

City of York Council

Resolutions and proceedings of the Meeting of the City of York Council held in The Citadal, Gillygate, York on Thursday, 31 October 2019, starting at 6.30 pm.

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

Acomb Ward	Bishopthorpe Ward
Lomas S Barnes	Galvin
Clifton Ward	Copmanthorpe Ward
D Myers Wells	Carr
Dringhouses & Woodthorpe Ward	Fishergate Ward
Widdowson Fenton Mason	D Taylor D'Agorne
Fulford and Heslington Ward	Guildhall Ward
Aspden	Fitzpatrick Craghill
Haxby & Wigginton Ward	Heworth Ward
Pearson Hollyer Cuthbertson	Douglas Perrett Webb
Heworth Without Ward	Holgate Ward
Ayre	Heaton Melly K Taylor

Hull Road Ward

Musson
Norman
Pavlovic

Huntington and New Earswick
Ward

Cullwick
Orrell
Runciman

Micklegate Ward

Baker
Crawshaw
Kilbane

Osbalwick and Derwent Ward

Rowley
Warters

Rawcliffe and Clifton Without Ward

Smalley
Wann

Rural West York Ward

Barker
Hook

Strensall Ward

Fisher

Westfield Ward

Daubney
Hunter
Waller

Wheldrake Ward

Vassie

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Doughty and Waudby.

26. 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.

Cllr Crawshaw declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 8(i) – Motions on Notice: Protecting Live Music Venues in York, as he ran a small monthly music event at a local pub. He left the room during consideration of that item and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

27. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the Special and Ordinary meetings of Council held on 17 July 2019 be approved and then signed by the Chair as correct records.

28. Civic Announcements

The Lord Mayor announced the recent death of Paddy Morrison, a former District Councillor for the Guildhall Ward, and invited Members to stand for a moment as a mark of respect.

Members later observed a minute's silence in remembrance of Hon. Alderman David Horton, twice a former Lord Mayor, and Hon. Alderman Keith Wood, a former Lord Mayor and former Sheriff, both of whom had sadly passed away in recent months.

The Lord Mayor also drew attention to the receipt of:

- 1,000 origami cranes, a gift from visitors from Nagasaki at the Hiroshima memorial event in St Helen's Square, which were available to view in the meeting room and
- A poppy brooch, given by the British Legion, which would be donated to the Civic office for the use of future Lord Mayors.

29. Public Participation

It was reported that eight members of the public had registered to speak at the meeting under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

Drew Thompson, a member of the YPHA, had registered to speak on the council's licensing policy but was not in attendance.

Gwen Swinburn, a local resident, commented on the motion on Brexit at Agenda Item 8(ii), suggesting it alienated residents who voted 'leave', and on the motion at Item 8(i), submitted by Cllr Crawshaw, citing a conflict of interests.

Andreas Heinemeyer, of Extinction Rebellion, spoke on the importance of Askham Bog, urging the Council to protect it from potential damage in the light of the ongoing planning appeal. He then presented a symbolic lantern to the Lord Mayor.

John Cossham spoke in support of the petition to be presented under Agenda Item 5, on behalf of the 20's Plenty campaign.

Clara Cullen, of the Music Centre Trust, spoke in support of Motion (i) at Agenda Item 8: Protecting York's Live Music Venues.

Harkirit Boparai, of the Crescent Community Venue, also spoke in support of Motion (i), mentioning the recent loss of several venues and the potential threat to the Crescent of a nearby flat conversion.

Tom Franklin, Chair of York Green Party, spoke in support of the amendment to Motion (ii) at Item 8, relating to Brexit.

Hon Ald Brian Watson spoke against Motion (ii), on the grounds that it was politically biased.

30. Petitions

Under Standing Order 15, the following petition 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:

- Cllr Fitzgerald - a petition signed by 368 residents, calling for a 20mph default speed limit extension for York.¹

Action Required

1 Add to petitions schedule for reporting to CSMC 1 SS
and relevant Executive Member.

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

A – Executive Leader’s Report

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

Prior to the responses from Opposition Group Leaders, it was moved by Cllr Rowley, and seconded by Cllr Warters, that Standing Order 16.2 be suspended to allow Cllr Rowley to respond to the Leader’s report in the absence of Cllr Doughty. On being put to the vote, this motion was declared LOST.

