

## CITY OF YORK COUNCIL

Resolutions and proceedings of the Meeting of the City of York Council held in Guildhall, York on Thursday, 29th November, 2007, starting at 6.35 pm.

**Present:** The Lord Mayor (Cllr Irene Waudby) in the Chair, and the following Councillors:

### ACOMB WARD

Horton  
Simpson-Laing

### BISHOPTHORPE WARD

### CLIFTON WARD

Douglas  
King  
Scott

### DERWENT WARD

Brooks

### DRINGHOUSES & WOODTHORPE WARD

Holvey

### FISHERGATE WARD

D'Agorne  
Taylor

### FULFORD WARD

Aspden

### GUILDHALL WARD

Looker  
B Watson

### HAXBY & WIGGINTON WARD

Firth  
Hogg  
R Watson

### HESLINGTON WARD

Jamieson-Ball

### HEWORTH WARD

Blanchard  
Funnell  
Potter

### HEWORTH WITHOUT WARD

Ayre

### HOLGATE WARD

Alexander  
Bowgett  
Crisp

### HULL ROAD WARD

Cregan  
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

STRENSALL WARD

Kirk  
Wiseman

WESTFIELD WARD

Steve Galloway  
Sue Galloway  
Waller

WHELDRAKE WARD

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Galvin, Reid, Sunderland and Vassie

#### **43. 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 interests were declared in Notice of Motion (ii) under Agenda Item 6 (Affordable Housing - Minute 48 refers):

- (i) Cllr Richard Watson – a personal and prejudicial interest, as Chair of the Planning Committee.
- (ii) Cllr Hudson – a personal and prejudicial interest, as the owner of an estate agents which deals with affordable housing on behalf of housing associations.
- (iii) Cllr Pierce – a personal interest, as a former teacher at the University of York and the Council's representative on the Board of York St John University.
- (iv) Cllr Scott – a personal interest, as the previous owner of a buy-to-let property.

#### **44. MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 4 October be approved and signed by the Lord Mayor as a correct record.

#### **45. CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no Civic announcements.

#### **46. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The Lord Mayor reported that there had been two registrations to speak at the meeting under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

Janet Hopton spoke in support of the petition on a Local List for York to be presented by Cllr D'Agorne under agenda item 5 (Minute 47 refers).

Philip Crowe spoke in support of the Notice of Motion against the closure of post offices, to be moved by Cllr Kirk under agenda item 6 (Minute 48 refers).

#### **47. PETITIONS**

The following petitions were presented by Members under Standing Order 7:

- (i) A petition presented by Cllr R Watson, on behalf of residents objecting to speeding traffic on Towthorpe Road.<sup>1</sup>
- (ii) A petition presented by Cllr Alexander, on behalf of residents of Leeman Road, requesting removal of Back Park from the list of leisure land for possible sale.<sup>2</sup>

- (iii) A petition presented by Cllr D'Agorne, on behalf of the Open Planning Forum, seeking the establishment of a Local List for York.<sup>3</sup>
- (iv) A petition presented by Cllr Gunnell, calling for more recycling for residents of terraced areas of the City.<sup>4</sup>
- (v) A petition presented by Cllr Crisp, on behalf of residents of Poplar Street, calling on the Council to work with Yorkshire Water and Miller Brothers builders to resolve an issue concerning the smell of sewerage in their homes.<sup>5</sup>
- (vi) A petition presented by Cllr Douglas, objecting to proposed closures of post offices in the Clifton ward.<sup>6</sup>

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

Action Required

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| 1. Refer petition to appropriate committee           | JB |
| 2. Refer petition to appropriate committee           | SA |
| 3. Refer petition to appropriate committee           | JB |
| 4. and 5. Refer petitions to appropriate committee/s | GR |
| 6. Refer petition to appropriate committee           | SC |

**48. NOTICES OF MOTION**

In accordance with Standing Order 11, five notices of motion had been received:

**(i) Post Office Closures**

The first notice of motion had been proposed by Cllr Kirk, as follows:

“This Council regrets the Government’s planned closure of 2,500 post offices across the UK. Council notes with concern the threat to post offices in York and surrounding areas. Council further notes that any closures in York will be announced by Post Office Counters Limited in November 2007.

This Council believes that post offices; fulfil both a social and economic role, offer a lifeline to many vulnerable and elderly customers, and contribute to viable, sustainable communities, especially in rural and suburban areas.

