

CITY OF YORK COUNCIL

Resolutions and proceedings of the Meeting of the City of York Council held in Guildhall, York on Thursday, 9th December, 2010, starting at 6.40 pm

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

ACOMB WARD	BISHOPTHORPE WARD
Horton Simpson-Laing	Galvin
CLIFTON WARD	DERWENT WARD
King Scott	Brooks
DRINGHOUSES & WOODTHORPE WARD	FISHERGATE WARD
Holvey Reid Sunderland	D'Agorne Taylor
FULFORD WARD	GUILDHALL WARD
Aspden	Looker B Watson
HAXBY & WIGGINTON WARD	HESLINGTON WARD
Firth R Watson	
HEWORTH WARD	HEWORTH WITHOUT WARD
Boyce Funnell Potter	Ayre
HOLGATE WARD	HULL ROAD WARD
Alexander Bowgett Crisp	Cregan Hoban

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

Kirk
Wiseman

WESTFIELD WARD

Steve Galloway
Waller

WHELDRAKE WARD

Vassie

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Douglas, Hogg and Jamieson-Ball

48. 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 and prejudicial** interests were declared:

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Description of Interest</u>
Funnell	6, Executive Minute 127	Chair of St Nicholas Fields
Galvin	6, Executive Minute 114, recommendation (v)	Relative has an interest in the Trust
Gunnell	13, Motion (iv)	Member of the GMB, sister a care worker employed by City of York Council
King	13, Motion (iv)	Daughter a care worker employed by City of York Council (CYC) and a union representative
Kirk	13, Motion (iv)	Daughter employed by CYC
Looker	13, Motion (iv)	Two members of family employed by CYC
Merrett	6, Executive Minute 127	Employee of Amey
Scott	13, Motion (iv)	Member of a union, wife employed by CYC
Vassie	13, Motion (iv)	Partner a school teacher employed by CYC

The following **personal** interests were declared:

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Description of Interest</u>
Alexander	13, Motion (iv)	Member of the GMB
Brooks	13, Motions (i) and (ii)	Member of the Association of Lecturers and Teachers
Crisp	13, Motion (iv)	Retired member of UNISON
D'Agorne	6, Executive Minute 127 13, Motions (i) and (ii)	Involved with York Residents Against Incineration Employee of York College, member of the UCU
Fraser	13, Motion (iv)	Member of the retired section of UNISON and the retired section of the Acts Section of the T&GWU Section of Unite.
S Galloway (Lord Mayor)	13, Motions (i) and (ii)	Member of the University Courts of Hull and York during year of office
Hyman	13, Motions (i) and (ii)	Daughter at university

Horton	13, Motion (iv)	Affected by Comprehensive Spending Review
Looker	13, Motions (i) and (ii)	Part-time employee of University of York St John
Merrett	13, Motions (i) and (ii) 13, Motion (iv)	Daughter may attend university in future Employed in a public sector industry
Potter	13, Motions (i) and (ii)	Daughter at Newcastle University
Runciman	13, Motions (i) and (ii)	Member of the University Court
Scott	13, Motions (i) and (ii)	Children may attend university in future
Simpson - Laing	13, Motion (iv)	Member of UNISON
Taylor	6, Executive Minute 127	Involved with York Residents Against Incineration

49. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 7 October 2010 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

50. CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND LORD MAYOR ELECT

The Lord Mayor announced that the Council had received a trophy to mark its achievement of Charter Status; this was on display in the Council Chamber.

The Lord Mayor then invited Cllr Alexander to nominate the Lord Mayor Elect for the Municipal Year 2011/12. Cllr Alexander nominated, and Cllr Waller seconded, Cllr David Horton as the Lord Mayor Elect and this nomination was unanimously agreed. Cllr Horton replied that he would be honoured to accept this office and nominated Alan Dellar as Sheriff for the 2011/12 Municipal Year.

51. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Lord Mayor reported that nine members of the public had registered to speak at the meeting under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

Jonathan Lancaster spoke in support of the notice of motion submitted by Cllr Aspden, in relation to tuition fees.

Timothy Ndwena spoke in support of the notice of motion on tuition fees submitted by Cllr Alexander.

David Levene spoke in support of the petition to be presented by Cllr Alexander, seeking the introduction of double yellow lines along the length of University Road.

Brian Cooper spoke in relation to the Executive recommendations for the award of the Long Term Waste Management Contract, on behalf of of Marton-cum-Grafton Parish Council and other parish councils in the Allerton Park area. He opposed the recommendations on the basis of the size of the proposed incinerator, the superiority of other forms of waste disposal and the financial risks of the contract.

Richard Lane spoke about the Waste Management Contract recommendations on behalf of York Residents Against Incineration. He opposed the recommendations on the basis that entering into a long term contract went against DEFRA advice and was incompatible with the fact that levels of residual waste were now falling.

Guy Wallbanks spoke about the Waste Management Contract recommendations on behalf of York & Ryedale Friends of the Earth. He opposed the recommendations on the basis that the issue of residual waste should be tackled by supporting reduction, re-use and repair rather than by incineration.

Mr Boyle also spoke in opposition to the Waste Management Contract recommendations, citing the financial risks to the Council of surplus incinerator capacity as a result of decreasing levels of residual waste.

Mark Snee spoke in relation to the Executive recommendation from 16 November seeking an increase to the capital programme to enable the purchase of premises on behalf of York Museums Trust. As an occupier of the said premises, he highlighted the effect the sale would have on his business and his employees and urged Members to reconsider the matter.

Alexandra Hunt, the manager of Safe and Sound Homes (previously known as York Night Stop), spoke about the work of her organisation, which had increased its caseload by 400% since 2008, and asked that it be included within the Council's Homeless Strategy and be considered for funding, given that it was helping to fulfil a statutory duty.

52. PETITIONS

Under Standing Order 7, petitions were presented by:

- (i) Cllr Alexander, on behalf of local residents, regarding Council action required on parking along University Road.¹
- (ii) Cllr Aspden, on behalf of residents of Heslington Village, regarding parking on University Road.²
- (iii) Cllr Simpson-Laing, on behalf of residents seeking a 20 mph speed limit on Grayshon Drive.³

- (iv) Cllr Horton, on behalf of residents seeking a 20 mph speed limit on Melwood Grove.⁴
- (v) Cllr Horton, on behalf of residents seeking a 20 mph speed limit on Sherwood Grove.⁵
- (vi) Cllr Simpson-Laing, on behalf of residents requesting the re-installation of static bollards on Low Poppleton Lane.⁶
- (vii) Cllr Merrett, on behalf of residents seeking a 20 mph speed limit on Bishopthorpe Road and the surrounding residential streets.⁷
- (viii) Cllr D'Agorne, on behalf of residents calling for the introduction of a 20 mph zone in Alma Terrace and the surrounding streets.⁸
- (ix) Cllr D'Agorne, on behalf of York Residents Against Incineration, objecting to the Executive recommendations for the award of the Long Term Waste Management contract.⁹
- (x) Cllr D'Agorne, on behalf of the North Yorkshire Waste Action Group, objecting to the Executive recommendations for the award of the Long Term Waste Management contract.¹⁰
- (xi) Cllr D'Agorne, on behalf of the Don't Incinerate Steering Committee, objecting to the Executive recommendations for the award of the Long Term Waste Management contract.¹¹

Action Required

1-8: Schedule items on Forward Plan for suitable meetings SS
and keep relevant Members updated on progress

9-11: Respond to petitioners, if appropriate (item in question SS
already dealt with by Council).

