

**CITY OF YORK COUNCIL
SUMMONS**

All Councillors, relevant Council Officers and other interested parties and residents are formally invited to attend a meeting of the **City of York Council** at **The Citadel, Gillygate, York, YO31 7EA** to consider the business contained in this agenda on the following date and time

Thursday, 25 October 2018 at 6.30 pm

The Citadel

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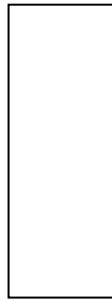
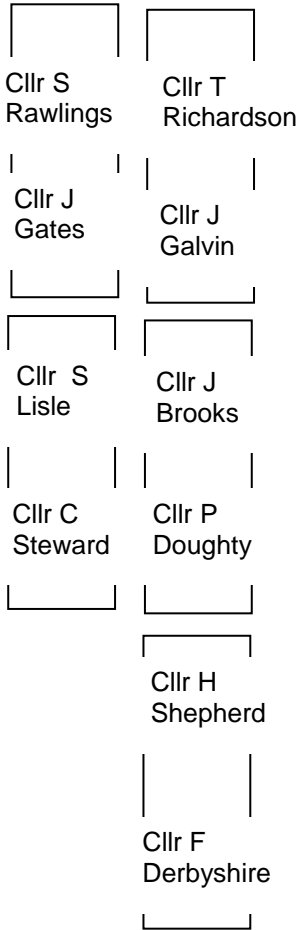
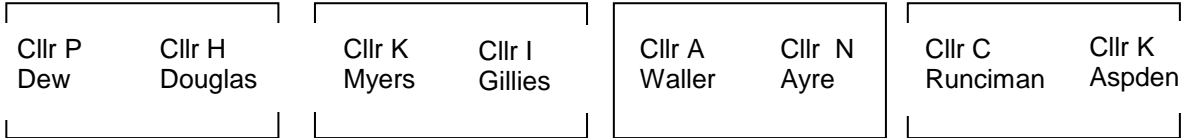
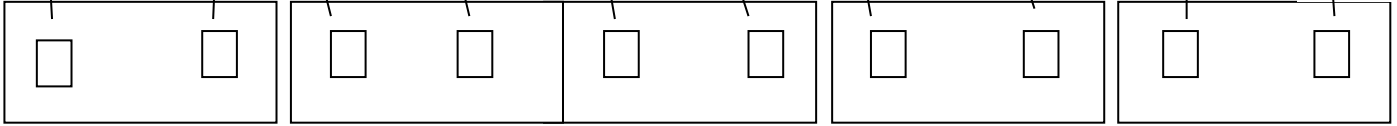
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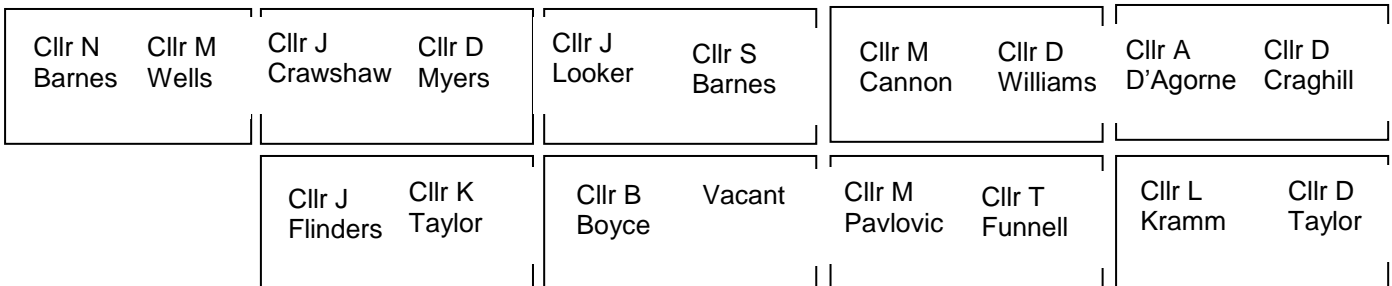
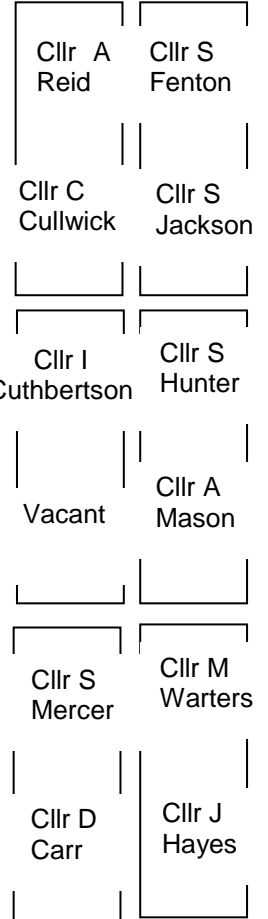
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A G E N D A

1. Declarations of Interest

At this point, Members are asked to declare:

- any personal interests not included on the Register of Interests
- any prejudicial interests or
- any disclosable pecuniary interests

which they may have in respect of business on this agenda.

2. Minutes (Pages 1 - 20)

To approve and sign the minutes of the Council meeting held on 19 July 2018.

3. Civic Announcements

To consider any announcements made by the Lord Mayor in respect of Civic business.

4. Public Participation

At this point in the meeting, any member of the public who has registered to address the Council, or to ask a Member of the Council a question, on a matter directly relevant to the business of the Council or the City, may do so. The deadline for registering is **5:00pm on Wednesday 24 October**. To register to speak please contact the Democracy Officer for the meeting, on the details at the foot of the agenda.

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5. **Petitions**

To consider any petitions received from Members in accordance with Standing Order No.15. Notice has been received of three petitions to be presented by:

Councillor D'Agorne, calling for a Respark scheme on Farrar Street.

Councillor Kramm, on green waste collection for East Mount Road.

Councillor Cuthbertson on behalf of York Liberal Democrats, on 'Stop Fracking in York'.

6. **Report of Executive Leader and Executive**

Recommendations and Questions (Pages 21 - 30)

To receive and consider a written report from the Leader and, to answer questions on the work of the Executive, and the Executive recommendations for approval, as set out below:

Meeting	Date	Recommendations
Executive	30 August 2018	Minute 35: The Proposed Purchase of Robinson Court and the Union Terrace Centre (formerly the Arc Light Centre) http://democracy.york.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=733&MId=10471&Ver=4
		Minute 36: Capital Programme - Monitor 1 2018/19 http://democracy.york.gov.u

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Executive 27 September
2018 Minute 51: Establishing an
Investment Budget for a
Strategic Commercial
Property Acquisition
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Executive 18 October
2018 Duncombe Barracks
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7. Report of Deputy Leader and Questions (Pages 31 - 42)
To receive and consider a written report from the Deputy Leader
and, to question the Deputy Leader thereon.

8. Motions on Notice
To consider the following Motions on Notice under Standing
Order 22:

**Motions submitted for consideration directly by Council, in
accordance with Standing Order 22.1**

(i) From Councillor Doughty

York's Northern Ring Road

“Council notes:

The Secretary of State for Transport's announcement
that dualling a significant portion of York's Northern Ring
Road will be one of the first schemes under the
Government's new Major Road Network programme;

Discussions are underway between stakeholders and

Highways England regarding the dualling of the A64 from the Hopgrove roundabout to Barton Hill, a development of interest to all of York but particularly to residents on the east side of the city who bear the greatest brunt of tailbacks and delays;

That discussions regarding the A64 upgrade require sustained local support from the public and private sectors to put the project on the Highways England priority list and both schemes together represent an opportunity to promote projects which are best developed to complement each other for the maximum benefit to local residents and businesses.

Council therefore resolves:

To ask officers to engage with the business community and York's LEPs to encourage active, supportive representations in favour of the A64 scheme and to work with neighbouring local authorities along the A64 corridor to organise business support throughout the area;

To ask the Chief Executive to write to both York MPs to ask for their public support of the Northern Ring Road and A64 upgrades and to seek support from other MPs with constituencies impacted by the proposed improvements.”

(ii) From Councillor Cuthbertson

Fracking

“Council believes that climate change poses a real threat to the future and environment of York and more widely, the UK.

Council notes:

- That fracking (hydraulic fracturing for shale gas),

- contributes to the threat of climate change;
- The recent IPCC report into climate change;
 - That over a thousand residents have added their names to 'Ban Fracking Now' petition;
 - That the Public Attitudes Tracker Survey showed that only 19% of the British public support fracking, while 81% support renewable energy;
 - If widespread fracking is allowed to take place across York and North Yorkshire, it will mean the irreversible industrialisation of our rural areas; areas which currently provide sustainable jobs in key local industries such as tourism and agriculture;
 - That Conservative Government policy to allow fracking as 'permitted development' will bypass local decision making and accelerate fracking in our region;
 - That if the 500m buffer/zone policy is achieved in the North Yorkshire Minerals & Waste plan through inspection, this will help to protect residents and the local environment from fracking development, should Government persist.

The UK has a vast potential for clean energy. Investment in renewable energy, public transport and energy efficiency will create far more jobs than fracking, deliver energy security, boost York's local economy and allow us to play our part in avoiding dangerous climate change.

Therefore, Council resolves:

- That Council lobby against the Conservative Government's fracking proposals.
- That Council contact the Secretary of State for BEIS, Julian Sturdy MP and Rachael Maskell MP to outline the Council's objections to 'permitted development' and fracking and ask them to reconsider

the Government's proposals.”

(iii) From Councillor Wells

Boosting the supply of homes people can afford

“Council notes:

- The Executive decision in July to proceed with developing homes on council owned land with a ratio of 6:4 in favour of market sale over tenures deemed ‘affordable’ under current government definitions;
- The Government’s desire to change the perception of social housing from a place of last resort to a housing type that accommodates a wide range of people, including key workers;
- The impact of York’s housing affordability problem on recruitment and retention of hospital staff, teachers and other key workers.

It further notes and welcomes the Prime Minister’s recent announcement of plans to remove the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) debt cap, meaning councils will be able to develop longer term business plans that deliver more homes that people can afford to rent or buy.

The Government has stated that local councils are not delivering enough social housing and are encouraging them to provide sufficient housing for the needs of their communities.

Council welcomes any decision that empowers local councils and enables them to better address housing need in their areas.

Council therefore resolves to request that Executive:

- reviews its decision to proceed on the above market/affordable split on all publicly owned sites other than Lowfield (given the extent to which it is

already progressed);

- includes within such a review a range of options that seek to boost social rent and discounted sale tenures, that will still create settled, mixed tenure communities;
- commits to reviewing the council's HRA Business Plan once full details of the HRA debt cap removal are known, with a view to boosting the supply of homes local people can afford;

to demonstrate to the residents that it will act where it can to tackle York's affordability crisis."

9. Questions to the Leader or Executive Members

To question the Leader and/or Executive Members in respect of any matter within their portfolio responsibility, in accordance with Standing Order 20.

10. Report of Executive Member (Pages 43 - 54)

To receive a written report from the Executive Member for Education, Children & Young People and to question the Executive Member thereon, in accordance with Standing Order 19.

11. Report of the Chair of the Customer & Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee (Pages 55 - 58)

To receive a report from Councillor Williams, the Chair of the Customer & Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee (CSMC) on the work of scrutiny.

12. Recommendations of the Gambling, Licensing & Regulatory Committee (Pages 59 - 60)

Meeting	Date	Recommendations
Gambling, Licensing & Regulatory Committee	17 September 2018	Minute 13: Council's Constitution - Licensing Appeals http://democracy.york.gov.uk/ielistdocuments.aspx?cid=

13. Proportionality, Allocation to Seats and Appointments to the Council Structure and Outside Bodies for the remainder of 2018/19 (Pages 61 - 68)

To consider the appointments and changes to membership of committees and outside bodies set out on the list attached to this summons.

