

**CITY OF YORK COUNCIL  
SUMMONS**

All Councillors, relevant Council Officers and other interested parties and residents are formally invited to attend a meeting of **Council at The Guildhall, York**, to consider the business contained in this agenda on the following date and time

Thursday, 26 March 2026 at 6.30 pm

(or at the rise of the Extraordinary Council Meeting which precedes it at 6.15pm.)

## **A G E N D A**

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

To receive and note apologies for absence.

### **2. Declarations of Interest (Pages 15 - 16)**

At this point in the meeting, Members are asked to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest, or other registerable interest, they might have in respect of business on this agenda, if they have not already done so in advance on the Register of Interests. The disclosure must include the nature of the interest.

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**4. Minutes (Pages 17 - 36)**

To approve and sign the minutes of the Budget Council meeting held on 12 February 2026.

**5. Civic Announcements**

To consider any announcements made by the Lord Mayor in respect of Civic business.

**6. Petitions**

To consider any petitions received from Members in accordance with Standing Order B6.

Notice has been received of four petitions to be presented by:

- Councillor Warters on behalf of local residents to maintain open access for vehicles on Ouse Bridge and Rougier Street.
- Councillor Waller on behalf of residents of Cornlands Road, calling on City of York Council to develop a road safety scheme to protect residents and their vehicles from further collisions on Cornlands Road.
- Councillor Fisher on behalf of the residents of Sheriff Hutton Road, Strensall, to introduce a 40mph speed limit along Sheriff Hutton Road from the former Pigott's Autoparts centre to the current 30mph limit.
- Councillor Fisher on behalf of residents of Sheriff Hutton Road, Strensall, to install a footpath along Sheriff Hutton Road from the Manor Park site as far as Strensall Cemetery.

**7. Report of the Leader and Executive (Pages 37 - 64)**

To receive and consider a report from the Leader of the Council and Executive providing an update on key activity since the last Council meeting.

**8. Questions to the Leader or Executive Members**

To ask questions of the Leader of the Council and/or Executive

Members in respect of any matter within their portfolio responsibility, in accordance with Standing Order B8.

**9. Recommendations of Executive (Pages 65 - 68)**

To receive and consider for approval the recommendations of Executive, as set out in the attached Part B minute.

Meeting	Date	Agenda
Executive	3 March 2026	Delivering More Affordable Housing in York – Castle Mills (Minute No. 211 refers)  <a href="https://democracy.york.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Clid=733&amp;Mid=15182&amp;Ver=4">https://democracy.york.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Clid=733&amp;Mid=15182&amp;Ver=4</a>

**10. Report of the Chair of Corporate Scrutiny Committee (Pages 69 - 72)**

To receive a report from Councillor Fenton, Chair of Corporate Scrutiny Committee, on the work of Scrutiny.

**11. Constitutional Changes - Revised Joint Standards Committee Procedures and Associated Required Amendments (Pages 73 - 86)**

To receive a report from the Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer presenting constitutional changes in relation to revised Joint Standards Committee Procedures and Associated Required Amendments.

**12. Delegation of Local Transport Functions from York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority (Pages 87 - 90)**

To receive a report from the Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer which seeks approval from Council to enter into a section 101 agreement with York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority (CA) to allow City of York Council (CYC) to continue providing the public transport functions within CYC's Bus Service Improvement Plans (BSIPs).

### **13. Appointments to the Independent Remuneration Panel and Commencement of Review (Pages 91 - 94)**

To receive a report from the Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer, which seeks Council's agreement to the appointment of Mark Fynn, Stuart Gibb, and Matt Williams to the Council's Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP), and the commencement of the 2026 IRP review.

