



**Notice of meeting of
Decision Session - Cabinet Member for Leisure, Culture & Social
Inclusion**

To: Councillor Crisp (Cabinet Member)

Date: Tuesday, 8 November 2011

Time: 4.30 pm

Venue: The Guildhall, York

AGENDA

Notice to Members-Calling In

Members are reminded that, should they wish to call in any item on this agenda, notice must be given to Democracy Support Group by;

10.00 am on Monday 7 November 2011, if an item is called in before a decision is taken, or

4.00 pm on Thursday 10 November 2011, if an item is called in after a decision has been taken.

Items called in will be considered by the Scrutiny Management Committee.

Written representations in respect of items on this agenda should be submitted to Democratic Services by **5.00 pm** on the Friday before the meeting.

1. Declarations of Interest (Pages 1 - 2)

At this point, the Cabinet Member is asked to declare any personal or prejudicial interest they may have in the business on the agenda.

2. Minutes

(Pages 3 - 6)

To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 11 October 2011.

3. Public Participation-Decision Session

At this point in the meeting, members of the public who have registered their wish to speak at the meeting can do so. The deadline for registering is **Monday 7 November 2011 at 5.00 pm**.

Members of the public may register to speak on :-

- an item on the agenda
- an issue within the Cabinet Member's remit;
- an item that has been published on the Information Log since the last session.

Information reports are listed at the end of the agenda.

4. York 800

(Pages 7 - 20)

This report asks the Cabinet Member to approve the outline programme and budget for the programme of York 800 activities in 2012.

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

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

Contact details are set out above.

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Cabinet Member Decision Session: Leisure, Culture and Social Inclusion

Agenda Item 1: Declarations of Interest

The Cabinet Member, Councillor Crisp, declared a personal interest as a retired member of UNISON.

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City of York Council

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PRESENT	COUNCILLOR CRISP (CABINET MEMBER)

12. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Cabinet Member was asked to declare any personal or prejudicial interests she might have in the business on the agenda.

She declared a standing personal interest as a retired member of UNISON, and expressed her wish for this to be attached to future agendas.

13. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Decision Session-Cabinet Member for Leisure, Culture and Social Inclusion held on 13 September 2011 be signed by the Cabinet Member as a correct record.

14. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-DECISION SESSION**

It was reported that there had been no registrations under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

15. **QUARTER 1 APRIL - JUNE 2011, FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE UPDATE**

The Cabinet Member received a report which updated her on financial performance, progress against service plan improvement actions and performance measures in the Communities and Neighbourhoods directorate.

The Cabinet Member was updated on the financial position of several areas in the directorate including;

- An overspend in the restructure of the Arts Education Peripatetic Music Service due to one-off redundancy costs. It was noted that the new service is working well and providing whole class tuition with larger numbers of children.
- That both library cafés were in profit and that income had been generated from the York Card.

RESOLVED: (i) That the report be noted.

(ii) That the timescales for actions that are in progress but where the original timescale has slipped for completion be agreed.

REASON: To ensure that those actions where the estimated timescale has slipped are completed within the revised timescales without detriment to the quality of action.

16. OUTCOME OF DIVERSITY PEER CHALLENGE: JULY 2011

The Cabinet Member received a report which informed her of the outcome of the Local Government Information and Development Diversity peer challenge which took place on 26 and 27 July 2011.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

REASON: So that the Council can put in place an action plan to achieve 'Excellent' under the Equality Framework for Local Government (EFLG).

17. DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF CRITERIA: 2013 - 2015

The Cabinet Member received a report which asked her to agree amended criteria for Discretionary Rate Relief to be awarded by the Directorate for Communities and Neighbourhoods for the period 2013-2015.

In response to a question, the Cabinet Member was informed that the awards for organisations from the Lifelong Learning and Culture DRR pot had been scaled down for 2010-12 as the applications eligible for relief had exceeded the budget available. It was noted that organisations who had applied for assistance after the closing date were refused on the grounds of not having any remaining money in the pot.

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That the report be noted.
 - (ii) That the revised criteria set out in Annex 2 of the Officer's report be agreed.

REASON: In order to establish an amended procedure for 2013-15.

Councillor Crisp, Cabinet Member
[The meeting started at 4.30 pm and finished at 4.45 pm].

