR CRAWFORD (PARISH COUNCIL MEMBER) COUNCILLOR MARTIN (PARISH COUNCIL MEMBER) COUNCILLOR SIMPSON (PARISH COUNCIL MEMBER)
IN ATTENDANCE	MRS BAINTON (INTERIM INDEPENDENT PERSON) MR DIXON (INTERIM INDEPENDENT PERSON)

PART B – MATTERS REFERRED TO COUNCIL

7. IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW STANDARDS ARRANGEMENTS

[see also Part A minute]

Members considered a report that provided information regarding progress with the implementation of the new standards arrangements by councils in York.

(i) Independent Persons

An update was given on the appointment of the Independent Persons. Four applications had been received to date. Consideration was given to the interview arrangements. It was proposed that the interview panel's recommendation would be considered by Council at their meeting on 11 October 2012.

RECOMMEND: That Council be invited to make the recommended appointments.

REASON: To ensure that the requirements of section 27 of the Localism Act 2011 are met.

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Scrutiny Report to Council October 2012

Report of the Chair of Corporate & Scrutiny Management Committee

1. This report is submitted by the Chair of Corporate & Scrutiny Management Committee (CSMC), in accordance with the constitutional requirements set out in Standing Order 4.3(l) to update Council on scrutiny work and to set out any recommendations such as may be made to Council in relation to that work.

Corporate & Scrutiny Management Committee (CSMC)

Scrutiny Budget

2. In accordance with its constitutional role to consider what budget might be appropriate for undertaking scrutiny reviews, CSMC made a recommendation to Budget Cabinet in February 2012 for scrutiny to be provided with a small budget of £5k for 2012/13. This was approved, and each of the Overview & Scrutiny Committees has been allocated an equal share for their use in supporting work on their individual scrutiny reviews. CSMC plan to monitor the spending of this budget and if necessary will reappportion the budget to enable ongoing reviews to be carried out effectively.

3. Call-ins

Since the last report of this kind in March 2012, SMC and subsequently CSMC has considered the following call-ins and decided in each case that having had the opportunity to look the issues in more detail, not to refer the issues back to the Cabinet for further consideration,:

- (i) Neighbourhood Working a New Approach;
- (ii) Water End / Clifton green Junction – Options for reinstating a separate left turn traffic lane on the Water End approach;
- (iii) Changes to Eligibility Criteria for Adult Social Care

4. Scrutiny Reviews

Having received detailed officer presentations on a number of new corporate strategies (Financial Inclusion, Community Engagement, and Customers), CSMC have agreed to carry out a scrutiny review on 'Improving Customer Engagement'. A Task Group has been formed to

scope the work on the review and will be reporting back on this to the next meeting of CSMC in November.

Standing Overview & Scrutiny Committees

Finance & Performance Monitoring

5. Each of the standing Overview & Scrutiny Committees received a 2011/12 year end finance and performance report in July, and a first quarter report for 2012/13 at the September round of overview & scrutiny meetings.
6. **Community Safety Overview & Scrutiny Committee** has met three times this municipal year. They have been consulted on a draft Hate Crime Strategy for the city, and some long term proposals on animal health, safety and enforcement. They have also considered again, issues around CCTV provision and have agreed to look at this in more detail once the new system at West Offices is up and running, and embedded. In addition, a Task Group has been formed and work is underway to carry out a scrutiny review on Domestic Waste Recycling, and the Committee has agreed to scope out another potential review around adapting to climate change with a focus on how the city plans for an increase in localised surface water flooding (not river).
7. In regard to ongoing crime and disorder issues, the committee has met with Safer York Partnership (SYP) and North Yorkshire Police and received their bi-annual performance report.
8. **Learning & Culture Overview & Scrutiny Committee** has met three times so far, this municipal year, and has received bi-annual SLA performance updates from both York Museums Trust and York Theatre Royal.
9. In consideration of a number of possible topics for review, the Committee has received information on CYC Parks and carried out a tour of Hull Rd Park and Rowntree Park. They have also received presentations on York's libraries, Safeguarding Children, and Careers Education Information and Guidance (CEIG). As a result, the Committee has agreed to carry out a review on the potential use of libraries as community hubs for the provision of other services. They plan to follow this with a review of CYC's provision of CEIG etc later this municipal year.
10. Meanwhile, work on their YMT Collections review has been ongoing and the Task Group carrying out the work will be providing its draft final report to the next full Committee meeting in November.

11. **Economic & City Development Overview & Scrutiny Committee (ECDOSC)** has met three times this new municipal year and at their first and second meetings considered reports on a variety of potential scrutiny topics. After careful consideration they initially agreed to progress two new topics to review; namely a review around E-planning Facilities and a Review around Youth Unemployment. Both of these reviews are being undertaken by a small Task Group and are being carried out over a series of informal meetings. The E-Planning Facilities Task Group has consulted widely amongst both Planning Panels and Parish Councils and gathered a wealth of evidence. The Task Group are due to complete the review fairly soon and present their final report to ECDOSC in November 2012 and then to Cabinet in December 2012.
12. The Youth Unemployment Task Group is still ongoing and they have received a variety of background information from officers within the Council. They have also made visits to Job Centre Plus, Pertemps and Prospect Training. They will be presenting an interim report to the November meeting of ECDOSC, which will include information gathered to date and their proposed next steps.
13. They have also received a further update report on their 'Reducing the Carbon Footprint in the Privately Rented Sector' Review which had been put on hold until further information on the 'Green Deal' was available. This review is due to recommence in October/November time.
14. The Committee have also identified several other scrutiny topics that they hope to start in the New Year or on completion of one of the three that are already ongoing.
15. In addition to this they have also received reports on Local Enterprise Partnerships, six monthly updates on major development schemes in York and major transport initiatives as well as an update on the implementation of recommendations arising from the Water End Councillor Call for Action. The Leader of the Council also attended the July meeting of the Committee to update them on his priorities and challenges for the forthcoming year.
16. **Health Scrutiny Overview & Scrutiny Committee** has met four times this municipal year and continues to work with partners in a positive way. They have received and discussed reports on the following with a variety of key health partners working within the city:
 - Update on the previously undertaken Carer's Review
 - Regular updates on establishing a local HealthWatch
 - An update from Yorkshire Ambulance Service into complaints received

