

## City of York Council

Resolutions and proceedings of the Meeting of the City of York Council held in The Citadel, Gillygate, York on Thursday, 19th December, 2019, starting at 6.30 pm

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

Acomb Ward	Bishopthorpe Ward
S Barnes Lomas	Galvin
Clifton Ward	Copmanthorpe Ward
D Myers Wells	Carr
Dringhouses & Woodthorpe Ward	Fishergate Ward
Fenton Mason Widdowson	D'Agorne D Taylor
Fulford and Heslington Ward	Guildhall Ward
Aspden	Craghill Fitzpatrick Looker
Haxby & Wigginton Ward	Heworth Ward
Cuthbertson Hollyer Pearson	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  
Waudby

Rural West York Ward

Barker  
Hook

Strensall Ward

Doughty  
Fisher

Westfield Ward

Daubeney  
Hunter  
Waller

Wheldrake Ward

Vassie

### 38. **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:

Councillor	Agenda Item	Description of Interest
Barker	9(ii) - Motion on Affordable Housing Supply	As a landlord of properties in York
Cullwick	9(ii) - Motion on Affordable Housing Supply	As a landlord of properties in York
Douglas	9(ii) - Motion on Affordable Housing Supply	As a landlord of properties in York

No prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interests were declared:

### 39. **Minutes**

Resolved: That the minutes of the last meeting of Council, held on 31 October 2019, be approved and then signed by the Chair as a correct record.

### 40. **Civic Announcements**

The Lord Mayor announced that His Honour Judge Sean Morris was in attendance at the meeting and wished to say a few words about his appointment on 31 October 2019 to the post of Honorary Recorder of York. Judge Morris then spoke, expressing his appreciation for the appointment, which he considered a great honour in view of the ancient tradition of the post, and thanking Council Members for the work that they did in the city.

The Lord Mayor then invited Cllr Aspden to nominate the Lord Mayor Elect for the 2020/21 Municipal Year, subject to consideration of the Council's protocol for nominating Lord Mayors

at the Executive meeting on 21 January 2020. Cllr Aspden nominated Cllr Chris Cullwick as the Lord Mayor Elect.

Cllr Cullwick confirmed that he would be honoured to accept this office with the assistance of his wife, Joy Cullwick, as Lady Mayoress. He also nominated Cllr Ashley Mason as his Sheriff, with Danielle Mason as Sheriff's Lady, for the 2020/21 Municipal Year.

#### **41. Public Participation**

It was reported that five members of the public had registered to speak at the meeting under the Public Participation item.

Suzie Mercer spoke on a matter within Council's remit, querying why she had received no response to her query on inaccurate information presented to the Decision Session of the Executive Member for Transport on 24 October 2019 regarding a petition seeking a weight restriction on the B1228 through Elvington.

Gwen Swinburn spoke on Agenda Item 6 (Independent Remuneration Panel), expressing concern about the levels of the recommended increases to Members' Allowances and querying whether proper process had been followed in bringing the recommendations to Council.

Peter Richardson spoke on a matter within Council's remit, namely the level of the Adult Social Care precept, which he considered was unacceptably high and therefore precluded any increase to Members' allowances.

Manar Matusiak, of Living Autism Ltd., spoke in support of the 'Autism Friendly City' motion at item 9(i) on the agenda, describing the work already carried out by her organisation and others towards implementing an autism-friendly strategy in York.

Tom Franklin, of York Green Party, spoke in support of the motions on 'Tree Planting Policy' and A Healthier, Greener York at items 9(iii) and 9(iv) on the agenda, detailing the environmental and health benefits of trees and the need to reduce reliance on car based transport in order to reach carbon reduction targets.

## 42. Petitions

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

- A petition signed by 31 residents of Yearsley Crescent, asking for a consultation to be carried out for their street to become a Residents' Priority Parking zone.<sup>1</sup>

### Action Required

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

## 43. Independent Remuneration Panel

Council received a written report from the Monitoring Officer which presented the final report and recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) in relation to the allowances payable to Members.

The Lord Mayor invited the Chair of the IRP, David Dickson, to address the meeting prior to the recommendations being formally moved. In doing so, Mr Dickson outlined the work carried out by the panel members and explained the principles underlying their final recommendations.

