

## City of York Council

Resolutions and proceedings of the Meeting of the City of York Council held in the Guildhall, York on Thursday, 20th July, 2017, starting at 6.30 pm

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

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

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| Hull Road Ward | Huntington and New Earswick Ward |
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| N Barnes<br>M Pavlovic<br>H Shepherd | Cullwick<br>Orrell<br>Runciman |
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| Micklegate Ward | Osballdwick and Derwent Ward |
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| Crawshaw<br>Hayes<br>Kramm | J Brooks<br>M Warters |
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| Rawcliffe and Clifton Without Ward | Rural West York Ward |
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| P Dew<br>S Lisle<br>S Rawlings | Gillies<br>Steward |
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| Doughty<br>Douglas | S Hunter<br>A Waller |
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Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Wells, Crisp and Jackson

## 17. 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 **personal** interests were declared:

| <u>Councillor</u> | <u>Agenda Item</u>   | <u>Description of Interest</u>   |
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| Dew               | 8 – Motions on Notice (i) Ethical Care Charter (from Cllr D Myers) | Some members of his family receive benefits for home care                        |
| Mason             | 8 - Motions on Notice (iii) Mental Health (from Cllr Cullwick)     | Council's appointed governor for Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust |

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

| <u>Councillor</u> | <u>Agenda Item</u>   | <u>Description of Interest</u>   |
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| Flinders          | 6 – Report of Executive Leader and Executive Recommendations and Questions<br><br>7 – Report of Deputy Leader and Questions<br><br>10 – Report of Executive Member | References to York Central – as employee of Network Rail                                     |
| Crawshaw          | 8 Motions on Notice (iii) Mental Health (from Cllr Cullwick)   | Partner being under consideration for job with Tees, Esk and Wear Valley Mental Health Trust |

## **18. Exclusion of Press and Public**

Members were invited to indicate whether they wished to debate or question in any detail the information contained in the exempt annexes (1a, 1b, 2 and 3) to the report under agenda item 7 (minute No. 23 below) relating to a strategic commercial property acquisition, in which case, they would be asked to pass a resolution to exclude the press and public during such debate given the exempt nature of the business under discussion at that point.

No indication to debate the information concerned was made.

## **19. Minutes**

Resolved: That the minutes of the last Ordinary Council meeting of Council held on 30 March 2017 and the Annual Council meeting held on 25 May 2017 be approved and then signed by the Chair as correct records.

## **20. Civic Announcements**

The Lord Mayor drew Members' attention to two plaques which were displayed on the table which had been recently received. She informed Members that one of them had been presented by Cllr Trish Minson, Deputy Mayor of Falmouth on 3 October 2016 to the former Lord Mayor, Cllr Taylor. The other one had been presented by the Mayor of Douglas (Isle of Man) to herself when she visited York on 22 June 2017.

In addition, the Lord Mayor stated that she had recently visited the Harewood Whin Waste Transfer Station, where she had received a useful bag of compost.

## **21. Public Participation**

Four members of the public had registered to speak under public participation.

Anna Semlyen, a local resident, spoke in relation to the road safety petition which was to be presented later in the meeting by

Councillor Crawshaw. The petition called for a push button road crossing to be installed on Bishopthorpe Road at its junction with Butcher Terrace in order to improve pedestrian and cycle safety. She advised there had been numerous accidents at this junction and that it was not suitable for a zebra crossing due to it being a four way junction.

Andrea Dudding, Unison Lead Convenor and Branch Secretary, spoke in support of the motion to be moved by Councillor Danny Myers on Unison's Ethical Care Charter. She gave some examples of current working practices amongst care workers and stressed the need for fair standards for those cared for and those who provide the care and expressed her wish for York to be the next council to sign up to Union's Ethical Care Charter.

Claire Douglas, a local resident and trustee of Tang Hall Community Centre, spoke in support of the motion to be moved by Councillor Stuart Barnes on Universal Credit, Citizens Advice York and York Financial Assistance Scheme. She expressed concern about the implementation of the Universal Credit Full Service (UCFS) in York, the delays faced by residents in waiting for their first payments and the reduction in available Citizens Advice York (CAY) sessions and asked that members consider the effect on residents and look to devise an appropriate solution to the problem.

