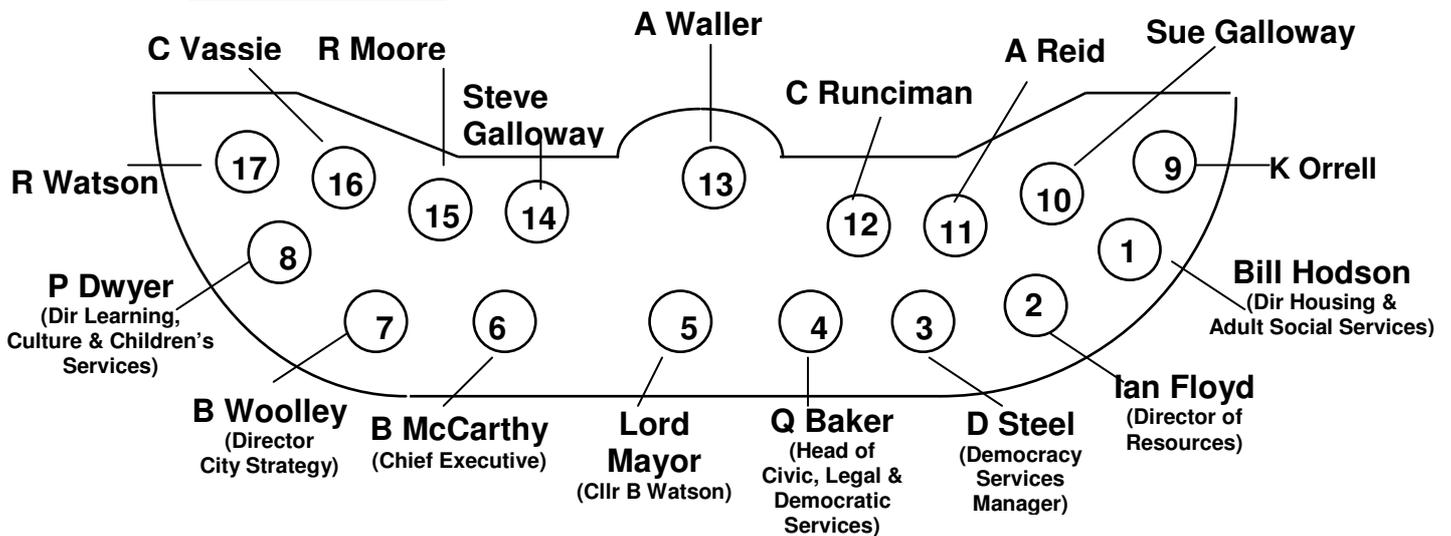
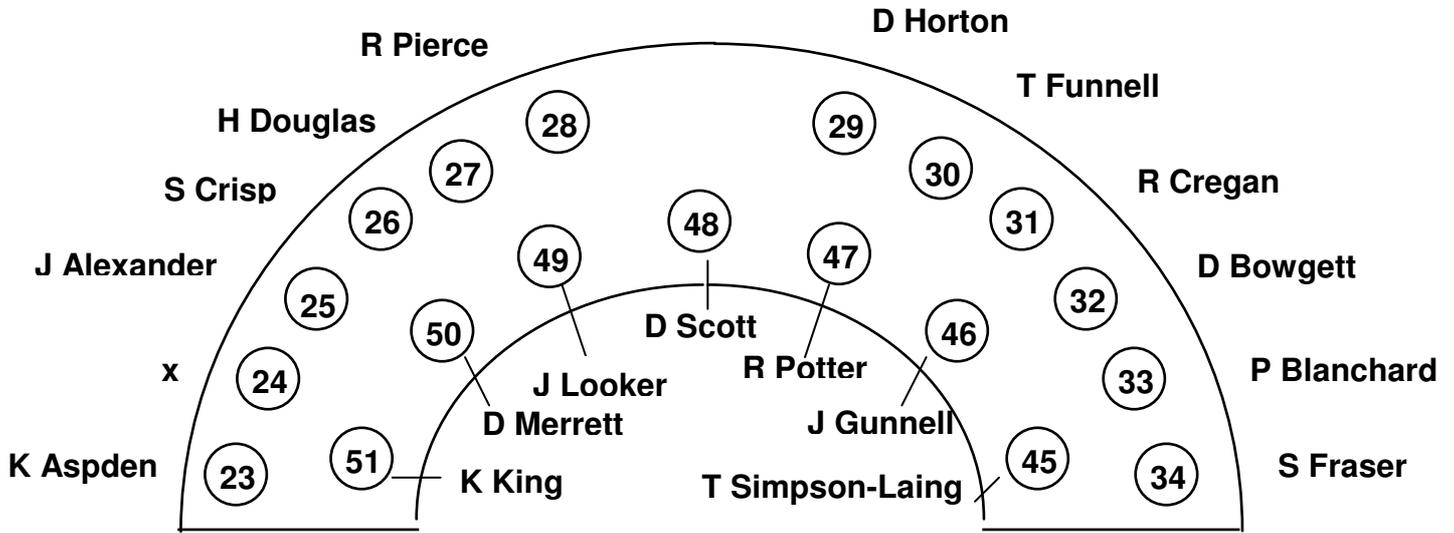


CITY OF YORK COUNCIL SUMMONS

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, 2 April 2009 at 6.30 pm

COUNCIL CHAMBER



A G E N D A

1. Declarations of Interest

At this point Members are asked to declare any personal or prejudicial interests they may have in the business on this agenda.