Cllr Aspden then moved, and Cllr D'Agorne seconded, the following recommendations as set out on page 1 of the supplementary agenda papers:

"That Council:

- 1) Adopt the scheme of allowances recommended by the Panel and approve the financial implications from 1 April 2020 (an additional increased cost per annum of circa £120k) being addressed and taken into account, as part of the forthcoming budget setting process for the Council for 2020/21 onwards;
- 2) Authorise the Interim Chief Executive to implement the changes and backdate to 22 May 2019 (Annual Council Meeting), with any budgetary implications up to 31 March 2020 (an additional one-off cost of circa £100k) being met from the general contingency budget 2019/20;<sup>1</sup>
- 3) Ask the Monitoring Officer to make any consequential constitutional changes."<sup>2</sup>

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

<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstained</b>
Cllr Aspden	Cllr Doughty	
Cllr Ayre	Cllr Rowley	
Cllr Baker	Cllr Warters	
Cllr Barker		
Cllr Barnes		
Cllr Carr		
Cllr Craghill		
Cllr Crawshaw		
Cllr Cullwick		
Cllr Cuthbertson		
Cllr D'Agorne		
Cllr Daubney		
Cllr Douglas		
Cllr Fenton		
Cllr Fitzpatrick		
Cllr Galvin		
Cllr Heaton		
Cllr Hollyer		
Cllr Hook		
Cllr Hunter		
Cllr Kilbane		
Cllr Lomas		
Cllr Looker (Lord Mayor)		
Cllr Mason		
Cllr Melly		
Cllr Musson		
Cllr Myers		
Cllr Norman		
Cllr Orrell		
Cllr Pavlovic		
Cllr Pearson		
Cllr Perrett		
Cllr Runciman		
Cllr Smalley		
Cllr D Taylor		
Cllr K Taylor		
Cllr Vassie		
Cllr Waller		

Cllr Wann		
Cllr Webb		
Cllr Wells		
Cllr Widdowson		
<b>43</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>

*Note: Cllr Fisher was out of the room when the above vote was taken.*

The recommendations were declared CARRIED and it was

Resolved: That the above recommendations be approved.<sup>1&2</sup>

Action Required

1 Arrange for the changes to be implemented from IF  
January 2020, backdated to May 2019.

2 Update the Council's Constitution accordingly. JB

**44. 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.

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, and replied to as indicated:

Local Plan

- From Cllr Warters - did the Leader share the pride expressed by Cllr Ayre in the Plan, in view of the effect of inward immigration on the green belt and infrastructure of the city?

The Leader replied that he endorsed the comments of Cllr Ayre, and that the Plan provided the right balance between protecting the city and the green belt and providing economic opportunities and housing.

The Council’s Approach to Equalities

- From Cllr Fitzpatrick - was the approach anything more than words, as there had been no consultation with the Equalities

Board and no Liberal Democrat attendance at the Human Rights network?

- From Cllr Melly (supplementary) – why was there no re-assessment of the 2017 commitment to look at all policy through the prism of the Human Rights Act?

The Leader replied that he understood there was an action plan which Cllr Smalley would be happy to share with the network and that the report to Executive on 28 November 2019 had confirmed the 2017 commitment.

### Budget

- From Cllr Baker – how would the budget setting process proceed after the Executive Member Decision Sessions and would all Members have copies of the reports?

The Leader replied that all the budget papers for the Decision Sessions would be published at the same time and there would be a further opportunity to see the budget proposals when the agenda for the Executive meeting was published.

### Make it York (MIY)

- From Cllr Myers – in view of the effect on market traders of issues arising from this year's Christmas events, what future relationship was envisaged with MIY, and would the issues be discussed with its new Chair?

The Leader replied that the situation would be reviewed in the new year, to ensure that the council and MIY worked effectively together on major events in the future and improved their communications. He noted that much work had already been done to engage with MIY and that advice on safety and anti-terrorism measures also had to be taken into consideration.