Honorary Alderman Brian Watson spoke on Castle Gateway. He advised that Guildhall Ward had received a presentation by the project team and at that time it had been agreed that presentations would be offered to other ward committees, but, to date, none appeared to have happened. He stressed that this was a large and important development for the city and it was important that all Wards were properly briefed and not just Guildhall Ward.

## **22. Petitions**

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

- Councillor Williams, on behalf of residents, calling for the installation of permanent basketball nets on Glen Gardens Basketball Court.<sup>1</sup>

- Councillor Crawshaw, on behalf of residents, calling for a safe crossing to be installed on Bishopthorpe Road, close to its junction with Butcher Terrace where significant safety concerns exist around pedestrian and cyclist safety.<sup>2</sup>

Action Required

1-2 Refer to Customer and Corporate Services                      CC  
Scrutiny Management Committee

**23. Report of Executive Leader and Executive Recommendations and Questions**

**A. Executive Leader's Report**

A written report was received from the Executive Leader, Cllr Carr on the work of the Executive.

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

- Cllr Derbyshire – reference to devolution but no mention of mention local plan in the report.
- Cllr Taylor – how York was planning to commemorate 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of twinning of city with Munster
- Cllr Looker – regional working and LEPs – discussions re dualling of outer ring road. Supplementary question from Cllr D'Agorne regarding available LEP funding towards public transport projects.<sup>1</sup>
- Williams – vision for devolution and need for cross party working

Cllr Carr responded directly to all the questions put to him, including supplementary questions, but agreed to respond in writing to the supplementary question from Cllr D'Agorne.<sup>1</sup>

**B Executive Recommendations**

**Shared Ownership Affordable Housing Programme**

Cllr Carr moved and Cllr Aspden seconded the following recommendation contained in Minute 161 of the Executive Meeting held on 18 May 2017

Recommended: That Council agrees a budget of £5.52m for the scheme funded from the HCA grant (£2.76m) and the HRA investment reserve (£2.76m).

Reason: So that the Council can formally accept the HCA investment and deliver this affordable home ownership programme as part of the Council's ambition to deliver a wider range of tenure products to meet the housing needs of the city.

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

Resolved: That the above recommendation in respect of the funding of the Shared Ownership Affordable Housing Programme, be approved. <sup>2</sup>

### **Capital Programme Outturn**

Cllr Carr moved and Cllr Aspden seconded the following recommendations contained in Minute 13 of the Executive meeting held on 29 June 2017

Resolved: That the Executive recommend to Full Council the restated 2017/18 to 2021/22 programme of £252.615m as summarised in Table 3 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 funding of the Capital Programme Outturn, be approved.

### **York Central Update and Partnership Agreement**

Cllr Carr moved and Cllr Aspden seconded the following recommendation contained in Minute 25 of the Executive meeting held on 13 July 2017.

Resolved: That the Executive recommends to Council that a budget of £37.4m be approved for the York Central

Transport improvements funded from the West Yorkshire Plus Transport Fund grant.

Reason: To ensure the delivery of York Central and to ensure that a range of access options have been considered.

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

Resolved: That the above recommendation in respect of the funding of the York Central Update and Partnership Agreement, be approved.<sup>3</sup>

### **Proposed York Outer Ring Road Improvement – Approach to Delivery**

Cllr Carr moved and Cllr Aspden seconded the following recommendation contained in Minute 26 of the Executive meeting held on 13 July 2017.

Resolved: That the Executive proposes to full Council that a budget of £34.2m be approved for the York Outer Ring Road improvements funded from the West Yorkshire Plus Transport Fund grant.

Reason: To confirm the detailed allocation within the budget for the delivery of the Outer Ring Road Upgrade scheme in accordance with the previous Council Decision taken in December 2016.

