

CITY OF YORK COUNCIL

Resolutions and proceedings of the Meeting of the City of York Council held in Guildhall, York on Thursday, 15th July, 2010, starting at 6.30 pm

Present: The Lord Mayor (Cllr Sue Galloway) in the Chair, and the following Councillors:

ACOMB WARD

Horton
Simpson-Laing

BISHOPTHORPE WARD

CLIFTON WARD

Douglas
Scott

DERWENT WARD

Brooks

DRINGHOUSES & WOODTHORPE WARD

Holvey
Reid
Sunderland

FISHERGATE WARD

Taylor

FULFORD WARD

Aspden

GUILDHALL WARD

Looker
B Watson

HAXBY & WIGGINTON WARD

Firth
R Watson

HESLINGTON WARD

Jamieson-Ball

HEWORTH WARD

Boyce
Funnell
Potter

HEWORTH WITHOUT WARD

Ayre

HOLGATE WARD

Alexander
Bowgett
Crisp

HULL ROAD WARD

Pierce

HUNTINGTON & NEW EARSWICK
WARD

Hyman
Orrell
Runciman

MICKLEGATE WARD

Fraser
Gunnell
Merrett

OSBALDWICK WARD

Morley

RURAL WEST YORK WARD

Gillies
Healey
Hudson

SKELTON, RAWCLIFFE & CLIFTON
WITHOUT WARD

Moore
Watt
Waudby

STRENSALL WARD

Wiseman

WESTFIELD WARD

Steve Galloway
Waller

WHELDRAKE WARD

Vassie

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Cregan, D'Agorne, Hogg, King and Kirk. Cllr Scott sent apologies for his late arrival at the meeting.

13. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

The following **personal** interests were declared:

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Description of Interest</u>
Alexander	12, Motion (v)	Member of the GMB
Ayre	12, Motion (v)	Member of the NUT and working at a school that has expressed interest in becoming an academy.
Bowgett	12, Motion (ii)	In receipt of family tax credit
Boyce	12, Motion (v)	Member of University union and a teacher at York College
Brooks	12, Motion (v)	Member of the Association of Lecturers and Teachers
Crisp	12, Motions (i) and (iii)	Retired member of UNISON
Douglas	12, Motion (ii)	In receipt of family tax credit
Fraser	12, Motions (i) and (iii)	Member of the retired section of UNISON and the retired section of the Acts Section of the T&GWU Section of Unite.
Gillies	6, Executive Minute 27	Daughter and son in law lifelong members of the York City Supporters Trust
Gunnell	12, Motion (iii)	Working in the voluntary sector
Merrett	12, Motion (ii)	In receipt of child benefit
Pierce	12, Motion (ii)	In receipt of family tax credit
Potter	12, Motion (ii)	In receipt of family tax credit
Simpson - Laing	12, Motion (i) 12, Motion (ii) 12, Motion (iii)	Member of UNISON In receipt of child benefit and tax credit Member of UNISON and working in the voluntary sector
Sunderland	12, Motion (iii)	Working in the voluntary sector
Vassie	12, Motion (ii)	In receipt of child benefit
B Watson	6, Executive Minute 27	Sponser of a player for York City Knights

14. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 8 April 2010 and the Annual Council meeting held on 27 May 2010 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

15. CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord Mayor announced receipt of the following, which were on view in the Council Chamber:

- A replica of the statue from the top of *La Giralda* bell tower, Seville Cathedral, a gift from the Deputy Mayor of Seville
- The Cliff Nicholson Award for innovation and excellence in put sector internal or external audit, awarded by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance & Accountancy (CIPFA) to the Veritau Service, a partnership between City of York Council and North Yorkshire County Council.

The Lord Mayor then reminded Members that the funeral service for Trooper Ashley Smith, a soldier from the Royal Dragoon Guards posted to Afghanistan, had been held that day in York Minster. She invited all present to stand and observe a minute's silence in memory of Trooper Smith and also in memory of Marine David Hart.

16. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

It was reported that seven members of the public had registered to speak at the meeting under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

Nick Parker spoke in support of the petition to be presented by Cllr Douglas in respect of safety measures on Haxby Road.