53. 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 under Minute 86 of the Executive meeting held on 5 October 2010 (*Reference Report – National Service Planning Requirements for Environmental Health and Trading Standards*):

“That Council approve the food law enforcement plan.”¹

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

RESOLVED: That the recommendation contained in Minute 86 of the Executive meeting on 5 October 2010 be approved.¹

Cllr Waller then moved, and Cllr Runciman seconded, the following recommendations under Minute 103 of the Executive meeting held on 2 November 2010 (*Sustaining the More for York Programme and Creating the Office of the Chief Executive*):

- “(i) That the Venture Fund be re-profiled as set out in Annex 1 to the report [to Executive].*
- (ii) That approval be given to the ongoing use of £600k savings generated from More for York in 2011/12 to fund the More for York programme team as part of the Office of the Chief Executive.”²*

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

RESOLVED: That the recommendations contained in Minute 103 of the Executive meeting on 2 November 2010 be approved.²

Cllr Waller then moved, and Cllr Runciman seconded, the following recommendations under Minute 114 of the Executive meeting held on 16 November 2010:

“That Council approve:

- (i) The net adjustments of (£8.226m) in 2010/11, (£11.975m) in 2011/12, £13.286m in 2012/13 and £6.725m in 2013/14, as set out on a scheme by scheme basis in the report [to Executive] and contained in Annex A.*
- (ii) The use of an additional £66k of Prudential Borrowing for the funding of Self Issue Library machines, noting that this extends the scheme total to £104k in 2010/11.*
- (iii) The use of Prudential Borrowing to fund the Travellers’ Site Electricity Units at a cost of £250k over a two year period (£134k in 2010/11 and £116k in 2011/12), to be paid for from departmental budgets made available from the savings generated as a result of the installation of the new equipment.*
- (iv) The addition to the capital programme in 2010/11 of £1.766m in relation to the required works for the Crematorium, to be funded from Prudential Borrowing , to be repaid over a period of 15 years, noting that this cost may rise in line with VAT to £2.119m should ring fencing be applied.³*

With the consent of Council, Cllr Waller withdrew the following recommendation set out under the above minute and directed that it be referred to the Staffing & Urgency Committee meeting on 20 December 2010 for re-consideration in the light of the comments made under Public Participation:⁴

- ‘(v) The addition to the capital programme in 2010/11 of £525k in relation to the acquisition of premises on behalf of the York Museums Trust, subject to satisfactory terms being agreed, with the agreement of such*

appropriate terms, conditions and repayment period being delegated to the Director of CBSS.'

With the consent of Council, Cllr Waller also withdrew the recommendation set out under Minute 115 of the Executive meeting on 16 November in respect of the 2011-12 Budget Update 1 – Spending Review Implications, as it did not reflect the decisions made by the Executive on that item.

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

RESOLVED: That the recommendations contained in Minute 114 of the Executive meeting on 16 November 2010 (except for recommendation (v) under Minute 114) be approved.³

Note: Cllr Galvin left the Chamber during consideration of the above recommendations, having declared a prejudicial interest in recommendation (v).

Cllr Waller then moved, and Cllr Runciman seconded, the following recommendations under Minute 127 of the Executive meeting held on 30 November 2010 (*Award of Long Term Waste Management Service Contract 2*):

“That Council agree to:

- (i) support the award of the Waste Private Finance Initiative (PFI) by North Yorkshire County Council to AmeyCespa for the service operation period of 25 years, with an option to extend for up to 5 years;*
- (ii) commit to make sufficient budgetary provision (£750k per annum growth from 2011/12 to 2015/16 inclusive) for the contract for its term, and determine the limits of the affordability envelope within which financial close may be agreed, as set out in paragraph 193 of the report;*
- (iii) delegate authority to the Director of City Strategy (acting in consultation with the Director of Customer & Business Support Services and the Head of Civic, Democratic & Legal Services) to determine the final terms of the Waste Management Agreement between the County Council and City of York Council documents at commercial and financial close, as necessary, subject to the Agreement being within the affordability envelope agreed by Council;*
- (iv) delegate authority to the Director of City Strategy (acting in consultation with the Leader, the Director of Customer & Business Support Services and the Head of Civic, Democratic & Legal Services) to execute on behalf of the City Council the Waste Management Agreement with North Yorkshire County Council;*
- (v) authorise the Director of Customer & Business Support Services to issue the certificates under the Local Government (Contracts) Act 1997 to confirm the City Council's powers to enter into the contract referred to in the above paragraph;*

- (vi) *give an indemnity to the Director of Customer & Business Support Services against any claim that may arise out of or in connection with the issue of the certificates under the Local Government (Contracts) Act 1997;*
- (vii) *note that, if the above is agreed, the Executive will take all such decisions as may be required out of or in connection with the implementation of the decision to award the PFI contract to AmeyCespa, including agreeing that financial close may proceed within the limits of the affordability envelope set by the Council.”⁴*

Cllr Taylor then moved, and Cllr D’Agorne seconded, an amendment to the above recommendations, as follows:

“Delete all from (i) to (vii) and substitute:

- (i) *defer any decision upon awarding the Waste PFI Contract by NYCC to AmeyCespa, for the time being, since it would be imprudent to make any firm decision at this time on committing the Council to a 25 year management contract until central government’s national review of waste management is completed;*
- (ii) *request officers, in the meantime, to undertake a formal assessment of an alternative waste strategy, not involving incineration (jointly with North Yorkshire County Council, and to present a comparative financial assessment to Full Council prior to making a final decision on the proposed AmeyCespa contract or any alternative.”*

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

Cllr Vassie then moved, and Cllr D’Agorne seconded, another amendment to the recommendations, as follows:

“Delete all after ‘That Council’ and replace with:

- (i) *Agree in principle to the proposals to build the facility contained within the long term waste management contract, including both MBT and incineration.*
- (ii) *Agree to delay the final decision on the contract for three months in order to:*
 - a) *allow the Council to re-consider the proposed location of the proposed plant, with a view to ensuring that the plant be sited near a rail network, to enable the plant to continue operating in an environmentally sustainable way as recycling increases and packaging reduces in future years; and*
 - b) *look to best practice around the UK and Europe regarding the siting of such plants close to conurbations where they can provide district heating to tens of thousands of homes and public buildings.”*

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

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

RESOLVED: That the recommendations contained in Minute 127 of the Executive meeting on 30 November 2010 be approved. ⁴

Note:

- *Cllrs Funnell and Merrett left the Chamber during consideration of the above recommendations, having declared prejudicial interests therein.*
- *Cllrs D'Agorne and Taylor requested that their votes against the above recommendations be recorded.*

Action Required

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| 1. Implement the food law enforcement plan | CR |
| 2. Make the agreed changes to the Venture Fund and More for York budget | KB |
| 3. Make the agreed changes to the capital programme | KB |
| 4. Refer this matter to the Staffing & Urgency Committee on 20/12/10 | FY |
| 5. Take action to implement the award of the Waste Management contract to AmeyCespa, as agreed | BW |

54. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE - ANNUAL REPORT

As Chair of the Audit & Governance Committee, Cllr Brian Watson moved, and Cllr Brooks seconded, receipt of the Committee's Annual Report, as recommended in Minute 38 of the meeting of that Committee held on 29 September 2010.

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

RESOLVED: That the Annual Report of the Audit & Governance Committee for the year to 30 September 2010 be received.

55. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GAMBLING & LICENSING ACTS COMMITTEE

As Chair of the Gambling & Licensing Acts Committee, Cllr Merrett moved, and Cllr Wiseman seconded, the recommendation contained in Minute 14 of the meeting of that Committee held on 19 November 2010, as follows:

*"That Council resolve to approve the draft Statement of Licensing Policy, with the amendments suggested by the Gambling & Licensing Acts Committee."*¹

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

RESOLVED: That the recommendation contained in Minute 14 of the Gambling & Licensing Acts Committee meeting held on 19 November 2010 be approved. ¹

Action Required

1. Publish the approved Statement of Licensing Policy

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56. SCRUTINY - REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

A written report was received from Cllr John Galvin, the Chair of the Scrutiny Management Committee (SMC) on the work of the SMC since the last report to Council, on 7 October 2010.

Cllr Galvin then moved, and Cllr Merrett seconded, the recommendation contained in paragraph 17 of the report regarding the appointment of the Head of Democratic Services to the post of Statutory Scrutiny Officer.

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

RESOLVED: That the recommendation in the report of the Monitoring Officer be approved and that the Head of Democratic Services be appointed as Statutory Scrutiny Officer.

57. REPORT OF EXECUTIVE MEMBER

A written report was received from Cllr Reid, the Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services.

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

(i) From Cllr King

"We were told last year that the inclement weather was a one off and that the Council learned from this experience. Would the Executive Member tell us what these lessons were and how successfully they have been implemented?"

The Executive Member replied:

"I think that it was more a question of hoping that last year's inclement weather was a one off rather than saying that it was.

The revised Winter Maintenance Manual was widely consulted upon with attendance by officers at all the ward meetings over the summer. Within those presentations, it was identified that York's resilience was over and above the recommendations of the government, which, across the UK, was set based on typical winter weather experienced over the last 10 years.

The key improvement identified as part of the experience of January 2010 was that levels of salt stocks would be increased to maximum capacity for the salt barn, a total of 3,000 tonnes. Since then, the

government have published their resilience report, following the last winter. In this, they recommend that salt stocks, at the start of winter should be 48 gritting runs. For York this would be 2,400 tonnes, so here again we have exceeded the recommendations.

In the event of extreme weather in the future, York has established a Winter Maintenance Group, which would co-ordinate decisions and release information for all services across the council. A significant number of compliments have been received on the frequency and quality of information this year.”

(ii) From Cllr Orrell

“Can the Executive Member provide a list of the number of centrally funded grit bins in each ward?”