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

Resolved: That the above recommendation in respect of the Proposed Outer Ring Road Improvement – Approach to Delivery, be approved.<sup>4</sup>

### **Establishing an Investment Budget for a Strategic Commercial Property Acquisition**

Cllr Carr moved and Cllr Aspden seconded the following recommendation contained in Minute 27 of the Executive meeting held on 13 July 2017.

Resolved: That the Executive recommends to full Council:-

(i) the establishment of a capital budget of £15m, to be financed initially from borrowing, to fund the acquisition of freehold interest in a portfolio of city centre commercial property assets; and

(ii) to agree that any future capital receipts not currently assumed in the Capital strategy, be allocated to fund the purchase, thereby reducing in time the associated borrowing related to the investment. This will be updated in capital monitor reports in the future.

Reason: To ensure the ongoing economic vibrancy of the city centre and increase the income from the council's commercial property portfolio in order to achieve budget targets.

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

Resolved: That the above recommendation in respect of Establishing an Investment Budget for a Strategic Commercial Property Acquisition be approved.<sup>5</sup>

#### Action Required

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| 1 - Leader to provide response to question from Cllr D'Agorne   | CC |
| 2 - To note Council approval of budget for the scheme   | TB |
| 3 - To note Council approval for funding for York Central transport improvements                                  | TC |
| 4 - To note Council approval of budget for delivery of the scheme.  | NF |
| 5 - To note the allocation of capital funds with regard to the proposed Strategic Commercial Property Acquisition | TC |

## **24. Report of Deputy Leader and Questions**

A written report was received from the Deputy Leader, Councillor Aspden, on his portfolio area.

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

- Cllr Craghill – requesting assurance that highways will have sufficient staff resources to enable them to respond to ward requests for highway schemes.
- Cllr Pavlovic – housing delivery rates - support for Local Plan – provides best balance and opportunity to provide much needed housing.
- Cllr D Myers –closure of Army barracks

Cllr Aspden responded directly to all the questions put to him, including supplementaries.

## 25. Motions on Notice

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

#### **(i) Ethical Care Charter**

(proposed by Cllr D Myers and seconded by Cllr Shepherd)

“This Council notes that the UNISON Ethical Care Charter sets minimum standards to protect the dignity and quality of life for people who need homecare. It commits councils to buying homecare only from providers who give workers enough time, training and a living wage, so they can provide better quality care for thousands of service users who rely on it.

This Council recognises the important job that carers do and believes that the time allocated to visits should match the needs of the clients. Clients should be allocated the same homecare worker wherever possible and zero-hours contracts should not be used in place of permanent contracts. Homecare workers should be paid for their travel time, travel costs and other necessary expenses. Visits should be scheduled so that homecare workers are not forced to rush their time with clients or leave their clients early to get to the next one on time.

This Council asks the Corporate Director: Health, Housing and Adult Social Care to prepare a report for the Executive setting out the Council's current position in the different areas covered by the Charter, and the implications of signing up to it, to inform a plan for City of York Council adopting the Charter.”

An amendment was proposed by Cllr Runciman, and seconded by Cllr Fenton, as follows:

**“Remove** the following words from the last sentence:  
“to inform a plan for City of York Council adopting the Charter”

On being put to the vote the amendment was CARRIED.

A vote was then taken on the original motion, as altered by Cllr Runciman’s amendment, which was also CARRIED and it was

Resolved: That the original motion, as altered by Cllr Runciman’s amendment, be approved as set out below: <sup>1</sup>

“This Council notes that the UNISON Ethical Care Charter sets minimum standards to protect the dignity and quality of life for people who need homecare. It commits councils to buying homecare only from providers who give workers enough time, training and a living wage, so they can provide better quality care for thousands of service users who rely on it.