Patricia Dennison spoke in support of the petition to be presented by Cllr Funnell in respect of the no. 13 bus route.

Chris Brace spoke in support of reforming the voting system for local authority elections and called on the Council to ask the government to include this proposal in their referendum on national voting reform next May.

Anthony Long, Chair of Marton-cum-Grafton Parish Council, spoke in objection to the joint City of York Council / North Yorkshire County Council PFI proposals for a waste management site at Allerton.

Frank Ormston, representing the campaign 'A Stadium for York', spoke in support of the Executive recommendation to allocate additional funding to the Community Stadium project. He handed in a petition calling on the Council to do all it could to ensure the provision of a stadium by 2015.

Mark Warters submitted a series of written questions to Members in relation to land to the west of Metcalfe Lane (Derwenthorpe). He was advised that written responses would be supplied, in accordance with Standing Orders.

The seventh registered speaker, Shane Ellerton, did not attend the meeting.

17. PETITIONS

Under Standing Order 7, petitions were presented by:

- (i) Cllr Taylor, on behalf of residents calling for the introduction of a 20 mph zone in Danesmead and Fulford Cross, in the vicinity of the Steiner School / Danesgate. ¹
- (ii) Cllr Taylor, on behalf of residents calling for the introduction of a 20 mph zone outside Fishergate and St George's Schools. ²
- (iii) Cllr Douglas, on behalf of residents of Haxby Road, regarding road safety outside Haxby Road School. ³
- (iv) Cllr Alexander, on behalf of local residents, regarding a play area behind Kirkdale Road. ⁴
- (v) Cllr Crisp, on behalf of Holgate residents, regarding front of house refuse collections. ⁵
- (vi) Cllr Funnell, on behalf of residents asking to keep the number 13 bus service running in Heworth. ⁶
- (vii) Cllr Moore, on behalf of local residents calling for the Council to investigate the speed problems along Moorlands Road, Skelton, and implement measures to ensure the safety of residents. ⁷

RESOLVED: That the above petitions be referred to the Executive or appropriate committee.

Action Required

1-3 and 6-7: Schedule reports on Forward Plan and keep relevant Members updated on progress	SS
4&5: Schedule reports on Forward Plan and keep relevant Members updated on progress	KS

18. REPORT OF EXECUTIVE LEADER AND EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

A written report was received from the Executive Leader, Cllr Andrew Waller, on the work of the Executive.

Cllr Waller then moved, and Cllr Runciman seconded, the following recommendation, contained in Minute 27 of the Executive meeting on 6 July 2010:

“That Council approve the use of LAGBI money to the value of £198k to progress the scheme towards the procurement stage, with further costs being

reviewed as the project commences, subject to a future report back to the Executive or to full Council.”¹

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

Cllr Waller then moved, and Cllr Runciman seconded, the following recommendation, contained in Minute 28 of the Executive meeting on 6 July 2010:

“That Council approve an increase of £1m in the capital programme for the York Sports Village Swimming Pool (from the existing £2m), this to be financed from prudential borrowing, with the consequential revenue implications of £71k being accepted as committed growth for the 2011/12 budget.”²

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

RESOLVED: That the recommendations of the Executive on 6 July 2010 in respect of the Community Stadium Business Case and the York Sports Village Swimming Pool, as recorded in Minutes 27 and 28 of that meeting, be approved.

Action Required

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| 1. Use LAGBI funds to progress the scheme and schedule an update report on Executive Forward Plan | TA |
| 2. Make the agreed change to the Capital Programme budget | LB-W |

19. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

As Vice Chair of the Standards Committee, Cllr Horton moved, and Cllr Hudson seconded, the recommendation made by that committee on 25 June 2010 in respect of the Annual Monitor of Member Training and Development.

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

RESOLVED: That the recommendation be approved and that the Annual Monitor of Member Training and Development be received.

20. SCRUTINY - ANNUAL REPORT

Council received the Annual Scrutiny Report from Cllr Galvin, Chair of the Scrutiny Management Committee.

21. REPORT OF EXECUTIVE MEMBER

A written report was received from Cllr Runciman, the Executive Member for Children & Young People's Services.