14. Urgent Business

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

Democracy Officer

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City of York Council

Resolutions and proceedings of the Meeting of the City of York Council held in The Citidal, Gillygate, York on Thursday, 19th July, 2018, starting at 6.30 pm

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

Acomb Ward	Bishopthorpe Ward
K Myers S Barnes	Galvin
Clifton Ward	Copmanthorpe Ward
D Myers Wells	Carr
Dringhouses & Woodthorpe Ward	Fishergate Ward
Fenton Mason Reid	D'Agorne D Taylor
Fulford and Heslington Ward	Guildhall Ward
Aspden	Craghill Flinders Looker
Haxby & Wigginton Ward	Heworth Ward
Cuthbertson Gates Richardson	Boyce Funnell Williams
Heworth Without Ward	Holgate Ward
Ayre	Derbyshire K Taylor

Hull Road Ward

N Barnes
Pavlovic
Shepherd

Huntington and New Earswick
Ward

Cullwick
Orrell
Runciman

Micklegate Ward

Crawshaw
Hayes
Kramm

Osbalwick and Derwent Ward

Brooks
Warters

Rawcliffe and Clifton Without Ward

Dew
Lisle
Rawlings

Rural West York Ward

Steward

Strensall Ward

Doughty
Douglas

Westfield Ward

Hunter
Jackson
Waller

Wheldrake Ward

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Gillies and Mercer

13. Declarations of Interest

Members were invited to declare at this point in the meeting any personal interests not included on the Register of Interests, any prejudicial interests or any disclosable pecuniary interests they might have in the business on the agenda.

The following **prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary** interests were declared:

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Description of Interest</u>
Hunter	6. Report of Executive Leader and Executive Recommendations and Questions	Housing Delivery – Owned a property adjoining one of the Development Sites
Flinders	6. Report of Executive Leader and Executive Recommendations and Questions	References to York Central – as employee of Network Rail
Ayre	6. Report of Executive Leader and Executive Recommendations and Questions	Burnholme Delivery – As Executive Member for Culture, Leisure & Tourism

14. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the last Ordinary Council meeting held on 22 March 2018, the Special Council meeting held on 17 May 2018 and the Annual Council meeting held on 24 May 2018 be approved and then signed by the Chair as correct records.

15. Civic Announcements

The Lord Mayor expressed his sadness over the death of the Lord Lieutenant Mr Barry Dodd and Council observed a minutes silence.

He then drew Members' attention to a book about Munster which had which had been recently received from York's twin City, and was on display that evening. In addition, the Lord Mayor reminded Members, and the public, that on 4 August the Sherriff would be visiting pubs around the City for the traditional 'assize of ale'.

16. Public Participation

It was reported that six members of the public had registered to speak under the Council's public participation scheme.

Peter Richardson, a local resident, spoke in objection to the proposed motion 'Police & Fire Services in York'. He stated he was responding to a York Press article on North Yorkshire Police. He felt the motion should be rejected, and instead passed to the Police & Crime Panel as they had not done the job they were elected to do. He also pointed out that North Yorkshire had the second highest precept in the country. This was despite a reduction in police numbers in the county.

Marc Allington, a local business owner and Secretary of the Micklegate Business Initiative, spoke in favour of the proposed motion 'Micklegate Bar'. He stated that Micklegate traders were overwhelmingly in favour of one way traffic on Micklegate, although they were opposed to a full closure. They felt this would ease congestion, create space for additional parking bays and allow traders to put more seating and plants outside. He stated that a 1 year trial of this scheme would be welcomed.

Mr Laverack, a local resident, spoke on the treatment of members of the public who participate in public meetings. He stated that no paid employee of the Council should be immune from public criticism. He also commented upon the accountability and remuneration of senior management. Finally he highlighted that he had previously raised a complaint, to which he had never received a response.

Dr William Owen, a local resident, spoke on a previous Council motion on Community Wealth Building. He criticised the Council's economic development policy, which he felt gave no importance to social value. He stated that Community Wealth Building was an alternative to this and felt the Council should be an anchor institution in this. Finally he suggested that social value should be taken into account when considering both outsourcing and

procurement. He felt this would transform York's economy, as it had in several other cities.

Honorary Alderman Brian Watson spoke on eligibility for civic office. He stated that becoming Lord Mayor was a privilege, but one which not every Councillor could obtain. He felt the current system disadvantaged Independent Members. In his opinion, points accrued by each Independent Member should be amalgamated when appointing a Lord Mayor to provide opportunities for Independent Members to accrue points on the same basis as other 'groups' on the Council.

Gwen Swinburn, a local resident, spoke on the Annual Report of the Audit & Governance Committee. She raised issues with the current rules on public participation, adding that, she felt, citizens were blocked and vilified when pointing out Council failures. She highlighted the new Social Media Policy and process, which she stated had been signed off by the Chief Executive, and she felt was unlawful. Finally she asked for clarity on the status of this Social Media Policy and process and asked members if they had approved it.

17. Petitions

Under Standing Order 15, the following petitions was presented by the following Member for reference to the Customer and Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee, in accordance with the Council's petition arrangements:

Councillor Denise Craghill, on behalf of residents of St John Street, calling for a one way traffic system on St John Street and for narrower bollards.

Action Required

1. Refer to Customer and Corporate Services LC
Scrutiny Management Committee for consideration.

18. Report of Executive Leader and Executive Recommendations and Questions

A. Executive Leader's Report

A written report was received from the Executive Leader, Councillor Gillies on the work of the Executive.

Members were then invited to question the Deputy Leader, Councillor Waller, in the Leaders absence, on the report and questions were received from the floor from the following Members in relation to the subjects listed:

Councillor S Barnes – Provision of housing through the Housing Revenue Account as opposed to the proposed Development Company

Councillor D Taylor – The relocation of Channel 4 and the Leeds City Region Bid

Councillor Kramm – Consultation on York Central and sustainability of the development. Supplementary from Councillor Craghill regarding traffic flow through the site and pedestrian access via Leeman Road

Councillor Waller responded directly to all the questions put to him, including supplementary questions, but agreed to respond in writing to the question from Councillor D Taylor.

B. Executive Recommendations

Capital Programme Outturn 2017/18 and Revisions to the 2018/19 - 2022/23 Programme

In the Leader's absence, Cllr Dew moved, and Cllr Aspden seconded, the following recommendation contained in Minute 11 of the Executive meeting held on 21 June 2018:

Recommended: That Council approve the re-stated 2018/19 to 2022/23 capital programme of £302.185m, as summarised in Table 3 at paragraph 77 of the report and detailed in Annex A.

Reason: To enable the effective management and monitoring of the council's capital programme.

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

Resolved: That the above recommendation in respect of the *Capital Programme* be approved.

Housing Delivery Programme

In the Leader's absence, Cllr Dew moved, and Cllr Aspden seconded, the following recommendation contained in Minute 22 of the Executive meeting held on 12 July 2018:

Recommended: That a budget of £22.5m be created for the development of the Lowfield site, funded from HRA resources (£4.5m) and market sales (£18m), as set out in the report, noting that the final funding split may change and will be reported to future Executive meetings, and that HRA reserves will cash flow the development prior to the start of market sales.

Reason: To enable the progression of the building of much needed new homes in York, to increase the number of affordable homes in the city and meet the housing needs of a broader range of York residents

In accordance with Standing Order 34.1, a named vote was then taken of those Members present, with the following result:

For	Against	Abstained
Aspden		N Barnes
Ayre		S Barnes
Brooks		Boyce
Carr		Cannon
Cullwick		Craghill
Cuthbertson		Crawshaw
Dew		D'Agorne
Doughty		Derbyshire
Douglas		Flinders
Fenton		Funnell
Galvin		Hayes
Gates		Kramm
Jackson		Looker
Lisle		D Myers
Mason		Pavlovic
K Myers		Shepherd
Rawlings		D Taylor
Reid		K Taylor
Richardson		Waller
Runciman		Warters
Steward		Wells
		Williams

		Lord Mayor (Cllr Orrell)
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Resolved: That the above recommendation in respect of the *Housing Delivery Programme* be approved

Delivering Improved Sport and Active Leisure Facilities at Burnholme

In the Leader's absence, Cllr Dew moved, and Cllr Aspden seconded, the following recommendation contained in Minute 23 of the Executive meeting held on 12 July 2018:

Recommended:

(i) That the net investment of £2.45m for the Burnholme sports facilities capital investment works and sport, health and housing enabling works be added to the Capital Programme and funded from receipts secured by the Older Persons' Accommodation Programme, and Section 106 contributions received for improving sports facilities.

(ii) That, in the light of recommendation (i) above and other minor changes set out in the report, a revised total capital budget of £8.529m be approved for the Burnholme development.

Reason: So that improved sports and active leisure facilities are made available for the benefit of the citizens of York.

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

Resolved: That the above recommendation in respect of *Delivering Improved Sport and Active Leisure Facilities at Burnholme* be approved.

Treasury Management Annual Report and Review of Prudential Indicators

In the Leader's absence, Cllr Dew moved, and Cllr Aspden seconded, the following recommendation contained in Minute 24 of the Executive meeting held on 12 July 2018:

Recommended: That the increase in borrowing limit set out in paragraphs 13 to 15 of the report be approved.

Reason: In accordance with the statutory requirements in Section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2003.

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

Resolved: That the above recommendation in respect of the *Treasury Management Annual Report and Review of Prudential Indicators* be approved.

Action Required

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| 1. Deputy Leader to provide a response to question from Councillor D Taylor | 1.LC |
| 2. To note the resolution in relation to Capital Programme Outturn 2017/18 and Revisions to 2018/19 - 2022/23 Programme | 2.IF |
| 3. To note the resolution in relation to the Housing Delivery Programme | 3.TC, TB |
| 4. To note the resolution in relation to Delivering Improved Sport and Active Leisure Facilities at Burnholme | 4.AL, VJ |
| 5. To note the resolution in relation to the Treasury Management Annual Report and Review of Prudential Indicators | 5.IF |

19. Report of Deputy Leader and Questions

A written report was received from Cllr Waller, the Deputy Leader on his portfolio area.

Members were then invited to question Cllr Waller on his report and questions were received from the floor from the following Members in relation to the subjects listed:

Councillor D Myers – Delays in the collection of green waste.

Supplementary questions

- Councillor D Myers – Recruitment of HGV drivers and ongoing collection issues due to this
- Councillor Richardson – How many rounds were currently outstanding
- Councillor S Barnes – How many rounds were currently outstanding

Councillor Cuthbertson – Commitment to the development of the 500 metre protection policy in relation to fracking.

Supplementary questions

- Councillor Cuthbertson – Ministerial input on this decision
- Councillor Kramm – Would the 500 metres only apply in the City of York or across North Yorkshire

Councillor Warters – Thanks to Councillor Hayes in relation to Clifford’s Tower

Councillor Crawshaw – Commitment to a Clean Air Zone in relation to York Central

Councillor Waller responded directly to all the questions put to him, including supplementaries.

20. Motions on Notice

Motions submitted for consideration directly by Council, in accordance with Standing Order 22.1.

(i) Green Waste Collection

(Proposed by Councillor Doughty, seconded by Councillor K Myers)

In moving his motion, Councillor Doughty indicated he was minded to accept the amendment to be proposed by Councillor Reid, which was as follows:

At the end of the last paragraph, **add** the words “As a result, it resolves:

That in response to recently missed green waste collections; a report is prepared for the Executive at the earliest opportunity to examine options for building further resilience into the service.

That Council officers produce a report, to be brought back for consideration of the Executive, to identify options for the delivery of a new green waste ‘bring site’.”