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This Council asks the Corporate Director: Health, Housing and Adult Social Care to prepare a report for the Executive setting out the Council's current position in the different areas covered by the Charter, and the implications of signing up to it”

**(ii) Channel 4**

(proposed by Cllr Carr and seconded by Cllr Galvin)

“Council notes:

That a consultation has recently closed soliciting views as to what extent Channel 4, a statutory body owned by the government, could more effectively contribute to regional growth, including questions as to whether all or part of its operations should be relocated outside of London;

There is enthusiasm throughout Yorkshire to position itself as the future home of all or part of Channel 4 should developments warrant;

That within Yorkshire, the Leeds City Region, and York itself would represent an ideal location for any such transfer of Channel 4 operations either in part or in full;

Council therefore resolves to take a proactive role in any decisions regarding the results of the consultation in order to position itself to work on behalf of bringing Channel 4 to Yorkshire and invites officers to maintain both a watching brief on developments and to put together preliminary plans to be able to respond in a timely matter to the potential outcomes of the consultation, including working with other organisations similarly enthusiastic about relocating Channel 4 to Yorkshire.”

On being put to the vote, the motion was CARRIED.

Resolved: That the motion be approved. <sup>2</sup>

### **(iii) Mental Health**

Councillor Cullwick sought Council’s consent to alter his motion to include Cllr Craghill’s proposed amendment.

“Under ‘Council welcomes’ **add** second bullet point:

- The first steps towards a long overdue comprehensive Mental Health Strategy for York.

Under ‘Council resolves’ **add** fourth bullet point as follows:

- To work through the Health, Housing and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee to closely monitor progress towards improved mental health services in York - taking into account the challenge to provide high quality hospital and community based services for all, in the context of a wider local health system facing financial crisis.”

Council agreed to the motion as altered above for debate, so that it now read:

“Council notes that:

- Mental health issues will affect 1 in 4 people at some point in their lives
- Over 5,000 people in Yorkshire and the Humber could be affected by mental health issues
- Mental health issues can shorten life expectancy in some cases by 15 to 20 years
- There is often a direct link between mental health and issues such as housing, employment, family problems or debt
- There is a growing consensus that it is unacceptable to treat people with mental health conditions any differently from those with physical health conditions.

Council welcomes:

- The £200,000 investment into mental health services as part of the 17/18 Council budget, including training for Youth Health Champions and a Ways into Work scheme.
- The first steps towards a long overdue comprehensive Mental Health Strategy for York.

Council resolves:

- To ask the Health and Well Being Board to work closely with the Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group, the Tees, Esk & Wear Valley Mental Health Trust and the local voluntary sector to support a fair deal for people with mental health conditions – including support for the Mental Health Concordat <http://www.crisiscareconcordat.org.uk/about/>
- To lend its support to the Executive Member for Health and Adult Social Care in championing mental health care, within her remit, fighting for the interests of those with mental health issues
- To write to the Secretary of State for Health asking him to ensure that mental health has parity of esteem with physical health throughout the health service and is funded accordingly.
- To work through the Health, Housing and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee to closely monitor progress towards improved mental health services in York - taking into account the challenge to provide high quality hospital and community based services for all, in the context of a wider local health system facing financial crisis.”

A vote was taken on the motion, as altered to incorporate the words of Cllr Craghill's amendment, which was CARRIED and it was:

Resolved: That the original motion, as altered, and set out above, be approved.<sup>3</sup>

**(iv) Universal Credit, Citizens Advice York and York Financial Assistance Scheme**

(proposed by Cllr S Barnes and seconded by Cllr Derbyshire)

“Council has concerns regarding the implementation of Universal Credit Full Service (UCFS) in York and the possible impact on the city's residents.

Council further notes the inquiry launched by the parliamentary Work and Pensions select committee, and recognises the ‘serious concerns’ identified by the committee, including:

- Claimants waiting 12 weeks or more for their first payment, resulting in hardship and distress.
- Vulnerable claimants struggling to adapt to receiving UC as a single monthly payment.
- The seven waiting days at the start of a claim, for which claimants receive no benefit, adding to claimants' financial difficulty.
- Rent arrears amongst UC claimants rising.
- Poor communications between landlords, support organisations and the Department for Work and Pensions where UC ‘full service’ is operating.
- UC inadequately supporting claimants in emergency temporary accommodation.