Notice had been received of two questions on the report, submitted by Members in accordance with Standing Orders. The questions were put and answered as follows:

- (i) From Cllr Aspden:
"Can the Executive Member report on the progress of the re-build of Rawcliffe with Clifton Without Federated School?"

The Executive Member replied:

"I am delighted to report that the first turf was turned last Friday by the youngest boy, the youngest girl and the oldest boy, accompanied by Cllr Waudby, myself and representatives of Shepherds, the contractors. The children were very excited by the whole event and the prospect of seeing the new school being built.

This is a project that has been long awaited by the local community and it is good to report that it is unaffected by any of the recent cuts in the government's capital programme.

I am looking forward to being there on the day it opens."

- (ii) From Cllr Jamieson-Ball:
"Is the Executive Member able to give Council the indicative overall results for this year's SATs at Key Stage 2?"

The Executive Member replied:

"At this stage we only have the provisional results for this year's KS2 SATs, but they are looking promising, with some improvements from last year. Some re-marks have been requested but it looks as if all the hard work of the schools, supported by the local authority's Education Development Service, may have paid off. I'd like to thank everyone, children, staff and parents alike, for all the effort they have put in during the year and await the final results with interest."

The Executive Member agreed to provide written responses after the meeting to a further four questions of which notice had been received, but which did not relate to the written report.

22. ACTIVITIES OF OUTSIDE BODIES

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

- North Yorkshire Police Authority – meeting on 5 February 2010
- Quality Bus Partnership – meeting on 23 March 2010
- Safer York Partnership – meetings on 1 February and 21 June 2010
- Without Walls Partnership – meeting on 11 February 2010
- NHS Foundation Trust – meeting on 16 March 2010

- York & North Yorkshire Waste Management Partnership – meeting on 4 March 2010
- Economic Partnership / Skills Board – meeting on 13 January 2010

No questions had been submitted to representatives on the above bodies.

23. APPOINTMENTS AND CHANGES TO MEMBERSHIP

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

24. MOTION TO SUSPEND STANDING ORDERS

At this point in the meeting, Cllr Alexander moved, and Cllr Simpson-Laing seconded, a motion to suspend Standing Orders to enable an urgent motion to be moved on behalf of the Labour Group.

A named vote was requested and taken on the motion to suspend, as follows:

For	Against	Abstained
Cllr Alexander	Cllr Aspden	
Cllr Bowgett	Cllr Ayre	
Cllr Boyce	Cllr Brooks	
Cllr Crisp	Cllr Firth	
Cllr Douglas	Cllr Steve Galloway	
Cllr Fraser	Cllr Sue Galloway	
Cllr Funnell	Cllr Galvin	
Cllr Gunnell	Cllr Gillies	
Cllr Horton	Cllr Healey	
Cllr Looker	Cllr Holvey	
Cllr Merrett	Cllr Hudson	
Cllr Pierce	Cllr Hyman	
Cllr Potter	Cllr Jamieson-Ball	
Cllr Simpson-Laing	Cllr Moore	
Cllr Taylor	Cllr Morley	
Cllr B Watson	Cllr Orrell	
	Cllr Reid	
	Cllr Runciman	
	Cllr Sunderland	
	Cllr Vassie	
	Cllr Waller	
	Cllr R Watson	
	Cllr Watt	
	Cllr Waudby	
	Cllr Wiseman	
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The motion was accordingly declared LOST and it was

RESOLVED: That Standing Orders not be suspended to allow the urgent motion to be put.

25. NOTICES OF MOTION

(i) "Your Freedom" Consultation

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

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

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

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

Council urges York residents to take part in the Your Freedom consultation and resolves to promote the consultation to residents using the City of York Council website." ¹

Cllr Alexander then moved, and Cllr Simpson-Laing seconded, an amendment to the above motion, as follows:

"In the first paragraph, delete the words *'the Labour government'* and substitute *'successive governments'*.