## **B – Executive Recommendations**

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

Cllr Aspden moved, and Cllr D'Agorne seconded, the following recommendation contained in Minute 74 of the Executive meeting held on 28 November 2019:

Recommended: That a capital budget of £2.85 million be established to fund the acquisition of the freehold interest in a York city centre asset, as set out in the exempt annex to the (Executive) report.

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

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

Resolved: That the above recommendation be approved.<sup>1</sup>

#### Action Required

1 Note the resolution in respect of establishing an investment budget for a strategic commercial property acquisition, and take any further action required. NF

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

A written report was received from the Deputy Leader, Cllr D'Agorne.

Members were then invited to question the Deputy Leader on his report. Questions were received from the floor from the following Members in relation to the subjects listed below and responded to as indicated:

#### Make it York / Christmas market

- From Cllr Douglas – would there be a public apology to the York market traders and (supplementary) shouldn't action have been taken when the issue was flagged up in October?
- From Cllr Fitzpatrick (supplementary) – would opposition group representation on the MIY Board be considered?

The Deputy Leader replied that he would be happy to apologise to traders for the situation. Although a public response had been difficult at the time due to the 'purdah' period, action had been taken. The complaints had been escalated, discussed at a meeting and a solution reached that allowed more flexibility while recognising safety advice. He felt he had done all he could. Regarding membership of the Board, he would be happy to review the mechanisms put in place by the Labour administration.

### Bus-based Clean Air Zone

- From Cllr Barnes – was 100% compliance still expected from the bus operators and (supplementary) why was York not going as far as other authorities?

The Deputy Leader replied that, despite some delay, the policy remained the same, with funding made available for operators to convert non Park & Ride (P&R) vehicles to electric and for electric P&R vehicles to enter service in the new year. York had been excluded from government funding due to its size, so had to work within tighter financial constraints than cities such as Leeds.

## **46. Motions on Notice**

### (i) Autism-Friendly City

Moved by Cllr Fisher and seconded by Cllr Orrell.

“Autistic people see, hear and feel the world differently to other people. Autism is a spectrum condition and all autistic people share certain difficulties, but being autistic will affect them in different ways.

Some autistic people also have learning disabilities, mental health issues or other conditions, meaning people need different levels of support. All people on the autism spectrum learn and develop. With the right sort of support, all can be helped to live a more fulfilling life of their own choosing.

Our vision is to make York an autism-friendly city where people with autism have the same opportunities as everyone else.

Council notes:

- Autism is much more common than most people think. There are around 700,000 autistic people in the UK - that's more than 1 in 100;
- Whilst many autistic people are able to live a full independent life, some find certain situations difficult to cope with;
- York is proud to have an Autism Strategy, which is designed to support all those with autism in the city, and an Autism Strategy Board, which is made up of people from health and social care organisations, education, the police, charities, people with autism and their families and carers.

Council resolves:

- That Council officers identify opportunities for frontline staff and Councillors, who have regular interactions with residents, to receive appropriate training to help residents with autism receive the best service from the Council and their ward Councillors;
- To encourage other organisations who interact with the public to take note of the Council's Autism Strategy and offer training in autism awareness to their staff;
- That Council officers produce a report for consideration by the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Health, identifying opportunities where the Council can support young autistic people during their transition to adulthood, and raise awareness of the support already on offer in the city."

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

Resolved: That the above motion be approved.<sup>1</sup>

(ii) Affordable Housing Supply

Moved by Cllr Pavlovic and seconded by Cllr Douglas.

"This Council agrees with Executive that the city has a housing crisis. But it goes further in stating that the city has a crisis in the availability of genuinely York-affordable homes, and notes:

- that the Executive's Housing Delivery Programme (HDP) will deliver 120 homes for social rent, 120 for shared ownership and 360 to be sold at full market rate;
- the absence of any published financial appraisal of the HDP necessary to justify this split of tenures, nor of any alternative delivery models explored in delivering York-affordable homes that protect against the failing right to buy (RTB) system;
- that council homes built as part of the HDP will be eligible for RTB at build cost for anyone with 3 years secure tenancy; and after 15 years at the usual discount levels;
- the loss of 331 social rented council homes over the past five years through RTB - 211 more than the HDP will create over the same five year period;
- £1.2m in RTB monies returned to the Government as a result of the previous administration failing to plan sufficient housing to spend them within a set period;

- A recent Bureau of Investigative Journalists' report showing only 7 two bed flats available in York to those in receipt of Housing Benefit in the private rented sector.