- A report from NHS North Yorkshire and York in relation to a review of services for homeless patients at Monkgate Health Centre
 - Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Assurance report
 - A presentation on the Health and Wellbeing Strategy
 - Update on the Regional Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee's work around Children's Cardiac Services and the national consultation around how and where services will be provided in the future
 - Progress briefing on the major trauma network
 - Proposal to redesign older people's mental health services and enhance provision of community care and support
17. The Committee have also responded to two national consultation documents, the first around Local Health Authority Scrutiny and the second around mandate to the NHS Commissioning Board.
18. In addition to this they have also heard from the Cabinet Member for Health, Housing and Adult Social Services in relation to her priorities and challenges for the forthcoming year.
19. In relation to scrutiny review work, the Committee's End of Life Care Review is still ongoing but well on its way to being completed. On 6th August 2012 the Committee held a meeting attended by numerous key health partners across the city. At the meeting they considered the information received to date as well as some new information from the Out of Hours Service. All of the information is currently being pulled together into a final report, however there is still a small amount of work to do around formulating the recommendations arising from the review and looking at the implications that these may bring. It is hoped that the Committee will be able to consider the final report in its entirety at their November meeting.
20. The Committee have also identified two new scrutiny reviews they would like to undertake. The first around the Personalisation Agenda and the second around community Health Services in the Care of Adolescents. Meetings are currently being arranged to decide an exact focus, scope and remit for these reviews. These will be presented to the December meeting of the Committee and once agreed will commence shortly thereafter.
21. **City Centre Access Ad Hoc Scrutiny Committee** – This Committee have met informally several times this municipal year. However for various reasons this review has not progressed as well as the Ad Hoc Scrutiny Committee would have wished. A report is currently being compiled with a full explanation as to what has happened throughout this

review and this will be presented to the next meeting of Corporate and Scrutiny Management Committee (November 2012), being the parent body of the Ad Hoc Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Siân Wiseman
Chair of Corporate & Scrutiny Management Committee

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Council

11 October 2012

Report of the Monitoring Officer

Independent Remuneration Panel

Summary

1. This report annexes the final report of the Independent Remuneration Panel into the allowances and reimbursements which the Council should afford to Members.

Background

2. The Council is legally obliged to consider a report from its Independent Remuneration Panel before making any changes to its scheme of allowances. It is good practice to have the scheme reviewed from time to time to ensure that it reflects any changes in the Council's operation. There is a legal requirement, in any event, to review the Council's scheme every four years.
3. The Independent Panel has made recommendations for changes to the scheme in respect of:
 - Basic and special responsibility allowances
 - Travel allowances
 - Dependent Carer's allowances
4. In arriving at its recommendations the Panel established the following principles:
 - The scheme should be easily understood
 - The scheme should be straightforward to administer
 - The scheme of basic and special responsibility allowances should provide for an adequate level of reward so as not to

discourage those who may wish to stand for office without money becoming a motivating factor in standing for Council.

- Travel allowances should not act as an obstacle to appropriate travel outside the City to promote the City's interests.
5. Full Council must consider the report, have regard to the recommendations and decide on what, if any, amendments to make to the existing scheme.

Options

6. Having considered the report Council has the option to:
- Adopt the recommendations of the Panel in full
 - Adopt the recommendations in part
 - Continue the existing scheme

Analysis

7. The Panel has justified its recommendations within the report. In considering the options Members will wish to consider the affordability of the proposals as well as the extent to which any option meets the principles identified by the Panel.

Implications

8. Legal

Legal implications are set out within the report.

9. Financial

The table below sets out the financial implications if the proposals were adopted in full. It has been assumed that changes to the travel and dependent carer's allowances would be broadly cost neutral.

	No	New Cost	Current Cost	Additional Cost/ (Saving)
<u>Lord Mayor</u>	-			
Civic and Special Responsibility Allowance	1	7,893	4,960	2,933
<u>Members</u>	-			
Basic Allowance	47	459,532	338,048	121,485
Special Responsibility Allowances	22	245,277	195,825	49,452
Total Allowances –		712,702	538,833	173,870
<u>Other</u>	-			
Flat Rate internet and telephone provision £300 pa	47	14,100	18,660	(4,560)
Total		726,802	557,493	169,310

Any budget growth consequent upon Council's decision would need to be approved as committed growth as part of the financial strategy.

Recommendations

That:

- (1) Council adopt an appropriately amended scheme of allowances , having had regard to the recommendations of the IRP ;

- (2) The Director of Customer and Business Support Services be authorised to implement any changes agreed to the current scheme from an agreed date; and
- (3) The Monitoring Officer be authorised to make and report any arising constitutional changes.

Reason: To enable the Council to meet its statutory obligations to receive and consider a report on allowances and entitlements for Members from an Independent Panel

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Wards Affected: *List wards or tick box to indicate all*

All

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Background Papers: None

Annexes

Report of Independent Remuneration Panel

**A Review
Of
Members' Allowances
For
City of York Council**

A Report

By

**The
Independent
Remuneration
Panel**

August 2012

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) was convened to advise the City of York Council on its scheme of Members' allowances. The IRP last met in 2007 and a new scheme of allowances adopted in 2008. The 2008 scheme replaced an earlier scheme which had been agreed in 2004.
- 1.2 The Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 require Councils to appoint an IRP and to have regard to its recommendations before a Council amends its scheme of allowances.

2. Membership of the Panel

- 2.1 The Council appointed the following Members to the Independent Remuneration Panel 2011/12:

David Dickson – Partner, Garbutt and Elliott, Chartered Accountants

Elizabeth Heaps Pro Vice Chancellor, York University

Janet Hopton - Former Lord Mayor, Chair of York's World Heritage Bid

Peter Kay – Partner Ware and Kay Solicitors, Chair Economic Partnership

John Lister - Finance Director, Aviva

Andrew Scott – Former Director, National Railway Museum

Richard Shephard - Director of Development York Minster

Patrick Shepherd - Deputy Chair, Shepherd Building Group

- 2.2 The Panel received administrative support from Officers of the City Council and would also like to record its thanks to Ceri Connolly of Aviva who assisted the Panel with its work.

3. Terms of Reference and Methodology

- 3.1 The Panel's terms of reference are attached at Annex A to this report. They reflect the legal requirements governing the Panel.
- 3.2 The Panel has met on four occasions to consider reports prepared by Officers and to discuss information which had been obtained at

the Panel's request. The Panel invited and received written representations from Members and met with a focus group of Members which included a member of each political group represented on the Council.

4. Principles Underpinning Recommendations

4.1 The Panel's recommendations are based on the following principles:

- The scheme should be easily understood
- The scheme should be straightforward to administer
- The scheme of basic and special responsibility allowances should provide for an adequate level of reward so as not to discourage those who may wish to stand for office without money becoming a motivating factor in standing for Council.
- Travel allowances should not act as an obstacle to appropriate travel outside the City to promote the City's interests.