This Council believes that the closure programme is unnecessary and calls on the Government to:

- a) End the branch closure programme and open new branches where needed;
- b) Remove the Royal Mail restrictions on the Post Office to open up further business opportunities for the network;
- c) Stop removing government business from post offices;

- d) Carry out a review of which additional government functions could be carried out through the post offices;
- e) Invest in the Post Office Network.

This Council calls upon the Chief Executive and Leader of City of York Council to write to the Secretary of State for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform to oppose the proposed branch closures in the City of York Council area”.

Cllr Kirk now sought Council’s consent to alter the above motion to read as follows:

“This Council regrets that the Government is allowing the planned closure of 2,500 post offices across the UK and the UK Post Office Ltd.’s announcement this week of the potential closure of sub post offices in York at Clifton Green, Fulford, Haxby Road and Micklegate, plus many others in the North Yorkshire area.

This Council believes that post offices; fulfil both a social and economic role, offer a lifeline to many vulnerable and elderly customers, and contribute to viable, sustainable communities, especially in rural and suburban areas.

This Council believes that the closure programme is unnecessary and calls on the Government to intervene and for Post Office Ltd. to:

- a) Review with a view to ending the branch closure programme and open new branches where needed;
- b) Remove the Royal Mail restrictions on the Post Office to open up further business opportunities for the network;
- c) Stop removing government business from post offices;
- d) Carry out a review of which additional government functions could be carried out through the post offices;
- e) Invest in the Post Office Network.

This Council requests that:

- (1) The Chief Executive and Leader of City of York Council write to the Secretary of State for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform to oppose the proposed branch closures in the City of York Council area;<sup>1</sup>
- (2) Officers prepare a report, to be received by Members within three months of this motion being carried, on negotiations with the Post Office and the financial implications to the Council, and residents, of expanding use of ‘over the counter’ transactions at sub post offices for council services, bills and charges;<sup>2</sup>
- (3) The Chief Executive write to The Press confirming the Council’s support for their ‘Cut the Closures’ campaign.”<sup>3</sup>

Council having consented to the alteration, the altered motion was then moved by Cllr Kirk and seconded by Cllr Brooks.

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

RESOLVED: That the above notice of motion, as altered, be approved.

**\*(ii) Affordable Housing**

It was moved by Cllr Horton and seconded by Cllr Pierce that:

“Council notes:

- a) The shortage of good affordable housing in York to rent or buy;
- b) That York has two thriving Universities, with increasing numbers of students living in the community, some in poor quality rented properties;
- c) That first-time buyers face increasing difficulties in gaining their first foot on the property ladder in the City. This has been exacerbated by the increase in the buy-to-let market and the building of a large number of high price flats in the City in recent years, at the expense of family housing;
- d) That owners of buy-to-let properties enjoy ‘tax breaks’ which are not available to first-time buyers.

Council calls on the following action to be taken:

- a) That Council use its statutory powers to regulate the difficulties being experienced in areas of the City with large student populations and poor quality maintenance by landlords;<sup>4</sup>
- b) That the Government be called upon to investigate and put in place legislation to enable first-time buyers to mitigate the unfair tax advantage that is enjoyed by those buying solely to let and to strengthen the Council’s planning powers in terms of maintaining a sensible housing mix;<sup>5</sup>
- c) That Council establish a task force of representatives from the universities, students’ unions, landlords and ward members, to consider the effectiveness of voluntary, market and regulatory strategies to improve living conditions for long-term residents and students;<sup>6</sup>
- d) That the task force make recommendations for practicable solutions within six months of this meeting;
- e) That Council also join other university cities in their lobby, via the Local Government Association, to central government, for specific powers to enable local authorities to address the impact of the proportion of students residing in specific geographical areas.”<sup>7</sup>

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

RESOLVED: That the above notice of motion be approved.

*Note: Cllrs Hudson and R Watson left the Chamber during consideration of the above motion and took no part on the debate or decision thereon.*

**(iii) Renewable Energy Targets**

The Lord Mayor announced that the third notice of motion listed on the Council agenda, relating to post offices, had been formally withdrawn by Cllr Brooks and replaced by a notice of motion from Cllr D'Agorne, relating to renewable energy targets.