In the second paragraph, remove the full stop at the end of the first sentence and insert the words *'but has concerns about abolishing guaranteed minimum national standards.'* Delete all after *'Council feels that'* in the second sentence and insert *'councils without possible inspection will lead to less openness about quality of services, less accountability and reductions in levels of service.'*

In the third paragraph, after the word *'restoring'* insert *'empowering'* and after *'individual freedoms'* insert *'so long as this will not be detrimental to the well-being of an individual, group or animal.'*"

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 notice of motion be approved.¹

(ii) Central Government Cuts to Local Authority Funding

Cllr Alexander moved, and Cllr Simpson-Laing seconded, that:

“This Council notes:

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

This Council resolves:

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

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

RESOLVED: That the above notice of motion not be approved.

(iii) 'More for York' Programme

Cllr Healey moved, and Cllr Gillies seconded, that:

“Whereas:

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

Therefore, this Council instructs the Executive to provide to all Council Members, before 16 November 2010, details of the More for York programme, its contribution to meeting savings targets for 2011/12, broad details of savings areas in individual directorates and full details of the extent to which the More for York programme will meet the financial targets in 2011/12, in order to:²

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

Cllr Gunnell then moved, and Cllr Simpson-Laing seconded, an amendment to the above motion, as follows:

In the first paragraph, first bullet point, delete all from *'Thirteen years'* to *coupled with'*.

In the second paragraph:

- add to the end of the first bullet point *'how this will affect residents' daily lives and'*
- in the second bullet point, after *'our staff'* insert *'the Unions and'* and after *'delivery measures'* add *'and provide them with realistic funding information and service quality expectations so that there is an understanding of service requirements.'"*

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 notice of motion be approved.²

(iv) Former Peaseholme Centre

Cllr Brian Watson moved, and Cllr Boyce seconded, that:

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

On being put to the vote, the motion was declared LOST and it was
RESOLVED: That the above notice of motion not be approved.

At this point in the meeting the guillotine fell and the remaining business was moved, seconded and voted on without debate.

(v) The Future Role of Local Authorities in Education

Cllr Runciman moved, and Cllr Firth seconded, that:

“This Council acknowledges:

- The excellent results achieved by students in schools across the City and the hard work of children, staff and parents to gain those results
- The significant role of local authority officers in challenging and supporting schools to drive up and maintain standards
- The importance of the ‘family’ of York schools, working together co-operatively to support and help each other in the best interests of all York’s children.

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

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

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

- That, particularly in a unitary authority the size of the City of York, the local authority’s role in maintaining and strengthening the family of schools is vital and should remain
- That experience in managing the local education system is one of the most important contributing factors to the success of local schools and that they should not be centrally controlled
- That there should continue to be clear local accountability through the local authority and the knowledge that elected Members bring to the education of the City’s children
- That all these significant factors should be taken into account during the development of the Academies Bill as it progresses through Parliament.”³

Cllr Pierce then moved, and Cllr Looker seconded, an amendment to the above motion, as follows:

“Add the following paragraph to the end of the motion:

- *‘Council requests the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Education condemning the ending of the ‘Building Schools for the Future’ funding and the detrimental effect it will have on the education of generations of York’s children.’”*

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 notice of motion be approved. ³

Action Required

1. Make arrangements to promote the 'Your Freedom' consultation on the Council website KE
2. Provide details of More for York programme to all Members, as agreed TC
3. Write to the Secretary of State for Education in the terms agreed PD

26. QUESTIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE LEADER AND EXECUTIVE MEMBERS RECEIVED UNDER STANDING ORDER 11.3(A)

Fourteen questions had been submitted to Executive Members under Standing Order 11.3(a). The guillotine having fallen at this point, Members agreed to receive written answers to their questions, as set out below:

- (i) To the Executive Member for City Strategy, from Cllr Potter:
“Will the Executive Member for City Strategy join with me in expressing great disappointment at the cut to the funding for Park & Ride sites at Askham Bar, the A59 and Wigginton Road and will he inform Council what action he is taking to get his government to reverse this situation?”

Reply

The funding for the Access York Phase 1 scheme has not been cut but suspended pending a review of the entire programme. It is understood that progress on all of the Transport Major Schemes across the country (approximately 60) which had not already commenced has been halted pending the spending review and update of the government's scheme prioritisation methodology.