2. Minutes (Pages 1 - 48)

To approve and sign the minutes of the Special and Ordinary meetings of Council held on 22 January 2009 and the Budget Council meeting held on 26 February 2009.

3. Civic Announcements

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

4. Public Participation

It is at this point in the meeting that members of the public who have registered their wish to speak regarding an item on the agenda or an issue within the remit of Council may do so. Anyone who wishes to register, or requires further information, is requested to contact the Democracy Officer for this meeting. Contact details are listed at the foot of this agenda. The deadline for registering is **5:00pm on Wednesday, 1 April 2009**.

5. Petitions

To consider any petitions received from Members in accordance with Standing Order No.7. To date, notice has been received of petitions to be presented by:

- (i) Cllr Potter, on behalf of York residents, calling for the introduction of a 20 mph blanket speed limit throughout the City in residential areas.
- (ii) Cllr Potter, on behalf of local residents, calling for the completion of the link road between James Street and Heworth Green.
- (iii) Cllr Potter, on behalf of local residents, calling for the cancellation of plans to cut direct services from Heworth to Monks Cross and York College.

- (iv) Cllr Vassie, on behalf of the residents of Deighton, calling for a traffic island to be built on the A19 in Deighton.
- (v) Cllr Waller, on behalf of residents of The Reeves, seeking closure of snickets in their area.
- (vi) Cllr Waller, on behalf of local residents, calling for measures to tackle speed on New Lane.

6. Report of Executive Leader and Executive Recommendations - Including Approval of the Council's Refreshed Corporate Strategy (Pages 49 - 58)

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

Meeting	Date	Recommendations
Executive	3 February 2009	Minute 178 – <i>Minutes of Working Groups</i>
Executive	31 March 2009	*Minute 215 - <i>The Refresh of the Corporate Strategy (minute to follow)</i>

*Note: the report to Executive and the draft Corporate Strategy are available on the Council's website – click on the link below:
<http://democracy.york.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.asp?CId=102&MId=3588&Ver=4>

7. Scrutiny - Report of the Chair of the Scrutiny Management Committee (Pages 59 - 62)

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

8. Re-structure of Scrutiny and Decision Making Process (Pages 63 - 68)

To consider a report of the Head of Civic, Legal and Democratic Services, which presents the conclusions of the Working Group tasked with making recommendations regarding the re-structuring of Scrutiny and the Executive Member decision making process.

9. Establishment of a Member Development Steering Group (Pages 69 - 74)

To consider a report of the Head of Civic, Legal and Democratic Services, which seeks formal approval to establish a Member Development Steering Group and agree the terms, conditions and membership of the Group.

10. Report of Executive Member (Pages 75 - 78)

To receive a written report from the Executive Member for Children and Young People's Services, and to question the Executive Member thereon, provided any such questions are registered in accordance with the timescales and procedures set out in Standing Order 8(2)(a).

To date, notice has been received of the following questions:

(i) From Cllr Waudby:

"I understand that York's Children and Young People's Plan was launched yesterday; can the Executive Member for Children and Young People explain to Council what will happen to it next and how it will improve the lives of children and young people in the City?"

(ii) From Cllr Aspden:

"Can the Executive Member of Children and Young People give Council an update on the number of exclusions from schools in the City and why has a fall taken place?"

- (iii) From Cllr Orrell:
“How many schools in York have been awarded outstanding grades by OFSTED and how does this distribution compare to the national distribution?”
- (iv) From Cllr R Watson:
“I understand the Executive Member met with the Chief Executive of the Schools’ Food Trust earlier this week. Could the Executive Member please give Council and update on how the meeting went and how the Schools’ Fund Trust plan to work with local schools in the future?”

11. Activities of Outside Bodies

Minutes of the following meetings of outside bodies, received since the last meeting of Council, have been made available for Members to view via the Council’s website at

<http://sql003.york.gov.uk/mqListOutsideBodies.asp?bcr=1>

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

- North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority - Meeting on 11 February 2009
- Police Authority - Meetings on 8 December 2008 and 9 February 2009
- Without Walls Partnership - Meeting on 19 February 2009
- Yorkshire and the Humber Assembly - Meeting on 12 February 2009

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

12. Appointments and Changes to Membership (Pages 79 - 80)

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

13. Notices of Motion

To consider the following Notices of Motion under Standing Order 11:

A – Motions referred from the Executive in accordance with Standing Order 11(a)(i)

None

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

(i) From Cllr Kirk

“Council views with concern the recent government advice to the Yorkshire and Humber Region that there should be a further increase in land allocations for house building over the next 20 years. Council reasserts its view that even the current Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) assumption (providing for 850 additional homes per year) will be difficult to achieve without having an adverse impact on the City's setting, its built and natural environment, and that these numbers will place even further pressures on the City's transport, education, health and leisure infrastructure.