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

"This Council notes:

- a) The adoption at the November 22<sup>nd</sup> Planning Committee of an Interim Planning Statement for York for Sustainable Design and Construction, with references to a minimum 10% on-site generation of renewable energy for new developments, in line with policy adopted by Merton and other local authorities.
- b) The proposed removal of the specific on-site target for renewable energy in the Secretary of State's recommended changes to the draft Yorkshire and Humber Regional Spatial Strategy.
- c) That the target was established in consultation with all key regional agencies and local authorities. It had successfully passed through the Examination in Public stage and was endorsed in the recommendations put forward by the Independent Panel.
- d) That only 5 months earlier a similar policy in the North East Regional Spatial Strategy passed through virtually unchanged in the Secretary of State's list of proposed changes to that document.
- e) That once the Planning Policy Statement on Climate Change is published (in its current proposed form) it may become more difficult for councils to implement as policy the modest 10% minimum on-site renewable energy targets for new developments.
- f) That, as a percentage renewable energy target, the policy encourages greater energy efficiency in new developments and is a driver to reduce carbon emissions.
- g) That the policy has been proven to be effective by those councils already implementing this policy, such as the London Borough of Croyden, which has now applied it to over 130 planning applications.

This Council calls on the Chief Executive to write to the Minister for Housing and Planning (with a copy to the Chair of the Yorkshire and Humber Assembly) calling on the Minister to:

- a) Give an unequivocal statement that the forthcoming Planning Policy Statement on Climate Change will allow councils to set at least a minimum 10% on-site renewable energy targets in new developments;
- b) Reconsider her recommendation to delete the specific on-site renewable energy target in new development from the Yorkshire and Humber RSS."<sup>8</sup>

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

RESOLVED: That the above notice of motion be approved.

**(iv) Bus Cross Ticketing**

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

“Council agrees that Bus Cross Ticketing, within the City of York Council boundary, is adopted as a primary objective of Council’s desire to further develop public transport usage in the City. Council calls for Council Officers to negotiate with local bus operators to achieve this, with a target implementation date being set as being no later than January 2009.”<sup>9</sup>

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

RESOLVED: That the above notice of motion be approved.

#### **(v) Voluntary Work in the City of York**

It was moved by Cllr Aspden and seconded by Cllr Sue Galloway that:

“City of York Council notes:

- The huge amount of voluntary work that is done in the City;
- The success of the York Press organised *Community Pride Awards* in giving public recognition to many of the City’s unsung heroes;
- The positive role model for children and young people that volunteering provides and [that it] assists with the development of active citizenship;
- That the devolution of budgets and decision making to the neighbourhood level assists with voluntary work in the City.

City of York Council welcomes:

- The ongoing work of the Council for Voluntary Services, health and environmental voluntary groups, Youth Clubs and sports clubs, Neighbourhood Watch, school governors and other volunteering groups around the City;
- York Cares, which is actively supported by Benenden Healthcare Society, City of York Council, Corus, CPP, Garbutt & Elliott, HSBC, Langleys, Mott MacDonald, Norwich Union, Shepherd Building Group, The Partners Group, the University of York, York and County Press, and others.

City of York Council calls upon:

- The City, residents and employers to celebrate International Volunteer Day on 5<sup>th</sup> December, as part of a continuing process to improve the opportunities for volunteering in York;
- Employers in the City to recognise the value of volunteering;
- The media to encourage participation with links like the BBC Action Network.”

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

RESOLVED: That the above notice of motion be approved.

Action Required



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| 1. Write to Secretary of State to oppose branch closures   | SC |
| 2. Prepare report to Members on negotiations etc. re expanding Council use of post office transactions | SC |
| 3. Write to The Press in support of 'Cut the Closures' campaign  | LE |
| 4. Consider use of stat. powers to regulate housing problems in these areas                            | LE |
| 5. Call upon Government to investigate this potential legislation                                      | SC |
| 6. Establish a task force  | JB |
| 8. Write to Minister for Housing & Planning (with copy to Assembly Chair)                              | LE |
| 9. Begin negotiations with local bus operators   |    |
| 7. Join lobby via LGA  |    |

#### **49. REPORT OF EXECUTIVE LEADER AND EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATIONS**

A written report was received from the Leader, Cllr Steve Galloway, on the work of the Executive. Cllr Galloway then moved, and Cllr Jamieson-Ball seconded, those minutes requiring confirmation from the Executive meeting on 6 November 2007, namely:

- Minute 98 – Resolved: That Council adopt the Statement of Community Involvement, attached as Annex B to the Executive report, as part of York's Local Development Framework.