5. The Basic Allowance

Background

5.1 Every councillor, irrespective of any particular office he or she may hold on the Council, is entitled to the same level of basic allowance. Basic allowance is intended to recognise the time commitment of all councillors, including such inevitable calls on their time as meetings with officers and constituents and attendance at political group meetings. It is also intended to cover incidental costs such as the use of their homes. At present an element of travel expenses is also included within the basic allowance since travel costs can only be claimed for certain duties. – for example attending formal meetings as a councillor. Councillors cannot, for example, claim travel costs for meetings with constituents or for individual meetings with officers to discuss casework.

The Current Scheme

5.2 In 2008 the rate of basic allowance was set at £7,000 and by virtue of an increase in line with local government salaries that was

raised to £7192.50 in 2009. There has been no increase in the basic allowance since that time. A 1% increase granted to local authority staff below Chief Officer level in 2010 was not taken by Members although the current scheme provides for such an increase.

- 5.3 The basic allowance accepted in 2008 was significantly less than the £8,800 recommended by the previous Panel which had reported in November 2007. The 2012 Panel was told that in 2008 it was not considered to be politically acceptable to accept an allowance of that level.
- 5.4 In arriving at its recommendation in 2007 the Panel, having considered evidence, had considered that the expected time input for a backbench Councillor was at least 2 days a week. They had established a rate for the job and had then discounted the figure achieved by one third. The discount was to reflect the principle that an important part of being a Councillor is to serve the public and that therefore, not all of what a Councillor does should be remunerated. The one third discount is a standard widely applied across the country.

The Panel's Recommendation

- 5.5 The Panel notes the roles of the backbencher as described in a role profile agreed by the Council. While there have been some changes to the way the Council operates since 2008 the essential role of backbenchers does not seem to have changed significantly.
- 5.6 A message that came over clearly was that the role of the councillor is not simply to attend Council meetings. Councillors explained that the ward representative role can be as, if not more important and very time consuming. Councillors described the existing demands on their time and a concern was expressed that, for a variety of reasons, even more might be required of some Councillors in the future.
- 5.7 The Panel received a number of specific representations about the workload of councillors holding particular offices and these will be addressed when dealing with recommendations on special responsibility allowances. At this stage it is sufficient to note that there was consensus that some roles require at least the same level of input as a full time job.

- 5.8 The representations the Panel received pointed out the significant demands being placed on all councillors irrespective of whether they hold office within the Council. The focus group expressed a view that the Panel in 2007 had, if anything, underrepresented the time that an average Councillor would spend on Council business. The Panel also received a written representation from a current Cabinet Member who estimated that before taking on that role she was working 40 hours each week on Council business.
- 5.9 The Panel in 2007 recorded a consistent theme that an average of 12 hours work per week (which had underpinned the 2004 Panel's recommendations) did not recognise the required time commitments needed to be an effective backbencher. The 2007 Panel suggested that 2 days per week was a more appropriate figure based on their research. The Panel also noted that national research pointed to the average backbench Councillor spending 18.1 hours each week on Council business
- 5.10 In 2012 that same theme has emerged and the Panel has little difficulty in accepting it to be the case that 12 hours is an underestimate of the time that an average Councillor will spend on Council business each week. The Panel is therefore of the view that it is appropriate to use 2 days per week as the basis for setting the basic allowance.
- 5.11 Both previous Panels used the LGA "daily session rate" as the most appropriate rate for the job. Government guidance from 2001 suggests that this may be an appropriate starting point. The LGA rate is weighted towards the median male non manual wage for Great Britain. The LGA last published a rate in 2010 of £152.77. Based on 96 days annual input each year that gives a figure of £14,665.92. Reducing that by one third as a public service discount would give a basic allowance of £9777.28.
- 5.12 Benchmarking that against authorities named by CIPFA as statistical near neighbours and against Yorkshire metropolitan authorities shows that the current York allowances are low (the lowest in the comparator group). This is consistent with the findings of a Local Government Association survey from 2008 which identified an average basic allowance of £8076 in Unitary Councils. It also demonstrates that the proposed level of allowances is within the range paid by similar Councils. All these allowances are well below the rate paid to Councillors in Scotland

(where the Scottish Parliament sets the basic allowance) - currently £16,234.

5.13 The table below provides current benchmarking information:

CIPFA statistical near neighbours	
Stockport	£9,554.52 (2011/12)
Bath and North East Somerset	£7,732 (2012/13)
West Cheshire	£11,458 (2011/12)
Darlington	£8,027 (2011/12)
Swindon	£7,710 (2011/12)
Calderdale	£9,931 (2012/13)
Other Yorkshire Metropolitan and Unitary Councils	
East Riding	£10,711 (2011/12)
Wakefield	£11,705.16 (2011/12)
Kirklees	£12,566 (2012/13)

Panel's further comments

- 5.14 The Panel's recommended basic allowance clearly represents a significant increase over the rate which is presently being paid. It is though less significant when compared to the rates recommended by the 2007 Panel.
- 5.15 The Panel understands that Council was fully entitled to determine a different level of allowances from those recommended in 2007 and the judgment made was one for councillors. However, the Panel does have concerns that setting an unduly low level of basic allowance could have a number of adverse impacts.
- 5.16 The Panel does not believe that allowances to councillors should act as a positive incentive to standing for office. The Panel heard though from a number of councillors who had made a positive choice not to seek career advancement in order to focus on their public role. The Panel felt it proper that an adequate level of allowance was provided so as to enable those choices to be made.
- 5.17 The Panel is concerned that those who might wish to stand for public office should not be prevented from doing so for financial reasons. The Panel feels that the City benefits from having a

diverse and representative Council and would suffer a disadvantage if only the financially independent or the retired could afford to stand for office.

- 5.18 It should also be noted the Panel proposes that certain travel allowances should no longer be paid and that councillors should be expected to pay for these items from within the enhanced basic allowance. These recommendations are described in more detail later in the report.

6. Special Responsibility Allowances

Methodology

- 6.1 Special Responsibility Allowances are paid where members of the council have *significant* additional responsibilities, over and above the generally accepted duties of a councillor.
- 6.2 The Panel noted that the 2007 Panel carried out a detailed piece of work in considering how best to calculate SRAs. The Panel had eventually recommended basing SRAs on that paid to the Leader. This accorded with statutory guidance that:

“A good starting point in determining special responsibility allowances may be to agree the allowance which should be attached to the most time consuming post on the Council and pro rata downwards for the other roles which it has been agreed ought to receive an extra allowance.”