The Park & Ride scheme has a relatively low cost, a high value for money (when assessed against the previous criteria) and excellent sustainability credentials. It is therefore anticipated that funding for the scheme will be released once the review is complete however delivery of the full package may be over a longer timeframe than originally anticipated.

Alternative funding sources are being investigated but the low level of match funding (10%) available locally severely restricts options. Lobbying of the relevant Minister will be pursued however it is highly unlikely that there will be any movement until the funding and prioritisation parameters are finalised in the autumn.

- (ii) To the Executive Member for City Strategy, from Cllr D'Agorne:
 “Regarding Fulford Road public transport improvements, what is the average inbound bus journey time now, compared with the experience prior to the changes to the layout?”

Reply

Here is the data for service 7 showing the average AM Peak (0700-0930) timings inbound on Fulford Rd on two comparable weeks in June 2009 & 2010.

The figures shown in the 'Actual Run Time' section are the average number of minutes elapsed since departing the Park & Ride site. The figures in the 'Dwell time' section are the average time in minutes spent at each stop.

At a glance, it appears that buses are taking longer on average to get from the site to Fulford Main St, but moving along Fulford Rd substantially faster than in 2009

However it is perhaps a little early to draw too many conclusions as the change has not really had time to bed down yet. Further checks will be made later in the year.

Service:		7									
Day:		Mon to Fri									
Time Category:		AMPeak									
		Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		15/06/2009	16/06/2009	17/06/2009	18/06/2009	19/06/2009	14/06/2010	15/06/2010	16/06/2010	17/06/2010	18/06/2010
Actual Run Time	Main Street (32900252)	5.74	5.77	5.90	5.76	4.68	5.86	7.17	6.38	5.93	5.86
	Fulford Church (32900245)	7.03	7.43	7.68	7.67	6.15	6.65	8.63	7.42	7.33	6.93
	The Gimcrack (32900242)	8.99	9.18	10.54	10.02	8.47	7.92	10.72	8.87	9.05	8.33
	Imphal Barracks (32900241)	10.20	10.11	12.05	11.55	9.78	8.76	11.95	9.99	10.19	9.53
	Alma Terrace (32900177)	11.81	11.52	13.96	13.32	11.30	10.18	13.66	11.42	11.46	10.86
Dwell Time	Main Street (32900252)	0.21	0.22	0.08	0.22	0.08	0.18	0.01	0.20	0.25	0.17
	Fulford Church (32900245)	0.36	0.51	0.63	0.70	0.50	0.20	0.26	0.31	0.49	0.31
	The Gimcrack (32900242)	0.78	0.49	1.00	0.62	0.68	0.44	0.56	0.51	0.54	0.29
	Imphal Barracks (32900241)	0.39	0.19	0.35	0.56	0.46	0.20	0.13	0.34	0.12	0.21
	Alma Terrace (32900177)	0.41	0.31	0.23	0.38	0.27	0.45	0.23	0.25	0.31	0.31

- (iii) To the Executive Member for City Strategy, from Cllr D'Agorne:
 “Regarding Fulford Road public transport improvements, has there been any significant increase in the outbound journey time since the changes?”

Reply

Service:	7										
Day:	Mon to Fri										
Time Category:	PMPeak (1500-1800)										
Direction:	Outbound	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		22/06/2009	23/06/2009	24/06/2009	25/06/2009	26/06/2009	21/06/2010	22/06/2010	23/06/2010	24/06/2010	25/06/2010
Actual Run Time	Alma Terrace (32900178)	30.47	28.65	29.45	31.96	41.11	32.12	31.43	28.84	30.70	32.24
	Imphal Barracks (32900240)	32.23	29.93	30.83	33.28	42.71	33.87	32.94	29.84	32.49	33.85
	Broadway Top (32900243)	33.57	31.13	32.27	34.80	44.07	35.09	34.31	30.83	34.20	35.01
	Fulford Church (32900244)	34.40	32.13	33.45	35.76	44.87	36.00	35.42	31.75	35.42	36.01
	Main Street (32900253)	35.18	33.01	34.41	37.39	46.36	36.67	36.64	32.63	36.33	36.82
Dwell Time	Alma Terrace (32900178)	0.61	0.15	0.09	0.09	0.22	0.19	0.27	0.16	0.18	0.28
	Imphal Barracks (32900240)	0.32	0.14	0.19	0.09	0.18	0.09	0.11	0.13	0.24	0.08
	Broadway Top (32900243)	0.18	0.11	0.23	0.34	0.10	0.05	0.20	0.10	0.29	0.10
	Fulford Church (32900244)	0.39	0.53	0.56	0.37	0.23	0.33	0.53	0.40	0.53	0.42
	Main Street (32900253)	0.08	0.04	0.13	0.11	0.03	0.01	0.04	0.07	0.09	0.00