Upon being formally asked, Council then agreed to accept the motion as altered above for debate, so that it now read:

“Council:

- Recognises residents do not expect to pay additional charges, over and above their council tax, for green waste collection and that they are right in this;
- acknowledges that the separation of green (garden) waste into a separate bin plays a well-established role in helping the environment;
- believes it was right for the coalition's emergency budget to guarantee that there is no additional charge for the collection of the first household green bin for the duration of the administration;

Therefore pledges its support to ensuring that for the years ahead the first green bin collection remains free and that this desire should be at the forefront of budget planning.

As a result, it resolves:

- That in response to recently missed green waste collections; a report is prepared for the Executive at the earliest opportunity to examine options for building further resilience into the service.
- That Council officers produce a report, to be brought back for consideration of the Executive, to identify options for the delivery of a new green waste ‘bring site’”.

Following debate, a vote was then taken on the motion, as altered above by Cllr Reid’s amendment, being declared CARRIED, it was:

Resolved: That the motion, as altered and set out above, be approved.

(ii) Police & Fire services in York

(Proposed by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Aspden)

“Council acknowledges and commends the hard work of the North Yorkshire Police Force and North Yorkshire Fire Service in difficult times.

Council notes:

- That the North Yorkshire Police budgets have remained exactly the same as last year, which taking into account inflation, means that North Yorkshire Police have incurred real-terms cuts of £1.27 million.
- That in 6 months, between March 2017 and September 2017, there were 58 fewer North Yorkshire Police officers.
- That the UK's Senior National Coordinator for Counter-Terrorism highlighted that neighbourhood policing was now at risk and that withdrawing police on the ground could mean losing the relationships and trust within communities.
- That violent crime in York and North Yorkshire rose by 10% and total recorded crime by 5% in 2016-17.
- That the North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service faces significant and on-going financial pressures nearing £1million per annum.
- That vital and valuable policing and fire services across North Yorkshire need additional resources to cope with additional pressures on the respective services.

Council therefore thanks North Yorkshire Police Force and North Yorkshire Fire Service in appreciation of their services to York, particularly against the backdrop of increasing demand on their services.

Council resolves:

That the Chief Executive writes to the Police & Crime Commissioner for York and North Yorkshire, copied to the City's Members of Parliament and Minister of State for Policing and the Fire Service, requesting that:

- North Yorkshire Police and North Yorkshire Fire Service are funded properly in order to do their jobs effectively.
- That additional resources are provided to Neighbourhood Policing Teams in order to strengthen the working relationships between the Force and local communities in the city.
- That there should be no cuts to frontline fire & rescue services in the City of York."

A vote was then taken on the motion, which was declared CARRIED and it was:

Resolved: That the motion, as set out above, be approved.

(iii) Micklegate Bar

(Proposed by Councillor Crawshaw, seconded by Councillor Looker)

“Council notes that Micklegate Bar:

- is one of the jewels in York’s heritage crown;
- is a site of cultural and historic significance for York, Yorkshire and the entire country;
- Is the last of York’s four historic gateways to have unrestricted traffic access through it.

Council believes that recent works to secure Micklegate Bar for future generations could be undermined by the continued impact of motorised vehicles passing beneath the gateway.

Council resolves:

- To request Executive bring forward options for the closure of Micklegate Bar to outbound motorised vehicles at the earliest possible opportunity;
- That in the short to medium term Executive gives consideration to full closure of the gateway to motorised vehicles.”

Councillor Dew then moved, and Councillor Galvin seconded, an amendment to the motion, which was as follows:

At the beginning of the first bullet point following ‘Council resolves:’
add:

“Following a consultation exercise taking into account the views of residents and traders...”

On being put to the vote this amendment was CARRIED.

Councillor Fenton then moved, and Councillor Cuthbertson seconded, a further amendment as follows:

Insert a third bullet point under ‘Council resolves’:

- That the Council, through a report to the Executive, launches a My Future York style consultation to open a discussion with key stakeholders (residents, businesses, cycle/pedestrian groups and groups who represent people that have special access requirements) on the future of accessibility, safety and traffic management in the city centre.

On being put to the vote this amendment was also CARRIED.

A vote was then taken on the original motion, as altered by both Councillor Dew and Councillor Fenton's amendments, which was then CARRIED. It was therefore

Resolved: That the original motion, as altered by both Councillor Dew and Councillor Fenton's amendments, be approved as set out below:

"Council notes that Micklegate Bar:

- is one of the jewels in York's heritage crown;
- is a site of cultural and historic significance for York, Yorkshire and the entire country;
- Is the last of York's four historic gateways to have unrestricted traffic access through it.

Council believes that recent works to secure Micklegate Bar for future generations could be undermined by the continued impact of motorised vehicles passing beneath the gateway.

Council resolves:

- Following a consultation exercise taking into account the views of residents and traders, to request Executive bring forward options for the closure of Micklegate Bar to outbound motorised vehicles at the earliest possible opportunity;
- That in the short to medium term Executive gives consideration to full closure of the gateway to motorised vehicles."
- That the Council, through a report to the Executive, launches a My Future York style consultation to open a discussion with key stakeholders (residents, businesses, cycle/pedestrian groups and groups who represent people that have special access requirements) on the future of accessibility, safety and traffic management in the city centre.

(iv) Food Poverty

(Proposed by Councillor Craghill, seconded by Councillor Kramm)

“Council notes:

- The End Hunger UK campaign supported by Oxfam, Child Poverty Action Group, UK churches, and the Trussell Trust amongst many others.
- Growing cross party support for the campaign to require the Government to measure food insecurity in the UK.
- The 2014 United Nations study that indicated that as many as 17 times the number of people using Trussell Trust foodbanks are food insecure.
- The 2018 report by the Children’s Society and the Church of England that concludes that local welfare schemes are failing to reach many people in crisis.
- York’s status as a member of the Sustainable Food Cities Network and ongoing work by the Good Food York partnership and York Food Poverty Alliance to promote access for all to healthy food in York.

Council further notes that:

- According to York’s Joint Health and Well Being Strategy 11.7% of children in York were living in poverty in 2015.
- The Trussell Trust experienced a 13% increase in the number of 3-day emergency food supplies distributed by its food banks during the last financial year; York Food Bank alone distributed 3,379 parcels last year.

Council therefore resolves:

- To request the Chief Executive to write to both York MPs urging them to support Emma Lewell-Buck MP’s Private Members Bill coming up in the Autumn to require the Government to measure food poverty in the UK
- To request a report to Executive setting out:
 - the background to food poverty in York including any available local statistics and how local measurement might be improved;
 - the current role of crisis support in York in mitigating food poverty;
 - and a range of options for the Council and its partners to improve the city wide response to food poverty in York.”

A vote was then taken on the motion, which was declared CARRIED and it was:

Resolved: That the motion, as set out above, be approved.

Action Required

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| 1. Corporate Director of Economy and Place to take forward actions requested in motion (iii) Micklegate Bar | 1. NF |
| 2. Corporate Director of Economy and Place to take forward actions requested in motion (i) Green Waste Collection | 2. NF |
| 3. Chief Executive to take forward actions requested in motion (ii) Police & Fire services in York | 3. MW |
| 4. Chief Executive to take forward actions requested in motion (iv) Food Poverty | 4. MW |

21. Questions to the Leader or Executive Members

In accordance with Standing Order 20, Members were invited to question the Leader and/or the other Executive Members in respect of any matters within their portfolio responsibility.

Questions were received from the floor from the following Members in relation to the subjects listed:

- (i) To Councillor K Myers, Executive Member for Children, Education & Young People:

Councillor Crawshaw – with the loss of senior managers in Children’s Services and a reliance on agency social workers, how would the Executive Member ensure safeguarding remained a key focus.

- (ii) To Cllr Douglas, Executive Member for Housing & Safer Neighbourhoods:

Councillor Wells – Beyond the next 5 years, how did the Council plan to deliver affordable housing for key workers in the City

Supplementary questions

- Councillor Wells – how did the Executive Member plan to help those key workers who wished to remain living in the City they were born in
- Councillor Williams – given that the Local Plan only proposed to provide 1/15th of required affordable housing, how was the Executive Member proposing to address this

Councillor Boyce – What problems were there with the Housing Development company to cause the change of approach to Housing Delivery

Supplementary questions

- Councillor S Barnes – what would have been the problem with reinvesting profit made by a Development Company for future development

Councillor Hunter – what was the Council's policy on empty homes

Councillor S Barnes – what are the plans for securing part of the old Manor School playing fields as public open space

Councillor Kramm – improvements to the enforcement of bus lanes in

Supplementary questions

- Councillor Kramm – would the Executive Member consider restricting use of the bus lanes to local private hire firms

The Executive Member for Education, Children & Young People responded directly to all the questions, including supplementary questions, put to them. The Executive Member for Housing & Safer Neighbourhoods agreed to respond to questions in writing.

At this point in the meeting the guillotine fell, and remaining matters were deemed moved and seconded as required under the Constitution.

Action Required

1. Executive Member for Housing & Safer Neighbourhoods to respond in writing to questions from Members.

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22. Report of Executive Member

Council received a written report from Cllr Runciman, Executive Member for Adult Social Care & Health.

As the guillotine had already fallen, no questions were put to the Executive Member on their report in accordance with Standing Order 19 and it was:

Resolved: That the report of the Executive Member for Adult Social Care & Health be received and noted.

23. Report of the Chair of the Customer & Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee

Council received the report of the Chair of the Customer and Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee on the work of the Committee. Council was asked them to endorse the Annual Scrutiny Report attached to the agenda papers, in line with the recommendation of the Customer and Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee from its meeting on 11 June 2018.

As the guillotine had already fallen this was deemed moved and seconded as required under the Constitution and it was:

Resolved: That the report of the Customer and Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee be noted and the Annual Scrutiny Report be approved.

Reason: To update Members on the work of the committee and to ensure the Council receives an Annual Scrutiny Report in accordance with Constitutional requirements.

24. Annual Report of the Audit & Governance Committee

Council received the Annual report of Audit & Governance Committee.

As the guillotine had already fallen this was deemed moved and seconded as required under the Constitution and it was:

Resolved: That the report be received and noted.

25. Appointments and Changes to Membership

Resolved: That the appointment set out at page 85 of the agenda papers be approved.

26. Expressions of Thanks

On behalf of the Council, the Lord Mayor expressed best wishes to Martin Farran, Corporate Director of Health, Housing and Adult Social Care and Jon Stonehouse, Corporate Director of Children, Education and Communities, who would both be leaving shortly to take up new posts. He thanked them for their hard work and commitment during their time at City of York Council.

Cllr Keith Orrell,

Lord Mayor of York

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

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Leaders Report October 2018.

Local Enterprise Partnerships.

The Government is reviewing LEP boundaries, and has indicated an end to local authorities being in more than one LEP. The York and North East Yorkshire LEP have asked the Government to reconsider and retain the status quo, as the partnership it shares with the Leeds LEP has worked for all concerned. If this is not possible we have indicated that our preference would be for a North and West Yorkshire LEP, subject to agreement on governance. This is also the choice of the Leeds LEP, but no reply has been received from Westminster.

York Central

York Central is progressing at pace, with an outline planning application submitted in August, and a follow on reserved matters application for the access road and bridge due as soon as the outline is determined. An investment plan is on its way to Executive in November, outlining the business case for the Enterprise Zone. The Housing Infrastructure Fund bid will be submitted in December following a co-development process with Homes England and the detailed sign off of West Yorkshire Transport funds will take place in the New Year. This in turn will be followed by an Executive decision on a Partnership Agreement with York Central Partners in January 2019.

