

City of York Council

Resolutions and proceedings of the Meeting of the City of York Council held at the Citadel, York on Thursday, 22 February 2024, starting at 6.30 pm.

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

Acomb Ward	Bishopthorpe Ward
Lomas Rose	Nicholls
Clifton Ward	Copmanthorpe Ward
D Myers Wells	Steward
Dringhouses & Woodthorpe Ward	Fishergate Ward
Fenton Mason Widdowson	Whitcroft Wilson
Fulford and Heslington Ward	Guildhall Ward
Ravilious	Clarke Melly Merrett
Haxby & Wigginton Ward	Heworth Ward
Cuthbertson Hollyer Pearson	B Burton Douglas Webb
Heworth Without Ward	Holgate Ward
Ayre	Kent Steels-Walshaw Taylor

Hull Road Ward

Baxter
Kelly
Pavlovic

Huntington and New Earswick
Ward

Cullwick
Orrell
Runciman

Micklegate Ward

J Burton
Crawshaw
Kilbane

Osbalwick and Derwent Ward

Rowley BEM
Warters

Rawcliffe and Clifton Without Ward

Smalley
Wann
Waudby

Rural West York Ward

Hook
Knight

Strensall Ward

Fisher
Healey

Westfield Ward

Coles
Nelson
Waller

Wheldrake Ward

Vassie

No apologies for absence were received from Councillors.

58. Lord Mayor's Opening Remarks (6:34 pm)

The Lord Mayor confirmed that:

- this was a budget meeting of City of York Council and public participants must only address business on the agenda.
- York's target for net zero was 2030 and the city had recently achieved global recognition for climate action, with an A rating from CDP. With only 2,232 days to 31 December 2029, the Lord Mayor acknowledged the importance of working together to address the climate emergency.
- in accordance with the council's procedure rules, named votes would only be required for items directly linked to the budget and not in respect of agenda items 6, 10 and 11.

59. Declarations of Interest (6:39 pm)

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 Lord Mayor confirmed that government guidance stated that Members did not have a disclosable pecuniary interest in the business of setting the council tax and that the council's code of conduct also stated that Members did not have a prejudicial interest in that business.

For transparency, the following interests were reported:

Cllr Kilbane confirmed that his partner worked for Safer and Sound Homes (SASH).

Cllr Pavlovic noted that between 2011 and 2014 he worked for a charity that delivered services to rough sleepers.

Cllr Nelson confirmed that her husband worked in social care at City of York Council.

60. Minutes (6:41 pm)

Resolved: That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 23 November 2023 be approved and then signed by the Chair as a correct record.

61. Civic Announcements and Announcement of Lord Mayor and Sheriff Elect (6:41 pm)

The Lord Mayor invited Cllr Douglas to nominate the Lord Mayor Elect for the 2024/25 municipal year. Cllr Douglas nominated Cllr Margaret Wells as the Lord Mayor Elect. Cllr Wells confirmed that she would be honoured to accept, and nominated former Councillor Fiona Fitzpatrick as her Sheriff.

The Lord Mayor announced that since the last meeting he had received a dragon soft toy on behalf of the city as part of the Chinese New Year celebrations, as well as receiving various gifts from when he met:

- visitors from Nanjing and from the Chinese Consulate based in Manchester.
- the German Ambassador.

He also noted that on behalf of City of York one of the city's seals had been presented to the Mayor of Lviv, and he concluded that he had copies of a press cutting from the 1924 Washington Post, which referenced a presentation of a ledger stone from New York to old York in the Guildhall.

62. Public Participation (6:46 pm)

It was reported that eight members of the public had registered to speak at the meeting under the Public Participation item. The Lord Mayor confirmed that, on the advice of the Monitoring Officer, public participation would be allowed on the additional items on the agenda as well as on the business associated with setting the council's budget for the coming financial year.

All speakers spoke on Agenda Item 8: Recommendations of Executive on the Council's Financial Strategy 2024/25 to 2028/29, Capital Budget 2024/25 to 2028/29, Capital Financing and Investment Strategy and the Treasury Management Strategy Statement, as follows:

Flick Williams raised concerns regarding the cuts affecting the reduction in webcasting which would reduce accessibility of participation by members of the public in the decision-making process.

Gwen Swinburn raised concerns regarding the inadequate consultation and lack of equalities impact assessments around the

budget setting process. She also addressed concerns regarding the reduction in webcasting and she asked the Monitoring Officer to confirm where the blanket member interest dispensation notice, in respect of Council Tax decisions, was lodged.