RESOLVED: That the above minute, and the Executive recommendation to adopt the Statement of Community Involvement as part of the Local Development Framework, be approved.<sup>1</sup>

Note: During the debate on the above item, Cllrs Bowgett, Cregan, Crisp, Douglas, Funnell, Gunnell, Horton, King, Simpson-Laing, B Watson, and Wiseman all left the Chamber when issues in relation to the possible siting of an 'Eco-town' on the Outer Ring Road near Clifton Moor were raised. Their reason for so doing was in order not to prejudice any decision they might later take, as members of the Planning Committee, on any future planning application in relation to the 'Eco-Town'.

#### Action Required

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| 1. Adopt Statement of Community Involvement as part of the LDF | JB |
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#### **50. REPORT OF EXECUTIVE MEMBER**

A written report was received from Cllr Runciman, the Executive Member for Children's Services. There were no questions on the report.

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

In accordance with Standing Order 10(c)(i), the following questions were put and responses given:

**(i) To the Executive Member for Youth and Social Inclusion, from Cllr Fraser:**

“Would the Executive Member for Youth and Social Inclusion outline one ambition for his coming year in office?”

The Executive Member replied:

*“Cllr Fraser would have seen my previous two written responses to this question. I am enjoying working with a wide range of people and community groups as Executive Member for Youth and Social Inclusion. It is vital that the Council continues to provide good community relations. One ambition, as previously reported, will be in developing the next Equality Strategy (2008-11) for the Council. The new Strategy will be launched in April. There is a lot of work now being done, and over the next five months, to make sure it includes key issues from local minority communities and work to support staff in making equalities improvements in both service provision and employment.”*

**(ii) To the Executive Leader, from Cllr Brian Watson:**

“Could the Leader of the Council explain his definition of ‘mischievous’?”

The Executive Leader replied:

*“I would refer the Member to the Oxford English Dictionary. The definitions used in that publication have always been good enough for me.”*

**(iii) To the Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services, from Cllr Potter:**

“Would the Executive Member now reconsider his objections to lobbying the Government to ban or tax the use of plastic bags in the UK and sign our petition, which we will be sending to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, requesting that the Government bans or taxes plastic bags, and is he aware that Brighton and Hove City Council and Norwich Council have recently voted to ask the Government to ban plastic bags?”

The Executive Member replied:

*“I’m afraid that the councillor attempts to misrepresent my position, which was put on record during the debate at full Council on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2006. I do not support the current use of plastic bags. I amended her motion so that it called on the government for a levy on plastic bags similar to that proposed in the Members’ Bill by MSP Mike Pringle in the Scottish Parliament. The advantage of a levy over a tax is that the money would stay in York, rather than being sent to*

*Government Treasury, something with which Cllr Potter clearly has a problem.*

*I am aware of the motion from Brighton and Hove Council which, similar to my amendment, calls for a levy on plastic bags, and the motion from Norwich Council, which encourages all consumers in Norwich to reduce their usage of non degradable plastic bags. I suggest that she reads them carefully to find out what they have actually asked for."*

In response to a supplementary question from Cllr Potter asking whether he would sign the petition, the Executive Member replied:

*"I would be delighted to sign the petition if Cllr Potter will sign a joint letter to the Government requesting the return of our landfill tax."*

**(iv) To the Executive Member for Youth and Social Inclusion, from Cllr Ayre:**

"Could the Executive Member report on any success that the Council and young people had in taking part in the national Takeover Day on 23 November 2007?"

The Executive Member replied:

*"Takeover Day was promoted by the Office of the Children's Commissioner to celebrate the contributions of children and young people to our communities and mark the anniversary of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. Within the City the day was a great success, with many Council staff and elected Members enabling children and young people to 'Takeover' with the emphasis on avoiding tokenism and helping children to be part of meaningful projects.*

*A few examples include: pupils from Badger Hill School taking over from the Lord Mayor for the day; in Woodthorpe, pupils worked with members of the Neighbourhood Management Unit looking at planning in their area, and many of the events were documented by pupils from Elvington School. In various ways, hundreds of children and young people have been involved in helping to shape the decisions made within our community."*

**(v) To the Executive Member for Housing Services, from Cllr Merrett:**

"Could the Executive Member for Housing Services explain the reasons for the large number of boiler replacements (indicated in the Press article on Friday 10/11/07) and how much this has cost?"