The Executive Member replied:

“Members will be aware that salt bins are funded in a number of ways - centrally by the Highways department and by Parish Councils, Ward Committees and Residents Associations. When the bin locations were reviewed the centrally funded ones were only retained where they had been used in the previous winters and/or where there was a significant gradient and high footfall.

By Ward these are:-

Acomb – 9

Bishopthorpe – 3

Clifton – 2

Derwent _ 2

Dringhouses and Woodthorpe – 3

Fishergate – 5

Fulford – 4

Guildhall – 3

Haxby and Wigginton – 3

Heslington – 1

Heworth – 3

Heworth W/O – 1

Holgate – 11

Hull Rd – 3

Huntington and New Easwick – 8

Micklegate – 10

Osbalwick – 4

Rural West – 4

Skelton, Rawcliffe & Clifton W/O – 4

Strensall – 6

Westfield – 9

Wheldrake – 6

Many Ward Committees have chosen to fund bins where residents have requested them. You can see by this list that the number quoted recently by Cllr Alexander in my own ward is as a result of Ward Committee and Residents Association funded bins. I have only 3 centrally funded bins compared to the 11 in Cllr Alexander’s ward and therefore for him to accuse me of gerrymandering is very wide of the mark.”

- (iii) From Cllr King
“What contingency plans are in place to address possible floods from settled snow and ice melting?”

The Executive Member replied:

“Flooding is likely in the event of a rapid thaw. The weather monitoring process not only identifies the likelihood of frost and snow, as reported to members in their updates, it also monitors the increased temperature and the rate of thaw. The Environment Agency calculations are based on 12 inches of snow equals 1 inch of rain. Therefore there does not appear to be a threat to York. However, we do have 40,000 sandbags in stock and 3,000 tonnes of sand on ‘call off’ with suppliers.”

- (iv) From Cllr Hyman
“Can the Executive Member tell Council when this Council expects to meet the Decent Homes target to have no non Decent Homes?”

The Executive Member replied:

“I am pleased to be able to report that as at the 1st December 2010 we had just 36 homes that were non-decent as per the government guidelines. All these homes are planned for works during November and December and as such we will meet the decent homes target of the 31st December 2010. I hope that Council will agree with me that is a great achievement and our Officers should be congratulated on achieving this success.

I would also like to stress that the current bad weather has not affected the Tenants Choice contractors and works are progressing.”

The time limit for this item having expired, written responses were provided after the meeting to the remaining questions, as follows:

- (v) From Cllr Simpson-Laing
“Can the Executive Member tell us if she agrees with the recent Conservative Liberal Democrat Government's announcements regarding changes in rent and housing benefit?”

Reply:

The principle behind the proposed changes in housing benefit is to ensure that we do not subsidise people to live in the private sector on rents that other ordinary working families could not afford.

Given that the very same statement appeared in Labour's general election manifesto, I can assume that they agree with that principle as well.

The government have recently published a consultation on the proposed changes to Council House rent. A report will be brought to Executive in January setting out our response to the proposals.

- (vi) From Cllr R Watson
“Would the Executive Member for Neighbourhoods/Housing please indicate the income received for littering and dog fouling penalty notices issued in each of the last 8 years?”

Reply:

We first started issuing Fixed Penalty Notices for Litter and receiving income in the financial year 2004/05. The dog warden service started issuing Fixed Penalty Notices for dog fouling in June 2007.

The amounts received for littering have varied each year from £1500 in 04/05 down to £100 in 06/07 and up to £2500 in 09/10. There has been a steady rise in income received for dog fouling from £100 in 07/08 to £1500 in 09/10.

In the current financial year to date (2010/11) the litter fines paid amount stands at £3,725 and dog fouling notices amount to £150. Income this year is expected to be higher but until the money is actually received it would not be correct to say it has been received.

I would stress that the income received does not equate to the number of FPNs issued as some fines are paid in instalments and some are not paid in the financial year that they are issued.

I am happy to circulate a table giving the information for each of the relevant full financial years.

Annual Income from Littering and Dog Fouling Fixed Penalty Notices – Full financial years

	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10
	£ 000	£ 000	£ 000	£ 000	£ 000	£ 000
Littering	1.5	0.6	0.1	2.1	1.9	2.5
Dog Fouling	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.1	0.8	1.5

(vii) From Cllr Merrett

“With regard to the allotment competition, tenants home grown and Edible York initiative, would the Executive Member advise on the reasons for the delays in bringing forward additional allotment sites to address the shortage of allotments in the Micklegate, Dringhouses area and other parts of the city with substantial waiting lists for allotments that have developed in recent years?”

Reply:

Allotments are part of the Leisure, Culture and Social Inclusion portfolio. I will ask the Executive Member to contact you with a response to the issue you raise.

(viii) From Cllr Firth

“Would the Executive Member for Neighbourhoods/Housing please indicate how many people were accepted as homeless in the City in each of the last 6 years and the numbers in temporary accommodation at the end of each year?”

Reply:

We have seen a steady decline in the numbers of people both accepted as homeless and the numbers in temporary accommodation at the end of each year.

460 people were accepted as homeless in 2003/04 compared to 130 in 2009/10 although there was an increase of 44 in 2007/08 over the previous year.

At the end of 2003/04 there were 242 people in temporary accommodation and at the 31st March this year there were just 79. I am happy to circulate the full figures.

Even one person homeless is one too many but the huge increase is due to the proactive work that the Homeless team does, day in day out, to ensure that the minimum number of people find themselves in need of temporary accommodation.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Accepted</u>	<u>No's in Temp</u>
2003/4	460	242 (31 st Dec 2004)
2004/5	424	259 (31 st March 2005)
2005/6	433	233 (31 st March 2006)
2006/7	214	207 (31 st March 2007)
2007/8	258	209 (31 st March 2008)
2008/9	208	167 (31 st March 2009)
2009/10	130	79 (31 st March 2010)

(ix) From Cllr Merrett

"With regard to the special vehicle purchased to treat main cycle tracks, would the Executive Member outline how much it has been used, and how successful it has been and what proportion of the cycle network has been treated?"

Reply:

This year with the help of Cycling City we purchased 1 "Eromech" machine. This was bought specifically to work on the cycle routes as it has a large brush on the front, which will not damage the central line.

It proved successful at the beginning of the gritting season, before the heavy snow fall but for the past week the cycle routes were too deep in snow for any cyclist to use so we have utilised the Euromech on some footpaths thus prioritising and making best use of our resources.

We will be working the cycle routes with a mini tractor and snow plough that can clear each side of the white line in two passes and then brushing them, where possible, with the Euromech before applying a 50/50 salt sand mix.

Cycle routes are categorised 1, 2 & 3. However, these categories do not relate to when routes are cleared but to the order in which we stop clearing them when conditions dictate.

Cycle track clearing and treatment is an ongoing daily event when the weather conditions permit. All the off road cycle tracks were treated twice prior to the start of the snow event. Work continued on them during the snow falls and about 50% were cleared back to tarmac but staff were fighting a losing battle. As fast as they cleared them they were getting covered again so they pulled off on Thursday night. Work restarted on them on Monday and they have been treated continually since then and expect to carry on treating them for the rest of the week. Some of the shared routes have been back to tarmac for the last couple of days so staff are hopeful, but not certain, that they should all be passable by the weekend.

(x) From Cllr Vassie

“Would the Executive Member for Neighbourhoods/Housing please indicate what proportion of York’s waste has been a) recycled, b) composted and c) land filled during each of the years since 2003?”

Reply:

We have risen from just 15.43% of household waste recycled in 2003/2004 and 84.58% landfilled to 43.25% recycled in 2009/20 and 56.75% landfilled. What is even more startling is that in 2003/04 we sent 83.400 tonnes of our household waste to landfill and last year it was down to 52.060 tonnes. A huge increase and one that our residents should be proud of.

Lord Mayor, I have a complete table for the years in question, which I will circulate.

Household Waste - Recycling, Composting & Landfill

Household Waste (%)	2003/2004	2004/2005	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008	2008/2009	2009/2010
Recycling	10.70%	12.88%	16.50%	23.30%	25.98%	26.43%	24.99%
Composting	4.73%	4.89%	7.57%	16.63%	17.38%	18.70%	18.26%
Landfill	84.58%	82.23%	75.92%	60.07%	56.63%	54.87%	56.75%
Total	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Household Waste (Tonnes)	2003/2004	2004/2005	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008	2008/2009	2009/2010
Recycling	10,550	12,970	16,100	23,440	25,530	25,560	22,920
Composting	4,660	4,920	7,390	16,730	17,080	18,090	16,750
Landfill	83,400	82,780	74,070	60,430	55,640	53,070	52,060
Total	98,610	100,670	97,560	100,600	98,250	96,720	91,730

(xi) From Cllr Merrett

“Whilst recognising the excellent monitoring and information work undertaken by Council staff on York’s air quality, would the Executive Member confirm when York will actually meet the statutory legal limits for Nitrogen Dioxide emissions under the administrations plans?”