Council therefore advises the Executive to endorse the recommendations of the Local Development Framework Working Group to defend land previously identified as draft green belt from the option of building thousands of new homes in the period up to 2030.”

(ii) From Cllr Alexander

“This Council notes:

- that the cost of First York bus fares has increased 8 times over the past 6 years;
- that the cost of tickets has increased over this period between 25% and 100%;
- that increased prices are a major factor in the decrease in the number of paying passengers;
- that there is an inconsistency of bus services in rural areas;

- with great regret the recent announced bus service cuts.

Council requests the City of York Council's Executive to make an application to take up the available powers to impose a Quality Contract scheme as set out in Section 124 of the Transport Act 2000, as amended by the Local Transport Act 2008, with a view to exercising control over the maximum fares, frequency and timing of local bus services with a view to addressing the above problems and achieving a more satisfactory and effective local public transport service."

(iii) From Cllr Wiseman

"Council believes that the traffic layout, signposting and related infrastructure at York Railway Station concerning the entrance/exit to the short-stay car park, the gyratory known as 'Tearoom Square', and the entrance/exit onto Station Road are confused, congested and therefore cause difficulties for all road-users attempting to negotiate this area. The Council moves to request the Executive to investigate in detail the issues related to this area, with a view to improving the access and traffic flow in and out of this part of the station."

(iv) From Cllr Simpson-Laing

"This Council believes that the both the sub-division and amalgamation of homes should be regulated to reduce the harm they can cause to the City's housing stock and neighbouring residents.

This Council believes that the sub-division of homes should be stopped due to its detrimental effect on the City's housing stock. Council calls upon the Director of City Strategy to bring forward a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) on the 'Sub - Division of Terraced and Semi Detached' properties in the City of York Council area.

The SPD should address:

- the impact sub-division has on starter and family homes in the City, including their supply and affordability

- the housing needs of the City as set out in the 2007 City of York Council Strategic Housing Market Assessment and
- should clearly state minimum floor space, as practiced in a number of other Local Authorities.

The drafting of the SPD should take place as a matter of urgency so that it can be adopted during September 2009.

Council also requests that the Chief Executive write to the Secretary for State to request that Government brings under planning control the conversion of two dwelling houses into one as the longstanding exemption contributes to the loss of 'more affordable' terraced houses particularly in conservation areas and York's rural fringe."

(v) From Cllr Holvey

"Council notes with regret the recent threat to several evening bus services in the City, and endorses the successful action initiated by the Executive Member for City Strategy in finding alternatives to the proposed cuts.

Council looks forward to the time when government will return to Local Authorities powers which will allow them to have real influence on bus fares, routings, and frequencies for the benefit of residents.

In the meantime, Council invites the Executive to consider the powers, including any contained in the Transport Act 2008, which might allow the Authority to successfully resist any further reduction in the public transport system in the City."

14. Questions to the Executive Leader and Executive Members received under Standing Order 10(c)

To deal with the following questions to the Executive Leader and / or other Executive Members, in accordance with Standing Order 10(a):

(i) To the Executive Leader, from Cllr Watt

"Following last year's petition from the residents seeking council action to address Anti-Social Behaviour in the

Rawcliffe Grange area, a Safer York Partnership Multi-Agency Working Group (WG) was convened to address the concerns raised by the petition. The Executive Leader is requested to advise the Council:

- a) which of the WG's recommendations have been implemented;
- b) which WG recommendations is it intended to implement;
- c) which of the recommendations the Executive does not intend to follow up and why each of these recommendations is not being pursued."

(ii) To the Executive Leader, from Cllr Holvey

"Local democracy is helped by a local press, and York benefits from two local newspapers and two locally based radio stations. However, across the country local media outlets are suffering from budget pressures, job losses and other reductions in capacity which are also affecting the City of York. Would the Leader agree that a properly funded and staffed local run newspaper, like "The Press" is vital to local democracy?"

(iii) To the Executive Member for City Strategy, from Cllr Sunderland

What action has been taken to safeguard the evening bus services which First plan to cut with effect from the end of April?"

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

"What opportunities will residents have to influence the LDF core strategy and land allocations over the next few months?"

(v) To the Executive Member for Leisure, Culture & Social Inclusion, from Cllr Morley

"Can the Executive Member give Council an update on the performance of the City's libraries?"

(vi) To the Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services, from Cllr Jamieson-Ball

"Could the Executive Member tell Council what action has been taken to ensure activities at Elvington Airfield have minimal impact on local residents?"

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

Contact details are set out above.