Denise Craghill spoke as Chair of the York Green Party and raised concerns regarding the cuts to library services. She noted the benefits and key roles of libraries and the value they provided to the community.

Jenny Layfield raised concerns on the reductions to the contract sum for Explore Libraries and Archives. She highlighted the uniqueness of each library and how each venue supported local communities. She also clarified the terms and impact of contract reductions.

Diane Geogheghan-Breen spoke in support of the green waste charge proposed. She noted that this service was not a statutory requirement and other local authorities had introduced the charge.

Luke Charters, a parliamentary candidate for York Outer constituency, expressed his concerns and the challenges faced regarding the significant budget pressures City of York Council were facing due to inadequate central government funding.

Carolyn Frank expressed the Federation of Small Businesses' views on the council budget proposals. They agreed that decisions were required that continued the resilient trend for the businesses in the city, and the wider city economy, balanced alongside protecting the council finances. They requested a small business impact assessment to be undertaken to understand the impact the proposals had on small and micro businesses as well as the self-employed.

Brian Watson briefly raised concerns with the proposed green waste and council tax charges, and cashless car parking payments. He then spoke on Agenda Item 6, CYC Scheme of Member Allowances: Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) where he made reference to sections of the IRP report, and he also acknowledged the role of the Lord Mayor.

The Lord Mayor thanked all the public participants and confirmed that their comments had been noted and would be taken into account when Council debated those proposals and made its decisions.

63. **Petitions (7:17 pm)**

Under Rule B5 2, the following petitions were presented for reference to the Customer and Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee, in accordance with the Council's petition arrangements:

- i) A petition presented by Cllr Hollyer, on behalf of residents, regarding the proposed green waste charge.¹
- ii) A petition presented by Cllr Hollyer, on behalf of residents, regarding the proposed reduction in funding to York Explore.²

The Lord Mayor confirmed receipt of the petitions and stated that they would be considered by Members when they debated the budget proposals.

Action Required

1. Add the petition regarding the proposed green bin charge to the petitions log for referral to CCSSMC. SS

2. Add the petition regarding the proposed reduction in funding to York Explore to the petitions log for referral to CCSSMC. SS

64. **CYC Scheme of Member Allowances: Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel (7:19 pm)**

The Monitoring Officer advised Members that he recommended that this item be deferred to the next Council meeting, due to be held in March 2024, in order that some outstanding matters be clarified. It was noted that the Chair of the Independent Remuneration Panel would be invited to present the Panel's report at that meeting.

The Lord Mayor thanked the Panel for their hard work and commitment in producing the report.

Following debate and on being put to the vote, the recommendation to defer this item was declared CARRIED and it was

Resolved: That the CYC Scheme of Member Allowances: Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel be deferred to the 21 March 2024 Full Council meeting.

Reason: To enable further clarification on matters within the report.

65. Recommendations of the Executive in respect of the Capital Programme Monitor 3 2023/24 (7:22 pm)

Cllr Douglas moved, and Cllr Kilbane seconded, the following recommendation contained in Minute 84 of the Executive meeting held on 25 January 2024:

“Recommended:

- i. That Council agree to adjustments resulting in a decrease in the 2023/24 budget of £16.013m as detailed in the report.

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

A named vote was then taken, with the following result:

For	Against	Abstained
Cllr Ayre		Cllr Nicholls
Cllr Baxter		Cllr Rowley
Cllr B Burton		Cllr Steward
Cllr J Burton		Cllr Warters
Cllr Clarke		
Cllr Coles		
Cllr Crawshaw		
Cllr Cuthbertson		
Cllr Douglas		
Cllr Fenton		
Cllr Fisher		
Cllr Healey		
Cllr Hollyer		
Cllr Hook		
Cllr Kelly		
Cllr Kent		
Cllr Kilbane		
Cllr Knight		
Cllr Lomas		

Cllr Mason		
Cllr Melly		
Cllr Merrett		
Cllr Myers		
Cllr Nelson		
Cllr Orrell		
Cllr Pavlovic		
Cllr Pearson		
Cllr Ravilious		
Cllr Rose		
Cllr Runciman		
Cllr Smalley		
Cllr Steels-Walshaw		
Cllr Taylor		
Cllr Vassie		
Cllr Waller		
Cllr Wann		
Cllr Waudby		
Cllr Webb		
Cllr Wells		
Cllr Whitcroft		
Cllr Widdowson		
Cllr Wilson		
Lord Mayor (Cllr Cullwick)		
43	0	4

The recommendation was therefore declared CARRIED, and it was

Resolved: That the above recommendation be approved.