Council also regrets the fact that Citizens Advice York (CAY) is being forced to halve the number of days it is able to offer advice sessions to York residents due to funding difficulties at the same time as demand for help is expected to escalate.

Council has significant concerns that the implementation of UCFS will significantly impact on the level of rent arrears for the council's own housing stock.

Council resolves:

To request the relevant director to urgently produce costed options for presentation to the Executive or relevant Executive Member Decision Session for consideration and decision.

To further request the options presented to include:

- An option to provide temporary, urgent financial support to CAY to enable it to continue offering the full four-day service of advice sessions (that was available to citizens in York until recently) for at least the first 12 months following full implementation of UC;
- An option to provide dedicated drop-in outreach sessions around the city for clients encountering difficulties with UCFS
- An option to provide a dedicated housing officer available during such sessions to liaise with CAY advisers to help facilitate an early warning system where rent arrears as a result of the implementation of UCFS may lead to evictions
- Proposals to increase the awareness and uptake of the York Financial Assistance Scheme (YFAS) – Including: the ability for third party advocacy groups to make applications on behalf of residents; and, the ability for individuals or advocates to make YFAS applications online.”

An amendment was proposed by Cllr Cuthbertson, and seconded by Cllr Reid, as follows:

“ Under Council resolves:

**Delete** ‘costed options for presentation to the Executive or relevant Executive Member Decision Session for consideration and decision,’ **add** ‘an assessment for presentation to the relevant Executive Member Decision Session. This assessment should set out practical measures that the council and its partners could quickly put in place to mitigate the risk of residents being adversely affected by the introduction of UCFS’

**Delete** ‘To further request the options presented to’ **add** ‘this assessment should include, but not be limited to’

**Delete**, from the first bullet point, ‘An option to provide temporary, urgent support to enable it to continue offering the full four day

service of advice sessions (that was available to citizens in York until recently) for at least the first 12 months following full implementation of UC **add** ' Options for the provision of additional financial or other assistance to CAY and/or other partners to support access to drop-in outreach sessions for clients encountering difficulties with UCFS'

**Delete** the second bullet point , 'An option to provide dedicated drop-in outreach sessions around the city for clients encountering difficulties with UCFS'

**Delete** from the third bullet point, ' An option to provide a dedicated housing officer available during such sessions to liaise with CAY advisers to help facilitate an early warning system, **add** ' Options for an 'early warning system' to be put in place through which Housing Officers can quickly and easily signpost residents to sources of help and support'

**Delete** the word 'Proposal' from the fourth bullet point and **replace** 'Options'. **Add** in the word 'Scheme' after Assistant.

On being put to the vote the amendment was CARRIED.

A vote was then taken on the original motion, as amended above, which was CARRIED and it was:

Resolved: That the original motion, as amended above, and set out in full below, be approved. <sup>4</sup>

"Council has concerns regarding the implementation of Universal Credit Full Service (UCFS) in York and the possible impact on the city's residents.

Council further notes the inquiry launched by the parliamentary Work and Pensions select committee, and recognises the 'serious concerns' identified by the committee, including:

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Council also regrets the fact that Citizens Advice York (CAY) is being forced to halve the number of days it is able to offer advice sessions to York residents due to funding difficulties at the same time as demand for help is expected to escalate.

Council has significant concerns that the implementation of UCFS will significantly impact on the level of rent arrears for the council’s own housing stock.

Council resolves:

To request the relevant director to urgently produce an assessment for presentation to the relevant Executive Member Decision Session. This assessment should set out practical measures that the council and its partners could quickly put in place to mitigate the risk of residents being adversely affected by the introduction of UCFS.

This assessment should include, but not be limited to:

- Options for the provision of additional financial or other assistance to CAY and/or other partners to support access to drop-in outreach sessions for clients encountering difficulties with UCFS.
- Options for an ‘early warning system’ to be put in place through which Housing Officers can quickly and easily signpost residents to sources of help and support where rent arrears as a result of the implementation of UCFS may lead to evictions
- Options to increase the awareness and uptake of the York Financial Assistance Scheme – Including: the ability for third party advocacy groups to make applications on behalf of residents; and, the ability for individuals or advocates to make YFAS applications online.”