### **14. Motions on Notice**

To consider the following Motions on Notice under Standing Order B10:

#### **1) Protecting York's Independent Patient Voice – Healthwatch**

**To be moved by Councillor Steels-Walshaw**

#### **Council notes:**

- That Healthwatch York has for over a decade provided an independent and trusted route for residents to share their experiences of health and social care, particularly for people who feel unable to raise concerns directly with service providers;
- That this independence enables and supports transparency, learning and improvement across the health and social care system;
- National proposals within the NHS 10-Year Plan and the Penny Dash Review would bring statutory Healthwatch functions into a new Patient Experience Directorate within the Department of Health and Social Care, with local voice functions embedded within NHS bodies and local authorities;
- That these proposals require primary legislation, and local Healthwatch services will continue to operate until any such legislation is enacted;
- A wide range of national organisations, including respected health policy bodies, have highlighted the importance of maintaining strong, independent mechanisms for the

service user's voice to be heard.

**Council recognises:**

- The value of an independent voice in supporting residents to speak openly about their experiences, including those in vulnerable circumstances;
- The contribution Healthwatch York makes to local insight, system learning, and partnership working across health and social care in the city;
- The importance of ensuring that any future arrangements continue to provide a clear, accessible and independent mechanism for people to share their views and experiences.

**Council resolves** to express its strong support and appreciation for Healthwatch York for representing the views of service users locally for over a decade, and for the work of York's Health and Care Partnership Executive Committee in continuing to promote the importance of Healthwatch's work, including keeping this independent function within the York health system.

**Council further resolves to:**

- Request the Council Leader writes to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care requesting a review of the proposed legislative changes, to ensure that any future model continues to provide a robust, truly independent and trusted mechanism for representing patient and public voices; and
- Request the Executive Member for Health and Adult Social Care, including as Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board, works constructively with local partners, including the Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board, local MPs and voluntary and community sector organisations, as well as York's Health and Care Partnership, to promote and protect independent advocacy for York residents.

## **2) Fair votes for all**

### **To be moved by Councillor Hook**

#### **Council notes that:**

- The First Past the Post (FPTP) voting system originated when parliament was dominated by land-owning aristocrats and the vote restricted to property-owning men.
- In Europe, only the UK and authoritarian Belarus still use single-round FPTP for general elections. By contrast, more than 80 countries worldwide use forms of Proportional Representation (PR).
- The 2024 General Election delivered the most disproportional and unrepresentative Parliament in British electoral history. The winning party was elected with 63.2% of MPs (411 out of 650) on a UK vote share of just 33.7% - this was the lowest ever vote share for any government with an overall House of Commons majority.
- PR ensures all votes count, have equal value, and that seats won match votes cast. Under PR, parliaments and local authorities more accurately reflect both local communities and the nation as a whole.
- PR already operates successfully for elections to the devolved parliaments and assemblies of Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland, as well as for the London Assembly and local authorities in Scotland and Northern Ireland.
- The Government recently published the Representation of the People Bill.

#### **Council believes that:**

- When MPs and councillors better reflect the communities they represent, decision-making improves, participation widens, and trust in politics increases.
- The Representation of the People Bill is a step in the right direction. For example, it proposes votes for 16- and 17-year-olds, automatic voter registration, measures to prevent foreign donors from buying their way into UK politics and a strengthening of the law to protect candidates and campaigners from harassment and intimidation.
- It is disappointing that the Bill contains nothing on electoral

reform.

- FPTP is not fit for purpose in a modern democracy, and PR is the fairest way to elect MPs and local councillors.
- There is now broad cross-party support for PR, including from the Liberal Democrats, Green Party, SNP, Plaid Cymru, Reform UK and the Labour Party at its national conference, alongside many trade unions and pro-democracy organisations.

### **Council resolves to:**

- Ask Group Leaders to individually write to the Prime Minister, the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government and the Minister for Building Safety, Fire and Democracy attaching a full copy of this motion and specifically calling for the Government to urgently establish a National Commission on Electoral Reform with clear terms of reference, as proposed by the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for Fair Elections, which should report in time for any recommendations to be implemented before the next General Election, and to provide copies of these letters to the MPs for York Outer and York Central and the Mayor of York and North Yorkshire.
- Publicly affirm this Council's support for PR as an essential element of a modern and democratic United Kingdom.

### **3) Impact of Business Rates Revaluation**

#### **To be moved by Councillor Healey**

#### **Council notes:**

- The revaluation of commercial properties for business rates due to take effect on 1 April 2026.
- Early draft valuations indicate significant increases in rateable values for many businesses across York.
- Analysis by industry bodies suggests hospitality businesses could face average increases of over £32,000 in business rates over the next three years.
- Small hospitality businesses alone are expected to face £318 million in additional business rate costs nationally.