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Cabinet Member for Leisure, Culture and Social Inclusion**8th November 2011**

Report of the Assistant Director (Communities and Culture)

York800 Activities in 2012**Summary**

1. This report asks the Cabinet Member to approve the outline programme and budget for the programme of York 800 activities in 2012.

Background

2. 2012 is a very significant year in York's history, marking 800 years since the city was granted a royal charter by King John in 1212. This charter enabled York's citizens to take charge of their own affairs with the right to elect a council, hold courts, appoint a mayor, and collect taxes. To celebrate this historic anniversary a programme of activities is proposed, designed to engage York residents, communities and businesses.

Consultation

3. Earlier this year York@Large, the city's cultural partnership, established an advisory group from partners across the city to look at supporting and producing a year long umbrella festival in support of York's 800th anniversary of its civic charter: York800.
4. Within the overall context of the civic life of the city the key objectives of the year long celebration are to:
 - build an understanding of the past
 - celebrate a sense of belonging in the present to all our communities and to
 - contribute towards a shared vision of the future of York

5. A public campaign to garner ideas for how we celebrate York800 was launched in July 2011 and we have had over forty suggestions as well as meetings with a wide range of individuals and organisations.

The Programme of Activities

6. The advisory group proposed that in these restricted financial times that partners around the city would be asked to consider supporting these objectives through activities already scheduled that could accommodate the objectives outlined above; however, they also wished to undertake a certain level of special activities for 2012 that would leave a legacy of inclusion, celebration and understanding in the city.
7. A proposed schedule of activities is attached at Annex 1. This calendar highlights those festivals and events that could benefit from the enhancement of activity in 2012 but also indicates the unique projects programmed. The year will be a platform for York to maintain its reputation on the international stage as a vibrant city, capable of staging memorable and influential events.
8. Funding to support many of these activities has already been secured from partners across the city or from allocated budgets within the council. In addition, funding bids to the Arts Council: England and other grant giving bodies have been made or are in preparation.
9. The proposed programme is still open to enhancement; for example, whilst ideas for York800 activities have already been received from some neighbourhoods, in others ideas are likely to emerge as the year progresses. To further develop the potential of the programme to involve the whole community, to build a greater understanding of York's unique heritage and to demonstrate the healthy and vibrant civic life of the city it would be helpful to have a budget allocation. A bid will be made through the Council's 2012-14 budget process.

Options

10. The Cabinet Member may comment on the outline programme and suggest amendment or alternatives.

Corporate Priorities

11. The programme of events would demonstrate the entrepreneurial spirit of the city, the cohesiveness of its communities and build on its world class culture. This will support corporate objectives in culture, the economy and neighbourhoods management.

Implications

12. **Finance:** If funding is not secured through the growth bid within the council or from grant giving Trusts then the programme of activities will have to be contained within the budget available.
13. The budget for the proposed activities is set out below.

Programme Title	Funding secured '000	Funding applied for '000s	Additional funding required* '000s
Communication and enhancement of year round activities	0	0	25
York800 Community projects	22	50	13
York800 enhancement of City of Festivals programme	100	130	21
Volunteers and Carers project	20	13	7
York800 one off celebration	0	0	5
Total	142	193	71

* £18k is match funding for funding applications

14. **Equalities:** One of the key objectives of York800 is to promote activities that will engage the whole community and develop a sense of belonging in the city. Events organisers will be required to ensure an equality of access to their event and full compliance with the Equalities legislation.
15. There are no Legal, Highways, Human Resources, Crime and Disorder, Information Technology or Property Implications arising from this report.

Risk Management

16. In compliance with the council risk management strategy there are no risks associated with the recommendations of this report.

Recommendations

17. The Cabinet Member is asked to approve the outline programme of events and support the request for additional funds.

Reason: To celebrate this historic event in the civic life of the city and to engage the whole community in the planned activities.

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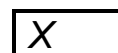
Report Approved



Date *24 October
2011*

Wards Affected

All



For further information please contact the author of the report

Background Papers:

Annexes

Annex 1: Calendar of events and activities for 2012

Annex 1**2012 – A calendar of events and activities supporting York 800**

York wants to mark the anniversary in a big way throughout 2012. The city is rightly already known as the City of Festivals, and there is a plethora of activity already planned for the anniversary year. The legendary York Cycle of Mystery Plays is being revived in the Museum Gardens throughout August for the first time since the 1980s, and there will also be enhancements to the Viking Festival, Illuminating York and the Residents First Festival, a new Chocolate Festival, a specially-themed Big City Read and plans for a medieval summer.