In summary by the spring York Central will, subject to planning and funding decisions, become a reality and early site works will commence in the first quarter of next year. This is an enormous step for the city in delivering economic growth space to promote our city on an international stage, and deliver much needed housing for this city, alongside the creation of quality public spaces, squares and a park and an extended NRM. Though there is still an enormous amount to do, it is a great achievement for the Council to bring forward a derelict and inaccessible site which has lain dormant for 50 plus years and use it to create a living, breathing, well designed addition to our proud city.

We are working with city partners and inward investors to attract businesses and jobs and with every passing week and ever greater certainty of delivery I believe that the excitement about the future of York

Central will continue to grow. We continue to support engagement with local communities and the city at large to ensure that the input we received through the Festival of York Central continues to influence the York Central Partnership as the scheme develops to ensure that real innovation is at the centre of how this new piece of our city takes shape.

Castle Piccadilly

Work package 1

The design and the pre-application process of both planning applications are well under way, and all detailed survey information from the sites was completed in the summer. The technical constraints as identified have resulted in challenges, but in most cases design solutions have been found that have actually improved the masterplan proposals. The biggest issue relates to a major Yorkshire Water sewer that crosses both the Castle Mills and St George's Field site. Through revised building designs the architects have been able to amend the proposals to avoid the main sewer, however the multi storey car park (MSCP) will require the diversion of the overflow sewer that runs from St George's Field pumping station in to the Ouse.

Unfortunately the diversion of this sewer is complex and this has resulted in Yorkshire Water significantly extending their statutory response period to the council's design proposals. This response should have been received in early October, allowing the planning application to be submitted by the end of the year. However, the current target response date we have been provided by Yorkshire Water is the end of December, meaning the applications will be submitted in early 2019.

Once the planning applications are submitted a report will be brought back to Executive to seek the capital funding for the construction of the MSCP and the delivery model for the new apartments at Castle Mills.

Work package 2

In April the Executive approved the continuation of the highly successful My Castle Gateway public engagement to continue to shape detailed proposals for the area. This is of particular importance for the new public space to replace Castle Car Park as it is crucial that our

communities are able to shape this exciting new part of the city. The next stage of the My Castle Gateway conversation will begin shortly to provide the architects with the public's development brief for the area. Once the work package 1 applications are submitted the architects will use this development brief to prepare options for consultation before planning applications are submitted by the end of 2019. This will allow all permissions and contractors to be in place to begin on site as soon as the MSCP is complete and Castle Car Park can close. To highlight:

- Next stage of public engagement through My Castle Gateway is about to begin to provide the development brief for work package 2
- The demolition of the derelict former Castle Mills car park has been carried out by Newby in return for using the land as a site compound for Ryedale House, saving the council £150k in demolition costs
- £1.4m grant funding has been secured towards the redevelopment of the Castle Mills site through Homes England's Accelerated Construction Programme (officers are currently assessing the attached conditions)
- Spark:York opened in May and has driven significant footfall and vibrancy to a neglected part of town
- £150k Leeds City Region funding has been secured to run a programme of events on Castle Car Park throughout 2019 to promote the area as a new public space
- This follows on from the pop-up Rose Theatre on Castle Car Park attracted 80,000 visitors over the summer, and which is proposed to return in summer 2019
- An immersive Viking Theatre experience is also proposed for early 2019
- £200k Leeds City Region funding has also been secured to help York Museums Trust (YMT) bring forward their Heritage Lottery Fund bid proposals for the Castle Museum so that the design work is dovetailed with the surrounding council masterplan

- A formal partnership between the council, YMT and English Heritage has been established to explore shared visitor centre and ticketing options
- Work will start before the end of the year to consult and develop the detail designs for the regeneration of Piccadilly

Local Plan

Officers continue to engage with the Government inspectorate to answer its initial queries regarding our draft plan. Whilst a formal reply will be submitted shortly there continue to be a number of different points of contact between the council and the Government to ensure that the plan remains on track.

Bootham Park Hospital.

We've joined forces with our two local MPs and York's Health Partners to consult on and to devise a plan for the future of the Bootham Park Hospital site.

This historic resource, which opened in 1777 as one of the country's first mental health hospitals, is a gem in the heart of York. With a brand new mental health hospital currently being built on Haxby Road it is timely that we work with partners to agree "what next" for Bootham Park.

The clock is ticking. The owner of the site – NHS Property Services – has started a sale process. The Council and the Hospital Trust are lobbying government to pause this sale while York reviews how the Bootham site, and adjacent land owned by the District Hospital and the Council, should best be used. Meanwhile, we are pressing on with consultation and the gathering of ideas.

Ideas include care and health accommodation to support older people leaving hospital care and returning to independent living. An apartment with care for older people, including those living with dementia, is another, obvious need. The combined site is also big enough to help deliver housing, including key worker accommodation for health staff; new health education facilities; commercial uses; and much needed play and open spaces.

The historic buildings will need careful conservation and re-purposing. This will require investment from private sector and other partners. That is why our approach is to seek all views before recommending what is best for Bootham Park.

Public consultation was launched on the 10th October and will last for three weeks. Exhibitions in the District Hospital and West Offices have already begun to collect many interesting ideas and comments. Events throughout October, tours and workshops will help shape the future of this site. I urge citizens and businesses to take part – go on line and search for “Bootham Park Site” or on Twitter “Bootham Park York”.

York Guildhall.

The Guildhall project is now out to tender with fully costed construction proposals due back before Christmas and a report to come back to Executive and then to full council in February to release the budget and commence construction. The indicative programme would lead to construction commencement in April 19 and a target completion by Oct 2020.

Community Stadium.

Together with others I attended the “Topping Out” ceremony at the new Stadium earlier this month. I can report that the build is on time, partners are continuing to secure new tenants for the retail space, and it is still on track to open early summer next year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Management, players and supporters of York City Knights on achieving promotion as champions. A fitting boost for the new stadium. I also hope that York City can emulate the Knights achievement and gain promotion from their lowly position and re-establish the Club to become successful and which the City can be proud of.

City Centre.

It is of concern that several high profile stores have left Coney Street in particular giving an impression of decline. Whilst that may be true of one particular area, I would urge members to read the recent Scrutiny report

which outlines the data, including the fact that York has the second lowest vacancy rate for city centre retail in the country.

It does not mean however that we should be complacent. Small Independent shops are the oxygen on which this city survives, and we are investigating ways in which the council can help. Many of the shops particularly in Coney Street are owned by investors and companies outside of the city who are not disposed to reduce rents for independents or to split the shops into smaller units. We are however endeavouring to engage with owners to establish a way forward.

Devolution

The 18 Authority Leaders, both Conservative and Labour, have joined forces and written to the Government, asking for an early decision to be made regarding the future of Devolution in Yorkshire. At present although we have made the case for a “One Yorkshire” through documents produced to enhance such an outcome, the Government will not give us any indication of what Yorkshire governance will involve.

In addition, a second group, including the Archbishop of York, Council Leaders, Liberal Democratic Representatives, The Yorkshire Party, CBI, Chambers of Commerce, IOD's, and Trade Unions, has also been established to put pressure on the Government for a decision, although this group, headed by John Grogan MP and Robert Goodwill MP is more of a pressure group.

Brexit

A paper was prepared for Executive last week. Unfortunately as we have yet to find out what the terms are for leaving it is difficult to take definitive action. We are however following advice as is comes from the LGA and others, once we are aware of the outcome of the negotiations including the possibility of a “No deal”, we will continue to work with our partners to achieve the best outcome for the City.

Councillor Ian Gillies - 16 October 2018

City of York Council

Extract from Committee Minutes

Meeting	Executive
Date	30 August 2018
Present	Councillors Gillies (Chair), Aspden, Ayre, Douglas, K Myers, Runciman and Waller
Apologies	Councillor Dew
In Attendance	Councillor Looker

Part B - Matters Referred to Council

35. **The Proposed Purchase of Robinson Court and the Union Terrace Centre (formerly the Arc Light Centre)**

[See also under Part A]

The Assistant Director of Regeneration & Asset Management presented a report which set out proposals for the purchase of the freehold of Robinson Court and the long leasehold of the Union Terrace Centre from York Housing Association (YHA).

Since February 2017, the council's Adult Community Wellbeing Support Services had been provided by The Cyrenians Limited (operating as Changing Lives), who were therefore now operating services in two buildings owned or leased by a competitor, YHA.

Although interim arrangements had been entered into, the purchases were recommended to provide certainty in respect of the future ownership and use of the properties, in line with the council's Homelessness Strategy. A financial appraisal of the proposals was attached as Annex 3 to the report.

Recommended: That a capital budget of £1.924m be established, financed by prudential borrowing, to fund the two property transactions, including acquisition costs and repairs needed to the property, with the prudential borrowing funded from rental receipts on both properties.

Reasons: To facilitate these transactions, which will:

- provide the opportunity to maintain the level of hostel provision within the city;
- enable consistent decision making processes across the hostel provision, with City of York Council acting as landlord / owner of each property; and
- ensure strategic priority is maintained through allocation decisions, with No Second Night Out, Severe Weather procedure and use of shared rooms where appropriate.

36. Capital Programme - Monitor 1 2018/19

The Corporate Director of Customer & Corporate Services presented a report which set out the projected outturn position of the council's capital programme for the 2018/19 financial year, along with requests to re-profile budgets to or from current and future years.

A decrease of £33.329m on the current approved programme was reported, resulting in a revised programme of £123,620m. Variances against each portfolio area were set out in paragraph 6 and detailed in paragraphs 8 to 37. Officers emphasised that this was a major programme, with particularly significant investments in the areas of Children's Services, Housing and Transport.

With reference to paragraph 22, a request was made that ward members be updated on progress of the Modernisation of Local Authority Homes scheme in their wards.

Recommended: That Council approve the adjustments resulting in a decrease in the 2018/19 budget of £33.329m, as detailed in the report and contained in Annex A.

Reason: To enable the effective management and monitoring of the Council's capital programme.

Cllr I Gillies, Chair

[The meeting started at 5.30 pm and finished at 6.07 pm].

City of York Council

Extract from Committee Minutes

Meeting	Executive
Date	27 September 2018
Present	Councillors Gillies (Chair), Aspden, Ayre, Dew, Douglas, K Myers, Runciman and Waller
In Attendance	Councillors D'Agorne and Looker

Part B - Matters Referred to Council

51. **Establishing an Investment Budget for a Strategic Commercial Property Acquisition**

[See also under Part A]

The Assistant Director of Regeneration & Asset Management presented a report which recommended further investment to acquire property in the Swinegate area to promote the growth and economic health of the city centre and secure additional income to the commercial portfolio.

Following the success of the previous acquisition of property in Swinegate agreed by Executive on 27 July 2017 (Minute 34 of that meeting refers), a further opportunity had arisen to purchase a mixed commercial portfolio in the area. Details of the asset, and a pre-acquisition report prepared by commercial property agents, were attached as exempt annexes to the report.

Purchasing assets in this area would enable the council to ensure continued support for local businesses as well as proper maintenance and management of the buildings. Consideration would also be given to possible future on-site energy generation.

Recommended: That a capital budget of £2.52 million be established to fund the acquisition of the freehold interest in the commercial property assets in the Swinegate area identified in exempt Annex A to the report.

Reason: To ensure the ongoing economic vibrancy of the city centre while increasing the income from the council's commercial property portfolio in line with budget targets.

Cllr I Gillies, Chair

[The meeting started at 5.33 pm and finished at 6.53 pm].

Report to Full Council from the Deputy Leader of the Council

1. West Yorkshire Combined Authority

2 August meeting WYCA

Key issues were Train Timetable Chaos:

Representatives from Northern Trains (Rob Warnes, Performance and Planning Director), Network Rail (Graham Botham, Strategy and Planning Director) and TransPennine Express (Graham Meiklejohn, Regional Development Manager) were questioned by the West Yorkshire Combined Authority on the difficult performance of the rail services over the summer and steps which were to be taken to improve the reliability of the services. I made clear that there were many York residents who were massively inconvenienced and that, as a tourist city, York had suffered due to problems faced by visitors who were not familiar with the rail network and some would take back to their home countries the difficulties they had faced. An update report was considered at the 11th October meeting.