- These increases come at a time when many businesses in York are already facing rising costs from National Insurance increases, higher energy bills and supply chain pressures.
- Businesses that form the backbone of York's local communities, including pubs, cafés, pharmacies, childcare providers, veterinary practices and independent retailers are particularly exposed.
- Some businesses in York may lose eligibility for Small Business Rates Relief, creating sudden increases in liabilities.

**Council believes:**

- The current business rates system places a disproportionate burden on bricks-and-mortar businesses.
- Property-based taxation risks penalising businesses in York which provide local jobs and community services and help create vibrant local high streets, while online competitors face far lower costs.
- Sudden increases in rate liabilities are likely to have an adverse impact on York's high streets and increase the risk of business closures.

**Council resolves:**

- To ask the Leader of the Council to write to the Government to request that it reconsider the implementation of the 2026 business rates revaluation where it results in significant increases in liabilities for businesses.
- To request that officers consider what advice and support the council, working with partners in the business community, can offer to York businesses losing Small Business Rates Relief or facing significant increases.
- To ask the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive Officer to write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer expressing York's concerns about the impact of business rate increases on local businesses and high streets.
- To ask the Executive to work with the Combined Authority Mayor to make Government aware of the problem faced by

many small businesses who would like to expand in order to help cover higher business rates payments, but in doing so risk breaching the current VAT threshold which could make their business unviable.

**15. Calendar of Meetings 2026-2027 (Pages 95 - 112)**

To receive a report from the Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer inviting members to agree the calendar of meetings for the 2026-27 municipal year.

**16. Urgent Business**

Any other business which the Chair considers urgent under the Local Government Act 1972.

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(1) *Members must consider their interests, and act according to the following:*

<b>Type of Interest</b>	<b>You must:</b>
<i>Disclosable Pecuniary Interests</i>	<i>Disclose the interest; not participate in the discussion or vote; and leave the meeting <u>unless</u> you have a dispensation.</i>
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*meeting, unless you have a dispensation.*

- (2) Disclosable pecuniary interests relate to the Member concerned or their spouse/partner.*
- (3) Members in arrears of Council Tax by more than two months must not vote in decisions on, or which might affect, budget calculations, and must disclose at the meeting that this restriction applies to them. A failure to comply with these requirements is a criminal offence under section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.*

**Budget Council Meeting**

Resolutions and proceedings of the Budget Council Meeting held in the Guildhall, York on Thursday, 12 February 2026, starting at 6.30 pm.

**Present:** The Lord Mayor (Councillor Martin Rowley BEM) in the Chair, and the following Councillors:

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

Hull Road Ward

Baxter  
Moroney  
Pavlovic

Huntington and New Earswick  
Ward

Cullwick  
Orrell  
Runciman

Micklegate Ward

Burton  
Crawshaw  
Kilbane

Osbalwick and Derwent Ward

Warters

Rawcliffe and Clifton Without Ward

Smalley  
Wann  
Waudby

Rural West York Ward

Hook  
Knight

Strensall Ward

Fisher  
Healey

Westfield Ward

Coles  
Nelson  
Waller

Wheldrake Ward

**64. Lord Mayor's Opening Remarks**

The Lord Mayor welcomed all in attendance to the February Budget Council meeting. He particularly welcomed Councillor Anna Perrett to her first Council meeting since been elected as Ward Member for Heworth following the by-election on 15 January 2026.

The Lord Mayor highlighted that this evening was the first game for York Knights in the Super League. A message had been sent to the owner and Chairman to convey best wishes on behalf of City of York Council (CYC).

**65. Apologies for Absence**

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor Vassie.

**66. Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Coles declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to agenda item 9, Council Tax Resolution 2026/27, in her capacity as Deputy Mayor for Policing, Fire and Crime for York and North Yorkshire.

**67. Minutes**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting and the Ordinary Council Meeting, both held on 6 November 2025, be approved and then signed as a correct record.