Council requests that Executive:

- publishes a full economic appraisal of the HDP at an Executive meeting by April 2020;
- commissions an initial appraisal, to be reported at Executive by April 2020, of alternative options for delivering York-affordable homes, including options for co-development with Housing Associations, or novating or selling land to Housing Associations in return for sole nomination rights;
- reviews ways in which RTB receipts can be used in full to avoid them being handed back to Government, and reports this to a public Executive meeting within six months."

At this point, Cllr Crawshaw objected to an amendment of which notice had been given on the grounds that it negated the original motion and was therefore inadmissible. The Chair ruled that the amendment did not negate the motion and was admissible.

Cllr Craghill then moved, and Cllr Ayre seconded, the amendment to the motion, as follows:

**Delete** the first paragraph and **replace** with:

*"This Council agrees with Executive that the city has a housing crisis and that a key part of this is a crisis in the availability of genuinely York-affordable homes to rent and to buy. Council notes:"*

**Delete** bullet points one to five and **replace** with:

- *'That the Executive's Housing Delivery Programme (HDP) will deliver 600 new homes across 8 sites with a minimum of 120 homes for social rent, 120 for shared ownership and the remainder sold at market rate to fund the ongoing programme.'*
- *'That the Housing Delivery Programme is leading the way both in York and nationally in delivering high quality, 100% certified Passivhaus homes with very low energy bills as part of zero carbon developments and that work is underway to bring additional sites and additional affordable homes into the programme.'*
- *That the rationale for the current financial model (with a minimum 40% affordable split) was set out in the Executive*

*decision of July 2018 and builds in the resilience to enable the Delivery Programme to take advantage of opportunities to grow, take on new sites and deliver increased numbers of best-practice based mixed tenure developments in future. The minimum 40% split may be increased on a site by site basis.*

- That the Council is actively supporting and promoting alternative models of delivery such as Community Led Development and Self Build and is also exploring the potential for partnerships with other social housing providers.*
- That the Government's Right to Buy policy has been disastrous in terms of undermining the supply of social rented housing in York, as elsewhere in the country, with the loss of half our housing stock since 1980.*
- That very complex rules govern the use of Right to Buy Receipts (eg. they can't be used where Homes England grant has been received, they can only cover 30% of costs and must be used within 3 years.) In York since self-financing began in April 2012, we have received a total of £32.102m of Right to Buy receipts of which £13.115m has been retained as 1-4-1 receipt to be spent specifically on new social housing (up to quarter 2 2019/20), whilst £1.682m of retained receipts has had to be returned to the Government. As the Housing Delivery Programme develops retention will improve.*

*In the last bullet point, after the word 'sector' insert 'an affordability problem made worse by the current Government rules on the Local Housing Allowance, which determines Housing Benefit levels.'*

*Under the section 'Council requests that Executive:'*

**Delete** all three bullet points and **replace** with:

- 'Requests reports at least every six months on the progress of the Housing Delivery Programme as well as an annual report on the status of Right to Buy receipts.'*
- Requests reports every six months on the progress of alternative options for delivering York-affordable homes, including options for co-development with housing associations, support for community led housing and self-build and other innovative models.*
- Continues to review ways in which Right to Buy receipts can be used in full to avoid them being handed back to Government.*

**Add** two final new bullet points:

- *Writes to the appropriate Minister to urge that the new Government reviews the negative impact of the Right to Buy policy as quickly as possible and at the very least introduces more flexibility into how Right to Buy receipts can be used by local councils.*
- *Writes to the appropriate Minister to once again urge changes to the Local Housing Allowance, which currently includes York in a wider area with cheaper housing thereby exacerbating difficulties in the private rented sector for people on Housing Benefits.”*

On being put to the vote, the amendment was declared CARRIED.