<https://westyorkshire.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=133&MId=740>

https://westyorks-ca.public-i.tv/core/portal/webcast_interactive/360891

11 October Meeting WYCA

Capital Investment

York continues to be included in the Warmer Homes Fund Phase 2 helping to provide fuel efficient homes to older residents.

Brexit

The report is measured and balanced, given the current position on exit negotiations. We are supportive of the key strands – the asks of Government in respect of continuity between EU funding and the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, developing support to businesses and maximising inward investment and trade opportunities

Future operation of LEPs

Following the national review of Local Enterprise Partnerships, there have been ongoing discussions regarding the merger to create a West and North Yorkshire and York LEP. There have been moves in other parts of the country to maintain the current overlap position of some authorities between two LEPs; it is not clear whether this will result in a change of mind by central government as the intention had been to reduce the number of LEPs across the country.

Rail Performance

Support was given for the formation of the WYCA Rail forum, which will help to ensure that a sharper and long term focus is kept on rail issues in WYCA area and maintain pressure to make improvements. The chair of the LCR LEP will be a member of the national review on Rail UK looking at franchises, which is of particular relevance to the East Coast Main Line franchise based in York.

Chanel 4

The decision on which of the three remaining bids will be successful has not yet been announced, as this report is compiled. The progress of the LCR bid has been emphasised as one which draws on the whole city region, including York.

2. York Central

Further to the Leader's report, I can report the following:

Linked to the decision by the Executive on 30th August to approve a route for the York Central Access Road and support for Leeman Road Millennium Green, a number of meetings have been held with residents and groups to review how the York Central Development can achieve the objective of being a truly exemplar sustainable development providing community facilities and being a positive development for the whole city.

I have attended some of the MyYorkCentral sessions on this and welcome the engagement by and with the wider community,

organisations and businesses, who all have a stake in the realisation of the development.

The Design Guide for York Central was considered at a joint Executive Member Meeting on 6th August with a number of amendments being made in response to consultation with individual residents and groups.

These amendments sought to establish separation of cycle lanes from roads and footpaths, storage for cycles, Sustainable Urban Drainage, electric charging points for vehicles, centralising car parking off road, tree planting, encouraging photovoltaic cells on roofs, Passivhaus standards to be embedded, Low or Zero Carbon feasibility studies, an energy network and arrangements for a dedicated person to champion equalities issues to help co-ordinate input from the wide range of groups in the city.

Reports to the Executive were requested to deal with the operation of the public realm and community buildings within the York Central scheme to respond to the ongoing debate in the city.

The planning process will cover the issue of the minimum widths of cycle lanes not detailed in the York Central Design Guide and each planning application relating to transport will need to demonstrate the application of the hierarchy of transport users.

3. Brexit Contingency meeting with Partners

A discussion was held on 17th August with a wide range of partners to start the process of planning a contingency for a range of outcomes including “No Deal Brexit” and other issues relating to the consequences of changes to trading arrangements, availability of investment following the ending of EU regional funding and the access to information by Small and Medium Enterprises to ensure that they are able to operate with the minimum amount of disruption. Emergency Plans have been developed with partners to respond to situations required of the Police, Army and Council under civil contingency planning requirements.

4. Forgotten Corners and boosting of street sweeping

Awards totalling £100,000 were given to 25 different projects at an Executive Member Decision session on 17th September to improve otherwise neglected areas of the city and to assist community groups in bringing pride into their local part of the city. This came from an allocation of some of the underspend of the 2017/18 budget as part of the investment to improve our city.



Two additional mechanical street sweepers have been introduced, together with a large vacuum to tackle litter issues and following work with the manufacturers of the large existing street sweeper, the street washing attachment is back in use.

5. 20th September Leeds City Region Local Enterprise Partnership

- This month sees the soft launch of the Energy Accelerator for Leeds City Region
- Review of Green Blue Infrastructure Strategy
- Zero Carbon Energy Strategy and Delivery Plan
- North East, Yorkshire and Humber Energy Hub, of which LCR is part of the bid.

6. Green Spaces Policy progress

The Executive on 27th September approved the progression of Supplementary Planning Documents for the local plan with prioritisation of the two SPDs relating to Affordable Housing and Green Infrastructure. The latter had been requested by the Executive at the November 2017 Call-In meeting in response to concerns over the loss of recreational and other open green space within the urban core of the city.

7. Flood Resilience Roadshow at Rowntree Park

At the display organised by the Environment Agency on 29th September the Council's Emergency Planning Team were on hand to speak to members of the public and there were displays of domestic Property Flood Resilience (PRF) products, with examples of the metal demountable barriers for Clementhorpe and glass barriers for parts of the city centre including terraces around Scarborough Bridge. Officers are working on an ongoing project to support residents as they make choices about the PFR measures that they make in their own homes as some areas such as South Bank and New Walk Terrace are being consulted in this first wave of implementation.



8. Flood Defence

The council continues to work with the Environment Agency for the works that are ongoing for the major upgrade to flood defences in the city. Update reports were provided at the July meeting of the Regional Flood and Coastal Committee with early financial reviews of the funding gap for the 6 year capital programme following the current period which ends in 2020/21. I am pressing for an early plan to ensure that the region has sufficient funding for new schemes and that maintenance budgets are sustained.

Consultation has taken place with the Agency on holding flood water to the north of Strensall and investigation of groundworks in that area to assist the plans for where such storage could be constructed has been done by consultants.

Work is ongoing in response to the August 13th surface water flooding event in the city with officers working with partners to help improve drainage issues. I have met with Directors from Yorkshire Water to enhance joint working with officers in the council.



Citizen Space

Citizen space is an online consultation platform which contains information on the flood scheme. An interactive map provides residents with access to information on each of the 19 flood cells throughout the city, with more information being added as the project progresses.

The Citizen Space Page can be found here: <https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/yorkshire/yorkfas/>

9. Armistice Day 100 Event at York Minster

A thousand primary school pupils were engaged with the York Minster launch on 3rd October at an event to start the 6 week commemoration of the end of World War I. There were activities to help young people understand the experiences and personal histories of York people who died in the duration of the War from a wide range of roles.

10. Proud to serve

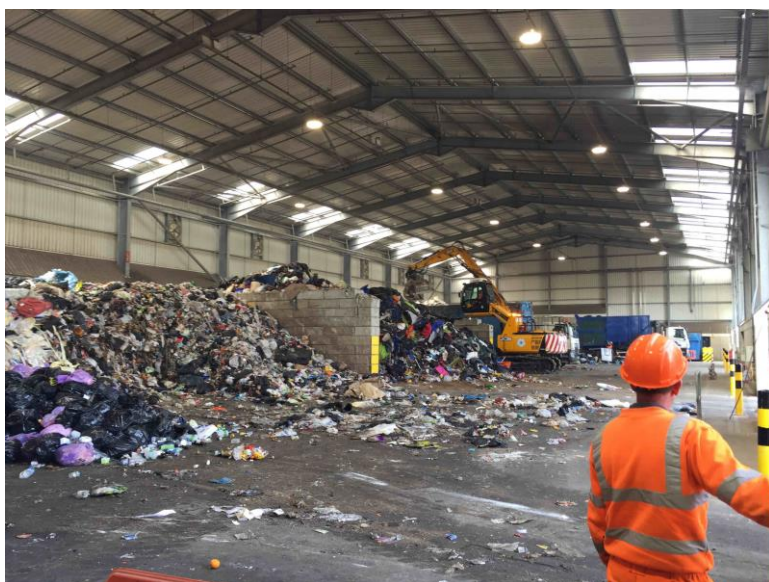


We have launched a campaign around the importance of our front line services evidenced by the front cover of the latest 'Our City'.

The same imagery and campaign style was used in conjunction with sessions in the city centre as well as open days at the depot to recruit

additional drivers. As has been quoted in many specialist publications there is a shortage of between 25,000 and 30,000 HGV drivers across the whole country and this has affected our services this year. Proactive decisions limited this to green waste to ensure that the statutory services were delivered.

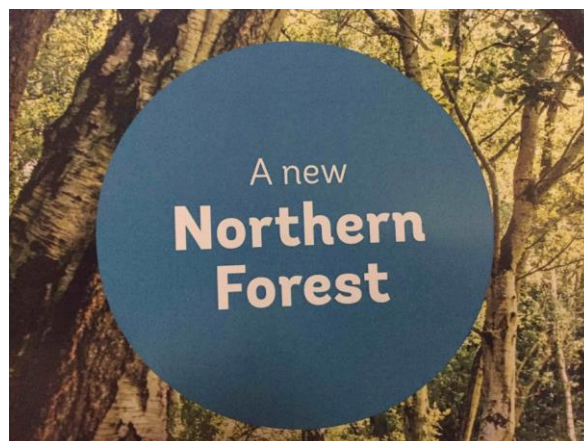
Initial work has begun to look at what the composition of fleet will be in the future to respond to the demands placed on it and to help take the lead with the Clean Air Zone with as many vehicles as possible within the city centre being electric as early as possible.



A step change to the way that waste is treated will be marked with the formal closure of Harewood Whin tip as the Allerton Park facility has fully come on line. Above is a photo of the large waste transfer station at Harewood Whin as waste from York and surrounding areas is collated for transport to Allerton Park. Work is ongoing to broaden the range of materials collected for recycling.

11. Regional Launch of Northern Forest

I attended the regional launch on 13th October of the Northern Forest which will include York as there is considerable interest with urban trees

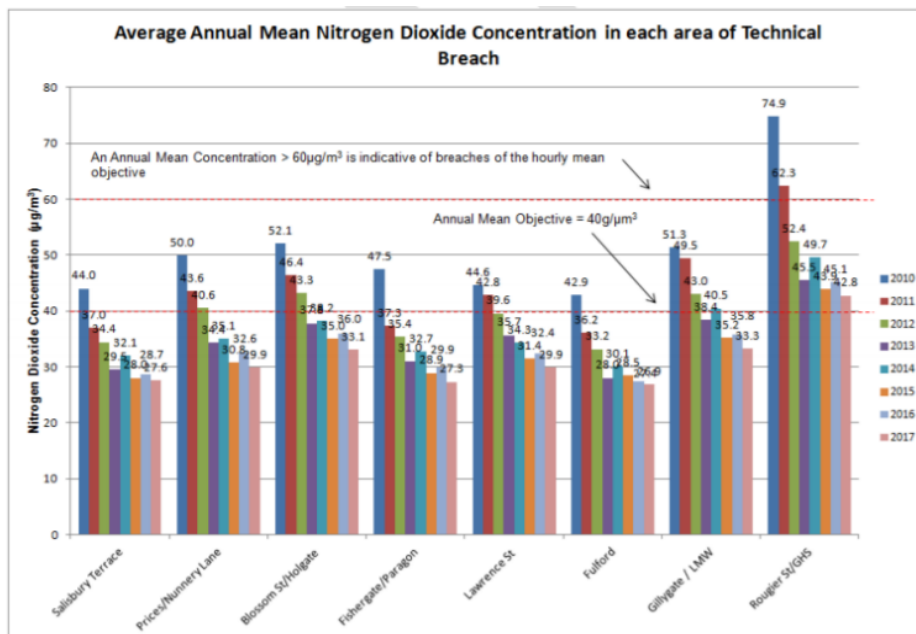


as well as supporting more planting in other areas to assist with flood alleviation, carbon capture, and habitat creation (whilst maintaining the existing small amounts of very precious ancient woodland). The York contingent was boosted by the local Tremendous group with whom I hope that the council can progress schemes to plant, as the Woodland Trust put it “the right tree in the right place”.