66. Recommendations of Executive on the Council's Financial Strategy 2024/25 to 2028/29, Capital Budget 2024/25 to 2028/29, Capital Financing and Investment Strategy and the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Prudential Indicators for 2024/25 to 2028/29 (7:27 pm)

Cllr Douglas moved, and Cllr Kilbane seconded, the following recommendations made by Executive at its meeting on 25 January 2024 in relation to:

- i) The Financial Strategy 2024/25 to 2028/29 (Revenue Budget)

- ii) The Capital Budget 2024/25 to 2028/29
- iii) The Capital Financing and Investment Strategy
- iv) The Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Prudential Indicators 2024/25 to 2028/29.

as set out in paragraphs 7 to 10 of the report at Agenda Item 8 on the Council agenda:

“Revenue Budget

Executive recommends that Council:

- i. Approves the budget proposals outlined in the Financial Strategy report and in particular;
 - a) The net revenue expenditure requirement of £149.268m
 - b) A council tax requirement of £113.927m
 - c) The revenue growth proposals as outlined in the body of the report
 - d) The 2024/25 revenue savings proposals as outlined in annex 2
 - e) The fees and charges proposals as outlined in annex 3
 - f) The Housing Revenue Account (HRA) 24/25 budget set out in annex 5
 - g) The Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) proposals outlined from paragraph 139
- ii. Notes that the effect of approving the income and expenditure proposals included in the recommendations would result in a 4.99% increase in the City of York Council element of the council tax, 2% of which would relate to the social care precept.
- iii. Approves the 100% increase in council tax on second homes with effect from 1st April 2025 subject to the Levelling Up bill receive Royal Assent by 31st March 2024, as set out in paragraphs 75 to 77.
- iv. Approves the change to charge a 100% premium on homes that have been empty for 1 year with effect from 1st April 2024, as described in paragraph 78.

In addition, following a recent announcement, Council is recommended to:

- v. Note the increase in social care funding of £1.525m and agree that this be allocated to existing pressures.
- vi. Note the increase in services grant of £76k and agree that this be allocated to the contingency.

Reason: To ensure a legally balanced budget is set.

Capital Budget 2024/25 to 2028/29

Executive recommends that Council:

- i. Agree to the revised capital programme of **£395.186m** that reflects a net overall increase of **£56.409m** (as set out in table 2 and in Annex A). Key elements of this include:
 - a) New schemes funded by prudential borrowing totalling £3.353m as set out in table 3;
 - b) Extension of prudential borrowing funded Rolling Programme schemes totalling £25.025m as set out in table 4;
 - c) Extension of externally funded Rolling Programme schemes totalling £6.030m and new schemes funded by external grants totalling £3.844m as set out in table 5;
 - d) An increase in HRA funded schemes totalling £18.157m funded from a combination HRA balances/capital receipts as set out in table 6;
- ii. Note the total increase in Council borrowing as a result of new schemes being recommended for approval is £28.378m the details of which are considered within this report and the financial strategy report.
- iii. Approve the full restated programme as summarised in Annex B totalling **£395.186m** covering financial years 2024/25 to 2028/29 as set out in table 12 and Annex B.

Reason: In accordance with the statutory requirement to set a capital budget for the forthcoming financial year.

Capital and Investment Strategy

Executive recommends that Council:

i. Approve the Capital and Investment Strategy at Annex A.

Reason: To meet the statutory obligation to comply with the Prudential Code 2017.

Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Prudential Indicators

Executive recommends that Council approve;

- i. The proposed treasury management strategy for 2024/25 including the annual investment strategy and the minimum revenue provision policy statement;
- ii. The prudential indicators for 2024/25 to 2028/29 in the main body of the report;
- iii. The specified and non-specified investments schedule (annex B);
- iv. The scheme of delegation and the role of the section 151 officer (annex D).

Reason: To enable the continued effective operation of the treasury management function and ensure that all council borrowing is prudent, affordable and sustainable.”