Reply:

The environmental protection unit (EPU) has been monitoring air quality in York since 1998.

Deteriorating air quality led to an Air Quality Management Area being declared in 2002 to cover the city centre. Measures in the Air Quality Action Plans and Local Transport Plans initially appeared to improve or at least stabilise air quality,

For the purpose of monitoring the impact of York’s Local Transport Plan (LTP) a local air quality indicator has been established. This indicator measures the mean of 40 annual average results obtained from 40 diffusion tubes located within York’s city centre AQMA. The results for this indicator are shown below :

2002 - 46 ug/m²

2003 - 41 ug/m³

2004 - 35 ug/m³

2005 - 33 ug/m3
2006 - 37 ug/m3
2007 - 38 ug/m3
2008 - 40 ug/m3
2009 - 45 ug/m3

As can be seen from the figures above, nitrogen dioxide concentrations across the city were in general decline between 2002 and 2005. However air quality has deteriorated since 2005 and a 2nd AQMA was declared in Fulford in April of this year. City of York Council is currently considering these results in relation to the preparation of its third Local Transport Plan (LTP3) and associated revisions to the Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP).

It is considered that further modal shift measures (increased walking, cycling, bus travel) alone are insufficient to meet the air quality objectives. Therefore City of York Council is also currently developing a Low Emission Strategy (LES) for the city. A Low Emission Strategy provides a package of measures aimed at accelerating the uptake of low emission fuels and technologies within a specified area. The aim is to reduce emissions of both local and global pollutants in a clearly defined and measurable way. The report will be considered by the executive on 1st February and will be closely linked to the AQAP and the Local Transport Plan

(xii) From Cllr Sunderland

“Would the Executive Member for Neighbourhoods/Housing please indicate the end of year rent arrears totals for Council tenants in York for each year since 2002?”

Reply:

In 2003/04 we inherited housing rent arrears of £1,436,564, a figure that was over £36k more than the previous year.

Since then we have seen a steady decrease, down to £471,598 last year. This is as a result of improved management practices and support given to those tenants who, for whatever reason, find themselves in financial difficulties must be better for our tenants.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Current Rent Arrears</u>
2001/2	£1,073,051
2002/3	£1,436,564
2003/4	£1,352,263
2004/5	£1,020,386
2005/6	£ 794,524
2006/7	£ 655,813
2007/8	£ 593,635
2008/9	£ 581,034
2009/10	£ 471,598

58. 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:

- NHS Foundation Trust – minutes of meeting on 21 April 2010
- Without Walls Partnership – minutes of meeting on 17 September 2010.

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

59. 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.

60. NOTICES OF MOTION

(i) Tuition Fees (1)

It was moved by Cllr Aspden and seconded by Cllr Holvey that:

“Council notes that our universities must be fully funded if they are to continue to provide high quality education to students.

Council believes it was a mistake for the Labour government to introduce tuition fees in 1998, despite a manifesto commitment not to, and furthermore believes it was a mistake for the Labour government to introduce £3,000 per year top up fees in 2004.

Council believes that the government’s proposals improve on the system introduced by the Labour government in a number of ways, including:

- Increasing the repayment threshold from £15,000 to £21,000
- Ending up-front fees for part-time students
- More generous grants for lowest income students
- Ensuring all students will repay less per month than they currently pay

However, Council believes that instead of increasing top-up fees, all tuition fees should be phased out, so that students are not penalised with thousands of pounds worth of debt for entering into higher education.

Council directs that a copy of this motion is sent to both local MPs, asking them to vote against the coming increases, with a copy to both the University of York and York St John University management boards and the Student Union presidents.”

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

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

(ii) Tuition Fees (2)

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

“Despite their respective manifesto pledges to scrap university tuition fees and increase university places, the Liberal Democrat / Tory coalition government has increased fees to up to £9k per annum and cut university places.

Despite Michael Gove’s commitment to keep the Education Maintenance Allowance, the government has announced that it is to be abolished.

Council believes that:

- Education is the main vehicle for social mobility and that talented and hardworking people should have the right to go into further and higher education based on ability and not on their financial position;
- Scrapping the EMA will not help maintain the existing level, or increase the numbers, of young people going into further education;
- Increasing tuition fees will not help maintain the existing level, or increase the numbers, of young people going into further education;
- Students contribute large amounts to York through spending in the local economy, working in often low-paid jobs and carrying out voluntary work;
- The Conservatives have betrayed voters in further education by promising to scrap tuition fees in opposition and increasing them in office.

Council resolves:

- That the Chief Executive be requested to invite staff and student representatives of York College, Askham Bryan, York St John University and the University of York to an open meeting with Group Leaders to discuss future access to post-16 education; and
- That the Chief Executive be requested to write to Hugh Bayley MP and Julian Sturdy MP requesting that they vote against any lifting of the tuition fees cap at this difficult financial time.”

At this point in the meeting, the guillotine fell and the remaining motions and amendments were moved, seconded and voted on without debate.

Cllr Aspden moved, and Cllr Holvey seconded, an amendment to the above motion, as follows:

“Delete paragraphs 1 and 2, and delete bullet point number 5 under ‘Council believes that’ in paragraph 3.”

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

A second amendment to the motion had been submitted by Cllr D'Agorne, as follows:

“Delete the first paragraph and replace with:

‘The Lib Dem/Tory coalition government decision to raise the cap on tuition fees to £9,000 pa, combined with the cuts to university funding, severely threaten the principle of universal access to higher education and will threaten pure research and academic independence.’

In the third paragraph:

- replace *‘further education’* with *‘higher education’* in the 3rd bullet point;

delete the 5th bullet point.

In the fourth paragraph:

in the 1st bullet point, after *‘staff’*, insert *‘trade union’* and after *‘discuss’*, insert *‘local FE and HE funding and’*;

in the 2nd bullet point, delete *‘at this difficult financial time’* and insert *‘and press for the phasing out of tuition fees’*.”

With Council’s consent, Cllr Alexander agreed to accept the above amendment.

The motion, as amended, now read as follows:

“The Lib Dem / Tory coalition government decision to raise the cap on tuition fees to £9,000 pa, combined with the cuts to university funding, severely threaten the principle of universal access to higher education and will threaten pure research and academic independence.

Despite Michael Gove’s commitment to keep the Education Maintenance Allowance, the government has announced that it is to be abolished.

Council believes that:

- Education is the main vehicle for social mobility and that talented and hardworking people should have the right to go into further and higher education based on ability and not on their financial position;
- Scrapping the EMA will not help maintain the existing level, or increase the numbers, of young people going into higher education;
- Increasing tuition fees will not help maintain the existing level, or increase the numbers, of young people going into higher education;
- Students contribute large amounts to York through spending in the local economy, working in often low-paid jobs and carrying out voluntary work.

Council resolves:

- That the Chief Executive be requested to invite staff, trade union and student representatives of York College, Askham Bryan, York St John University and the University of York to an open meeting with Group Leaders to discuss local FE and HE funding and future access to post-16 education;¹ and

- That the Chief Executive be requested to write to Hugh Bayley MP and Julian Sturdy MP requesting that they vote against any lifting of the tuition fees cap and press for the phasing out of tuition fees.”²

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

RESOLVED: That the above notice of motion, as amended, be approved.¹⁻²

(iii) Affordable Housing

It was moved by Cllr Gillies, and seconded by Cllr Watt, that

“Council notes that the Executive is due to consider a report on affordable housing at its meeting scheduled for the 14th December. Council urges the Executive to take action to address the very low number of new building starts on homes in the City over the last 18 months.

In particular, the Council would wish the Executive to consider to what extent the present policy relating to Affordable Housing has failed to produce a solution to York’s need for Social, Starter and Family housing, as Council believes that existing policies may be too restrictive and unworkable in the present financial climate.

Acknowledging that work is taking place to address the situation through the Local Development Framework Document, Council believes that we must be proactive in order to stimulate house building of any kind, regardless of ideology, and therefore the City should work with developers and others to ease this logjam whilst demand for affordable properties continues to rise.

Therefore the Council calls on the Executive to consider:³

1. A temporary two-year substantial reduction in the percentage affordable homes requirement to stimulate the “Affordable” element of the house building market.
2. An end to ‘Pepper-potting’.

Council recognises that any new policy would allow developers to seek variations to existing permissions. Council believes that a temporary change to planning policies will provide a platform which will challenge developers, and others, to provide the homes that are needed in the City, while providing additional employment in the building industry.”