- (iv) To the Executive Member for City Strategy, from Cllr D'Agorne:
 “Regarding Fulford Road public transport improvements, what further action is proposed to reduce the illegal air quality levels at the junction of Main Street and Heslington Lane?”

Reply

As I have explained previously, the Executive responsibility for air quality management rest with the Neighbourhoods Directorate at present.

On the narrow issue of public transport contributions to air quality I would comment that the period from 2008 to the present day has seen a significant improvement to the quality of bus providing services on Fulford Road.

In brief:

- Park & Ride (7): New, Euro V (EEV) buses brought in to service Autumn 2008 with lower NOX, CO and Particulate Matter emissions levels than the previous vehicles.*

- Arriva, route 415: New, Euro V (EEV) double deck buses brought in to service October 2009 - impact as above.
- Transdev, route 24/26, Euro IV buses brought in to replace the previous owners' collection of older vehicles - impact as above.
- Plans for the next year or two include looking to increase the minimum emission standards for school and local bus services (both being retendered in 2011) to Euro II / III respectively.

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

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

Reply

On the 6th July the Secretary of state for communities in the Coalition Government announced the revocation of Regional Strategies (RSSs) with immediate effect.

He made the announcement in a letter sent to chief planning officers in Local Planning Authorities across England. It included the guidance highlighted below.

Local planning authorities will be responsible for establishing the right level of local housing provision in their area, and identifying a long term supply of housing land without the burden of regional housing targets. Some authorities may decide to retain their existing housing targets that were set out in the revoked Regional Strategies. Others may decide to review their housing targets. We would expect that those authorities should quickly signal their intention to undertake an early review so that communities and land owners know where they stand.

It is important for the planning process to be transparent, and for people to be able to understand why decisions have been taken. Local authorities should continue to collect and use reliable information to justify their housing supply policies and defend them during the LDF examination process. They should do this in line with current policy in PPS3.

Local planning authorities should continue to use their plans to identify sufficient sites and broad areas for development to deliver their housing ambitions for at least 15 years from the date the plan is adopted. Authorities should also have a five year land supply of deliverable sites. This too will need to reflect any changes to the overall local housing ambition.

We are currently considering the implications of the changes to the national planning system for our Local Development Framework including what this means in terms of setting long term Green Belt boundaries.

My view is, though, that our future plans can be fashioned to ensure that the draft green belt boundaries are confirmed and that our intention to do so will be subject to a decision by the Council's Executive in the early autumn.

- (vi) To the Executive Member for City Strategy, from Cllr Horton:
 “Can the Executive Member for City Strategy comment on the current running reliability of the ftr, whether this meets agreements made between the City of York Council in 2006 and how he plans to ensure that First improve service reliability, with particular concern to early morning running?”

Reply

I am aware that there was an incident a few weeks go which prompted a resident to complain about the non arrival of the early 6:30am service. I believe that First have written to eh complainant apologising My understanding is that the issue related to the non availability of staff.

The sheet below shows the deviation from the scheduled times. As the sheet demonstrates, in the vast majority of cases, the services are operating within the Traffic Commissioner's designated 'on-time' window of 1min early to 5 mins late. The Council is currently working with First to introduce a Punctuality Improvement Partnership which will place responsibilities on both First and the Council to further improve the reliability of services.