Liberal Democrat Amendment Option A

Cllr Ayre moved, and Cllr Widdowson seconded, the following amendment on behalf of the Liberal Democrat Group:

“Revenue Budget

In relation to the Executive’s recommendations on the revenue budget (paragraph 7 of page 68 of Council papers refers):

In sub paragraph (c) add at the end of the sentence ‘subject to the following amendments;

- **£50k additional growth (total £250k) for Hostile Vehicle Mitigation for City Centre Access. To be spent on ways to ensure access to the city centre for all disabled people including Dial & Ride, shuttle bus etc.**

- £50k increased growth (total £150k) for gritting footpaths, cycle ways and roads
- £10k investment in civic party community engagement fund
- £400k growth to replace the Household support fund
- £80k increase in revenue cost of capital for Ward Highways scheme (£1m capital spend)
- £80k increase in revenue cost of capital for vacant workspace alteration (£1m capital spend)
- £80k increase in revenue cost of capital for Acomb Library and Westfield MUGA (£1m capital spend)
- £500k one off investment to establish a York business and shop insulation loan scheme

In sub paragraph (d) add at the end of the sentence 'subject to the following amendments;

- Increase in saving CAC03 from ICT management - £36k
- A reduction of one Executive Member - £20k
- Extend corporate restructure-replacement of 'Director' posts with 'Assistant Director' posts - £60k
- Delete Assistant Director posts - £184k
- A 5% reduction in ICT - £140k
- Entirety of Economic Development budget funded through external funding - £228k (any in year shortfall covered by venture fund)
- Relocate CYC staff in West Offices to existing vacant premises - £250k
- Delete post in Communications - £52k
- Reducing spend on Council Meetings - £8k
- Part reversal of saving CORP03 webcasting - £20k
- Reversal of saving CORP05 apprentices funding - £80k
- Reversal of saving CORP06 early intervention & prevention - £591k
- Part reversal of saving CORP07 vacancy management - £200k
- Reversal of saving CAC10 Libraries - £300k
- Reversal of saving PLA06 schools cycling training - £20k
- Reversal of saving PLA09 Dial a ride - £50k
- Reversal of saving PLA11 graffiti removal - £60k
- Reversal of saving PLA13 garden waste charge - £720k
- Reversal of saving PLA17 rough sleeper contract - £96k
- Reversal of saving PLA12 Grounds maintenance - £100k
- Reversal of saving PLA20 Make it York - £25k

- Part reversal of saving PLA21 service reviews - £370k
- Reversal of saving ASC05 community contracts - £264k
- Reversal of saving ASC10 Social work weekends - £129k

In paragraph (v) delete and replace with;

Note the increase in social care funding of £1.525m and recommend that this be used to fund additional investment. The government has indicated that all of the current sources of funding will continue into 2024/25. Any reduction in funding will have a profound impact both locally and nationally. Clearly this assumption will need to be tested regularly and if there are reductions then further savings will be required possibly in very short timescales.

In paragraph (vi) delete and replace with;

Note the increase in services grant of £76k and recommend that this be used to fund one-off investment

**Addition of following paragraph;
(vii) use of £500k venture fund monies for the York business and shop insulation loan scheme**

**Addition of following paragraph;
(viii) use of £696k public health reserve and £500k acquisition reserve to fund one off items**

**Addition of following paragraph;
(ix) repurposing £170k revenue contribution for Housing Environment Improvement Programme (HEIP) towards Estate Improvements in 2024/25.”**

After debate, a named vote was taken on the **amendment**, with the following result:

For	Against	Abstained
Cllr Ayre	Cllr Baxter	Cllr Nicholls
Cllr Cuthbertson	Cllr B Burton	Cllr Rowley
Cllr Fenton	Cllr J Burton	Cllr Steward
Cllr Fisher	Cllr Clarke	Cllr Warters
Cllr Healey	Cllr Coles	
Cllr Hollyer	Cllr Crawshaw	
Cllr Hook	Cllr Douglas	

Cllr Knight	Cllr Kelly	
Cllr Mason	Cllr Kent	
Cllr Orrell	Cllr Kilbane	
Cllr Pearson	Cllr Lomas	
Cllr Runciman	Cllr Melly	
Cllr Smalley	Cllr Merrett	
Cllr Vassie	Cllr Myers	
Cllr Waller	Cllr Nelson	
Cllr Wann	Cllr Pavlovic	
Cllr Waudby	Cllr Ravilious	
Cllr Widdowson	Cllr Rose	
Lord Mayor (Cllr Cullwick)	Cllr Steels-Walshaw	
	Cllr Taylor	
	Cllr Webb	
	Cllr Wells	
	Cllr Whitcroft	
	Cllr Wilson	
19	24	4

The amendment was therefore declared LOST.