The Leader’s SRA

- 6.3 The 2007 Panel had considered various ways of calculating the Leader’s SRA – all of which arrived at a similar final figure – and had recommended an allowance be paid equivalent to three times the basic allowance. Statutory guidance also suggested that this may be an appropriate methodology to use.
- 6.4 The Panel is satisfied that this remains an appropriate methodology.

- 6.5 The Panel received information about the Leader's calendar which clearly demonstrated the significant demands on his time both during normal working hours, in the evenings and at weekends. Given that the basic allowance allows for two days work a week the Panel were satisfied that a multiplier of 3 remained appropriate. It reflected the full time nature of the role of Leader and made some allowance for his additional responsibility. The recommended allowance for the Leader is therefore £29,331.

The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Members

- 6.6 The Deputy Leader currently receives 71.9% of the allowance of the Leader and other Cabinet Members 62.5%. The 2007 Panel had recommended slightly lower ratios of 70% and 60% albeit based on a higher recommended allowance for the Leader.
- 6.7 The Panel again received representations as to the significant hours spent by these post holders on Council business and the fact that some had given up other jobs to be able to focus on their Council business. The Panel was advised that since the previous Panel had met the Council's decision making structures had altered and Cabinet Members now had individual decision making powers. However, as the allowances for Deputy Leader and Cabinet Members already received an SRA based on a ratio towards the high end of the normal range, the Panel believes that 70% and 60% remain the appropriate ratio to recommend.

Scrutiny Management Committee

- 6.8 The Chair of SMC currently receives an allowance of 26.8% of the Leader's allowance. In 2007 the Panel recommended a ratio of 30%. This reflected the fact that the ratio in York was very much at the low end and lowest of its near neighbours. The Panel has been advised that this Scrutiny Committee has recently been renamed and taken on additional responsibilities. The Panel would confirm that scrutiny is an important role and would reaffirm the previous recommendation.

Standing Scrutiny Committees

- 6.9 The Chairs of Scrutiny Committee receive an allowance which is 17.9% of the Leader's allowance. This is also low in comparison to

others and the previous recommendation of a 20% ratio is confirmed.

Planning Committee and Sub Committee Chairs

- 6.10 The Panel is satisfied that these posts should be maintained on a par with the Chairs of SMC and Standing Scrutiny Committees at a 30% and 20% ratio respectively. These Committees can be called upon to take some of the most difficult and controversial decisions which face the Council and the allowance paid should reflect that as well as the significant workload.

Audit and Governance Committee

- 6.11 The Panel repeats the previous recommendation that a small increase to 10% of the Leader's allowance from the present 8.9% would be justified.

Gambling, Licensing and Regulatory Committee

- 6.12 The Panel received a representation that the allowance for this Chair could be reduced. The Panel was advised that since 2007 the arrangements for licensing had changed. Previously there had been a Licensing and Regulatory Committee and a Gambling and Licensing Act Committee. The Panel in 2007 had evidently had placed both these Committees on a par with the Chairs of Scrutiny and Planning Sub Committees and recommended an allowance at 20% of the Leader's. Council decided to maintain both at the existing higher level already being paid. That level was equivalent to the Chair of main Planning and SMC.
- 6.13 Since 2007 both licensing committees have been merged. The current Gambling, Licensing and Regulatory Committee deals with all licensing policy matters and the granting of licenses other than those covered by the Licensing or Gambling Acts. However, it is still the case that it has significantly fewer scheduled meetings than the Planning Committees.
- 6.14 The Panel acknowledges that the Committee may be called upon to deal with some difficult issues such as matters relating to taxi licensing policy and handling applications for sex shop licenses. However, the Panel is not persuaded that either the level or nature of the work handled by the Committee justifies the higher

allowance. The Panel recommends that the allowance be at 20% of the Leader's.

Main Opposition Group Leader

- 6.15 The main opposition group leader currently receives an allowance of 44.6% of the Leader. Since the previous IRP reported, the City Council has moved from having no overall control to being Labour led. The Panel considered whether this should affect the level of allowance but was of the view that the level of responsibility held by the main opposition group leader was unaffected. The Panel considers that local democracy benefits from effective opposition and the responsibility of the main opposition leader should therefore be acknowledged. However, A rounding up of the allowance to 45% is proposed.

Main Opposition Deputy Group Leader

- 6.16 The Main Opposition deputy group leader currently receives an allowance on par with the Chair of Main Planning and SMC. The previous Panel identified this as being a comparatively generous SRA and that still appears to be the case. The Panel recommended that the role should be rewarded on a par with the Chair of a Planning Sub or Scrutiny Committee at 20% of the Leader's allowance. The Panel agrees.

Minority Opposition Groups

- 6.17 Both minority opposition group leaders currently receive an allowance which is set at 9% of the Leader's allowance. The previous Panel had recommended that the leader of the larger minority group (which then had eight members while the smaller minority group had two) should receive a larger allowance set at 20%. That recommendation had not been accepted.
- 6.18 The Panel considered whether a similar recommendation should be made again given that the third party in 2012 also hold eight seats and the fourth, two. The Panel considers that the circumstances in 2007 were different. At that time the Council had no overall control and the third party held the balance of power. That no longer applies. The Panel does not believe that having more Councillors necessarily increases the level of responsibility of

a group leader. Arguably, having more Councillors gives greater opportunities to delegate responsibility.

6.19 The Panel considered whether there was a case to increase the ratio from the current 9%. The Panel felt that there was an argument for increase given the demands placed on all Group Leaders to participate in activities designed to support the smooth running of the Council. The Panel recommends a ratio of 15% of the Leader's allowance.

Group Secretaries

6.20 The Panel received a representation that there should be an SRA for group secretaries. The Panel was not persuaded that this responsibility was sufficiently significant in terms of Council business to justify an allowance.

6.21 No other positions were identified as warranting payment of an SRA.

7. Dependent Carers Allowances

7.1 The Panel considers that the need to pay for care should not be allowed to present an obstacle to those who may wish to serve as Councillors. The current scheme is though, in the Panel's view, rather more complex than it need be particularly as the total annual sum claimed has been less than £400.

7.2 The Panel recommends:

- (i) That dependent care allowances should be paid where the provision of such care is necessary to enable a Member to carry out council functions.
- (ii) That reimbursement of costs incurred should normally be at a rate of the hourly adult minimum wage.
- (iii) That this rate of allowance may be exceeded in circumstances where professional care is required for children or dependent relatives with medical or other special needs.

- (iv) In no circumstances should the allowance exceed the amount actually paid.