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

“At the end of the first paragraph, after *‘the last 18 months’*, add *‘as a result of the economic downturn.’*”

In the second paragraph, delete all after *‘in particular’* and insert: *‘recognises the downturn in house building is primarily due to:*

- *reduced consumer confidence given the wider economic uncertainties and falling house prices;*
- *the difficulties in obtaining mortgages, particularly for first time buyers, with both higher interest rates and large deposit requirements and rationing of mortgages by lenders*

In the third paragraph:

- delete *'of any kind, regardless of ideology';*
- delete *'others'* and insert *'mortgage lenders';*
- delete *'this logjam whilst demand for affordable properties continues to rise'* and insert *the current housing market difficulties'.*

In the fourth paragraph, delete *'consider'*, delete points 1 and 2, and insert:

- *'consider a limited temporary reduction, along the lines of the alternative option outlined in the 14th December Executive paper, in the percentage of affordable homes required for homes completed over the next two years;*
- *investigate what measures the Council can take with lenders and builders to help first time buyers overcome the financial and confidence barriers to purchase in the current market.'*

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

(iv) Public Spending Cuts

It was moved by Cllr Simpson-Laing and seconded by Cllr Gunnell, that:

“Council notes:

- That since last year both the Prime Minister and the Executive Leader have sought to convince the public that cuts are deliverable without compulsory redundancies;
- Council finance officers' recent confirmation that compulsory redundancies in the Council are unavoidable;
- The Liberal Democrats' u-turn on the economic impact of wholesale public spending cuts, from before May to after the General Election;
- The Conservative / Liberal Democrat Government's Emergency Budget and Comprehensive Spending Review;
- The projected loss of 200 posts before the CSR and, following the announcement of a 28% cut in the Council's funding until 2014/15, a further 400+ projected after the CSR;
- The Conservative / Liberal Democrat Government reversing the duty to consider the socio-economic impact of cuts under the Equality Act 2010;
- That bankers created the global economic crisis, not council staff or ordinary working people.

Council believes:

- That both the Conservatives' and the Liberal Democrats' national party leaders have betrayed voters by making wildly inaccurate predictions about job losses and by changing economic policy in order to take the reigns of power respectively;
- That swingeing cuts to public services are being made for ideological reasons and threaten Britain's fragile economic recovery; and
- That the Liberal Democrats' wasteful spending with resident's money locally has resulted in the need for more job cuts than would otherwise have been necessary.

Council resolves:

- That the Council Leader be called on to publicly apologise to staff for his inaccurate comments and for his party's role both nationally and locally in the need to cut 600+ posts in the Council;
- That the Chief Executive write to the Prime Minister expressing Council's disappointment at his misleading the public on the issue of compulsory redundancies, both front-line and elsewhere; and
- That all budget reports placed before Members should as soon as reasonably practicable include an assessment of the socio-economic impact of the various options within the report."

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

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

Note:

Cllrs Gunnell, King, Kirk, Looker, Scott and Vassie all left the Chamber during consideration of the above motion, having declared prejudicial interests therein.

(v) Access York Scheme

It was moved by Cllr Steve Galloway, and seconded by Cllr Reid, that:

"Council notes the decision by the Government to place the Access York (Phase 1) scheme on the list of 'development' schemes to bid for a share of £600m of funding to be allocated by the end of 2011.

Council believes the Access York scheme is vital for reducing congestion in the City.

Council believes it is important to show public support for the scheme in order to secure a positive decision from the Government and therefore welcomes the 'Get York Moving' campaign by the Press.

Council encourages residents and businesses to support the 'Get York Moving' campaign to send a clear message of support to the Government for the Access York scheme and asks the Chief Executive to write to the Transport Secretary to invite him to York to see the benefits that the scheme could provide for the City."⁴

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

RESOLVED: That the above notice of motion be approved. ⁴

Action Required

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| 1. Invite staff, TU and student reps to a meeting with Group Leaders | KE |
| 2. Write to MPs in the terms agreed | KE |
| 3. Ensure these points are taken into account by the Executive when considering the AHVS | RW |
| 4. Write to the Transport Secretary in the terms agreed | KE |

61. QUESTIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE LEADER AND EXECUTIVE MEMBERS RECEIVED UNDER STANDING ORDER 10(C)

Nineteen questions had been submitted to the Executive Leader and 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 Leader, from Cllr Alexander:

“The new Council HQ was originally predicted to save £29m. The current estimate is £17m - please could the Executive Leader explain the drop?”

Reply:

I would hope that Cllr Alexander will consult the Executive Papers of 22nd November 2005 which detailed in paragraph 82 ‘There is a net saving to the council of £17.4 million in cash terms against existing budgets over the period [30 years]

The figure of £29 million relates to savings including the additional liabilities for which there are no budgets. (Items such as lease renewal costs, dilapidations, repairs backlogs, and increases in the lease rentals)

We are continuing to report (as per Executive 2nd Nov 2010) a cash saving of £17 million on existing budgets but over 25 years rather than 30 years which is an improvement on the previous cash saving reported in 2005.

(ii) To the Executive Leader, from Cllr Firth:

“Can the Executive Leader explain what work is being done to ensure that the construction of the new Council HQ utilises local labour as much as possible?”

Reply:

“I have met with the developers for the Headquarters to examine how local businesses and local employment can benefit from this development at a critical time for the construction industry. They are keen to run a ‘Doing business with the HQ’ session in the Guildhall to

make connections with local companies, and work is ongoing with the Higher York (Jessica Grant) and the progression of the Construction Academy to link local labour and training to the work needed during construction. I will be happy to keep the council informed of progress with this objective.”

(iii) To the Executive Leader, from Cllr Orrell:

“Will the Executive Leader agree to provide more Council owned space for Edible York to use?”

Reply:

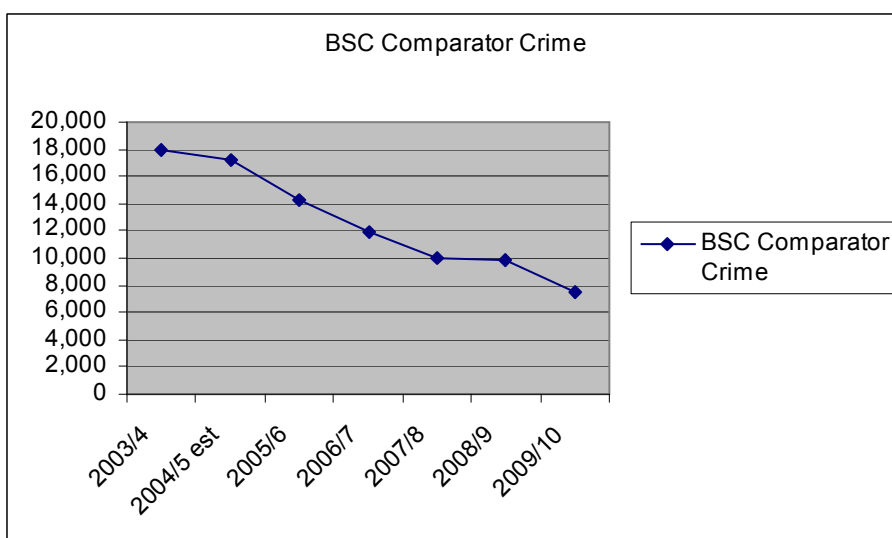
At the launch of Edible York at a packed meeting at the Friends Meeting House on 19th November I was very pleased to be able to give a commitment that the council would examine what plots of publicly accessible land could be designated for this work. There has been a very successful trial at a piece of land close to the Barbican, and there is opportunity to develop this across the city which will help to promote home grown food, the connection with healthy eating, and reduce the city’s environmental footprint. I have already asked the Chief Executive and Director of Communities and Neighbourhoods to come forward with sites that would be suitable for this use, and to ensure that any legal and insurance issues are dealt with.

(iv) To the Executive Leader, from Cllr R Watson:

“Would the Leader of the Council indicate the total number of crimes committed in the City in each year since 2003?”