Members were then invited to question the Leader on his report. Questions were received from the floor from the following Members in relation to the subjects listed:

York Central

- Question from Cllr Rowley on when businesses were expected to move on site.
- Supplementary from Cllr Crawshaw on risk to the council in keeping the project moving forward.
- Supplementary from Cllr Perrett on priorities should the Housing Infrastructure Funding (HIF) bid not be successful.

The Leader responded, stating that matters would progress once the government released HIF funding for the infrastructure, the site risk was currently at its lowest level for 40 years and he would be happy to have further discussions with Opposition groups on the issues raised.

York Outer Ring Road (ORR)

- Question from Cllr Warters on whether dualling the ORR would facilitate over-development in the area.
- Supplementary from Cllr Warters on whether the Leader supported reducing the housing allocation in the Local Plan.
- Supplementary from Cllr Webb on whether the Deputy Leader had been involved in lobbying on the ORR.

The Leader responded, stating that dualling was needed to create space on the ORR, that sustainable transport must also be considered and that the Local Plan had been submitted and would

be tested on examination. The final question should be addressed to the Deputy Leader.

B – Executive Recommendations

Children in Care Residential Commissioning Plan

Cllr Aspden moved, and Cllr D’Agorne seconded, the following recommendation contained Minute 22 of the Executive meeting held on 18 July 2019:

Recommended: That Council allocate a capital budget of £1.36m, funded from prudential borrowing, to purchase 3 new buildings for the delivery of residential provision in York, with the revenue costs of the borrowing to be met from existing revenue budgets within Children’s Services.

Reason: In order to develop the city’s residential provision for children in care and ensure that the council meets its statutory sufficiency duty.

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

Resolved: That the above recommendation, relating to the CIC Commissioning Plan, be approved.¹

Capital Programme Monitor

Cllr Aspden then moved, and Cllr D’Agorne seconded, the following recommendation contained in Minute 36 of the Executive meeting held on 29 August 2019:

Recommended: That Council approve the adjustments resulting in a decrease of £65.816m in the 2019/20 budget, as detailed in the report and contained 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, relating to the Capital Programme, be approved.²

Reducing York's Carbon Footprint with Electric Vehicles

Cllr Aspden then moved, and Cllr D'Agorne seconded, the following recommendation contained in Minute 49 of Executive meeting held on 26 September 2019:

Recommended: That Council approve an increase in the budget of £700k, including £400k additional prudential borrowing, to fund the increased cost of the Hyper hubs project.

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, relating to Electric Vehicles, be approved.³

York Outer Ring Road Improvements

Cllr Aspden then moved, and Cllr D'Agorne seconded, the following recommendation contained in Minute 50 of Executive meeting held on 26 September 2019:

Recommended: That Council approve a budget of £7m for the 'enhanced option' upgrading of the Clifton Moor junction, to be funded from £2m West Yorkshire Transport Fund contribution and £5m prudential borrowing, the revenue costs of which will be incorporated in the 2020/21 Revenue Budget.

A named vote was then requested and taken on the recommendation, with the following result:

For	Against	Abstained
Cllr Aspden	Cllr Warters	
Cllr Ayre		
Cllr Baker		
Cllr Barker		

Cllr Barnes		
Cllr Carr		
Cllr Craghill		
Cllr Crawshaw		
Cllr Cullwick		
Cllr Cuthbertson		
Cllr D'Agorne		
Cllr Daubney		
Cllr Douglas		
Cllr Fenton		
Cllr Fisher		
Cllr Fitzpatrick		
Cllr Galvin		
Cllr Heaton		
Cllr Hollyer		
Cllr Hook		
Cllr Hunter		
Cllr Kilbane		
Cllr Lomas		
Cllr Mason		
Cllr Melly		
Cllr Musson		
Cllr Myers		
Cllr Norman		
Cllr Orrell		
Cllr Pavlovic		
Cllr Pearson		
Cllr Perrett		
Cllr Rowley		
Cllr Runciman		
Cllr Smalley		
Cllr D Taylor		
Cllr K Taylor		
Cllr Vassie		
Cllr Waller		
Cllr Wann		
Cllr Webb		
Cllr Wells		
Cllr Widdowson		
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The recommendation was declared CARRIED and it was

Resolved: That the above recommendation, relating to the Outer Ring Road, be approved.⁴

The Council Plan 2019-23

Cllr Aspden moved, and Cllr D'Agorne seconded, the following recommendation contained in Minute 61 of Executive meeting held on 24 October 2019:

Recommended: That Council approve the draft Council Plan 2019-23 attached as Annex A to the [Executive] report.