#### Action Required

1. Corporate Director, Health, Housing and Adult MF

Social Care, to prepare report for Executive setting out Council's current position in different areas covered by the Unison Ethical Care Charter, and implications of signing up to it.

2. Officers to maintain watching brief on development with regards to bringing Channel 4 to Yorkshire and put together preliminary plans to be able to respond to potential outcomes of consultation, including working with other organisations. IF

3. To take the actions detailed in council motion, as altered in minute number 25 (20 July 2017) MF

4. Relevant Director to produce an assessment for presentation to relevant Executive Member Decision Session setting out practical measures that council and partners could put in place to mitigate risk of residents being adversely affected by introduction of UCFS. MF

## 26. Questions to the Leader or Executive Members

In accordance with Standing Order 20, Members were then invited to question Cllr Carr and/or the 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 Cllr Aspden, Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Economic Development & Community Engagement

- From Cllr N Barnes – in relation to the process used to identify what areas should benefit for proposed extra highways funding.
- From Cllr Warters – importance of ensuring residents and local groups are in possession of full facts with regard to local plan so they are in position to comment during consultation process.
- From Cllr Kramm – queried why certain access solutions, ie Poppleton Road into York Central, had been excluded from further consultation on York Central. (*The Deputy*

*Leader referred Cllr Kramm to the Executive report and indicated that he would forward him a copy)*

- (ii) To Executive Member for Culture, Leisure & Tourism
  - From Cllr Hunter – request to commit to full open consultation on potential improvements to playing fields at Chesney Fields.
- (iii) To Executive Member for Transport and Planning
  - From Cllr Flinders – regarding measures to reduce congestion in the city, and air quality issues

The Executive Members responded directly to all the questions, including supplementary ones, put to them.

## **27. Report of Executive Member**

Council received a written report from Cllr Carr, Executive Member for Finance and Performance.

Resolved: That the report of the Executive Member for Finance and Performance be received and noted.

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

- Cllr Fenton – Customer Services - update on move of transactional revenues and benefits services online, and on MyAccount facility.
- Cllr N Barnes – Financial Management - concern that individual departments were over budget at end of year, particularly Economy and Place
- Cllr Craghill – Asset Management - believes that Asset Management Strategy should include assets of value to communities as well as assets of financial value.
- Cllr Wartens – Review of Administration and Accommodation – asked that Executive Member ensures rapid public dissemination of formal report of LGA peer

review team of council's procurement service when it is available.

- Cllr Kramm – Human Resources – ability to deal with individual cases of under-performance and breaches of processes.

Cllr Carr responded directly to the questions put to him.

## **28. Scrutiny - Report of the Chair of the Customer and 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 12 June 2017.

Councillor Williams moved and Cllr Galvin seconded acceptance of the report and recommendation of the Committee.

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.

## **29. Allocation to Seats and Appointments to the Council Structure and Outside Bodies for 2017/18 and Revisions to Health & Wellbeing Board Terms of Reference**

Council considered a report which set out details of the proposed new arrangements with regard to the revised allocation of seats, as a result of the By-Elections held on 8 June 2017 for Hull Road and Micklegate wards. The report also set out proposed revised appointments as a result of changes to proportionality but also to include standard in year changes in committee places. The report also sought Members approval for some slight amendments to the Terms of Reference of the Health and Wellbeing Board, further to those agreed at the Annual Meeting.

Resolved: (i) That the revised allocation of seats detailed at Annex A be approved.

(ii) That the appropriate revised appointments to committees, as set out in Annex B be approved.

(iii) That the further revisions to the Health and Wellbeing Board Terms of Reference, set out in Annex C to the report be approved.

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

Cllr Barbara Boyce  
LORD MAYOR OF YORK

*[The meeting started at 6.30 pm and concluded at 9.45 pm]*