**68. Civic Announcements**

The Lord Mayor provided an update on the Lord Mayor's Commendation Scheme, which had been established to recognise extraordinary contributions from individuals across local communities. The closing date for nominations was 2 March 2026. Further information could be found on the Council's website.

**69. Public Participation**

The Lord Mayor reported that there had been one registration to speak at the meeting under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

Gwen Swinburn expressed concern that Members had been reliant on statutory advice that did not address a significant liability already set out in the accounts. That Members must have regard to the Chief Financial Officer's advice on both the robustness of the estimates and the adequacy of the reserves before setting the budget. This was set out in section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003.

It was reported that there was a need to make multiple million-pound savings whilst the general fund reserves stood at just £7.4m, which was described as the minimum level. The first call on those reserves was any significant savings not achieved. Section 25 wording remained substantively unchanged from last year and concluded that the minimum reserves were adequate. Yet the draft statement of accounts disclosed a contingent equal pay liability linked to continuing task and finish working practice. There was concern that the section 25 advice contained no reference to the contingent liability. That there was no explanation of how that exposure had been factored into the robustness of the accounts and the reserves assessment.

It was reported that at Southampton, equal pay exposure arose from similar task and finish arrangements to CYC in waste services. LGA peer challenge identified liabilities as up to £52m, which required exceptional financial support from central government. An increasing number of local authorities across the UK were dealing with liabilities measured in tens of millions. There was concern that CYC could be facing a bill of £10m to £30m.

It was stated that Members were being asked to approve a budget that was reliant on minimum reserves, dependent on significant savings delivery, and where the section 25 advice did not set out how the disclosed contingent liability had been assessed within that judgment. That this matter had not been clearly set out in the budget papers. And that without clear and substantive briefing and knowledge, Members were unable to properly exercise their statutory oversight responsibilities.

## **70. Petitions**

There were no petitions to consider on this occasion.

**71. Recommendations of Executive in relation to the Capital Programme - Monitor 3 2025/26**

Councillor Douglas moved and Councillor Kilbane seconded the following recommendation made at the Executive meeting held on 27 January 2026:

**Resolved (unanimously) – That Executive**

- a) Recommends to Full Council the adjustments resulting in a decrease in the 2025/26 budget of £23.432m as detailed in the report.
- b) Approves the allocation of £40k from contingency to fund a Changing Places Toilet at SEND Central Family Hubs.
- c) Approves the purchase of £162k property to support the Rough Sleeping Programme funded from grant.
- d) Notes the 2025/26 revised budget of £139.034m as set out in paragraph 10 and Table 1 of the report.
- e) Notes the restated capital programme for 2025/26 – 2029/30 as set out in Annex 1 of the report.

**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 be approved.**

**72. Recommendations of Executive in relation to the Financial Strategy 2026/27 to 2030/31, Capital Budget 2026/27 to 2029/30, Capital Financing and Investment Strategy, and the Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2026/27 - 2030/31**

Councillor Douglas moved and Councillor Kilbane seconded, the following recommendations made by Executive at its meeting on 27 January 2026 in relation to:

- i) The Financial Strategy 2026/27 to 2030/31 (Revenue Budget)
- ii) The Capital Budget 2026/27 to 2029/30
- iii) The Capital Financing and Investment Strategy
- iv) The Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2026/27 to 2030/31.

## **Revenue Budget**

Executive recommends that Council:

- i. Approves the budget proposals outlined in the Financial Strategy report and in particular:
  - The net revenue expenditure requirement of £187.009m.
  - A council tax requirement of £127.181m.
  - The revenue growth proposals as outlined in paragraphs 75 to 77.
  - The 2026/27 revenue savings proposals as outlined in annex 2.
  - The fees and charges proposals as outlined in annex 3.
  - The Housing Revenue Account (HRA) 2026/27 budget set out in annex 5.
  - The Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) proposals outlined from paragraph 168.
  - The Flexible Use of Capital Receipts Policy set out in annex 7, including delegation to the Director of Finance to determine the costs that can be charged to the transformation programme.
- ii. Notes that the effect of approving the income and expenditure proposals included in the recommendations would result in a 4.99% increase in the City of York Council element of the council tax, 2% of which would relate to the social care precept.

