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Castle & Eye of York	<p>Castle and Eye of York heart of the masterplan</p> <p>Enhance the setting of Nationally significant historic assets</p> <p>Create a new multifunctional public realm and events space in the city centre for residents and visitors</p> <p>Enhanced cultural and heritage offer, including event space – building on the City’s USP</p>	Hard landscaped multi-purpose events space, estimated delivery cost c. £15m (subject to full design/costings)	<p>Accessible, sustainable, flexible amenity space which includes free children’s play facilities and enables active use of the space to encourage footfall.</p> <p>A keen focus on reducing capital and management costs compared to original masterplan approach.</p>	✓	✓	✓	✓	<p>Theme 1 – Family friendly and affordable city centre New public realm will create valuable city centre play space and a space that can be used by all ages.</p> <p>Theme 2 – An attractive, active and healthy city centre Deliver investment in new public realm space.</p> <p>Theme 3 – A sustainable city fit for the future New green space will increase biodiversity in the city, improve climate resilience and reduce surface water run-off.</p> <p>Theme 8 – Celebrating heritage and making modern history New public realm will enhance the setting of surrounding heritage assets.</p>
	Reduce vehicle journeys inside inner ring road	Closure of Castle Car Park. Reduction/relocation of	Repurposing of Castle Car Park to support the delivery of a revised Castle Gateway	✓				Theme 6 – A safe city centre which is welcoming and accessible to all Blue badge

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		disabled parking provision further away from city centre.	<p>Masterplan, to include retention of disabled parking provision at the site</p> <p>Incorporates improved signage and linkages between the city centre and the Castle & Eye of York facilities to encourage footfall.</p>					<p>parking will be retained close to the city to aid accessibility.</p> <p>The new public space will provide open space and facilities for residents and will be specifically designed to improve accessibility.</p>
	Focus on sustainable transport and connectivity - pedestrian and cycle routes	<p>New river edge and walkway linkages to new riverside park behind museum</p> <p>Wider connectivity to city</p>	<p>New river edge and walkway linkages to new riverside park behind museum</p> <p>Wider connectivity to city</p>			✓	✓	<p>Theme 5 – Embracing our riversides The design will celebrate the cultural and environmental benefits of the River Foss, providing a new river edge and walkway linking to the new river park behind the museum.</p>
Castle Mills	Focus on sustainable transport and connectivity - pedestrian and cycle routes	New pedestrian/cycleway bridge and improved sustainable transport links	<p>New pedestrian/cycleway bridge and improved sustainable transport links, to maximise use of secured external funding and deliver sustainable, city centre connectivity</p>			✓	✓	<p>Theme 2 – An attractive, active and healthy city centre Deliver active travel options for getting into and around the centre of York.</p>

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	Provide new city centre homes, including affordable homes	Provision of 106 apartments including 20 affordable units, plus commercial space at ground level	Investigate appropriate meanwhile use options in parallel with exploring longer term opportunities for the future delivery of 100% affordable housing on this Council owned site		✓			<p>Theme 6 – A safe city centre which is welcoming and accessible to all Explore affordable housing provision on Castle Mills.</p> <p>Theme 7 – Thriving business and productive buildings Explore meanwhile use opportunities on Castle Mills site, whilst affordable housing options are considered.</p>
St Georges Field	Reduce vehicle journeys inside inner ring road	New build Multi Storey Car Park (MSCP) at an estimated cost of £15m. Net reduction in overall car parking provision from closure of Castle Car Park = 222	<p>Not to proceed with the building of a MSCP on St George’s Car Park, to ensure value for money and alignment with the draft Local Transport Plan. Net reduction in car parking provision from repurposing of Castle Car Park is estimated at 290 spaces but this will be subject to detail design.</p> <p>Reconfigured design for the surface level space, balancing the provision of pedestrian and</p>		✓	✓		<p>Theme 2 – An attractive, active and healthy city centre Include active travel options for getting into and around the centre of York.</p> <p>A new signalised pedestrian and cyclist crossing is being installed on the inner ring road section of Tower Street, adjacent to St George's Field as part of the Active Travel Programme, (construction 30 Oct - 24 Nov 2023). The crossing will link</p>

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			cycle connectivity , coach drop off facilities and improved standards					cyclist and pedestrian access from the St George's Field riverside path to the north side of the Inner Ring Road at York Castle Museum.
17-21 Piccadilly	Act as a catalyst to regenerate this rundown part of the city Provide new city centre homes, including affordable homes	Short term lease to Spark York Investigate opportunities for disposal for affordable housing purpose	Further 2-year lease to Spark York enabling the current use (and associated economic impact) to continue at the site in the short term, providing a continued income to the Council , whilst allowing the opportunity for Spark York to identify an alternative location in the City Medium term – affordable housing		✓			Theme 6 – A safe city centre, which is welcoming and accessible to all Future affordable housing provision on 17 – 21 Piccadilly will be explored. Theme 7 – Thriving business and productive buildings Explore and deliver temporary uses in empty buildings and spaces, e.g. Spark York.
Coppergate		No improvements proposed	New 250 year head lease on Coppergate Centre to enable c. £1.3m investment in/around St Marys Square (proposals subject to planning approvals but will potentially include new play area, removal of ad-hoc food	✓			✓	Theme 2 – An attractive, active and healthy city centre Delivers investment in public space through refurbishment and new facilities within St Mary's Square (at no cost to Council).

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			stalls, new seating areas and kiosks, improvements to paving, seating and lighting, removal of glass canopy) and release of land at rear of Coppergate to support Castle & Eye of York proposals (including retention of blue badge parking)					