An adjournment took place between 8:20 pm to 8:37 pm.

Liberal Democrat Amendment Option B

Cllr Vassie then moved, and Cllr Smalley seconded, the following amendment on behalf of the Liberal Democrat Group:

“Revenue Budget

In relation to the Executive’s recommendations on the revenue budget (paragraph 7 of page 68 of Council papers refers):

In sub paragraph (d) add at the end of the sentence ‘subject to the following amendments;

- **Reversal of saving CAC10 Libraries - £300k**
- **Reversal of saving PLA13 garden waste charge - £720k**
- **Reversal of saving PLA17 rough sleeper contract - £96k**

In paragraph (v) delete and replace with;

Note the increase in social care funding of £1.525m and services grant of £76k, and recommend that this be used to

fund additional investment of £1.116m. Transfer the balance to contingency (£485k). The government has indicated that all of the current sources of funding will continue into 2024/25. Any reduction in funding will have a profound impact both locally and nationally. Clearly this assumption will need to be tested regularly and if there are reductions then further savings will be required possibly in very short timescales.

Delete paragraph (vi)”

After debate, a named vote was taken on the **amendment**, with the following result:

For	Against	Abstained
Cllr Ayre	Cllr Baxter	Cllr Warters
Cllr Cuthbertson	Cllr B Burton	
Cllr Fenton	Cllr J Burton	
Cllr Fisher	Cllr Clarke	
Cllr Healey	Cllr Coles	
Cllr Hollyer	Cllr Crawshaw	
Cllr Hook	Cllr Douglas	
Cllr Knight	Cllr Kelly	
Cllr Mason	Cllr Kent	
Cllr Nicholls	Cllr Kilbane	
Cllr Orrell	Cllr Lomas	
Cllr Pearson	Cllr Melly	
Cllr Rowley	Cllr Merrett	
Cllr Runciman	Cllr Myers	
Cllr Smalley	Cllr Nelson	
Cllr Steward	Cllr Pavlovic	
Cllr Vassie	Cllr Ravilious	
Cllr Waller	Cllr Rose	
Cllr Wann	Cllr Steels-Walshaw	
Cllr Waudby	Cllr Taylor	
Cllr Widdowson	Cllr Webb	
Lord Mayor (Cllr Cullwick)	Cllr Wells	
	Cllr Whitcroft	
	Cllr Wilson	
22	24	1

The amendment was therefore declared LOST.

Conservative Amendment

Cllr Steward moved, and Cllr Rowley seconded, the following amendment on behalf of the Conservative Group:

“Revenue Budget

In relation to the Executive’s recommendations on the revenue budget (paragraph 7 of page 68 of Council papers refers):

In sub paragraph (c) add at the end of the sentence ‘subject to the following amendments;

- **£25k investment in community tool library**
- **£200k increase in highways maintenance budget**
- **£18k increase in growth for revenue cost of capital**
- **Remove £50k growth for Equalities**

In sub paragraph (d) add at the end of the sentence ‘subject to the following amendments;

- **Reversal of saving PLA13 garden waste charge - £720k**
- **Reversal of saving CHS02 home to school transport - £0k in 24/25**
- **Reversal of saving CAC08 reduction in civic support - £10k**
- **Reversal of saving CAC10 Explore Contract - £300k**
- **Delete Assistant Director posts - £144k**
- **Delete post in Democratic Governance - £55k**
- **Delete post in Economic Growth - £50k**
- **Delete budget for Our City - £60k**
- **Reduce Committee Chair allowances by 50% - £34k**
- **Reduce Executive Special Responsibility Allowances by 25% - £57k**
- **Remove the corporate policy team - £105k**
- **Remove the communications team - £198k**
- **Reduce overtime budget - £100k**
- **Delete Political Assistant posts - £90k**
- **Further centralise Housing, Childrens. Adults calls - save in management costs - £30k**

In paragraph 7 (ii) third line, delete ‘4.99%’ and replace with ‘4.49%’.

In paragraph 7 (v) delete and replace with;

Note the increase in social care funding of £1.525m and recommend that £800k of this be used to fund one-off investment with the balance of £725k being allocated to existing pressures.