8 Travel and Subsistence allowances

- 8.1 In order to reduce the administrative burden associated with the scheme the Panel recommends that allowances should not normally be payable for travel within the City. Such travel costs should be seen as falling within the basic allowance. No changes are recommended to the current arrangements for parking passes, bus passes and cycle allowances.
- 8.2 The Panel recognises that an exception should be made for any councillor who has medical or other special needs requiring the use of taxis. In that case the Council should reimburse fares for any journeys on approved duties as defined within the scheme.
- 8.3 The Panel was surprised to see how limited the budget provision was for travel outside of the City. In the Panel's view it is important that councillors, particularly those holding senior positions, are able to travel to promote the City and to identify opportunities which the City might be able to grasp. The Panel hopes that serious consideration will be given in relation to investment in this important area.
- 8.4 The Panel also noted some practical issues with the current scheme – for example the fact that the Council may pay for attendance at an event and pay a rail fare but the current scheme would not allow a councillor to claim for a necessary bus journey from the train station to the event venue.
- 8.5 As a result the Panel proposes that the scheme should add to the list of approved duties:
- Meetings of the Local Government Association, any sub group of the Association or any body to which the Association makes appointments
 - Visits by Cabinet Members, Chairs and Vice Chairs and Group Leaders on Council business associated with those roles

- Attendance of Members at conferences, training courses and seminars approved in accordance with the Council's arrangements for member development
- Other travel approved by [the appropriate Officer] as being reasonably necessary to further the aims of the Council (excluding travel for party political or social functions).

8.6 The Panel was concerned to learn that some Members do not claim travel expenses to which they are entitled fearing how this may be portrayed in the local media or what constituents might think. The Panel also noted that some members may wish to subsidise the Council by not claiming such expenses. The Panel does have a concern that this could disadvantage Members whose financial position does not allow them to choose not to seek reimbursement of their expenses.

9. Local Government Pension Scheme

9.1 The Panel recommends no change to the present arrangements

10. Internet and telephone provision

10.1 At present different councillors receive different provision depending upon where they live and whether they have adequate provision before becoming a Councillor. The Panel understands why these allowances may have been introduced in the past but the situation had now moved on. Internet access is now becoming the norm and internet and telephone packages are more usually being purchased together, often with some free calls attached.

10.2 The Panel believe that the Council should now replace its internet and telephone line provision with a flat rate allowance to all members. The Panel recommends that the rate be fixed at £300 per annum.

11. Implementation and Inflationary Increases

11.1 The Panel recommends that any changes to the scheme should be

backdated to 1 April 2012 and that allowances should be uplifted on an annual basis in line with any general salary increases payable to Council staff.

12. Lord Mayor's Allowance

- 12.1 The provision of an allowance paid to the Lord Mayor is not technically a matter for the Panel. However, the previous Panel made recommendations and this Panel likewise feels it appropriate to draw the issue to Council's attention. Had this been within the Panel's remit the Panel would have recommended an allowance equivalent to 10% of the Leader's allowance for the responsibility of chairing Council. This allowance is in addition to any allowance payable in respect of Civic duties.

Summary of Recommendations

Basic allowance

It is recommended that the basic allowance be increased from £7192.50 per annum to £9777.28. (In 2007 the Panel recommended an increase to £8,800).

Special Responsibility Allowances

The table below sets out the Panel's recommendations together with current and previously recommended allowances for comparison:

Special Responsibility	Current SRA	2007 Recommendation	2012 Recommendation	% of Leader's allowance
Leader of the Council	£23,520	£26,640	£29,331	100%
Deputy Leader of the Council	£16,905	£18,648	£20,532	70%
Group Leader (Main Opposition)	£10,500	£11,988	£13,199	45%
Deputy Group Leader (Main Opposition)	£6,300	£5,328	£5,866	20%
Group Leader (Minority Party)	£2,100	£2100	£4,400	15%
Cabinet Member	£14,700	£15,984	£17,599	60%
Chair Scrutiny	£6,300	£7,992	£8,980	30%

Management Committee					
Chair Scrutiny Committees	£4,200	£5,328	£5,866	20%	
Chair Planning Committee	£6,300	£7,992	£8,980	30%	
Chair Planning Sub-Committee	£4,200	£5,328	£5,866	20%	
Chair Licensing and Regulatory Committee	£6,300	£5,328	£5,866	20%	
Chair Audit and Governance Committee	£2,100	£2,664	£2,933	10%	

Dependent Care allowances

The Panel recommends:

- That dependent care allowances should be paid where the provision of such care is necessary to enable a Member to carry out council functions.
- That reimbursement of costs incurred should normally be at a rate of the hourly adult minimum wage.
- That this rate of allowance may be exceeded in circumstances where professional care is required for children or dependent relatives with medical or other special needs.
- In no circumstances should the allowance exceed the amount actually paid.

Travel Allowances

The Panel recommends that there should be no travel allowance for travel within the area of the City unless the Member has medical or other special needs requiring the use of taxis. In the latter case an allowance should be paid in respect of the use of taxis on approved duties.

Travel allowances should be payable on travel outside of the City in respect of approved duties. The Panel recommends that the following be regarded as approved duties:

- A meeting of a joint committee of which the Authority is a member
- A meeting of any body to which the Council makes appointments
- A meeting of the Local Government Association, any sub group of the Association or any body to which the Association makes appointments
- Duties undertaken on behalf of the Authority in connection with the discharge of any function of the authority conferred by or under any enactment and empowering or requiring the Authority to inspect or authorise the inspection of premises
- Duties undertaken on behalf of the Authority in connection with arrangements made by the authority for the attendance of pupils at a school approved for the purposes of section 342 of the Education Act 1996
- A meeting which has both been authorised by the Authority, a committee, or subcommittee of the Authority or a joint committee of the Authority and one or more other authorities, or a sub-committee of a joint committee and to which representatives of more than one political group have been invited (if the authority is divided into several political groups) or to which two or more councillors have been invited (if the

authority is not divided

- Visits by Cabinet Members, Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Committees and Group Leaders on business associated with those roles.
- Attendance of Members at conferences, training courses and seminars approved in accordance with the council's arrangements for Member development
- Other travel approved by the appropriate Officer as being reasonably necessary to further the aims of the council (excluding travel for party political or social functions)

Internet and telephone provision

The current internet and telephone line provision should be replaced with a flat rate allowance to all members fixed at £300 per annum.

The Lord Mayor

An allowance of £2,933 is recommended in respect of the responsibilities involved in chairing meetings of the Council.