Both parties are now using the real time data made available through the Bus Operator Reports software to pinpoint where and when the delays are occurring to alter timetables and consider improvements to junctions/bus priority measures, etc. First have recently undertaken work to improve the reliability of route 5 using data from the Real Time system and corresponding tweaks are being made to the timetable which will improve the service performance and the Council will encourage First to take a similar approach to route 4 services.

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Timing Point
AMPeak

Percentage of journeys tracked (%)	Average deviation from schedule at timing points (minutes)						
	Acomb Green (32901557)	Turnmire Road (32900057)	Rail Station (32900134)	Uni Science Pk (32900280)	Heslington Hall (32900279)	York Station Stop D (32900145)	Thanet Spts (329000)
100	-1	3	2	-0	0	2	
100	-1	2	1	-2	1	1	
92	2	4	4	2	3	4	
92	-2	2	1	-2	10	1	
100	-1	3	1	-2	1	1	
100	-1	3	4	3	2	4	
85	-1	2	10	1	10	1	
100	5	4	4	3	2	2	
92	-1	2	1	-1	1	1	
100	-0	4	1	-2	1	2	
86	-1	26	1	-3	2	0	

92	-1	3	2	2	2	2
100	-1	3	2	4	2	3
100	-1	3	3	2	1	3
92	-0	2	1	1	1	2
77	-0	1	3	7	4	5
82	-2	3	1	-2	0	2
100	-2	2	1	-4	4	0
77	-1	3	4	1	2	2
100	-0	2	2	1	2	1
100	-1	3	1	-0	1	2
100	-1	3	1	0	2	3
77	-1	4	2	2	2	3
91	-0	5	2	-0	1	3
100	-0	3	1	-4	1	1
100	-0	3	2	2	2	2
85	-1	3	2	-0	2	2
100	-2	3	0	-0	1	1

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

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

Reply

No additional transport funding has been allocated to the Council since the election.

Until the spending review is complete and the mechanism for distribution of funding finalised it is not expected that there will be any opportunity for the submission of a bid for funding for the improvement of the Outer Ring Road. The Access York Phase 2 funding bid to the Regional Transport Board, which included improvements to the Outer Ring Road roundabouts, was allocated to the reserve list of schemes in the regional programme due to the funding being oversubscribed. The submission of a formal bid to the DfT was not permitted unless the scheme was identified in the programme.

When investigated in 2008 the full dualling of the ring road, including grade separated junctions, did not meet the value for money criteria identified in the previous guidance for major scheme business cases. In addition there were concerns over the environmental impact of such significant capacity improvements which could lead to substantial increases in traffic levels and greenhouse gas emissions.

It is anticipated that the projects which are already in the major scheme system will be reviewed first leaving limited resources for new schemes. It is also not clear whether the regional allocation system will continue under the new arrangements. The options for bidding for

funds for upgrading the ring road will be investigated immediately the revised guidance for major schemes is published.

- (viii) To the Executive Member for City Strategy, from Cllr Potter:
“Will the Executive Member for City Strategy write to the Transport Minister and support his call to introduce a 20 mph speed limit to all town centres and residential streets across the country?”

Reply

No

- (ix) To the Executive Member for City Strategy from Cllr Keith Orrell:
“Would the Executive Member for City Strategy pass on the congratulations of the Council to all who have been involved in reducing the number of people killed or seriously injured in road accidents in the City by 36% during the last 2 years?”

Reply

I am pleased to record the Council's thanks to all this who have contributed towards this major improvement in accident figures. Continuation of this trend would mean that the cost to the community in both financial and emotions senses would be greatly reduced.

- (x) To the Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services, from Cllr D'Agorne:
“What is the projected impact on recycling rates for 2011-12 and 2012-13 of the roll-out of kerbside recycling and fortnightly collection being extended to all properties?”

Reply

The recycling roll-out will be completed by December 2010. The impact has already been accounted for in our projections, which, along with waste minimisation, is targeted to reduce the waste going to landfill by 6.8% from current levels.

- (xi) To the Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services, from Cllr Simpson-Laing:
“Will the Executive Member indicate whether she will write to the Housing and Communities Ministers to request that they do not hold up the Housing Revenue Account review, initiated by the former Housing Minister John Healy MP, so that the building of much needed council housing is not held up?”