In the absence of the Executive Member for Housing Services, Cllr Sue Galloway (Executive Member for Adult Social Services) replied:

*"The expected industry lifespan for a boiler is 15 years.*

*We do not automatically replace after this time span if everything is in working order*

*In the not too distant past, many local authority homes did not have boilers (the source of heat came from coal or gas fires and immersion heaters to heat water).*

*When the Council started a programme of works to fit central heating and / or boilers, the works on the properties all took place at around the same time line. Some of these boilers are now coming to the end of*

*their working life and this is why we have an ongoing Capital Programme for boiler replacement.*

*The number of boiler replacements required is determined by the volume of appliances and installations identified, during their annual service, as being 'immediately dangerous', 'at risk' or 'not to current standards'. A view is taken at this stage whether or not it is more economical to replace the boiler than to repair it.*

*A boiler may be designated as 'at risk' if it is identified that it carries 2 or more items relating to fluing or ventilation that would be considered 'not to current standards'.*

*In an attempt to put this into context, since the boiler replacement programme began in 2006 we have replaced 2,178 boilers and fires at an approximate cost of £3.6 million.*

*Since April 2007 we have spent a further £335k on 93 units through our Tenants Choice scheme.*

*The new boilers that are being fitted are more efficient, representing better value for tenants and with less impact on the environment."*

In response to a supplementary question from Cllr Merrett asking whether there was a need to investigate whether adequate services were being provided by the contractor, as one tenant had had three replacements in four years, the Executive Member replied:

*"I have no information on specific cases but can give you general information in relation to boilers if you wish and can raise any specific case with Officers on your behalf if you have not already done so."*

**(vi) To the Executive Member for Children's Services, from Cllr Healey:**

*"Will the current review under way for Home to School Transport include those children who attend school out of their catchment area, so that free transport for children who do not have a 'safe route' to school is not restricted to their catchment area school but any that has an existing bus service? This will bring the policy in line with recent appeal decisions and avoid the time and cost for both parties in future."*

The Executive Member replied:

*"Officers are currently reviewing the Council's home to school transport policy. A report is being prepared for Children's Services EMAP in January that will consider various issues. These will include implications arising from the 2006 Education and Inspection Act.*

*The Act requires LAs to secure fair access to schools for children from low income groups, where lack of affordable transport can act as a barrier for choice.*

*From September 2008 there are extended rights to free transport for all children from low income families, who must have travel arrangements made to one of their three nearest qualifying schools, where they live more than two miles, but no more than six miles from that school.*

*Similarly, the same group of pupils have an entitlement from September 2008 to free transport to a choice of schools within six miles of the child's home, and to the nearest school preferred by reason of a parent's religion or belief, up to a maximum of 15 miles from the child's home.*

*With specific reference to Cllr Healey's question, the Act will extend free school transport, but only to low income families.*

*The Act seeks to widen parental choice by extending the offer of free transport to their 3 nearest schools (regardless of catchment area).*

*To extend this provision to all families would require significant additional investment. This and all other key issues will be explained in more detail in the report.*

*The Act also requires the Council to promote the use of sustainable travel and transport which includes an assessment of the travel and transport needs of children and young people within the authority's area, an audit of sustainable travel and transport infrastructure within the authority, a strategy to develop the sustainable travel and transport infrastructure and the promotion of sustainable travel. These issues will also be considered in the report."*

**(vii) To the Executive Member for Adult Social Services, from Cllr Hogg:**

"Would the Executive Member please update Council on the current situation regarding joint working arrangements with the PCT?"