12. Air Quality

Consultation took place on the Clean Air Zone over the summer with the outcome coming to the Executive later this year. I would like to thank the officers who have analysed the large number of responses.

Representation has been made alongside other councils for additional funding to deliver the work needed for clean air zones. The Decision Session in October received the annual update on Air Quality plans which had been well received by DEFRA.



13. Community Centres Update and 4CommunityGrowthYork

I would like to thank the volunteers at community centres who work to keep them flourishing across the city and the growth of the Hubs service which has been expanding out of Sanderson House. This has provided support and advice for residents in need of help. The 4CommunityGrowthYork Project Team, Communities and Equalities

Team, Business Intelligence, Benefits and Adult Social Care Team, Youth Offending Team, Housing Management Team, Financial Inclusion Steering Group and University of York Interns.

External groups include Citizens Advice York, Healthwatch, Peasholme Charity, Aspire Igen, St Luke's Church, St Oswald's Church, Chapelfields Community Association, Bell Farm Community Association and Foxwood Community Centre Management Committee.

A mid-term evaluation of the 4CommunityGrowthYork project has been undertaken and will be reported to an Executive Member Decision Session.

In anticipation of the reprovision of the Burton Stone Community Centre, groups have been relocated, with works underway for demolition of the current building estimated for January 2019, with the new community space aiming to be open in Summer 2020.

All other community centres are operating well under the terms of the leases. Investment recently has seen:

- Bell Farm have reopened the changing place
- External decoration of Bell Farm and Sanderson House
- Tang Hall have completed their refurbishment, which has created a new changing place toilet facility and a new office
- Foxwood are getting new windows/doors later in the year.

14. Summer Events

Throughout the Summer the council has been involved and supported a large number of events including the Mystery Plays on Wagons which was partly supported through the Business Rates pilot along with the Mediale.



The success of the Rose Theatre demonstrated what can be achieved with a more sympathetic use of the area around Cliffords Tower.



Councillor Andrew Waller – 16 October 2018

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Working Together with Children,
Young People and Families

**Councillor Keith Myers, Executive
Member for Education, Children and
Young People**

**Report to Full Council - October
2018**



One
Adoption
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NORTH & HUMBER



1. Early Help and Prevention

Local Area Teams

The launch of Local Area Teams (LATs) took place in January 2017. This new way of delivering early help services involves multi-agency partners working across 3 localities. The service operates City wide but the teams are based in areas with the highest identified need. The teams include Department of Work and Pensions, Police, and voluntary and community sector partners.

Every childcare partnership, school, college and GP has a named link worker. There are two main reasons for link arrangements. The first is to help identify families with emerging needs that could benefit from early help. The second is to help those link agencies support children, young people and families.

A new approach to commissioning services has secured mentoring for young people; support for isolated families; support for parents of disabled children, social activities for disabled young people; support for young carers; counselling for young people and structured parenting programmes. In addition, Community Partnership Officers have made strong links supporting community groups to access other forms of support such as access ward funding, resources and make use of facilities.

The national Troubled Families programme is currently in year four of the five and due to end in 2020. The Troubled Families programme is known locally as Family Focus and is lead by Local Area Teams. The national programme is interested in the number of families “attached” to programme, the number of families that have achieved outcomes or “payment by results” and service transformation to whole family working. York has mainstreamed Troubled Families into Local Area Team arrangements following their launch in 2017. The development of Local Area Teams delivers on the Troubled Families programme expectation of service transformation. As the new service was becoming established the pace of improving rates of attachment and payment results has fallen below our desired trajectory. This will be addressed in part by

Local Area Teams becoming more established but also by the council taking a more corporate joined up approach to the Troubled Families programme and more service areas considering the needs of the wider family rather than taking a narrow single service specific focus.

Healthy Child Service

The Healthy Child Service (HCS) is integrated within Local Area Team arrangements and a new HCS Strategy clearly positions the role and function of the HCS within the overall strategic landscape. The service continues to build its offer to children, young people and families in partnership with public health arrangements.

Performance data for mandated contacts with families of under-fives has increased strongly in recent years. Performance against most of these contacts is now near to the national average and represents a significant improvement for the service.



Feedback from families would broadly suggest good satisfaction levels with the service with 75% rating the service as “Very Good” or “Good” and 16% as “Acceptable”.

The Healthy Child Service is now registered with the Care Quality Commission as regulated activity. The service anticipates being inspected by the Care Quality Commission within 12 months of registration.

2. Children’s Social Care

The new CSC structure was implemented in the summer 2016. This structure is now well embedded. The senior leadership team has recently undergone some personnel changes and there is a clear plan in place for achieving permanent senior management arrangements by the end of the calendar year.

Children's Social Care services continue to be highly scrutinised. In September 2018 together with our partners we were inspected under the 'Joint Targeted Area Inspection' (JTAI) arrangements. This included an evaluation of the multi-agency 'front door' services for child protection, when children at risk of harm first become known to local services as well as how agencies respond to children and young people at risk of sexual abuse in the family. The written report will be published on 9 November 2018.

Our number of children in care has remained stable against a regional and national increase. The number of children who are the subject of a child protection plan increased at the end of quarter 1, 2018/19, which is in line with an increase in referrals to Children's Social Care. Timeliness of assessments and reviews across children's social care was consistently high in relation to national in 2017/18 and performance has remained strong into 2018/19.

The Regional Adoption Agency (RAA), One Adoption North and Humber went live in February 2018. York is the host of this agency which comprises of York, North Yorkshire, Hull, East Riding and North East Lincolnshire. Mary Mckelvey, Head of Agency retired in July 2018 and Suzie Grove has been appointed to this post, she starts this role on the 8th November 2018. The RAA is providing adopters for City of York's children who need an adoptive family, assessing and recruiting adopters from the city and providing adoption support to our adoptive families. More information will be available in the report to the Executive on Adoption Services that will be available in November 2018.

Looked After Children

We know that most children are best cared for and achieve the best outcomes living at home. We work hard to keep children at home and support that arrangement wherever possible and safe to do so. Our strengthened children's social care services and the constant updating of our social workers skills and tools for intervention has contributed to a stable population of those young people who need to be looked after.

York's looked after children population trend over the past four years

	2013/ 14	2014/ 15	2015/ 16	2016/ 17	2017/ 18	2018/ 19 Q1
York number of CYPIC	221	193	191	204	197	207
York number per 10k	61	53	53	55	53	56
National Number per 10k	60	60	60	62	n/a	n/a
Regional number per 10k	65	64	63	67	n/a	n/a

City of York Council utilises many placement options in order to look after children and young people who are not able to live within their immediate birth family. The recruitment of new foster carers and retention of the current fostering workforce, alongside increasing the options and flexibility of other placement provisions including residential, are our priorities if we are to deliver on our commitment to the Making York Home vision and the aims of the Child in Care Strategy. As such a Placement Review is being undertaken guided by the following principles:

- A diverse and flexible range of high quality placements are available to meet the current and future needs of Children in Care in York.
- Children in foster care have a normal experience through delegated authority
- Foster carer fees and allowances are clear and transparent
- Foster Carers are trained and supported and their commitment and loyalty is recognized
- Foster Carers have a clear understanding of what is expected in their role
- Alternative high quality resources are available for children and young people for whom a placement within a family is not appropriate.
- All services and provision are provided within the agreed budget

There are 2 phases to this review. The first focusing on foster carers and the second on other options. We are currently agreeing our draft proposals for phase 1.



Voice and Inclusion

Central to all of the work of this service is voice of the child / young people.

Our Children's Rights and Advocacy Service (known as Speak Up) promotes children's rights and provides advocacy for children and young people who are in care or leaving care, on a child protection plan or want to make a complaint against the council. The service provides issue-based advocacy and only exists for the time it takes to resolve the specific issue. A review of the activity of this service over the past year gives confidence that where children and young people are worried or concerned about a service they receive they are able to say so and to get help.

Show Me That I Matter is the name of York's Children in Care Council (CiCC). The CiCC is made up of three groups: the Show Me That I Matter panel, Speak Up Youth and the I Still Matter Care Leavers Forum. Young people meet at the different groups to raise and discuss issues that are important to them. Their overall aim of the CiCC is to provide an opportunity for care experiencing children and young people to help shape and improve services.

York Youth Council is a group of passionate young people aged 11-19 with aspirations to make positive changes to their local community and the lives of children and young people in York. York Youth Council consists of young people from a variety of backgrounds with a range of knowledge and experiences. It is led by young people and any work carried out is directed and agreed by the young people, supported and facilitated by the Local Area Teams. They meet and discuss issues that are important to them and children and young people in York and help to

organise and support events to capture the views of young people in York.

3. Education and Skills

Ofsted

The percentage of pupils in good and outstanding early years settings and schools in York remains high against both national and regional averages.

% of pupils in good or outstanding schools	York	Yorkshire and Humber	England
All schools	97%	81%	86%
Primary Schools	96%	84%	89%
Secondary Schools	100%	82%	77%

***NB Data source is Watchsted. Schools which converted to academy status in 2017-18 do not have a current Ofsted judgement.**

This means that the vast majority of children in York have access to good or outstanding early years settings and schools and are able to then move on to provision which is 100% good or outstanding in our sixth forms and at York College and Askham Bryan.

2018 has seen further changes in the assessment systems in secondary schools with changes taking place in both Key Stages 4 and 5. The standards required at the end of key stages are now higher than in previous years and new performance measures have been introduced for both attainment and progress in Key Stage 4 with 20 subjects moving to the 9-1 grading system.

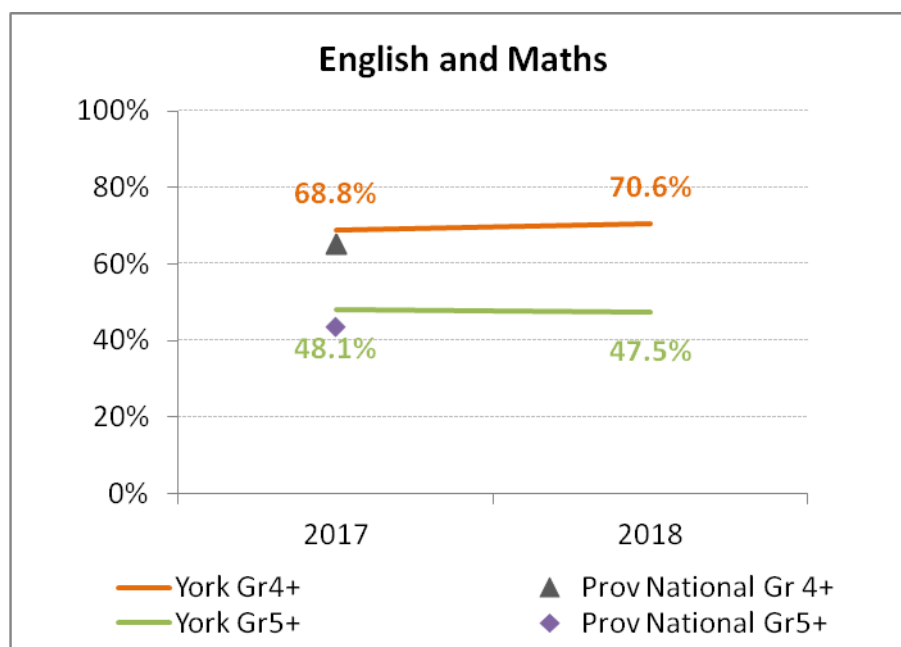
Performance at KS5 has remained significantly above the national average in all our school sixth forms and York College. Provisional value added data for York indicates that all school sixth forms are performing in the top quartile nationally for A level outcomes.

