

Meeting	Decision Session - Executive Member for Housing, Planning and Safer Communities
Date	4 December 2024
Present	Councillor Pavlovic (Executive Member)
Officers in Attendance	Becky Eades – Head of Planning and Development Services Alison Stockdale - Strategic Planning Policy Manager Alison Cooke - Head of Strategic Planning Policy

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#### **14. Declarations of Interest (3:01pm)**

The Executive Member was asked to declare, at this point in the meeting, any disclosable pecuniary interests, or other registerable interests he might have in the respect of business on the agenda, if he had not already done so in advance on the Register of Interests. None were declared.

#### **15. Minutes (3:01pm)**

Resolved: That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 13 November 2024 be approved and then signed as a correct record by the Executive Member.

#### **16. Public Participation (3:02pm)**

It was reported that there had been two registrations to speak at the meeting under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

Steve Secker spoke on item 4, representing the York Chamber of Commerce. He supported recommendations, stating that the Planning Protocol would provide more jobs and more infrastructure for the city, while also respecting its heritage.

Eamonn Keogh, also of York Chamber of Commerce, spoke on item 4; he supported the proposed Planning Protocol, adding that once approved it should be viewed and referenced as a live document.

## **17. Planning Protocol (3:09pm)**

The Head of Planning Development Services presented the report, advising that officer recommendation was for the Executive Member to agree the principle of the Protocol, and to delegate authority to her.

The Executive Member noted that this first Planning Protocol had been universally welcomed, within the Council and externally.

Referencing Public Participation, The Executive Member concurred that there was a need to embed the Protocol as a live document and to continue to work with the development community. He stated that he looked forward to seeing this evolve in the future.

The Executive Member commended the hard work of Council Officers, the Local Planning Authority, York Chamber of Commerce and local developers, all of whom had put in a lot of work to produce this Planning Protocol.

The Executive Member then

**Resolved:** To agree to the principle of the Protocol and delegate authority to finalise and implement the Protocol to the Head of Planning and Development Services.

**Reason:** To allow the protocol to progress to a live and agreed document.

## **18. Proposed consultation on draft validation checklist (3:17pm)**

The Principal Strategic Planning Policy Officer introduced the report and presented it alongside the Head of Strategic Planning Policy. Officers noted that the Council did not currently have an up-to-date validation checklist and the proposed document filled that gap. It was intended that supplementary planning documents would augment this checklist in the future.

Officers clarified on record that the initial draft of the recommendation had been updated due to that version noting an incorrect delegation; the earlier draft recommended delegation to the Director of Environment, Transport and Planning and this had subsequently been amended to recommend delegation to the Director of City Development.

The Executive Member asked who this consultation would go to and for how long it would run. Officers advised that the statement of community involvement required citywide consultation, and that once responses were assessed they would be published on the CYC website, including any specific targeted groups. Officers advised that statutory consultations usually ran for 6-8 weeks.

The Executive Member agreed with officers' proposals to do targeted consultation at the sector, stating that this made sense. He noted that the checklist would further facilitate the Council working alongside planners, developers, and residents.

The Executive Member asked whether the validation checklist would come back to him for approval following completion of the consultation. Officers responded that it would not, as once delegated it would fall under the remit of the Director of City Development.

This confirmed, the Executive Member

Resolved:

- i. To agree to carry out a public consultation, in accordance with the draft SCI, on the draft validation list;
- ii. To delegate authority to the Director of City Development to agree any minor changes to the validation requirements arising from any changes to the Local Plan required by the inspectors pre-consultation and arising from representations received during the public consultation;
- iii. To delegate authority to the Director of City Development to agree a consultation strategy;
- iv. To delegate authority to the Director of City Development to publish the final version of the validation list on the CYC website;
- v. To delegate authority to the Director of City Development to authorise minor changes to the validation list in the future to reflect national or local policy changes.

Reason: To allow a regulatory compliant Validation List to be published.

Cllr M Pavlovic, Executive Member

[The meeting started at 3.01 pm and finished at 3.28 pm].