The Executive Member replied:

*"Notwithstanding the current financial position of the NYYPCT five projects have now been agreed with the North Yorkshire & York PCT for joint action. These are as follows:*

- Looking at how we can together re-shape dementia and older people's mental health services to increase support in the community.*
- Reducing hospital admissions to residential and nursing care by ensuring that we are collectively making the best use of existing services.*
- Looking at how we can develop more community based preventative services.*
- Investigating the use of technology in the home. This project to be linked with the fifth project to help people manage long term conditions.*

*Lead officers have already been identified for these projects in both organisations and initial meetings have taken place."*

In response to a supplementary question from Cllr Hogg seeking an indication of how Continuing Care regulations were likely to impact upon the PCT's funding, the Executive Member replied:

*"A report going to EMAP in December draws attention to a new national framework for Continuing Health Care, which will not be without cost to the Council. It's not clear whether elected Members will still have to sit on a Panel to decide who is eligible for funded care. I understand that the NYYPCT has forecast that it will need to find £9m to £20m to fund the care that should be provided. I hope that some of that funding will come back to the local authorities. I am keen that the PCT do not drag their heels and will ask Officers to keep Members up to date with progress.*

In response to a supplementary question from Cllr Merrett asking whether, in the light of the joint project, she was now happy with the joint working relationship with the PCT, the Executive Member replied:  
"Yes."

**52. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE GAMBLING & LICENSING ACTS COMMITTEE**

Cllr Cregan moved, and Cllr Horton seconded, the recommendations of the Gambling & Licensing Acts Committee meeting on 5 October 2007 in relation to the review of the Council's Licensing Policy, namely:

- Minute12 - That the draft statement of licensing policy, subject to the amendments listed above, be approved by full Council.

RESOLVED: That the above recommendation be endorsed and the statement of licensing policy, as amended, be approved.<sup>1</sup>

Action Required

1. Implement revised policy

JB

**53. AMENDMENT TO DELEGATION SCHEME - REGISTRATION OF COMMON LAND AND VILLAGE GREENS**

Cllr Steve Galloway moved, and Cllr Jamieson-Ball seconded, the recommendations, in a report prepared by the Interim Head of Civic, Democratic and Legal Services, to amend the delegation scheme in the Council's Constitution as follows:

"a) Add 'power to determine applications for the registration of common land and village greens' to the delegated powers of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee.

b) Add 'the exercise of any functions in relation to common land and village greens other than the determination of applications to register common land or village greens where representations are received' to the specific officer delegations of the Director of City Strategy.

RESOLVED: That the above recommendations be approved and the delegation scheme amended accordingly.<sup>1</sup>

REASON: To enable the Council to discharge its statutory functions in relation to common land and village greens.

Action Required

1. Amend delegation scheme

GR

#### **54. SCRUTINY - REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

In the absence of the Chair of the Scrutiny Management Committee (SMC), a written report was received from the Vice Chair, Cllr Blanchard, on the work of the SMC since the last report to Council on 4 October 2007.

#### **55. ACTIVITIES OF OUTSIDE BODIES**

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

- Association of North Yorkshire Councils – meeting on 12/9/07
- York & North Yorkshire Waste Management Partnership – meeting on 11/7/07
- Yorkshire and Humber Assembly – meetings on 12/7/07 and 4/10/07
- Regional Transport Forum – meeting on 6/9/07
- Safer York Partnership – meeting on 10/10/07
- Police Authority – meeting on 24/9/07

#### **56. APPOINTMENTS AND CHANGES TO MEMBERSHIP**

RESOLVED: That the appointments to Committees, Outside Bodies and Working Groups set out in the revised list circulated at the Council meeting (and attached as Annex 1 to these minutes) be approved.<sup>1</sup>

##### Action Required

1. Update committee management system with revised appointments

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#### **Annex 1 - Revised Appointments**

Councillor Irene Waudby  
LORD MAYOR OF YORK

*[The meeting started at 6.40 pm and concluded at 9.35 pm]*

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**Membership of Committees, Working Groups and Outside Bodies****Neighbourhood Services Advisory Panel**

To appoint Cllr Ayre in place of Cllr Orrell

To appoint Cllr Orrell as 2<sup>nd</sup> Lib Dem substitute, in place of Cllr Ayre

**West and City Centre Area Planning Sub-Committee**

To appoint Cllr Waller in place of Cllr Jamieson-Ball

**Chief Officer Appointments Panel – Head of Finance**

To appoint the following:

Liberal Democrat	(1)	Cllr Steve Galloway
Labour	(1)	Cllr Looker (Cllr Potter as substitute)
Conservative	(1)	Cllr Healey

**York Tourism Partnership “Visit York” (replacing First Stop York)**

To appoint Cllr Hogg as the Liberal Democrat member

To appoint Cllr King as the Labour member

To appoint Cllr Gillies as the Conservative member

**Ryedale Energy Conservation Group**

To appoint Cllr Pierce in place of Cllr Potter.

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