Reason: To progress the development of the Council Plan for the next four years.

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

Resolved: That the above recommendation, relating to the Council Plan, be approved.⁵

Action Required

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| 1. Note the resolution in respect of the Children In Care Residential Commissioning Plan and take any further action required. | 1 AH |
| 2. Note the resolution in respect of the Capital Programme and take any further action required. | 2 DM |
| 3. Note the resolution in respect of Reducing York's Carbon Footprint with Electric Vehicles and take any further action required. | 3 DA |
| 4. Note the resolution in respect of the York Outer Ring Road Improvements Update and take any further action required. | 4 TC |
| 5. Note the resolution in respect of the Council Plan 2019-23 and take any further action required. | 5 WB |

32. Report of Deputy Leader and Questions

A written report was received from Cllr D'Agorne, in his capacity as Deputy Leader.

Members were then invited to question the Deputy Leader on his report and questions were received from the floor from the

following Members in relation to the subjects listed and responded to by the Deputy Leader as indicated:

Council Plan

- Question from Cllr Rowley, on cross-party involvement in developing the Council Plan.

The Deputy Leader responded, stating that both coalition groups had been involved and all Members had had the opportunity to respond to public consultation.

Deputising for the Leader (WYCA meeting)

- Question from Cllr Baker, on extending expert advice on carbon budgeting across all council areas.
- Question from Cllr Wann, on actions identified from low carbon workshops.
- Question from Cllr Warters, on how dualling the York Outer Ring Road would affect carbon emissions.

The Deputy Leader responded, indicating that all council processes should take account of the zero carbon target as well as financial considerations. The workshops aimed to spread that message to all local authorities and LEPs. Sustainable development and transport infrastructure designed around sustainable travel were part of this approach.

Budget

- Question from Cllr K Taylor, on the timetable for consultation on the budget proposals.

The Deputy Leader responded, confirming that Executive Members would consider budget proposals for their individual portfolio areas in January 2020, at least 2 weeks before the Budget Executive meeting in February.

33. Motions on Notice

(i) Protecting Live Music Space

Moved by Cllr K Taylor and seconded by Cllr Lomas.

“Council notes:

- that culture is in the eye of the beholder and can mean different things to different people or groups;

- that offering a broad and balanced mix of culture, available to all York residents, is a crucial part of creating ‘a city that works for all’;
- that a musical performance can take many forms and the lines between musician, DJ, artist and performer are becoming increasingly blurred;
- that the recently developed Cultural Strategy makes little reference to the cultural significance of live music venues and nightclubs;
- that several of York’s high-profile music venues, Working Men’s Clubs and nightclubs have closed in recent years, with several others under threat.

Council believes:

- that there is an inherent value in bringing people together and sharing experiences;
- that the enjoyment of music and rhythm – live or recorded – crosses all social, cultural and economic boundaries;
- that pre-existing music venues should be supported and protected, particularly where the changing nature of the city centre, with increasing residential development, brings them into conflict with new neighbours;
- that nightclubs and performance venues can vary significantly, but that any problems – whatever their nature - should not preclude a venue from delivering greater cultural value through a different incarnation in the future;
- that a thriving, vibrant, diverse and responsibly managed early-evening, evening and night-time offer is a crucial part of the city’s economy.

Council resolves to call on Executive:

- to support the establishment of a York Music Venues Network, building on the existing work of the national charity Music Venues Trust at a local level;
- to work closely with the York Music Venues Network to assist in supporting and developing this crucial part of the city’s night-time economy;
- to include the York Music Venues Network in all future discussions relating to the city’s cultural offer;
- to include the York Music Venues Network as statutory consultees on all future developments in the city;

- to proactively work with ‘problem venues’ to ensure they are adding value to the city, giving them every chance to develop and change before the cultural potential of the space they occupy is lost;
- to endorse recognition of nightclubs and other ‘non-traditional’ performance spaces alongside live music venues as ‘Cultural Spaces’ under Local Plan Policy D3;
- to endorse routinely applying relevant Planning Conditions, in line with the “Agent of Change” policies reflected in Paragraph 182 of the 2019 NPPF, to all development surrounding “Cultural Venues” as recognised under Policy D3;
- to lobby the Government for legislative change to ensure music venues are eligible for business rate relief in the future.”