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

*“This Council agrees with Executive that the city has a housing crisis and that a key part of this is a crisis in the availability of genuinely York-affordable homes to rent and to buy. Council notes:*

- *That the Executive’s Housing Delivery Programme (HDP) will deliver 600 new homes across 8 sites with a minimum of 120 homes for social rent, 120 for shared ownership and the remainder sold at market rate to fund the ongoing programme;*
- *That the Housing Delivery Programme is leading the way both in York and nationally in delivering high quality, 100% certified Passivhaus homes with very low energy bills as part of zero carbon developments and that work is underway to bring additional sites and additional affordable homes into the programme.*
- *That the rationale for the current financial model (with a minimum 40% affordable split) was set out in the Executive decision of July 2018 and builds in the resilience to enable the Delivery Programme to take advantage of opportunities to grow, take on new sites and deliver increased numbers of best-practice based mixed tenure developments in future. The minimum 40% split may be increased on a site by site basis.*
- *That the Council is actively supporting and promoting alternative models of delivery such as Community Led*

*Development and Self Build and is also exploring the potential for partnerships with other social housing providers.*

- *That the Government's Right to Buy policy has been disastrous in terms of undermining the supply of social rented housing in York, as elsewhere in the country, with the loss of half our housing stock since 1980.*
- *That very complex rules govern the use of Right to Buy Receipts (eg. they can't be used where Homes England grant has been received, they can only cover 30% of costs and must be used within 3 years.) In York since self-financing began in April 2012, we have received a total of £32.102m of Right to Buy receipts of which £13.115m has been retained as 1-4-1 receipt to be spent specifically on new social housing (up to quarter 2 2019/20), whilst £1.682m of retained receipts has had to be returned to the Government. As the Housing Delivery Programme develops retention will improve.*
- *A recent Bureau of Investigative Journalists' report showing only 7 two bed flats available in York to those in receipt of Housing Benefit in the private rented sector, an affordability problem made worse by the current Government rules on the Local Housing Allowance, which determines Housing Benefit levels.*

Council requests that Executive:

- *Requests reports at least every six months on the progress of the Housing Delivery Programme as well as an annual report on the status of Right to Buy receipts.*
- *Requests reports every six months on the progress of alternative options for delivering York-affordable homes, including options for co-development with housing associations, support for community led housing and self-build and other innovative models.*
- *Continues to review ways in which Right to Buy receipts can be used in full to avoid them being handed back to Government.*
- *Writes to the appropriate Minister to urge that the new Government reviews the negative impact of the Right to Buy policy as quickly as possible and at the very least introduces more flexibility into how Right to Buy receipts can be used by local councils.*
- *Writes to the appropriate Minister to once again urge changes to the Local Housing Allowance, which currently*

*includes York in a wider area with cheaper housing thereby exacerbating difficulties in the private rented sector for people on Housing Benefits.”*

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

Resolved: That the above motion, as amended, be approved.<sup>2</sup>

(iii) Tree Planting Policy

Council having consented to an alteration to the third motion in order to incorporate amendments received from Cllr Baker and Cllr K Taylor, the following motion, as altered, was moved by Cllr Wann and seconded by Cllr K Taylor:

“Local Government has a critical role to play in an effective transition to zero carbon. Although considerable national effort is required to tackle the climate emergency, many solutions are best tackled locally with cities, towns and rural communities working together. A part of that solution is to embark on an ambitious programme of tree planting.

Council notes:

- Forest Research, Britain’s principal organisation for forestry and tree related research, says that the average tree canopy cover figure in England is 16%, measured from 283 towns and cities. York has only 5% tree cover and Friends of the Earth recommends that this should be, at least, doubled.
- As trees grow, they absorb and store the carbon dioxide emissions that are driving global warming, as well as removing pollutants from the air and improving our air quality;
- A study found that, worldwide, there is the potential for an extra 900 million hectares (2.2 billion acres) of tree cover in areas that would naturally support woodland and forests. As they grow and mature, the trees could absorb and store 205 billion tonnes of carbon, analysis published in the journal Science suggests;
- In York, all political parties have committed to new tree planting in the city as part of the efforts to tackle the climate emergency;

- That this administration has already invested £33K to support the Northern Forest initiative, £25K to produce zero-carbon supplementary planning guidance and is further considering at least £66K to create a Carbon Reduction and Sustainability Officer and capacity budget.