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**Report of the Cabinet Member for
Transport, Planning and Sustainability**

City-Wide Renewable Energy

Final work is being carried on a draft CYC Delivery and Innovation Fund (DIF) bid to fund partnership work to accelerate city wide district heat network opportunities.

A Low Carbon Investment Pipeline has been created for York. This will help set out York's potential for projects that now need further feasibility and to attract investment and / or funding to accelerate. This will also form part of a Leeds City Region (LCR) Low Carbon Investment Pipeline and link to the new LCR Investment Plan.

As part of the LCR Low Carbon Pioneer Programme, DECC has approved support for a LCR heat map. CYC are supporting the LCR to develop a brief for the development of this heat map. This work will also include a York based heat map. This will illustrate potential opportunities for CYC and partners to then investigate and develop (and be used for planning / local plan development).

As part of the LCR Low Carbon Pioneer Programme CYC was unsuccessful in their small bid for initial feasibility work on the University of York / South East York potential heat network /cluster.

Green Deal

Under the LCR Low Carbon Pioneer Programme, CYC, with partners Yorkshire Energy Partnership (YEP), have been successful in a bid for money to pilot the installation of interest free loans to pay for solid wall insulation in hard to treat areas of the city. It is anticipated that this work will commence from October 2012 (please note this is subject to final clarifications that CYC is awaiting from DECC). 50 homes in the Leeman Road area, Lawrence Street and Tang Hall areas will be targeted.

A paper is being produced on maximising the opportunities from the much delayed, incredibly complicated and less than generously funded Green Deal in York.

Community Campaigns and Awareness

We need to mobilise York residents and businesses around the import of the Climate Change agenda. I was pleased to follow up a suggestion from Christian Vassie and the York Environment Forum on this front with the launching of York is ENGAGED! on 25th September 2012 at the Food and Drink Festival.

Air Quality

The revised Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) due to worsening air quality that breaches the short term NO₂ limit for the first time in Rougier Street /George Hudson Street and the long term limit in Queen Street came into effect on 28th September.

Following public consultation the low emission strategy will go to Cabinet for adoption on 9th October. A revised Air Quality Action Plan will be available for consultation in late 2012 / early 2013.

Air Quality grant bid to Defra

We bid for a total of £235,000 and received £148,980 towards the following Low Emission Strategy projects:

- Public information campaign on air pollution and health
- Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) refuelling feasibility study for York
- Promotion of low emission vehicles and taxis, including vehicle demonstration days, purchase / lease of a high profile low emission vehicle for use on promotional work by CYC staff and development of a Low Emission Taxi Incentive Scheme
- Idling Vehicle Strategy Feasibility- develop an evidence base to demonstrate the reduction in vehicle emissions achievable through the introduction of anti-idling policies.
- Assessing the likely real-life emission reduction of the i-Travel York campaign, using best available modelling techniques.

We aim to make up the shortfall through negotiations with suppliers and assistance from the i-Travel team.

Low Emission Zone feasibility study

The study is progressing towards a conclusion.

EV charging

EPU has £60,000 for electric vehicle charging points at council car parks and existing Park & Rides and are about to go out to tender.

EPU was awarded £15,000 by the Energy Saving Trust Plugged-in Fleets initiative for analysis of electric vehicles suitability within the CYC fleet. A survey of Hazel Court has identified the site as being ideally suited to electric vehicles.

Electric vehicle (EV) charging points are being rolled out at the new Park & Ride sites and various locations through the planning process. We have also obtained “free” EV charging points for hotels, B&Bs and leisure facilities with secure parking. EV points have been installed at the Marriott Hotel and the Groves and further EV points are planned for the Monk Bar Hotel and others.

Taxi emissions

We are currently offering taxi drivers £1500 off the price of a low emission vehicle to increase the uptake. We are also promoting existing discounts for low emission taxi licences.

Freight

The freight transshipment centre feasibility study by JMP is underway. The criteria for the ECO-Stars fleet recognition scheme have been agreed and we are currently planning the launch of the scheme in York, but will require sign up from the CYC fleet.

Building Control

Workloads have been negatively affected by the downturn, and steps have been being taken to address the financial consequence. Arrangements are being finalised for John Fowler to manage the Building Control service for Harrogate Borough Council, initially for a 12 month trial period with Harrogate buying two days a week time from us, as part of the strategic savings approach both councils are having to undertake.

Building Control's mobile working platform will become live during October as part of revised working practices in line with reduced staffing levels and the move to West Offices.

We're continuing to progress Labour's key Reinvigorate York initiative to address the long period of minimal investment in the city centre, its changing nature, much sharper competition from other improving visitor and retail destinations. And a wish to move York towards a world class destination. Interim upgrade funds were approved earlier in the year, and a further report at Cabinet on 4th September for £3.3M of EIF money on identified city centre projects. Work has already commenced with a presentation to City Team 28th September 2012. In terms of the key projects:

- Parliament Street (inc Piccadilly/ Coppergate junction) - initial design work for Reinvigorate York completed. Further work ongoing following approval of funding for improvements at Cabinet, September 2012
- King's Square - initial design work for Reinvigorate York completed. Further work, including design options and place check consultation, underway following approval of funding at Cabinet, September 2012
- Exhibition Square – stakeholder workshop 17th September 2012 in order to place check and identify design options. Presentation to City Team 28th September 2012
- Newgate Market (being led by Coun. Crisp) – Design options underway – report to City Team 28th September
- Public Space Manual –Stakeholder draft of Public Space Manual due shortly. Adoption anticipated beginning of 2013. This will be a key document setting out the long term design standards for the public realm.
- Arup Development & Archaeology Study – Funding for review secured. Consultant brief finalised May 2012 and project to start November 2012
- City centre access & mobility audit – Centre for Accessible Environments commissioned to undertake the work - fieldwork completed 24th August 2012. Consultation draft report due shortly.

Outside the city centre other important work on key sites is progressing:

- British Sugar – ongoing pre application discussions with ABF, Rapleys, and coordination with ATLAS. Viability appraisal and spatial/phasing work ongoing
- Affordable housing – a Commuted Sums paper, Interim targets updates and a report are being prepared for Cabinet.
- Stalled housing sites – joint work with housing services is well underway in order to identify problems with bringing individual sites forward and to produce a new strategy paper
- Student Accommodation Issues – initial examination of how we can better address the housing needs of our very successful and expanding higher education institutions whilst minimising negative consequences on the non-student housing supply is underway. In the meantime we have implemented an Article 4 direction on new Houses in Multiple Occupation to address the worst pressures on local communities that have arisen from the low provision of new on-campus accommodation relative to the rapid expansion of student numbers in the last decade.