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

Resolved: That the above motion be approved.¹

(ii) Brexit

Moved by Cllr Widdowson and seconded by Cllr Wann.

“Council notes that the Conservative Government’s disastrous Brexit strategy, despite suffering numerous defeats in the House of Commons, will have serious consequences for jobs, our economy, our NHS and our place in the World. Council also notes that the national Labour Party leadership has failed to provide effective opposition to the Government’s Brexit plans, unlike the Liberal Democrats and other opposition parties.

Council further notes the hard work of ‘York for Europe’ supporters who have campaigned tirelessly to highlight the adverse consequences of Brexit for York and its citizens.

Council regrets:

- The unlawful proroguing of Parliament, supported by York Outer’s Conservative MP, which led to the biggest constitutional crisis faced by this country in recent years;
- That according to research produced by think tank ‘The UK in a Changing Europe’, Boris Johnson’s new Brexit deal

could reduce UK GDP, per capita, over ten years by between 2.3% and 7%, when compared to remaining in the EU;

- That Conservative and some Labour MPs continue to risk crashing the UK out of the EU with no deal, as demonstrated by the votes against the recent and successful 'Letwin' amendment;
- That Boris Johnson's Brexit deal, if agreed, does not remove the threat of 'No Deal', for the reason that if the Government fails to negotiate a Free Trade Agreement with the EU, the UK will still crash out of the EU without a deal and any opportunity for parliamentary intervention;
- That the Labour Party has faced two ways on Brexit and have recently adopted a party policy which effectively abandons the 58% of York residents who voted Remain in the 2016 referendum; and
- That both private businesses and public-sector organisations, such as the NHS, are facing labour shortages, and that inflation caused by Brexit-related depreciation of the pound is further driving up living costs for York residents.

Council resolves:

- To continue its work to make preparations for the impacts of Brexit, including participating in the Local Resilience Forum; communicating with local stakeholders; investing £10K into Citizens Advice York to assist with EU Settlement Scheme applications and allocating a further £100K to create a Community Involvement Officer post, tasked with engaging EU nationals;
- To make clear in all that it does that citizens from the other 27 EU member states living and working in York are welcome and will continue to be welcome in our city;
- To lobby the Government to ensure that the rights of EU citizens living and working in the UK are protected; and
- That Group Leaders send a letter to the Government, lobbying for a final say to be given to the public in a referendum, before we leave, with the option to remain."

Cllr Perrett then moved, and Cllr Myers seconded, and amendment to the motion, as follows:

"In the first paragraph:

- In the first sentence, after 'Council notes that the', **insert** *'current'*
- In the second sentence, after 'Council also notes':

- **delete** ‘that’
- **delete** all from ‘national’ to ‘alongside’ and **insert** ‘*ongoing efforts of*’
- **delete** all from ‘the’ to ‘other and **insert** after ‘opposition parties’ ‘*nationally, in holding the Government accountable on the impact of its approach to Brexit.*’

In the second paragraph:

after ‘citizens’, **insert** ‘, *and who worked constructively, cross-party, on its recent concordat, in which all signatories committed to finding a way to heal the current divide.*’

Under the section ‘Council regrets’:

- in the 3rd bullet point, add ‘*the*’ after ‘That’ and after ‘Conservative’ add ‘*Government*’ and remove the words ‘*and some Labour MPs*’
- in the 5th bullet point, after ‘That’ add ‘*the opportunity to*’ and remove from ‘*the to ;and*’ and add ‘*negotiate a final say referendum may be lost through short-term political posturing;*’
- Add a new 6th bullet point as follows:
‘*That the political leadership required to bring both sides of the Brexit argument together, respecting the democratic principles of this country and upon which far more than Brexit is dependent, has been largely absent*’

Under the section ‘Council resolves’:

- Add a new 1st bullet point as follows:
‘*To seek common ground across the political spectrum and to do our part to avoid a damaging deal or no-deal Brexit;*’
- Add a new 2nd bullet point as follows:
‘*To commit to ending the divisive nature of the discourse surrounding Brexit by respecting those with whose views we may disagree, by working to end the current harmful polarisation and bring the city and country back together again;*’
- Former bullet point 1 becomes bullet point 3. After the word ‘applications’, delete all of what remains of that bullet point;
- Former bullet point 2 becomes bullet point 4, after which add the following new bullet point 5:

‘To request that the Executive commits to details Brexit impact assessments on Council Departments without which, significant future costs to the Council could remain hidden and unplanned for’;”

The motion, as amended, now read as follows (amendments in italics):

“Council notes that the *current* Conservative Government’s disastrous Brexit strategy, despite suffering numerous defeats in the House of Commons, will have serious consequences for jobs, our economy, our NHS and our place in the World. Council also notes the *ongoing efforts* of opposition parties *nationally, in holding the Government accountable on the impact of its approach to Brexit.*

Council further notes the hard work of ‘York for Europe’ supporters who have campaigned tirelessly to highlight the adverse consequences of Brexit for York and its citizens, *and who have worked constructively, cross-party, on its recent concordat, in which signatories committed to finding a way to heal the current divide.*

Council regrets:

- The unlawful proroguing of Parliament, supported by York Outer’s Conservative MP, which led to the biggest constitutional crisis faced by this country in recent years;
- That according to research produced by think tank ‘The UK in a Changing Europe’, Boris Johnson’s new Brexit deal could reduce UK GDP, per capita, over ten years by between 2.3% and 7%, when compared to remaining in the EU;
- That *the Conservative Government* continues to risk crashing the UK out of the EU with no deal, as demonstrated by the votes against the recent and successful ‘Letwin’ amendment;
- That Boris Johnson’s Brexit deal, if agreed, does not remove the threat of ‘No Deal’, for the reason that if the Government fails to negotiate a Free Trade Agreement with the EU, the UK will still crash out of the EU without a deal and any opportunity for parliamentary intervention;
- That the *opportunity to negotiate a final-say referendum may be lost through short-term political posturing;*

- *That the political leadership required to bring both sides of the Brexit argument together, respecting the democratic principles of this country and upon which far more than Brexit is dependent, has been largely absent;*
- That both private businesses and public-sector organisations, such as the NHS, are facing labour shortages, and that inflation caused by Brexit-related depreciation of the pound is further driving up living costs for York residents.

Council resolves:

- *To seek common ground across the political spectrum and to do our part to avoid a damaging deal or no-deal Brexit;*
- *To commit to ending the divisive nature of the discourse surrounding Brexit by respecting those with whose views we may disagree, by working to end the current harmful polarisation and bring the city and country back together again;*
- To continue its work to make preparations for the impacts of Brexit, including participating in the Local Resilience Forum; communicating with local stakeholders; investing £10K into Citizens Advice York to assist with EU Settlement Scheme applications;
- To make clear in all that it does that citizens from the other 27 EU member states living and working in York are welcome and will continue to be welcome in our city;
- *To request that the Executive commits to detailed Brexit impact assessments on Council Departments without which, significant future costs to the Council could remain hidden and unplanned for;*
- To lobby the Government to ensure that the rights of EU citizens living and working in the UK are protected; and
- That Group Leaders send a letter to the Government, lobbying for a final say to be given to the public in a referendum, before we leave, with the option to remain.”

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

Resolved: That the above motion, as amended, be approved.²

(iii) County Lines

Moved by Cllr Kilbane and seconded by Cllr Douglas.

“Council believes that increased county lines activity has amplified the problem of illegal drug use in York and exacerbated a public health crisis that is causing significant harm to some of York’s most vulnerable residents and their communities. Council believes it is now an urgent priority to take a public health harm reduction approach to tackling illegal drug use and work with those directly affected by the problem.

Council notes:

- the devastating impact that the trade in drugs has on individuals and communities, including the exploitation of vulnerable adults and children, increased crime and anti-social behaviour in our neighbourhoods and the ensnaring of people into a life of illicit drug dependency;
- that multiple agencies, individuals and communities have made great efforts to combat the problem, and have achieved progress in spite of the difficulties involved;
- that most people develop dependencies on illicit drugs for multiple complex reasons and that mental health difficulties can be a common factor;
- that all York residents, regardless of age or social status, have the right to live healthy lives free from the harm caused by such drugs.