**Reason:** To ensure a legally balanced budget is set.

## **Capital Budget 2026/27 to 2029/30**

Executive recommends that Council approves the budget proposals outlined in the Capital Budget 2026/27 to 2029/30 and in particular:

- i. Agree to the revised capital programme of £382.998m that reflects a net overall increase of £42.180m (as set out in table 2 and in Annex 1). Key elements of this include:
  - New schemes funded by prudential borrowing totalling £0.785m as set out in table 3.

- Extension of prudential borrowing funded Rolling Programme schemes totalling £1.125m as set out in table 4.
  - Extension of externally funded Rolling Programme schemes totalling £37.950m as set out in table 7.
  - An increase in HRA funded schemes totalling £2.320m funded from a combination HRA balances/capital receipts as set out in table 8.
- ii. Note the total increase in Council borrowing as a result of new schemes being recommended for approval is £0.179m the details of which are considered within this report and the financial strategy report.
- iii. Approve the full restated programme as summarised in Annex 2 totalling £382.998m covering financial years 2026/27 to 2029/30 as set out in table 13 and Annex 2.

**Reason:** To ensure a legally budget is set and that the capital programme is fully funded.

### **Capital and Investment Strategy**

Executive recommends that Council:

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

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

### **Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Prudential Indicators**

Executive recommends that Council approve:

- i. The treasury management strategy for 2026/27 including the annual investment strategy and the minimum revenue provision policy statement.
- ii. The prudential indicators for 2026/27 to 2029/30 in the main body of the report.
- iii. The specified and non-specified investments schedule (annex B).
- iv. The scheme of delegation and the role of the section 151 officer (annex D).

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

### **Liberal Democrat Amendment**

Councillor Ayre moved and Councillor Widdowson seconded, the following amendment from the Liberal Democrat Group:

#### **Revenue Budget**

**In relation to the Executive's recommendations on the revenue budget (paragraph 13i of pages 45 and 46 of Council papers refers):**

In **bullet point 3** add at the end of the sentence subject to the following amendments:

- **£600k increase in Library Service Budget.**
- **£300k (£222k recurring and £78k one off) additional funding to frontline services.**
- **£100k one-off additional discounts to Green Waste charges.**
- **£300k one-off reduction in parking charges.**
- **£150k one off budget to reinstate Dial & Ride Service in 2026/27 (funded by Public Health Grant).**
- **£50k revenue budget for Treasury Management to fund additional £588k capital investment.**
- **£52k one off budget for Community Skips.**
- **£250k one off additional budget to support residents with healthy food and weight management (funded by Public Health Grant).**
- **Remove £30k one off budget for paper based CYC communications.**

In **bullet point 4** add at the end of the sentence subject to the following amendments:

- **Delete additional Executive Support Assistant to Political Groups – £32k.**
- **Reduction in Chief Officer roles, grades and capacity – £118k.**
- **Reduction of two Executive Members – £42k.**
- **Delete posts in the communications team – £84k.**

- Restructure posts in Democratic Governance – £25k.
- Reduction in the ICT budget – £150k.
- No longer fund Economic Development with the ambition of this being passed to the Combined Authority – £140k.
- Reduction in revenue spend resulting from removing £2m from the capital budget (£1m Fleet replacement and £1m IT) – £170k.
- Reduce budget for usage of phones – £5k.
- Deliver alternative funding model for Policy & Strategy team – £76k.
- Review of proportion of senior management staff funded by grants / capital – £30k.

Add additional bullet points to paragraph 13(i)

- The use of £400k from the Public Health Reserve.
- The use of £200k from the CYT/WWY Reserves and the use of £300k of Make it York Reserves subject to Board approvals.
- Redistribute the City-Wide Ward Committee budget into individual ward allocations.

Following debate, the amendment was put to the vote and declared **LOST**.

(The meeting adjourned at 7.30pm for a short break and reconvened at 7.45pm.)