There'll be an emphasis on York's civic history, with attention on the city's unique collection of archives, the Lord Mayor, and how the city has developed since 1212. York800: York stories will give everyone a chance to digitally record their history and what it's like living in York creating a new archive record for the city.

As well as all these chances to celebrate, the exact anniversary of the granting of York's Charter (9th July) will be marked with a long weekend of events, featuring the Festival of the Rivers, which next year is aiming to include a regatta of boats along the River Ouse as its centrepiece, and the climax of a unique project called Ebor Vox – over 20 local choirs and singing groups performing specially commissioned works across the city centre. The close of York's anniversary year will also be marked with a special celebration at the Minster.

York's young people will be asked to create a new charter for the city as an extension to the highly successful Taking Part programme. In support of community programmes and activities all ward committees are being asked to create a budget to enable direct support at community level.

2012 Month	Event s and Activities	Comment
January	Holocaust Memorial Day	Speak up: Speak Out theme to include the voices of all our communities.
	Residents Festival (28-29 January)	York 800 theme – talks, showcasing the guilds and city archives

2012 Month	Events and Activities	Comment
February	Venturefest Viking Festival (13-17 Feb)	Celebrating York's entrepreneurial spirit. Enhancement of programme
March	Launch of York800: York Stories Fashion City York Spooksfest	Ward level activity and collection of stories running throughout the year. Expansion of FCY event Spooksfest will be very strong re: stories
April	New Chocolate Festival at Easter Opening of medieval gallery at Yorkshire Museum	Enhancement of City of festivals programme Tie this into medieval summer activity programme
May	Young Footballers Gala Mayor Making	Organised by Hamilton Panthers – community activities Enhancement of civic activity
June	Freedom of the City day parade by Armed forces Big City Read Railfest NRM: (2-10 June) Olympic Torch Relay (19-20 June) Festival of Ideas and Innovation	Could be start of June or start of August. Author Susanna Gregory (medieval detective fiction) book is set in York. Enhancement of City of Festivals activity Major event with citywide impact. Enhancement of City of Festivals Activity
June/July/ August	Science and Innovation Grand Tour	Up to 100 images of science and innovative discoveries associated with York to be displayed on buildings around the city

2012 Month	Events and Activities	Comment
July	7 th , 8 th and 9 th Charter weekend celebrations Early Music Festival York 800 Ward Parties	7 th - River regatta with a flotilla of York800 boats down the Ouse! 8 th special dragon boat races 9 th Charter Day - Ebor Vox a choral work by Benjamin Till (who wrote BBC Symphony for Yorkshire). Enhancement of City of Festival Activities Community activities
August	2012 Mystery Plays Medieval Festival	Museum Gardens – over 1000 community volunteers involved Proposed by York Archaeological Trust activities include an excavation of medieval remains behind the Mansion house, possible medieval market , links to Big City Read
September	Festival of Food and Drink	Enhancement of City of Festivals activity.
October	Illuminating York (24-27 October)	Enhancement of City of Festivals activity
November	York Business Week Aesthetica Short Film Festival St Nicholas Fayre	Celebrating York's entrepreneurial activity 2 nd year with some specially commissioned shorts to tie in with York800:York Stories Special 800 years theme to the market
December	Festival of Angels (1&2) Event at the Minster Community New Year's Eve	Enhancement of City of Festivals activity Minster new interpretation programme opened Enhancement of activity for 2012.

Calendar up to date as of September 2011. More events and activities will be added to the calendar as they are confirmed.

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YORK800

800 YEARS OF THE CITY OF YORK

**Initial programme of
events for 2012**

www.york800.com

York is gearing up to celebrate its 800th year of local democracy in 2012

York will be celebrating in a big way in 2012. It will be 800 years since the city was granted a Royal Charter by King John in 1212, allowing York to take charge of its own affairs by electing a council, creating the post of mayor, and giving a voice to its people. The city wants to get its residents, businesses and visitors involved in the year-long celebration, to understand the city's unique past, create a sense of belonging in the city of today, and making a step change for the future.