It further believes that to effectively tackle such activity, North Yorkshire Police relies on the engagement of those on the ground who are embedded in their communities - residents, people working on the front line and those taking illicit drugs themselves.

Council resolves to request that Executive:

- building on existing work, commissions a comprehensive, evidence-based strategy with partners based upon a public health harm reduction approach to drug misuse that runs alongside the criminal enforcement activities of North Yorkshire Police;
- develops that strategy, informed by global best practice, in conjunction with drug recovery practitioners, the CCG, mental health services, social services, housing and those

who have lived or are living with the effects of illicit drug dependency;

- considers options for providing a package of support for those caught up in illegal drug use from drug outreach to specialist housing and social workers, mental health practitioners and/or other types of support workers;
- considers options to support those communities being targeted by drug dealers, such as community outreach workers;
- supports the inclusion of those working at street level in any partnership working approach between the council and other agencies;
- recognises the scale of the challenge and considers reversing cuts to substance misuse services.”

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

Resolved: That the above motion be approved.³

Action Required

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| 1. Note approval of the motion on Protecting Live Music Space and schedule a report to Executive on the proposals in the motion. | 1 CC |
| 2. Note approval of the motion on Brexit and take action to co-ordinate a response to the proposals in the motion. | 2 IF |
| 3. Note approval of the motion on County Lines and schedule a report to Executive on the proposals in the motion. | 3 AH |

34. Questions to the Leader or Executive Members

In accordance with Standing Order 21, Members were invited to question the Leader and / or the other Executive Members in respect of any matters within their portfolio areas. Questions were received from the floor from the following Members in relation to the subjects listed and responded to by the relevant Executive Member as indicated:

(i) To Cllr Ayre, Executive Member for Finance & Performance:

- From Cllr Musson on why a decision had been taken not to purchase the Bootham Park Hospital site (*supplementary from Cllr Myers*).

Response: Purchasing the site would have incurred costs that risked cuts to front line services. Information on the risks and benefits would be put in the public domain. The council would do what it could, along with key partners, to see that the purchaser delivered a development in line with the masterplan for the site.

(ii) To Cllr Runciman, Executive Member for Health & Adult Social Care:

- From Cllr Douglas on concerns about a proposed budget cut to substance misuse services (*supplementaries from Cllrs Crawshaw and Pavlovic*).

Response: The proposal would be a matter for Council to decide as part of the budget process. The intention in the longer term was to focus on a public health approach, working with Health partners to put services in the community that could deal with issues at an early stage.

(iii) To Cllr Cuthbertson, Executive Member for Children, Young People & Education

- From Cllr Fitzpatrick, on derogatory comments he had allegedly made at a recent conference on social mobility (*supplementary from Cllr Crawshaw*).

Response: Cllr Cuthbertson denied making the comments as alleged; any comments he had made were not derogatory and did not allude to poverty or social status.

35. Report of Executive Member

A written report was received from Cllr D'Agorne, in his capacity as Executive Member for Transport.

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

Dualling of the Outer Ring Road

- Question from Cllr Webb - why had the Executive Member not endorsed the project in a recent press release and (*supplementary*) what were his plans to ensure the city centre was not used as a short cut in years to come?

The Executive Member responded, stating that there was nothing in the press release that required endorsement and that a detailed strategy would be developed within the new Local Transport Plan.

Bus Services

- Question from Cllr Lomas on consideration given to the future development of public bus services in York. (*Supplementary from Cllr Myers*).

The Executive Member responded, confirming that the additional services tendered for in January had begun operating in September. A new contract for Park & Ride services had been awarded to First York, with a commitment to electric buses. Further development would require further advice from Officers.

Local Transport Plan (LTP)

- Question from Cllr Pearson, on what action had been taken to develop the LTP.

The Executive Member responded, stating that the policy inherited from the previous administration was to refresh the LTP after determination of the Local Plan.

36. Scrutiny - Report of the Chair of the Customer and Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee

A written report was received from Cllr Crawshaw, Chair of the Customer and Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee, on the work of the Committee since the last report to Council, on 17 July 2019.

37. Appointments and Changes to Membership

Resolved: That the appointments set out on page 51 of the agenda papers be approved.

Cllr Janet Looker

LORD MAYOR OF YORK

[The meeting started at 6.30 pm and concluded at 10.07 pm]