Local Plan

We have finalised the withdrawal of the Local Development Framework Core Strategy following the introduction of the National Planning Policy Framework, the inspector's concerns about viability and other issues, and the Monks Cross 2 development.

The next step has been to develop a timeframe for the implementation of a Local Plan for York for the first time in over 40 years. This is a priority that I am fully committed to, and which this administration will deliver as quickly as possible and in a way that is robust and stands up to rigorous external scrutiny.

So a provisional timetable is confirmed which includes as a first step a visioning exercise. We have commissioned consultants to review the plan's economic strategy, especially the city centre's future in the light of changes to high streets and the growth of internet shopping. Adequate housing growth and identifying viable sites will be another key element in getting the evidence base right. Ongoing discussions with developers regarding strategic sites will ensure that we approach the process

knowing what is deliverable and where work needs to be done to identify further sites.

Visioning workshops around the council plan themes will take place over October and November, to which interested parties have and will be invited. They will be based round the Council plan themes of:

Protect the Environment

Chair – Mike Childs (Head of Policy, Research and Science at Friends of the Earth)

Presenters – Kate Lock (Chair of the York Environment Forum) and Peter Brown (Director of York Civic Trust)

Get York Moving

Chair – Nigel Forster (Director Fore Consulting)

Presenters – Stephen Joseph (Director for Campaign for Better Transport) and Richard Wood (Assistant Director City of York Council)

Build Strong Communities

Chair – John Hocking (Executive Director of the Joseph Rowntree Housing Trust)

Presenters – Fiona Boden (Senior Planner at Arup) and Eamonn Keogh (Chair of the York Property Forum)

Create Jobs and Grow the Economy

Details to be finalised and confirmed.

There will also be a Member Workshop

After the above themed workshops so we can include relevant feedback to Members.

Development management

Labour's commitment to getting York's economy moving again is underpinned by an effective planning service. We are in the process of starting to open up our service and make it more customer responsive and proactive in terms of enabling appropriate development and addressing the problems of stalled sites. This includes renegotiation of previous permissions and obligations to reflect the changed economic services, whilst still seeking, albeit on a reduced scale to address important social and environmental objectives.

On development management, a series of important major site approvals have been agreed on Monks Cross retail, as well as:

- Flood prevention scheme in the Leeman Road Area
- The amended Poppleton Park and Ride
- The Athletics and Cycle tracks at Heslington East
- Renewal of Hungate permission
- A further phase of the Derwenthorpe housing development and revised access arrangements
- Recent approval of the reuse of St Leonard's Place

Design Conservation and Sustainable Development

Areas of work include:

- Stewardship of the Built and Natural Environment through Specialist Advice
In support of the planning service at both pre-app and application stages.
as above
- Continue to deliver Climate Change Framework and Action Plan
- Continue to deliver CYC Carbon Management Plan / CRC and salix funded projects - the council is on target to meet it's ambitious carbon reduction targets for March 2013;
- Green Audit (of council property). The stage 1 (desk top review) is complete - stage 2 (property survey and recommendation) is well on and should highlight further energy / carbon saving projects including potential renewable energy projects for the selected properties, conducted in conjunction with my fellow Cabinet Member Coun. Gunnell;
- Develop Environment Management Scheme options - these are being developed with a paper on the implementation of an Environmental Management System due to be presented to the Sustainable Development Board later this month
- Additional more ambitious Investigations into Local Low Carbon / Renewable Energy opportunities are being progressed, with a DIF bid being prepared setting out the consultancy work necessary to asses the viability of large scale low carbon / renewable energy combined heat and power / district heating across the city with the support of partners including higher York and York NHS trust.
- Sustainability focused Developers Forum is being arranged with two events to promote higher standards of sustainable development being organised by March 2013

- Wheldrake Village Design Statement – final draft being prepared by local group, to be presented to Members Autumn 2012 to go out for consultation
- Fulford Village Design Statement – ongoing
- Strensall Village Design statement – underway. Steering Group formed
- The long outstanding Bio Diversity Action Plan and Tree Strategies that Labour pressed for in opposition are being drafted, the latter in conjunction with my fellow Cabinet Member Coun. Crisp;
- Treemendous – Ongoing support including input/ support to successful BTCV bid for £25K Big Tree Plant funding for tree planting in the city. Currently preparing bid for DIF/ EIF funding for Liaison Officer post to take project forward to next stage;
- CITA project grant application - additional funding bids being developed for River corridors and ring road, and significant works to Crematorium and wildflowering (in partnership with BugLife) also organised and implemented to promote habitat creation and enhance biodiversity. Planting strategies in Council parks and open spaces, etc. are being amended to provide additional flowering species to help address the problems of declining bee populations. I congratulate Friends of the Earth for their campaigns on this and local input.
- Heritage Strategy is in draft – needs to progress as council action plan or City wide strategy with buy in from partners.
- Article 4 Directions - we are following through on management actions of Central Historic Core Conservation Area Character Appraisal, starting shortly with initial local consultations for the Bishophill Area
- Guildhall RIBA Ideas Competition Launched on 11th September, in conjunction with my fellow Cabinet Member Coun. Gunnell

This is an increasingly important area of this administration's commitment to the built and green environments, and to addressing the key issue of climate change and sustainability.

Climate Change

The news from the Arctic about the serious further major loss of ice this summer and indications that change is happening at the worst end of previous modelling predictions, highlights the import of not just delivering previous carbon reduction plans, but seeking to accelerate them all if possible. We are therefore continuing our bit to deliver existing commitments and consider what further opportunities we can identify, despite reducing budgets.

Flooding

I thought it would be useful to provide some comparisons on the impact of recent floods with other significant floods over the past 30 years, on residential properties:

In 1982 the river reached 5.05 m ASL (above summer levels):

- 540 properties were flooded
- 225 properties were defended by the recently constructed Leeman Road defence scheme
- A further 320 were at risk of flooding

In 2000 the river reached 5.4m ASL

- 353 properties flooded
- The defences protected approximately 1,000 properties

In 2012 the river reached 5.09m ASL

- 50 – 60 properties were flooded in undefended areas, the permanent and temporary defences protected approximately 1,040 properties, the difference being the success of the sandbagging and pumping at Clementhorpe.

It is difficult to be exact regarding comparative numbers as the 1982 figure did not include Rawcliffe, Fulford, Naburn, Acaster Malbis and Bishopthorpe which were outside York at the time. They accounted for a good part of the properties affected in 2000.