Reply:

	2003/4	2004/5 est	2005/6	2006/7	2007/8	2008/9	2009/10
BSC Comparator Crime	17,948	17,200	14,270	11,876	10,010	9,906	7,547
% change on previous year		-4%	-20%	-17%	-16%	-1%	-24%
Total Crime	23,065	23,148	22,787	20,951	18,924	17,949	14,481
% change on previous year		0%	-1%	-8%	-10%	-5%	-19%



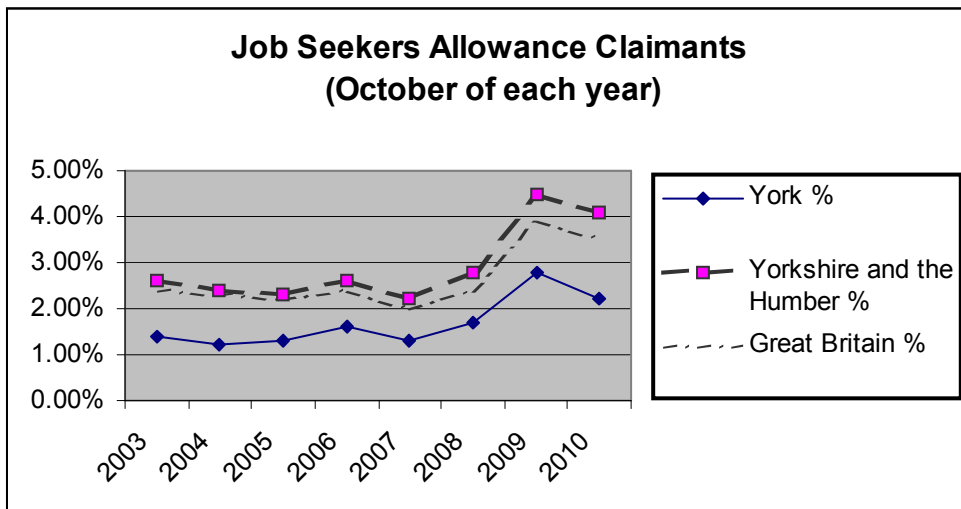
(v) To the Executive Leader, from Cllr Jamieson-Ball:

“Would the Leader of the Council indicate how York unemployment levels have compared with the regional and national average at the end of each of the last 8 years?”

Reply:

Job Seekers Allowance Claimants

Date	York	York %	Yorkshire and the Humber %	Great Britain %
Oct-03	1,702	1.40%	2.60%	2.40%
Oct-04	1,516	1.20%	2.40%	2.30%
Oct-05	1,679	1.30%	2.30%	2.20%
Oct-06	2,060	1.60%	2.60%	2.40%
Oct-07	1,741	1.30%	2.20%	2%
Oct-08	2,198	1.70%	2.80%	2.40%
Oct-09	3,820	2.80%	4.50%	3.90%
Oct-10	3,281	2.20%	4.10%	3.50%



- (vi) To the Executive Member for City Strategy, from Cllr Simpson-Laing:
 “Will the Executive Member for City Strategy please inform Council of the total number of staff hours that have been spent on the “rising bollard” on Low Poppleton Lane since its installation and the resulting financial cost?”

Reply:

Less than 1 hour (it was very uncomfortable)

If the question is aimed at finding out how many man-hours have been spent addressing faults on the rising bollard the questioner will know that the Council does not operate an administrative staff time recording system. However officers estimate that about 175 hours may have been spent which would equate to a cost of £6320. This is for site visits and work on the system and also in liaising with local people who report the faults.

Looking forward, the detection system has now been revised and there have been no site visits for faults since this happened about two weeks

ago. The installers are currently looking at other potential weaknesses in the system and are not charging for their time.

- (vii) To the Executive Member for City Strategy, from Cllr D'Agorne:
 "Would the Executive Member please state what salt stocks are left for the rest of winter and what action is being taken to address public concern about clearance of snow and ice from footpaths and cycle lanes / tracks?"

Reply:

This question should be directed to the Executive member for Neighbourhoods. However daily briefings have been issued by officers to all members during the recent period of bad weather.

- (viii) To the Executive Member for City Strategy, from Cllr Hogg:
 "Would the Executive Member for City Strategy indicate how many KSI traffic accidents have been recorded in each of the last 8 years in the City?"

Reply:

Killed and Serious Injured, in York from 2001. Total of 9 years of data.

KSI	94/98 baseline	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Pedestrians		19	33	10	20	11	17	19	20	10
Pedal Cyclists		21	9	9	11	11	13	8	17	11
Motorcyclists		24	32	21	22	22	30	28	22	11
Car Occupants		44	43	53	50	51	91	33	36	25
Other		11	3	7	11	6	9	5	0	3
TOTAL	137	119	120	100	114	101	160	93	95	60

- (ix) To the Executive Member for City Strategy, from Cllr Sunderland:
 "Would the Executive Member for City Strategy indicate:
 a) how many bus passenger journeys and
 b) how many park and ride journeys
 were made in each of the last 8 years?"

Reply:

All Bus & Park & Ride - Passengers

Year	Park & Ride actuals	Total bus patronage actuals
2002/03	1,847,228	11,241,605
2003/04	1,926,196	11,942,000
2004/05	2,376,242	14,474,577

2005/06	2,684,156	14,493,549
2006/07	3,137,467	15,144,371
2007/08	2,857,301	14,853,143
2008/09	2,982,622	15,334,448
2009/10	2,801,007	14,774,792

(x) To the Executive Member for Leisure, Culture & Social Inclusion, from Cllr Merrett:

“Would the Executive Member for Leisure, Culture and Social Inclusion please indicate how much of last year’s Ward Committee carry forwards, itemised by Ward, have now been delivered? Where they have failed to be delivered please could an explanation be given?”

Reply:

31 of the 55 schemes carried forward schemes have now been delivered, as shown in the table below. The remaining 24 schemes are ongoing commissioned schemes not yet complete. No schemes have so far failed to be delivered.

Ward Committee	Scheme desc	Reason for carry forward	Update as of 02.12.10
Acomb	Carr Vikings additional grant	Available funds identified due to underspend in other schemes, grant agreement paperwork not received in time to process in 09/10.	Scheme complete and paid
Bishopthorpe & Wheldrake	Ferry Lane street light	Invoice not received in 2009/10 but work ordered in Jan 2010. Column installed in 09/10 awaiting connection invoice.	Scheme complete and paid
Bishopthorpe & Wheldrake	Vicarage Lane salt bin	Late Request for salt bin as a direct result of severe weather conditions as a result fo public consultation by Neighbourhood Services at February ward committees. Therefore carry forward request to install in 2010/11	Scheme complete awaiting recharge
Bishopthorpe & Wheldrake	St Matthews Close salt bin	Late Request for salt bin as a direct result of severe weather conditions as a result fo public consultation by Neighbourhood Services at February ward committees. Therefore carry forward request to install in 2010/11	Scheme complete awaiting recharge
Clifton	Grosvenor Road street lighting connection fee	Invoice not received in 2009/10 Columns installed in 09/10 awaiting connection invoice.	Scheme complete and paid
Clifton	Purchase and distribute carbon monoxide alarms	Goods ordered but not received by end of financial year 09/10.	Scheme complete - invoiced in two parts, first and largest part paid.
Clifton	Greenwaste collection March	Goods ordered but not received by end of financial year 09/10. Amount too small for reserve creditors.	Scheme complete and paid
Derwent, Heworth Without & Osbaldwick	church road street lighting connection fee	Invoice not received in 2009/10 Columns installed in 09/10 awaiting connection invoice.	Scheme complete and paid

Ward Committee	Scheme desc	Reason for carry forward	Update as of 02.12.10
Dringhouses & Woodthorpe	CCTV Wains Grove shops	Match funding for with Target hardening Scheme total cost of scheme £7,287	Scheme complete and paid.
Fishergate	Prizes for Fishergate in Bloom	Invoices/receipts not received in time for payment in 09/10 and amount too small for reserve creditor.	Scheme Completed - arranging transfer of funds.
Fishergate	Millennium Bridge football pitch	Commissioned in 09/10 delay in installation due to adverse weather conditions. Work commenced April 10.	Scheme Completed - Funds transferred
Fishergate	Greenwaste collection March	0	Scheme complete and paid.
Heslington Fulford	& grant to Fulford Preschool	Grant agreed from community chest for schemes arising throughout the financial year 09/10 fund in 09/10 grant agreement form received towards year end and grant cheque raised on 23.03.10	Scheme completed - funds transferred.
Heslington Fulford	& grant to Fulford Parish Council	Grant agreed from community chest for schemes arising throughout the financial year 09/10 fund in 09/10. Outstanding paperwork from grant recipient	Scheme completed. Full amount not required, jointly funded with parish council. Balance of £285.56 reallocated to Fordlands Crescent Street Lighting scheme. Design and costings done now at public consultation stage.
Haxby Wigginton	& Orchard Paddock	Revenue carry forward request for connection fee.	Scheme complete and paid.
Haxby Wigginton	& VA sign connection	Installation of signs in 09/10 but connection by external company not programmed until early 10/11	Scheme complete.
Haxby Wigginton	& York Playspace mobile play sessions	Administrative error led to no sessions being delivered by the commissioned organisation in the ward during the financial year 09/10. Carry forward at request of councillors.	Added into the current years provision play sessions delivered. Complete first installment paid, second installment invoice currently being processed.
Holgate	Back Park Playbuilder contr	Contribution to enhance playbuilder project with sympathetic planting via grant to Friends Group.	Scheme completed - funds transferred.
Hull Road	Bollards installation (melrosegate, Tuke Ave)	3 locations identified. Original budget allocation allowed for 1 location to be actioned, additional budget identified later in year so other locations commissioned but could not be installed in 09/10.	Scheme complete, funds not required as scheme paid for in March 09.
Hull Road	Street lighting design	Street lighting design commissioned - invoice not received in time for year end and too small amount for reserve creditor.	Scheme Complete - Funds Transfer