A plethora of events is planned. Highlights will include the legendary York Cycle of Mystery Plays being staged in the open air for the first time since the 1980s, and, for the first time, a Medieval Summer festival. The exact anniversary of the Charter being granted – Monday 9 July – will be marked with a whole weekend of events, including the climax of Ebor Vox, when choirs and singing groups from all over the city will come together to perform specially commissioned works. The weekend will also include a flotilla of hundreds of boats on the River Ouse as part of The Festival of the Rivers, which will feature a new choral work by Benjamin Till.

But there's much more besides, from Railfest to the Chocolate Festival, from York Stories to Illuminating York. This initial programme shows the key events during the year (details correct at October 2011), designed to appeal to – just about everybody!! The programme will grow and grow, so keep visiting the website to stay right up to date. If you would like to add an event to the programme, email york800@york.gov.uk

www.york800.com

January 2012

20 January into February **Speak Up Speak Out**
Reflecting York and its diverse communities

28-29 January **Residents Festival**
Many York attractions open their doors free to York residents with Yorkcards

February 2012

February - September **The Eight Mysteries of York Minster**
Over these eight months celebrate eight centuries of mystery at the Minster through talks, tours, trails and activities

8 February **Venturefest**
One day event to showcase entrepreneurs, at York Racecourse

March 2012

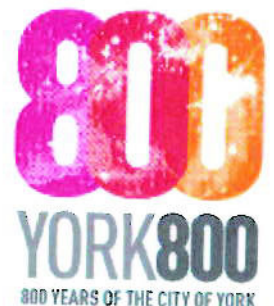
March **York Stories launch**
A chance for residents to record their stories about their home city for posterity

April 2012

1 April - 31 August **Views of York: Portrait of a City – 1610 to the Present Day**
An exhibition at Fairfax House of paintings, drawings, photographs, watercolours and prints of the city

Early April Opening of the new medieval gallery at the Yorkshire Museum **'1212 : The Making of the City'**

6-9 April **York Chocolate Festival**
Celebrating our traditions with York's first chocolate festival



May 2012

6 May **Youth Football Gala**

24 May **Mayor Making as part of the Annual Council meeting**

May-July **York Science and Innovation Grand Tour 2012**
Showcasing York's innovative past, present and future around the city

June 2012

2-10 June **Railfest, National Railway Museum**
Get fired up at Britain's biggest rail celebration

4-5 June **Celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee**

16-30 June **Festival of Ideas and Innovation**
This year's theme 'Metamorphosis and Transformation' at venues across the city

19 June **Olympic Torch Relay and Knavesmire Concert**

19 June - 29 August **Sports participation activity across the city (until the Paralympics)**

Late June **Medieval Summer including:**
Big City Read; archives exhibition; Mystery Plays; archaeological dig

July 2012

6-14 July **Early Music Festival**
Reflecting the Olympic ideals of excellence and aspiration with music from the Renaissance.

7-22 July **Festival of the Rivers**
Annual celebration of the Rivers Ouse and Foss, featuring a flotilla of boats on the River Ouse



July 2012

9 July

Charter Day

800 years to the day since York was granted its City Charter by King John. Climax of Ebor Vox – York choirs singing across the city. Unveiling of York 800 schools tapestry

July

Youth Charter

The young people of York will create and present a new Charter for the city

Mid July

Archives Exhibition, York Explore

The best archives outside London open their doors to the public whose histories they hold

Mid July

Big City Read

Featuring a specially commissioned medieval murder mystery novel set in the Minster, by Susanna Gregory

End July

Archaeological dig, Mansion House

York Archeological Trust will be running a professional dig to discover the roots of the home of democracy in the city

August 2012

2-27 August

York Cycle of Mystery Plays

The magnificent Mystery Plays return to their outdoor setting in the Museum Gardens for the first time since the 1980s

4-12 August

Medieval Festival

A celebration of York's medieval history

September 2012

September

Festival of Food and Drink



October 2012

October **Launch of Stories in Glass and Stone**
New interactive galleries in the Minster allowing visitors to reflect on the scale and craftsmanship of the Great East Window

24-27 October **Illuminating York**
York transformed into a wonderland

November 2012

November **Aesthetica Short Film Festival**

November **Inter-Faith Festival**
A celebration of the different traditions, beliefs and values represented across the city

Mid November **York Business Week**

29 November - 2 December **St Nicholas Fayre**

December 2012

Early December **A York Christmas/Festival of Angels**

31 December **Community New Year's Eve**