I join my colleagues in thanking all agencies and residents for their efforts in preventing the flooding of properties, which for many was another narrow escape. Our sympathies and support goes to those who weren't so lucky. We will be pushing the Government for support for the clean up operation and for further flood protection schemes that are still required in our city.

Get York Moving

Capital Programme

1. Blossom Street/ Holgate Road Improvements and Bus stop upgrades in Clifford Street were completed in April

2. Equipment has been purchased for the new traffic management and CCTV room in West Offices
3. Procurement of the Access York project has commenced with the publication of the OJEU Notice in June
4. Revised planning application for Poppleton Bar approved.

Network Management

Officers successfully put arrangements in place for the smooth operation of both the Queen's visit and the Olympic torch relay for which I thank them.

The team are also heavily involved in the Reinvigorate York initiative, detailed above.

LTP3

LTP3 sets out the inherited transport strategy for the city and the measures to be progressed in the short-term (2011-2015), medium-term (2015-2021) and long-term (2021 -2031), under the following strategic themes:

- Provide Quality Alternatives (to the car).
- Provide Strategic Links
- Implement and Support Behavioural Change.
- Tackle Transport Emissions.
- Improve Public Streets and Spaces

The final headings reflect Labour's representations at the time and remain a good framework for taking forward the City's transport agenda. Infrastructure improvements proposed over the LTP3 period are included in the document and delivery, changed to reflect Labour's priorities of being tough on congestion, working towards a step change improvement in local bus services, addressing gaps in the cycling network, introducing 20mph in residential streets and being serious about tackling air quality, are identified in detail in the Capital Programme reports to the Cabinet Member for Transport, Planning and Sustainability Decision Sessions.

Integrated Transport Capital Programme

The original Planning and Transport capital programme budget for 2012/13 was £7.4m, but with carryovers and additional items has increased to £8.9m.

The key schemes planned to be progressed in 2012/13 are shown below:

- Access York Phase 1: A59 bus priority schemes and two new Park & Ride sites.
- Public Transport Schemes: Bus stop upgrades; Bus Location & Information Sub-system improvements; provision of real-time displays at stops; provision of off-bus ticket machines at P&R sites.
- Better Bus Area Fund schemes: bus priority improvements; improvements to bus interchanges in the city centre; bus stop and shelter upgrades.
- James Street Link Road Phase 2: dependent on progress of development.
- UTMIC & BLISS: Upgrades for move to new council headquarters.
- Fishergate – Pedestrian Route to Barbican: Improvements to crossings on Paragon Street and improvements to Fishergate Bar area.
- Haxby to Clifton Moor Cycle Route: New off-road cycle route along Outer Ring Road.
- Cycling Network Priority Schemes: Development and implementation of highest priority schemes (as identified in report to 21 May Decision Session).
- 20mph Programme: Implementation of South Bank scheme and development and implementation of Acomb area scheme.
- School Schemes: Rolling programme of improvements to improve sustainable access to schools.
- Safety Schemes: Schemes to address local safety, danger reduction and speed management issues.

Access York Phase 1

A major scheme to deliver an enhanced Park & Ride service, capacity improvements to A59/A1237 roundabout and bus priorities on the A59. The key milestones for the project are indicated below.

Programme Entry Status confirmed in Autumn Statement on 29th November 2011.

Main Programme:

- Finalise design: August 2012
 - Start procurement of contractor: June 2012
 - Tender main works: October/November 2012
 - Final Approval: January 2012
 - Start construction: February/March 2013
 - Sites operational: Spring/Summer 2014.
- Consultation on highway elements of project completed in February 2012 with final layouts approved at April City Strategy Decision Session.
 - Variation to planning application for Poppleton Bar site, to accommodate village green identified on part of the site, submitted in June. Application approved at Planning Committee in September.

The design of the main sites is nearly complete with the scheme due to be put out to tender by early October. A shortlist of suitable companies has been prepared.

Local Sustainable Transport Fund

Tremendous progress has been made by the small team under Graham Titchener on the i-travel York initiative, and the latest highlight report providing an update against capital and revenue spend is available on request. On the key hearts and minds side the promotion and engagement strategy was agreed earlier this year, and is rolling out. On 18th September we had the milestone launch of the i-travel York website with a range of information and sustainable journey planning tools. Other notable events were the launch of the momentum road safety campaign (young driver assessment), and the festival of cycling in Rowntree Park on 8/9th September.

20mph Limits

A policy approach to delivering and installing 20mph schemes was agreed at the Decision Session for the Cabinet Member for City Strategy on 3rd May 2012. An outline programme for rolling out 20mph speed limits across the Local Authority area (included in the report) has been put in place. The installation of the first part of the scheme in South Bank commenced on 13th September. An associated website is under

development as a key source of information on what the initiative is about, and providing details of the rollout programme and in due course scheme details.

Work has already commenced on the next phase (south west sector between Boroughbridge Road and Tadcaster Road). Initial internal consultation has taken place on the proposals and wider consultation will be programmed for the Autumn to enable delivery of the scheme in the last quarter of 2012/13.

It was welcome to see the support and commitment of the Liberal Democrat conference, notably from Lib Dem Transport Minister Norman Baker and Leader Nick Clegg to 20 mph schemes nationally. Changes to Government guidance on 20 mph schemes initiated by Norman Baker are also proving very helpful. The initiative, as the latest results from Newcastle show, can have significant safety benefits, as well as the quality of place improvements. I hope the Liberal Democrats locally will pause to reflect and reconsider their position on the issue.

Better Bus Fund

A successful bid was made to the Better Bus Fund (a sister fund to the LSTF) and in March 2012 CYC was awarded £2.925m by the Government alongside internal match funding of approximately £1.8m. This will deliver a range of schemes that aim to improve reliability, promotion and passenger facilities. These improvements will focus primarily on the corridors, Coppergate-Ouse Bridge-Rougier Street-Station Street and Station Street-Lendal Bridge-Gillygate. The funding is provided over a two year period. The successful bid is available on the Council's website at:

http://www.york.gov.uk/transport/Public_transport/buses/Better_Bus_Are_a_Fund/

On top of what was already a large capital programme, delivering the BBAF is an additional challenge. Additional engineering resources are to be employed to deliver the programme. A programme manager post has been advertised and shortlisting is taking place.

A key part of the BBAF work (and affecting other schemes/programmes being delivered across the city) is the strategic modelling that will identify traffic redistribution patterns as a result of restrictions and highlight

junctions where improvements will be required in order to support the alterations to the spine.

The above demonstrates the enormous amount of work taking place and I'd like to express my appreciation to our staff for their efforts.