Council resolves:

- That council officers ensure the Carbon Reduction and Sustainability Officer post funded in June it made a priority and advertised for recruitment by 31 January 2020. Furthermore, as part of developing a new 'tree planting policy' for the city, council officers should prepare a report for consideration of the Executive, to set out plans to:
  - Plant at least 50,000 trees across the city over the next three years;
  - Identify available and suitable green spaces in Council ownership for tree planting;
  - To request an update on the progress made so far in developing a Pollinator Action Plan.
- That a further report is produced for the Executive Member for the Environment and Climate Change on how to *invest* further in the maintenance of existing trees in the city.
- To request an update on the progress made so far in developing a Pollinator Action Plan.
- That council officers review and strengthen the 2017 Arboricultural Policy for York in light of the climate emergency e.g. strengthening the protection of existing mature trees.
- To request the Environment Agency to plant more trees on land upstream to slow the flow of rainfall into rivers and reduce the risk of flooding in York."

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

Resolved: That the above motion be approved.<sup>3</sup>

(iv) A Healthier, Greener York

Moved by Cllr Crawshaw and seconded by Cllr Heaton.

"Council notes:

- Our cross-party declaration of a Climate Emergency;
- Our stated aim of York becoming Carbon Neutral by 2030;

- The negative health impact of poor air quality, particularly on children and the elderly;
- The negative impact of congestion on both the city's economy and the emotional health and well-being of road users;
- The City's adopted Local Transport Plan which places pedestrians at the top of its transport hierarchy, followed by those with mobility problems and then cyclists.

Council believes:

- York will not become carbon neutral by 2030 without taking sometimes difficult, often ambitious steps;
- Pro-actively managing congestion in the city's urban core (within and around the city walls) will help to reduce carbon emissions and increase the attraction and uptake of sustainable transport options, such as cycling and public transport, across the whole city;
- Fewer vehicles in the city's urban core will benefit those residents who genuinely depend on private vehicles to access the city centre, such as Blue Badge holders, as well as creating a healthier environment for residents, traders and visitors alike.

Council resolves:

- To request that Members and Officers work closely, collaboratively and constructively to achieve meaningful, measurable and significant change to our city's carbon emissions within the term of this current administration;
- To work across political parties to build a city-wide consensus around reducing and removing unnecessary car journeys throughout the city;
- To prioritise establishing walking, cycling and public transport as genuinely viable and attractive alternative transport options for residents living in all parts of York, particularly including the villages and outer areas.
- To request that the Executive Member for Transport:
  - develops and implements a plan, taking into account all financial and legal considerations, to restrict all non-essential private motor vehicle journeys 'within the city walls' by 2023;
  - works closely with disability advocacy groups and Blue Badge holders to ensure that access to the city centre is maintained and improved for people with mobility

difficulties or who are otherwise unable to use public transport;

- in collaboration with the Executive Member for Children, Young People & Education, explores opportunities to restrict all non-essential motor vehicles from accessing the roads immediately adjacent to the city's primary schools at drop-off and pick-up times;
- works constructively with traders in any plans to ensure deliveries continue and businesses are not negatively impacted by any changes to city centre access."

Cllr Fenton then moved, and Cllr Waller seconded, an amendment to the above motion, as follows:

Under 'Council resolves', in the 4<sup>th</sup> bullet point:

a) **delete** the 1<sup>st</sup> sub-bullet point and **insert**:

*"Subject to the 'my city centre' consultation and a refresh of the Local Transport Plan, prepares a plan by 2021, in conjunction with residents and businesses, to significantly reduce or remove non-essential motor vehicle journeys from 'within the city walls', taking into account all financial and legal considerations;*

b) In the 3<sup>rd</sup> sub-bullet point, before 'restrict', insert 'significantly reduce or'.

At this point, Cllr Warters moved, and Cllr Myers seconded, a proposal to extend the meeting under Standing Order 11.2. On being put to the vote, that proposal was declared CARRIED.

The amendment was then put to the vote and declared LOST.

The original motion was then put to the vote and declared CARRIED and it was

Resolved: That the above motion be approved.<sup>4</sup>

#### Action Required

1 Note approval of the Autism-Friendly City motion, SH  
schedule a report on the Forward Plan for  
Executive, and take any further action required.