Capital Budget 2024/25 to 2028/29

In relation to the Executive's recommendations on the capital budget (paragraph 8 of page 69 of Council papers refers):

In paragraph 8 (i), first line delete '£395.186m' and replace with '£395.386m'

In paragraph 8 (i), second line delete '£56.409m' and replace with '£56.609m'

Under paragraph 8 (i), insert new sub paragraphs:

(e) Include a new scheme to invest £200k in the purchase of one pothole lorry.

In paragraph 8 (ii), second line delete '£28.378m' and replace with '£28.578m'

In paragraph 8 (iii), second line delete '£395.186m' and replace with '£395.386m'."

After debate, a named vote was taken on the **amendment**, with the following result:

For	Against	Abstained
Cllr Nicholls	Cllr Baxter	Cllr Ayre
Cllr Rowley	Cllr B Burton	Cllr Cuthbertson
Cllr Steward	Cllr J Burton	Cllr Fenton
	Cllr Clarke	Cllr Fisher
	Cllr Coles	Cllr Healey
	Cllr Crawshaw	Cllr Hollyer
	Cllr Douglas	Cllr Hook
	Cllr Kelly	Cllr Knight
	Cllr Kent	Cllr Mason
	Cllr Kilbane	Cllr Orrell
	Cllr Lomas	Cllr Pearson

	Cllr Melly	Cllr Runciman
	Cllr Merrett	Cllr Smalley
	Cllr Myers	Cllr Vassie
	Cllr Nelson	Cllr Waller
	Cllr Pavlovic	Cllr Wann
	Cllr Ravilious	Cllr Warters
	Cllr Rose	Cllr Waudby
	Cllr Steels-Walshaw	Cllr Widdowson
	Cllr Taylor	Lord Mayor (Cllr Cullwick)
	Cllr Webb	
	Cllr Wells	
	Cllr Whitcroft	
	Cllr Wilson	
3	24	20

The amendment was therefore declared LOST.

After debate, a named vote was then taken on the **original recommendations**, with the following result:

For	Against	Abstained
Cllr Baxter	Cllr Ayre	Cllr Warters
Cllr B Burton	Cllr Cuthbertson	
Cllr J Burton	Cllr Fenton	
Cllr Clarke	Cllr Fisher	
Cllr Coles	Cllr Healey	
Cllr Crawshaw	Cllr Hollyer	
Cllr Douglas	Cllr Hook	
Cllr Kelly	Cllr Knight	
Cllr Kent	Cllr Mason	
Cllr Kilbane	Cllr Nicholls	
Cllr Lomas	Cllr Orrell	
Cllr Melly	Cllr Pearson	
Cllr Merrett	Cllr Rowley	
Cllr Myers	Cllr Runciman	
Cllr Nelson	Cllr Smalley	
Cllr Pavlovic	Cllr Steward	
Cllr Ravilious	Cllr Vassie	
Cllr Rose	Cllr Waller	
Cllr Steels-Walshaw	Cllr Wann	
Cllr Taylor	Cllr Waudby	
Cllr Webb	Cllr Widdowson	

Cllr Wells	Lord Mayor (Cllr Cullwick)	
Cllr Whitcroft		
Cllr Wilson		
24	22	1

The original recommendations were therefore declared CARRIED and it was

Resolved: That the Executive's recommendations to Council be approved.

67. Council Tax Resolution 2024/25 (10:01 pm)

Following the setting of the budget for 2024/25 under minute 66 above, Councillor Douglas moved, and Councillor Kilbane seconded, the Council Tax resolution for 2024/25, as set out in the report and schedules at pages 84-86 of the Council agenda.

It was noted that there was an error within the report regarding a discounted sum for the Heworth Without Ward that would require amending.¹

After debate, the required named vote was taken on the Council Tax Resolution, with the following result:

For	Against	Abstained
Cllr Ayre		Cllr Nicholls
Cllr Baxter		Cllr Rowley
Cllr B Burton		Cllr Steward
Cllr J Burton		Cllr Warters
Cllr Clarke		
Cllr Coles		
Cllr Crawshaw		
Cllr Cuthbertson		
Cllr Douglas		
Cllr Fenton		
Cllr Fisher		
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Cllr Smalley		
Cllr Steels-Walshaw		
Cllr Taylor		
Cllr Vassie		
Cllr Waller		
Cllr Wann		
Cllr Waudby		
Cllr Webb		
Cllr Wells		
Cllr Whitcroft		
Cllr Widdowson		
Cllr Wilson		
Lord Mayor (Cllr Cullwick)		
43	0	4