Ward Committee	Scheme desc	Reason for carry forward	Update as of 02.12.10
Hull Road	Ambleside Ave street lighting column	Scheme commissioned and design received 09/10 insufficient budget to commission installation, Additional budget identified later in 09/10 due to underspends with other schemes but unable to install within financial year.	Scheme Complete - Funds Transfer
Hull Road	Hull Road Park fitness trail	Delays with installation from external company due to be installed in time for Summer 2010.	Scheme complete at cost of £1,655. Balance of funds reallocated to improvement scheme programme at Hull Road Park
Hull Road	Hull Road Park picnic table install	Relocated existing picnic table from Leaside Park. Ready to go on site in conjunction with fitness trail scheme.	Scheme completed. Funds transferred.
Heworth	Contribution to Playbuilder	Scheme to enhance Playbuilder Scheme proposed on Monk Stray, Ongoing public consultation.	Contribution not needed, Funds reallocated to Bike Project at 68 Centre.
Huntington & New Earswick	Broome Close s/l connection	Invoice not received in 2009/10 Columns installed in 09/10 awaiting connection invoice.	Scheme complete and paid
Huntington & New Earswick	Chiltern s/l connection	Invoice not received in 2009/10 Columns installed in 09/10 awaiting connection invoice.	Scheme complete and paid
Rural West	Street lighting - Northfield Lane	Carry forward request to consult on and install scheme as joint project between ward committee and SES	Project complete no ward committee funding required
Strensall	Alleyway Pasture Close - Streetlighting	Request received late in 09/10 carry forward to cover design cost	Awaiting update on payment.
Westfield	The Knoll parking project.	Scheme installed at end of financial year, carry forward request to cover final costs of scheme.	Scheme Completed and paid
Westfield	The Green street lighting	Scheme identified and Agreed in the later part of 09/10 design ordered and received. Invoice not received by end of financial year.	Scheme Completed
Westfield	Chesney Fields equipment repaint	Scheme to repaint existing equipment as part of larger playbuilder scheme on site. Carry forward request as work done in financial year 10/11 to coincide with playbuilder.	Scheme Completed and paid

(xi) To the Executive Member for Leisure, Culture & Social Inclusion, from Cllr B Watson:

“Will the Executive Member for Leisure, Culture and Social Inclusion please inform Council what is proposed to happen to the former Manor School when Global's lease runs out in 2011?”

Reply:

Property Services is not part of the Leisure, Culture and Social Inclusion portfolio. This question should be directed to the Executive Member for City Strategy

- (xii) To the Executive Member for Leisure, Culture & Social Inclusion, from Cllr Hogg:
 “Would the Executive Member for Leisure, Culture & Social Inclusion indicate how many visits were made to each of our libraries each year since 2003?”

Reply:

Visits to York Libraries have shown a steady increase since 2003 from 751,133 to 934,635 in 2009/10. In that time there has been both investment in the service and significant improvement in the services offered. There has been one new library at Fulford as part of the PFI scheme with St Oswalds Primary School. Three new Explore Centres have opened. The Explore Centre concept is a partnership with Adult Education and has levered in approximately 1.5 million pounds of external funding to create nationally acclaimed facilities at Acomb, New Earswick and recently York which is a public/private partnership with Aviva (recognised by the Minister for Culture and the Creative Industries as best practice). At York we have been able to increase opening hours to Sundays within budget through the installation of self issue machines.

Explore Acomb has become the hub of its community with visits increased nearly threefold. Explore New Earswick is working in partnership with the Children's Centre and the Primary School to promote reading and literacy with families - every child in the school borrows books on a weekly basis.

Since 2003 staff have actively engaged with their communities to ensure they reflect local need. The Big City Read is now a regular part of York life and engages thousands of people in reading and sharing their experiences every summer. Libraries are running weekly storytimes and rhymetimes, financial capability workshops, reading groups, author events and adult learning classes - they are helping people to get online and providing free access to the internet as well as free access to the world's knowledge and ideas through bookstock and online resources. They are safe, neutral spaces where communities come together. We expect to see the increase in visitors continue with our target for York of 1 Million visits a year - putting York in the top 5 high performing library services.

The table below shows visits to each library since 2003. Note the total for 2009/10 is lower due to the York Explore being closed for refurbishment from November 2009 to May 2010.

Since the reopening of York Explore visitor numbers have been up by around 20%.

	03/04	04/05	05/06	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10
Acomb	57,977	58,252	57,962	54,908	29,159	118,681	126,421
Bishopthorpe	13,936	15,315	16,131	28,679	23,448	23,675	24,610
Clifton	21,424	33,326	35,116	32,300	33,770	32,079	38,816
Copmanthorpe	14,352	21,961	21,246	21,564	20,642	22,446	22,985
Dringhouses	25,220	31,055	30,409	29,305	35,007	29,953	29,894
Dunnington	9,724	16,129	16,322	16,255	15,420	16,363	16,569
Fulford	7,670	8,387	11,287	26,328	26,008	24,549	23,922
Haxby	34,762	48,897	49,461	49,052	49,243	50,020	48,608
Huntington	19,474	20,989	23,098	22,246	23,230	25,380	28,316

Mobile Library	9,672	11,408	16,209	16,166	10,416	16,356	16,533
New Earswick	12,896	14,240	20,682	17,725	15,248	24,337	27,706
Poppleton	15,756	25,947	28,283	29,208	31,409	29,919	30,721
Strensall	17,290	14,112	16,155	16,756	17,066	16,963	19,366
Tang Hall	31,486	56,697	56,950	56,940	52,389	58,963	66,933
York	459,494	470,712	481,719	458,033	425,869	444,961	269,537
Total	751,133	847,427	881,030	875,465	808,324	934,645	790,937

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

"What provision is being made for residents in flats and terraced houses to have smaller recycling boxes or communal facilities for recycling?"

Reply:

Cllr D'Agorne will no doubt recall that the reason we started the roll out in The Groves area was because there was a good range of properties, including flats and terraced houses, which gave us the chance to gauge residents reactions to the collection schemes. Storage of boxes in terraced houses was not identified as a particular problem. The vast majority of properties where we have recently introduced the service have found space to store their boxes, either inside or outside and we have tailored the solution to fit individual blocks of flats.

We already provide communal facilities to flats where there is sufficient space to allow the safe storage and collection of recycling and refuse bins and where the landlord or housing association has given its permission (not always the case). Where communal bins are in place, residents use plastic bags (provided by us) to store and transport their recyclables to the bins.

We do have boxes with dividers but these are better suited to those with mobility problems.

Just because a house is small does not mean that people are producing less recycling and the capacity of one divided box or smaller boxes may not be enough to cope with the materials produced by the household. We do need to balance the capacity of the boxes with the amount of materials being produced and providing smaller boxes might mean some homes need more boxes which will still cause storage issues.

Officers have been dealing with individual issues as they arise so if residents raise specific problems with you then I would advise you to contact the Waste Team.

(xiv) To the Executive Member for Health & Adult Social Services, from Cllr Hyman:

"Is the Executive Member for Health & Adult Social Services able to give details of the CQC Assessment of Performance in Adult Social Care for 2009/10?"

Reply:

The recent CQC inspection report has rated the Council's Adult Social Services as 'Performing Well' . The report itself identified work to involve customers and their carers in shaping services and getting

involved in community life as being 'Excellent'. I recently attended the launch of the independent living network which was one of the developments praised by the report.

Every area covered by the inspection either maintained or improved its performance from last year and the report highlighted improvements in 'Improving Health and Wellbeing for citizens', 'Improving Choice and Control for Service Users'; and service users/carers 'Making a Positive Contribution'.

Staff have worked hard to find further improvements to the service and they deserve a great deal of credit. Given the background of increased demand that the service is operating under it is impressive that we have been able to maintain high quality levels of service.

I would like to recognise the effort of everyone who has contributed to this excellent result including all the Adult Social Care staff who have worked so hard and our partners too numerous to mention who have made this result possible. I am sure we will together continue to look for ways in which we can improve our performance even further.