Reply

The Council is committed to ensuring that the HRA review is completed quickly & comprehensively as possible to ensure the best possible outcome for our tenants.

On the 22nd June 2010, the Executive approved the draft response to the consultation on the HRA Subsidy Review, indicating that we wished to voluntarily opt out of the current system, despite this meaning the Council will take on approximately £90m of additional debt. It is clear that the coalition government are committed to reviewing the existing

subsidy system, which currently see York lose in excess of £6m per annum of its rental income. At this stage I feel that our response, which included some suggestions that would be beneficial to York is sufficient to indicate our desire to build new Council houses.

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

“What work has been done on developing a waste reduction alternative to the 25 year PFI waste treatment plants proposed for York and North Yorkshire for this authority to consider before committing to the contract?”

Reply

York signed up to the Waste PFI process a number of years ago which has brought us to the position we are now at. The York and North Yorkshire Partnership have been monitoring the markets for the last 8 years. York is committed to waste minimisation, re-use and recycling, and will continue to strive for improvement, but the treatment plant with its Mechanical Treatment front end, its Aerobic Digester and the energy from waste plant is a very creative solution that give York the certainty that it can meet the Government's and European landfill diversion targets. It gives York certainty that it will not incur huge financial penalties for failure to divert.

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

“What additional annual costs will face the Council:

- a) to pay for the loans and
- b) to pay if the volume of waste is less than projected over the lifetime of the contract?”

Reply

- a) *No loans have been taken out by the Council.*
- b) *The project has been built on guidance given by DEFRA and the Treasury and they are comfortable with our projections. There is significant flexibility in the waste volumes expected to be processed.*

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

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

Reply

This is really a question for the Executive Member for Resources as Housing Benefit is in his remit but I will attempt to answer it as follows:- The Council cannot restrain action by private landlords to seek eviction if there are rent arrears. The Council can of course, through our Housing service, encourage a constructive dialogue with private landlords to adopt a more sensitive approach. We can also publicise

the changes, direct customers to appropriate sources of support and assistance and inform individual customers of the likely impact on them. Unfortunately this detail cannot be provided as yet as the guidance on the impending changes is awaited.

In terms of financial help from the Benefits Service we could use the Discretionary Housing Payment Fund as appropriate and whilst we are informed that DHP funding will increase by 50% nationally in 2011/12, this fund is currently under significant pressure and the Council has to contribute to it to meet current and increasing demand (subject to a fixed maximum ceiling).

Our services will work together to ensure we provide as much support as we can to our customers who are affected by these changes.

Cllr Sue Galloway

LORD MAYOR OF YORK

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

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Membership of Committees, Working Groups and Outside Bodies

Committees/Working Groups

Audit & Governance Committee

To appoint:

Cllr Waudby as first LD substitute, in place of Cllr Jamieson-Ball
Cllr Orrell as second LD substitute, in place of Cllr R Watson

Member Development Steering Group

To appoint the following additional Members to the Group:

Green	(1)	Cllr D'Agorne	
		Cllr Taylor	substitute

Appointments Panel for Assistant Director posts

(Panel of 3 to be selected from the following pool, on a 1-1-1 basis)

Lib Dem	(7)	Cllr Ayre
		Cllr Steve Galloway
		Cllr Moore
		Cllr Morley
		Cllr Reid
		Cllr Runciman
		Cllr Waller

Labour	(7)	Cllr Alexander
		Cllr Crisp
		Cllr Gunnell
		Cllr King
		Cllr Pierce
		Cllr Potter
		Cllr Simpson-Laing

Conservative	(7)	Cllr Brooks
		Cllr Galvin
		Cllr Gillies
		Cllr Healey
		Cllr Hudson
		Cllr Watt
		Cllr Wiseman

Outside Bodies

Adoption Panel

To appoint Cllr Wiseman to the Panel, in place of Cllr Morley (*starting October 2010*)

Charity of Jane Wright

To note the resignation of Mrs Dorothy Cooper

York and North Yorkshire Cultural Partnership

To note that this group has now re-formed as the York and North Yorkshire Cultural Partnership Executive, attended by Officers with Member engagement through an annual conference.