Participation

York has fantastic participation rates with 98% of young people in employment, education or training in the November after Year 11.

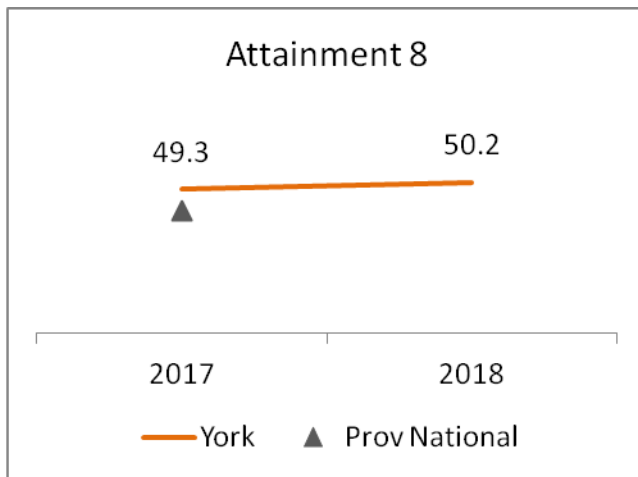
KS4

In Key Stage 4, York's secondary schools saw an improving trend for the percentage of pupils achieving grades 4+ in English and Maths, with 70.6% achieving this benchmark, an increase of 1.8 percentage points on the previous year. Provisional national and regional data indicates that York's performance remains above both national and regional averages.



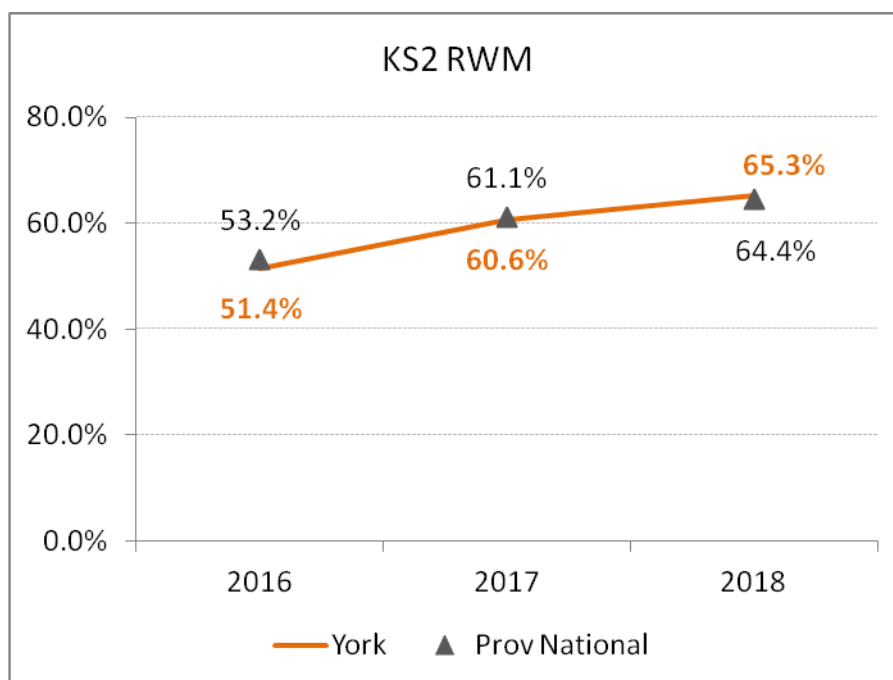
Attainment 8

Attainment 8 measures students' average performance in their best eight subjects including English and maths. In 2018 the Attainment 8 score in York was 50.2, an improvement on 2017 performance of 49.3. Provisional national and regional data indicates that York's performance remains above both national and regional averages.



KS2

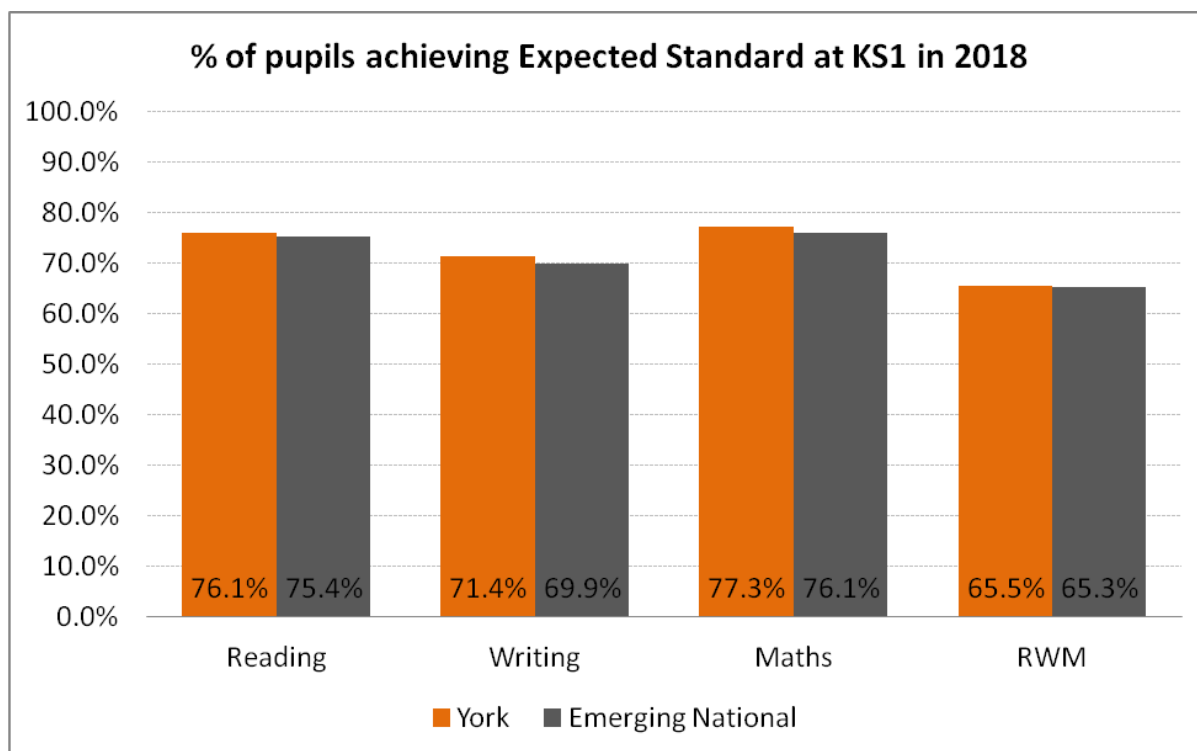
KS2 performance in the main national performance indicator of the percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard in reading, writing and maths combined has shown an improving trend since 2016, with York's performance improving to be above the emerging national average in 2018.



KS1

The unvalidated 2018 Key Stage 1 outcomes in attainment continue to be broadly in line with, above or well above national averages in all subjects at both the expected standard or higher standard.

There continues to be an improving three year trend at the expected standard in all subjects, however reading fell by -0.6% from 2017, and the national average also fell against the 2017 average. Writing at the expected standard has been the most improved subject at Key Stage 1 for City of York, up 8.0% points over the last three years, which is now 1.5% above the national average.



Performance in the Early Years and Phonics remained strong in 2018. In the Early Years Foundation Stage 74.8% of pupils achieved the good level of development, a 0.5% improvement from 2017 and 3 percentage points above the emerging national data. In 2018, 84.5% of pupils achieved the required standard in Year 1 phonics an improvement of 0.8 points from 2017.

Gap

The closing gap attainment between disadvantaged pupils and their peers remains the City's main priority for improvement. The Social Mobility conference in July was successful in raising awareness; consulting with schools, local authority teams and partners across the city; and garnering commitment for the change needed ahead. In 2018 Schools and partner agencies across York have signed up to a city-wide

pledge to help disadvantaged pupils achieve at school. Work taking place during 2018-19 will prioritise actions to improve the outcomes of disadvantaged children in the early years in order to address issues early and attainment close the gap more sustainably.

The York Schools and Academies Board

The pace of change in education continues to be rapid and York is continuing to see the development of a diverse school system which includes maintained schools, academies and multi-academy trusts. Despite these changes there remains a strong commitment to partnership working with the local authority. The development of the York Schools and Academies Board has strengthened our school improvement arrangements. The board has brought together the key partners in the city's school system into a coherent and effective strategic partnership. The partnership's main aims are to maximise outcomes and improve life chances for children and young people in York, promote inclusion and reduce inequalities. Critically, the members are committed to using collaborative resources to ensure that no school and no child or young person will be left behind.

The Inclusion Review

The number of children with special educational needs and/or disabilities, particularly those with complex autism and those with social, emotional and mental health (SEMH) conditions, is growing. This has led to a need to review current provision and identify areas where provision needs to be developed to meet need. As a result the LA has started an Inclusion Review which is working with school leaders, council officers and other stakeholders to review and develop strategy, processes and provision to meet the needs of children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities.

In 2018 capital works have taken place at Hob Moor Oaks Primary Special School to develop provision to meet the needs of children with complex autism. During 2018 there have been important developments in the delivery of the post 19 local offer. The development of the Minster Provision in partnership with Applefields Secondary Special School and Askham Bryan College is an exciting development which is helping to ensure that more provision for High Needs learners is available in York. Another important development has been the extension to the supported employment pathways provided by Blueberry Academy. These

developments are helping to ensure that children with SEND are being supported to make strong transitions in to adult life.



Ensuring a sufficient supply of school places is an increasingly important focus within the portfolio. Work continues to take place to add additional school places at existing schools. During the academic year 2017 -18 improvements have been made in the forecasting of school places through the development of planning area reports by the business intelligence hub. In order to maintain a strategic approach to school place planning in York the local authority continues to work closely with school leaders, academy trusts and governing bodies to review existing school buildings to look for opportunities to add additional school places by ensuring that all possible space is being used to its optimum. There also an annual capital maintenance programme of the existing estate to ensure that best value in the delivery of school places is being achieved.

Councillor Keith Myers 16 October 2018

Report of the Chair of Customer & Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee

25 October 2018

1. This report is submitted by the Chair of Customer & Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee (CSMC), in accordance with the constitutional requirements set out in Standing order 8.3 (m) to update Council on scrutiny work and to set out any recommendations such as may be made to Council in relation to that work.

Finance and Performance

2. Since the last report to Council on 19 July 2018, the Customer and Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee (CSMC), the Children, Education and Communities Policy and Scrutiny Committee, the Health, Housing and Adult Social Care Policy and Scrutiny Committee and the Economy and Place Scrutiny Committee all received their 1st Quarter Finance and Performance Monitoring reports at their meetings in September. In addition the Health, Housing and Adult Social Care Policy and Scrutiny Committee and the Economy and Place Scrutiny Committee considered their End of Year Monitoring reports at meetings in late July. Finance and Performance reports are not within the remit of the Economy & Place Policy Development Committee.

Attendance of Executive Members

3. The Executive Member for Health and Adult Social Care attended a meeting of the Health, Housing and Adult Social Care Policy and Scrutiny Committee in late July to explain her challenges and priorities for the Municipal Year. Also in late July the Executive Member for Environment and the Executive Member for Transport and Planning attended a meeting of the Economy and Place Scrutiny Committee.

Pre-Decision Call-Ins

4. No Pre-Decision call-ins have been considered by CSMC or any of the standing scrutiny committees since the last report to Council.

Post-Decision Call-Ins

5. In August CSMC considered the called-in item – Housing Delivery Programme. The Committee decided that there were no grounds to make specific recommendations to the Executive and the original decision was confirmed.