- (xv) To the Executive Member for Children & Young People's Services, from Cllr Kirk:

"Can the Executive Member tell Council about the outcome of the recent inspection of the Youth Offending Team?"

Reply:

Inspectors recognised that York's Youth Offending Team work very hard with young people in the city to help them avoid further offending behaviour and to make them contributing members of society.

The inspectors praised the partnership working of the team and confirmed that their performance is one of the best in the country.

The report graded the service on three key areas, which were focused around the work done to protect the young person, work to prevent re-offending and work to protect the public. York outscored the national average in each of the three areas, achieving a rating of 85% in safeguarding (national average 67%), 81% in work to protect the public (national average 62%) and 80% in work to reduce re-offending (national average 60%).

All three areas are crucial, but it is particularly difficult to achieve such a high safeguarding rating. The whole team under the leadership of their Manager, Simon Page, are to be congratulated on this significant achievement.

- (xvi) To the Executive Member for Children & Young People's Services, from Cllr Waudby:

"Can the Executive Member explain the discrepancy between the figure for A-Level results calculated locally and the figure released by the Department for Education in October, which was reported in the local media?"

Reply:

The Department of Education (DfE) has confirmed that the A level data release in October did show an incorrect figure for York as a result of an error with the results for Askham Bryan College. The York result

for the indicator - % of candidates achieving 2 or more passes of A Level equivalent - should be 96.2%, not 90.6%. The 96.2% result means that York is in the top 16% of LAs and is above the national result of 93.2% and the Yorkshire and Humber result of 92.2%.

The DfE will re-release the A level results for all LAs in January and the revised figure for York will be incorporated in this release.

- (xvii) To the Executive Member for Children & Young People's Services, from Cllr Aspden:

"Would the Executive Member for Children's Services tell us how many children have received 5 A-C exam grades in each year since 2003?"

Reply:

The table below shows the steadily increasing numbers of York's young people who achieve 5 A* to C grades in their GCSE exams. This is the result of strong leadership, both from the Department and by Head Teachers in the schools, as well as the teachers, the young people and their parents. It plays a significant part in making York the Outstanding LA Children's Services Department that it is.

Year	Total NOR	Nos achieving 5+ A*-C	% achieving 5+ A*-C
2003	1760	1037	58.90%
2004	1809	1024	56.60%
2005	1837	1113	60.60%
2006	1904	1182	62.10%
2007	1949	1316	67.50%
2008	1893	1297	68.50%
2009	1713	1253	73.10%
2010	1761	1418	80.50%

- (xviii) To the Executive Member for Corporate Services, from Cllr Firth:

"Can the Executive Member give the Council details of the contents of this year's annual audit letter?"

Reply:

The Audit Commission has recently issued the Annual Audit Letter (AAL) to the Council which provides an independent opinion on the Council's Annual Statement of Accounts and an assessment of the arrangements to achieve value for money in the use of resources. The letter relates to arrangements in place for the financial year 2009/10.

In terms of the Statement of Accounts, the AAL notes the continued improvements in the quality of both the financial statements and the supporting working papers. Issues relating specifically to the Fixed Asset Register have become a primary focus for improvement in the current financial year, together with the implementation of the

significant changes required as a result of the move towards International Financial Reporting Standards.

The AAL confirmed that the Council has satisfactory arrangements to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources (Value For Money). Specifically the Audit Commission has identified sustained strength in risk management, a strong anti-fraud culture, and the delivery of services that represent good value for money

Improvements were also noted in the Medium Term Financial Planning; the strategic efficiency programme delivering all key year 1 targets in 2009/10; progress in implementing data quality policies; arrangements for performance management, specifically around benchmarking and target setting resulting from comparison with others; and effective procedures in place for procurement and asset management, and the Veritau shared service arrangement receiving national recognition

In assessing the current and future challenges facing the Council, the AAL notes the financial pressures facing the public sector generally, and highlights the potential level of savings of £50m which could be required over the medium term. The report reflects that the Council's Transformation Programme (More for York) has already been developed as strategic approach to delivering the financial strategy.

- (xix) To the Executive Member for Corporate Services, from Cllr Kirk:
"Could the Executive Member for Corporate Services advise on the success or otherwise of the 24-hour benefit processing pledge?"

Reply:

I am pleased to advise Council that, since the launch of this service one year ago, 1227 benefit and change of circumstances claims have been processed in accordance with the 24-hour promise. This is an average of 23.59 claims per week.

There are also future plans to increase take up of the 'promise'. From 1.12.10, when a customer phones to ask for a form or calls in to ask for a form they will be asked if they would like to make an appointment to bring in the form with all the proofs to support the claim. These claims could then become 24 hour promise claims.

The Housing teams are moving into the offices next door to Benefits, and it is proposed that arrangements will be made for the ability to refer fully supported claims for homeless customers via one of the Benefits Team Leaders to the 24 hour scheme.

Further supporting Housing's income strategy - whereby new tenants have to pay rent in advance or they must provide an advance fully supported HB form – it is proposed to put these claims through the 24 hour 'promise' (dependant on rent accounts being opened).

At year end, in March 2011, it is proposed to increase publicity of the 24 hours scheme, raising the profile of the 'promise' when many residents will be receiving their Council Tax bills.

Councillor Sue Galloway
LORD MAYOR OF YORK

[The meeting started at 6:40pm and concluded at 10:05pm]

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Membership of Committees, Working Groups and Outside Bodies

Committees/Working Groups

Staffing Matters & Urgency Committee

To appoint Cllr Horton as 3rd Labour substitute
To appoint Cllr Boyce as 4th Labour substitute

Planning Committee

To appoint Cllr Boyce in place of Cllr Pierce (who has left the Council)
To appoint Cllr Merrett as a member and Vice-Chair, in place of Cllr Potter

East Area Planning Sub-Committee

To appoint Cllr Simpson-Laing as Labour substitute, in place of Cllr Pierce

Scrutiny Management Committee

To appoint Cllr Gunnell, in place of Cllr Merrett
To appoint Cllr Alexander as Vice Chair
To appoint Cllr Hoban as 1st Labour substitute, in place of Cllr Fraser

Economic and City Development Overview & Scrutiny Committee

To appoint Cllr Hoban in place of Cllr Potter

Effective Organisation Overview & Scrutiny Committee

To appoint Cllr Hoban in place of Cllr Crisp

Learning & Culture Overview & Scrutiny Committee

To appoint Cllr Potter in place of Cllr Pierce

Gambling & Licensing Acts Committee

To appoint Cllr Crisp in place of Cllr Pierce

Education Appeals Committee

To appoint Cllr Potter as 1st Labour substitute, in place of Cllr Pierce

Local Development Framework Working Group

To appoint Cllr Merrett as Vice Chair, in place of Cllr Potter

To appoint Cllr Alexander as 2nd Labour substitute, in place of Cllr Pierce

Young People's Working Group

To appoint Cllr Potter in place of Cllr Pierce

Member Development Steering Group

To appoint Cllr Hoban in place of Cllr Pierce

YorOK Board

To appoint Cllr Potter in place of Cllr Pierce

Partnership Bodies

Community Stadium Advisory Group

To appoint the following membership:

Liberal Democrat	(2)	Cllr Steve Galloway
		Cllr Ayre
Labour	(2)	Cllr Alexander
		Cllr Crisp
Conservative	(1)	Cllr Gillies

Derwenthorpe Partnership Forum

To appoint Cllr Hoban in place of Cllr Cregan

To appoint Cllr Cregan as Labour substitute, in place of Cllr Pierce

Early Years and Extended Schools Partnership

To appoint Cllr Potter in place of Cllr Pierce

LA Admission Forum

To appoint Cllr Potter in place of Cllr Pierce

North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority

To appoint Cllr Hoban as 2nd Labour substitute, in place of Cllr Potter

Ofsted Sub-Group

To appoint Cllr Potter in place of Cllr Pierce

Quality Bus Partnership

To appoint Cllr Merrett in place of Cllr Potter

Schools Forum

To appoint Cllr Potter in place of Cllr Pierce

Outside Bodies

Drainage Boards

To note the amalgamation of the Foss Internal Drainage Board with the Thornton Drainage Board and to nominate members to the new amalgamated Board.

Existing Membership of the Foss Internal Drainage Board are:

Cllr Wiseman and

Parish Councillors: Mr D Crossley, Mr AS Richardson, Mr D Jones, and Mr C Chambers

York Environment Forum

To appoint Cllr Merrett in place of Cllr Potter

York Theatre Royal Board

To appoint Cllr Boyce in place of Cllr Crisp

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