The motion was accordingly declared CARRIED, and it was

Resolved:

- (i) That it be noted that on 1 December 2023 the Chief Finance Officer, under her delegated authority, calculated the council tax base for the year 2024/25:
 - (a) for the **whole Council area** as 69,097.60 [Item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the “Act”)]; and

- (b) for those dwellings in those parts of its area to which a **Parish** precept relates as in column 1 in the attached Schedule A.
- (ii) That the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2024/25 (excluding Parish precepts) be calculated as £113,926,740.
- (iii) That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2024/25 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
- (a) £558,853,007 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.
- (b) £443,927,044 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
- (c) £114,925,963 being the amount by which the aggregate at 9(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 9(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year. [Item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act].
- (d) £1,663.24 being the amount at 9(c) above [Item R], all divided by Item T (7(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish precepts).
- (e) £999,223 being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per the attached Schedule A).

(f) £1,648.78 being the amount at 9(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 9(e) above by Item T (7(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish precept relates.

(iv) That it be noted that the Fire and Crime Commissioner for the North Yorkshire Police Authority and the North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority has issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Act for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the tables below.

(v) That the Council, in accordance with sections 30 and 36 of the Act, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables below, and at Schedule B for Parished areas, as the amounts of council tax for 2024/25 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

City of York Council

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1,099.19	1,282.38	1,465.58	1,648.78	2,015.18	2,381.57	2,747.97	3,297.56

North Yorkshire Police Authority

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
204.57	238.67	272.76	306.86	375.05	443.24	511.43	613.72

North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
55.35	64.57	73.80	83.02	101.47	119.92	138.37	166.04

Aggregate of Council Tax Requirements (excluding Parished Areas)

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1,359.11	1,585.62	1,812.14	2,038.66	2,491.70	2,944.73	3,397.77	4,077.32

- (vi) That it be determined that the Council's basic amount of council tax for 2024/25 is not excessive in accordance with the principles approved under section 52ZB of the Act. As the billing authority, the Council has not been notified by a major precepting authority that its relevant basic amount of council tax for 2024/25 is excessive and that the billing authority is not required to hold a referendum in accordance with Section 52ZK Local Government Finance Act 1992

Action Required

1. Note the error within the report regarding Heworth Without Ward and take any required action. DM

68. Pay Policy Statement 2024-25 (10:06 pm)

Council received a report which presented the Pay Policy Statement for 2024-2025.

Cllr Douglas moved, and Cllr Kilbane seconded, the following recommendation contained in the report:

“That Council approve the Pay Policy Statement for 2024 – 2025.

Reason: In order to fulfil the requirements of Section 38 – 43 of the Localism Act 2011 for the Council to produce and publish an annual policy statement that covers a number of

matters concerning the pay of the Council's senior staff, principally Chief Officers and relationships with the pay of the rest of the workforce.

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

Resolved: That the above recommendation be approved.¹

Action Required

1. Note approval of the Pay Policy and take any action required. JB

69. Combined Authority Committee Place Allocations (10:08 pm)

Council received a report that sought nominations for the Combined Authority places available to City of York Councillors.

Cllr Douglas moved, and Cllr Kilbane seconded, the following recommendation contained in the report:

“That Council nominates members to fill the Combined Authority committee places noted in Annex A to the report.

Reason: To ensure allocations to the Combined Authority committees are made.”

The Labour Group nominated Cllr Melly and Cllr Crawshaw onto the York and North Yorkshire Combine Authority Audit and Governance Committee and Cllr Merrett and Cllr J Burton onto the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

The Liberal Democrat Group agreed to provide nominations to the Monitoring Officer and the Conservative Group nominated Cllr Rowley onto the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority Audit and Governance Committee.

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

Resolved:

- (i) That the above Labour and Conservative Group nominations be approved.¹

- (ii) That the Liberal Democrat Group provide their nominations to the Monitoring Officer.²

Action Required

1. To note the approval of the appointments and inform the Combined Authority as required. BR

2. That the Liberal Democrat Group nominations, to fill the Combined Authority committee places, be provided to the Monitoring Officer. JW

Cllr Cullwick

LORD MAYOR OF YORK

[The meeting started at 6.30 pm and concluded at 10.08 pm]