2 Note approval of the amended motion on SH  
Affordable Housing Supply, schedule updates on

the Executive Forward Plan, write to Ministers and take any further action required.

3 Note approval of the altered motion on a Tree Planting Policy, schedule reports on the Forward Plan for the Executive and Executive Member Decision Session, and take any further action required. NF

4 Note approval of the motion on A Healthier, Greener York and take any further action required. NF

#### **47. 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 on 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:

##### To Cllr Aspden, Executive Leader:

- From Cllr Rowley - could he confirm that, once the HIF funding had been released, he would push ahead with York Central?

Response: Yes, now that the Housing Minister and the Northern Powerhouse Minister were back in their posts, it was an appropriate time to go back to them and seek release of the funding.

#### **48. Report of Executive Member**

A written report was received from Cllr Smalley, the Executive Member for Culture, Leisure and Communities.

Members were then invited to question Cllr Smalley on his report and questions were received from the floor from the following Members in relation to the subjects listed, and replied to as indicated:

##### The York Community Stadium, Community Hub

- From Cllr Doughty – why did he need the help of so many officers in writing his report and did he regret being the first Executive Member with this portfolio not to be trusted with the Community Stadium itself?

- From Cllr Ayre (supplementary) – would it not have been remiss of him to exclude mention of the Hub, since it was part of York Explore libraries and thus within his portfolio?

The Executive Member replied that he had thanked officers out of courtesy and that, as a major project, the Stadium fell within Cllr Ayre's portfolio. He agreed that it was appropriate to mention the Hub and highlight this administration's commitment to libraries.

#### Community Venues and Hubs

- From Cllr D Taylor – could more be done to support local music promoters, such as managed poster sites in the city as suggested by a previous scrutiny review of the night time economy?

The Executive Member agreed that it could and that he would be happy to facilitate a meeting with Cllr Taylor and the York Music Venues Network to progress this.

- From Cllr Hollyer – when would the new Burnholme Sports Centre be opening?

The Executive Member replied that the Centre would open on 8 January 2020, with a new gym, 2 studios and a sports hall; grass pitches would open in early autumn.

- From Cllr D Taylor – would discussions be held with operators SMG Europe on increasing the capacity of the Barbican to 2,000, to attract larger acts to the city?

The Executive Member replied that he would be happy to open a dialogue with SMG on this proposal.

#### **49. Scrutiny - Report of the Chair of the Customer & Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee, and Scrutiny Recommendation**

A written report was received from Cllr Crawshaw, Chair of the Customer & Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee on the work of the Committee since the last report to Council, on 31 October 2019.

Cllr Crawshaw then moved, and Cllr K Taylor seconded, the following recommendation contained in Minute 24 of the meeting

of the Climate Change Policy & Scrutiny Committee held on 16 December 2019:

Recommended: That Council sign up to the Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy at the 19 December 2019 meeting.

Reason: To ensure that the Committee continued to support the Council's pledge to becoming carbon neutral by 2030.

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

Resolved: That the above recommendation be approved.<sup>1</sup>

Action Required

Make arrangements for the Covenant to be formally signed on behalf of the Council. WB

**50. Appointments and Changes to Membership**

Resolved: That the appointments set out on page 17 of the Agenda Supplement be approved.

**51. Designation of Monitoring Officer**

Cllr Aspden moved, and Cllr Cuthbertson seconded, the following recommendation set out in the report at page 89 of the Agenda:

Recommended: That Council remove the designation of the role of the Monitoring Officer from the Interim Assistant Director of Legal & Governance and re-designate it to the Director of Governance on 1 January 2020.

Reason: To ensure that the Council is compliant with its legal obligations and is operating appropriately with the necessary advice and guidance required from a Monitoring Officer.

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

Resolved: That the above recommendation be approved.<sup>1</sup>

Action Required

1 Note approval of recommendations regarding the IF  
designation of the role of Monitoring Officer and  
take any further action required.

Cllr Janet Looker

LORD MAYOR OF YORK

*[The meeting started at 6.30 pm and concluded at 10.35 pm]*