Customer & Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee

Petitions

6. At each of its meetings, this Committee continues to receive its standing report on Council petitions providing details of new petitions received by the Council and the appropriate course of action.

Scrutiny Work

7. The Customer and Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee has met once since the last report to Council. In September the Committee received a report on the Council's Social Values Policy and considered the Annual Review of Complaints. Members considered a scoping report on Financial Inclusion and agreed this was a topic worthy of review and appointed a Task Group to carry out this work in the Committee's behalf. The Committee also endorsed the remit of the Task Group appointed to review the Council's scrutiny operations and functions.

Health, Housing & Adult Social Care Policy & Scrutiny Committee

8. The Health, Housing & Adult Social Care Policy & Scrutiny Committee has held three meetings since the last report to Council. In late July the Committee received the annual report of the Health and Wellbeing Board, the six-monthly Quality Monitoring Report- residential, nursing and homecare services – and the Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Annual Assurance Report.
9. In September the Committee welcomed representatives from Unity Health who gave an update on actions to improve patient communications and the practice's action plan following a recent Care Quality Commission inspection. Members also received an update report on Elderly Persons' Accommodation and a report on the delivery of the Care Quality Commission Local Systems Review Action Plan. They also received an update on the scrutiny review into Substance Misuse Services and endorsed the remit of the Task Group appointed to carry out this work on the Committee's behalf.
10. In October the Committee received the Bi-annual report from the Safer York Partnership and was given a verbal update on Community Policing by the Police Commander for York and Selby. Members also considered a report on the implementation of new licensing laws for Houses in Multiple Occupation.

Children, Education & Communities Policy & Scrutiny Committee

11. This Committee has met once since the last report to Council. In September the Committee received an update report on York Skills Plan and considered the Bi-annual Update report on Adult Learning Services.

Economy and Place Policy Development Committee

12. This Committee has met once since the last report to Council. In September Members looked into possible mitigation measures for blue badge access against vehicle security measures around the city centre. To help the Committee's considerations, representatives from a number of disabled organisations were invited to the meeting to take part in the discussions. Views from this meeting were included within a report to Executive. Members also considered an overview report on planned works to enhance economic growth in secondary shopping areas and a pre-decision report on the Council's Street Lighting Policy.

Economy and Place Scrutiny Committee

13. This committee has met twice since the last report to Council. In late July Members considered a scoping report on the Economic Health of York City Centre and agreed this was a topic worthy of a full Committee review to help the focus on supporting a thriving York City Centre.
14. In September the Committee received the Bi-annual Report on the Flood defences Action Plan and an Update report on recycling and Comingling. Members also considered a report to establish an evidence base for the full Committee review into the Economic Health of York City Centre.

Report Recommendation

15. Members are recommended to:

- i. Note this report;

Reason: To comply with the Council's constitutional requirements

Cllr D Williams,
Chair of Customer & Corporate Services Scrutiny Management
Committee

16 October 2018

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City of York Council

Extract of Committee Minutes

Meeting	Gambling, Licensing & Regulatory Committee
Date	17 September 2018
Present	Councillors Lisle (Chair), Pavlovic, Reid, Richardson, D Taylor, K Taylor and Wells
Apologies	Councillors Funnell, Boyce, Cullwick, Douglas, Hayes, Hunter, Mason and Mercer

Part B - Matters Referred To Council

13. Council's Constitution - Licensing Appeals

The report was brought to the Committee following their request at the meeting held on 21 May 2018. The Head of Public Protection outlined the report, explaining that York was the only authority in the region with 'two routes of appeal' for licence holders who were dissatisfied with an officer decision. The report sought a recommendation to Full Council to change the Constitution and allow only one route of appeal.

In response to Member questions, the Head of Public Protection explained the background and previous process for Licence applicants and licence holders to appeal a decision made by Officers to refuse/suspend/revoke to a Sub-Committee of the Gambling, Licensing and Regulatory Committee.

During discussion it was explained that the aim of the change from two routes of appeal to one was to standardise the licensing process across the region.

In response to Member questions, it was confirmed that:

- All authorities within the West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA) had one route of appeal for an applicant or licence holder who is aggrieved by a decision made by an officer on behalf of the Council, to appeal that decision to Magistrates Court.
- There was a national database in which the Local Authority could record revocations and refusals for taxi licences for which all authorities within the WYCA had signed up to.
- The West Yorkshire Group had looked at information sharing, operating within data protection regulations.

- Every taxi licence applicant had a had a DBS check and had to self declare of they had received a revocation or refusal in a different area.
- A two track appeal process runs a risk of an appeal heard by Members being overturned (through Judicial Review) and by reducing to a one track appeal process removes this risk.
- The primary consideration to allow only one route of appeal was for the consideration of taxi passengers in York.
- The appeal process was against the officer decision, not that of the Sub-Committee.

Following debate it was:

Resolved: That, in accordance with Option 1, the Committee recommend to Full Council that the Council's Constitution is changed and a new 'single appeal' procedure for dealing with licensing appeals is approved. In line with the requirements of relevant legislation licence applicants and licence will be able to appeal a decision made by Officers to refuse/suspend/revoke to the Magistrates Court, thereby no longer providing an internal appeals process.

Reason: In order to support the Council's plan of a being more responsive and flexible council that puts residents first and meets its statutory obligations.

Cllr S Lisle, Chair

[The meeting started at 4.00 pm and finished at 4.37 pm].



Council

25 October 2018

Report of the Assistant Director, Legal & Governance

Proportionality, Allocation to Seats and Appointments to the Council Structure and Outside Bodies for the remainder of 2018/19**Summary**

1. At its Annual Meeting in May 2018, Full Council considered the allocation of seats on Committees and other bodies for 2018/19 and made appointments for the current Municipal Year, based on the proportionality of the Council at that time. This report sets out details of proposed new arrangements, as a result of two Members resigning from the Labour Group and forming a separate group, Independent Socialists York. It also details some standard in year changes to Committee etc membership for Council approval.

Background

2. Council is required to make those appointments and to allocate those places on the committees and other bodies that it wishes to set up in order to run its business during any given Municipal Year. For 2018/19, these appointments were made in accordance with the political balance of the Council which pertained at the time of the Annual Meeting on 25 May 2018, in accordance with the requirements set out in the 1989 Local Government & Housing Act.
3. In August 2018, Councillors Shepherd and Derbyshire resigned formally from the Labour Group and formed a group of two, the 'Independent Socialists York'. As a result, Council needs to review its proportionality arrangements and therefore its appointments to Committees, etc.

Allocation of Seats

4. Annex A to this report sets out the revised allocation of seats reflecting the changes referred to above.

Appointments to Committees, Working Groups & Outside Bodies

5. Further to the allocation of seats referred to above Full Council is asked to make the changes to appointments to those Committees now set out in Annex B, together with some minor additional alterations to membership of Committees/outside bodies and revised nominations for the Vice Chair of Planning and Area Planning Sub-Committee, which are now proposed for Council approval. These revised appointments are proposed in accordance with nominations made by political groups, and Independent Members, as may be appropriate.

Consultation

6. In accordance with the usual process for gathering nominations to available places on Committees etc, all relevant party Groups have been consulted and provided with the necessary information on available places.

Options

7. Options open to the Council are:
 - (i) to approve or not approve the allocation of seats in accordance with the revised arrangements set out in Annex A;
 - (ii) to make the revised appointments proposed at the meeting to Committees set out in Annex B or propose alternatives;

Council Plan 2015-19

8. Establishing an appropriate decision making and scrutiny structure, is essential in providing a framework through which the Council can make decisions relating to the delivery of its core priorities set out in the Council Plan, effectively.

Implications

9. There are no known implications in relation to any of the following in terms of dealing with the specific matter before Members, namely to re-allocate seats and places to Committees and other bodies, in light of in year political changes.
 - Financial
 - Human Resources (HR)
 - Equalities

- Crime and Disorder
- Property
- Other

Legal Implications

10. The Council is statutorily obliged to make appointments to committees, advisory committees, sub Committees and certain other prescribed bodies in accordance with the political balance rules. These rules may only be waived where no Member votes against the proposal. At the Annual Meeting, Council opted to waive those rules in relation to appointments to the Joint Standards Committee, in the interests of fairness, independence and equality on this Committee.

Risk Management

11. In compliance with the Council's risk management strategy, there are no known risks associated with the recommendations in this report, other than the failure to meet the above legal requirements by reflecting its new proportionality in the allocation of seats.

Recommendations

12. Members are asked to consider the recommendations and annexes attached to this report and
 - (i) Agree the revised allocation of seats in accordance with Annex A; and
 - (ii) Approve appropriate revised appointments to Committees, as set out in Annex B, and

Reason: To fulfil the Council's statutory and constitutional requirements.

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Report Approved



Date

15 October
2018

Specialist Implications Officer(s) None

Wards Affected:

All



For further information please contact the author of the report

Annexes:

Annex A – Revised Allocation of seats 2018/19

Annex B - Revised Appointments to Committees

Background Papers

None

Annex A

Revised Allocation of Seats on Committees, Sub-Committees, Boards and Working Groups between Political Groups 2018/19

Note: Seats in relation to the meetings below have been allocated between groups by agreement and in accordance with the rules on political balance contained within the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

Decision Making Committees	Total	Lib Dem	Labour	Cons	Green	York Ind	Ind Socialists	Ind
Staffing Matters & Urgency Committee	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Planning Committee	15	4	4	3	1	1	1	1
Area Planning Sub-Committee	11	2	3	3	1	1	1	0
Audit & Governance Committee	7	2	2	2	1	0	0	0
Gambling, Licensing and Regulatory Committee	15	4	4	3	1	1	1	1
Corporate Appeals Panel	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Housing Appeals Panel	3	0	0	1	0	0	1	1
Education Appeals Panel	3	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
Scrutiny Function	Total	Lib Dem	Labour	Cons	Green	York Ind	Ind Socialists	Ind
Customer & Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee	9	2	3	3	1	0	0	0
Economy & Place Policy Development Committee	7	2	2	2	1	0	0	0
Economy & Place Scrutiny Committee	7	2	2	2	1	0	0	0

Health, Housing & Adult Social Care Policy & Scrutiny Committee	7	2	2	2	0	0	0	1
Children, Education & Communities Policy & Scrutiny Committee	7	2	2	2	1	0	0	0
Other bodies to which proportionality also applies	Total	Lib Dem	Labour	Cons	Green	York Ind	Ind Socialists	Ind
Fire Authority	4	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
Total seats to which proportionality must be applied	101							
Seat entitlement per Group		26	28	26	9	4	4	4
Other Bodies to Which Proportionality Does Not Apply								
In view of the nature of the work of the Joint Standards Committee, Council has previously agreed not to apply proportionality strictly to the Committee to which appointments are be made on the following basis:								
Joint Standards Committee	5	1	1	1	1	0	0	1
Although proportionality does not strictly apply on the following, the Council has traditionally decided to apply proportionality on these wherever possible. As such, the proportional figures would as follows for 2018/19:								
Local Plan Working Group	15	4	4	4	1	0	1	1

Revised Appointments to Committees and Other Bodies 2018-19 Committees

Planning

To appoint Cllr Boyce as Vice Chair

To remove Councillor Shepherd as Labour and appoint her as an Independent Socialists York Member instead

Area Planning

To appoint Cllr Flinders as Vice Chair

To remove Councillor Shepherd as Labour and appoint her as an Independent Socialists York Member instead

Local Plan Working Group

To remove Councillor Derbyshire as Labour and appoint her as an Independent Socialists York Member instead

Housing Appeals Panel

To remove Councillor Derbyshire as Labour and appoint her as an Independent Socialists York Member instead

Gambling, Licensing & Regulatory Committee

To remove Councillor K Taylor

To appoint an Independent Socialists York Member (TBC)

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