### **Conservative Amendment (1 of 2)**

Councillor Steward moved and Councillor Nicholls seconded, the following amendment from the Conservative Group.

### **Revenue Budget**

**In relation to the Executive's recommendations on the revenue budget (paragraph 13i of pages 45 and 46 of Council papers refers):**

**In bullet point 1 delete '£187.009m' and replace with '£186.989m'.**

**In bullet point 2 delete '£127.181m' and replace with '£127.161m'.**

**In bullet point 3 add at the end of the sentence **subject to the following amendments:****

- **£1,935k (one off) impact of reinstating a free first garden bin collection service for 2026/27.**
- **£50k Park fund (one off) split £25k York Central and £25k York Outer.**
- **£10k (one off) to provide free compost bins to be collected by the public.**
- **£100k revenue cost of adding £1m capital to the Highways Budget.**
- **£100k (one off) budget for Parking incentives.**
- **£25k (one off) Farmers Hardship Fund to ensure benefits are accessed.**
- **£150k establish non-parished community fund to be spent locally.**
- **Remove £30k (one off) for paper based CYC communications.**
- **Remove £20k (one off) for continuation of the filmmaking in schools' project.**
- **Remove £90k (one off) additional Community Caretakers Capacity.**
- **Remove £50k (one off) funding for community events in parks and community spaces.**

**In bullet point 4 add at the end of the sentence 'subject to the following amendments':**

- **Outsource management of the Mansion House – £25k.**
- **Outsource Adult Social Care Personal Support – £60k.**
- **Outsource Adult Social Care Day Support – £38k.**
- **Outsource Flaxman Avenue services – £26k.**
- **Reduce CCTV budget – seek funding from North Yorkshire Police – £100k.**
- **Delete posts in Democratic Governance – £92k.**
- **Delete budget for Our City – £10k.**
- **Reduction in Chief Officer roles and capacity – £200k.**
- **Reduce Executive Special Responsibility Allowances by 25% - £57k.**
- **Delete posts in the corporate policy team – £105k.**

- Delete posts in the communications team – £150k.
- Reduce overtime budget – £100k.
- Delete post in Equalities Team – £52k.
- Delete posts in the Communities Team – £160k.
- Reduction in ICT budget – £150k.
- No longer fund Economic Development – £140k.
- Reduction in council publicity – £30k.
- Review of staff travel – £20k.
- Remove school crossing patrols where other physical measures in place – £20k.
- Delete Community Caretakers scheme (£150k).

**Add additional bullet point to paragraph 13**

- **The use of £200k from CYT/WWY Reserves and £300k from MIY Reserves to fund one off growth (subject to board approval).**

**In paragraph 13 ii) third line, delete '4.99%' and replace with '4.97%'.**

Following debate, the amendment was put to the vote and declared **LOST**.

### **Conservative Amendment (2 of 2)**

Councillor Nicholls moved and Councillor Steward seconded, the following amendment from the Conservative Group.

### **Revenue Budget**

**In relation to the Executive's recommendations on the revenue budget (paragraph 13i of pages 45 and 46 of Council papers refers):**

**In bullet point 3 add at the end of the sentence 'subject to the following amendments':**

- £38k revenue cost of adding £250k capital to the Highways budget.
- £90k additional funding for pothole repairs in the Highways budget.

**In bullet point 4** add at the end of the sentence **subject to the following amendments:**

- Delete Political Assistants posts – £86k.
- Reduction of two Executive Members – £42k.

Following debate, the amendment was put to the vote and declared **LOST**.

(Councillor Burton left the meeting at the conclusion of the second Conservative amendment.)

After debate, a named vote was taken on the **original recommendations**.

The vote was as follows:

	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Councillor Ayre		1	
Councillor Baxter	1		
Councillor Clarke	1		
Councillor Coles	1		
Councillor Crawshaw	1		
Councillor Cullwick		1	
Councillor Cuthbertson		1	
Councillor Douglas	1		
Councillor Fenton		1	
Councillor Fisher		1	
Councillor Healey		1	
Councillor Hollyer		1	
Councillor Hook		1	
Councillor Kent	1		
Councillor Kilbane	1		
Councillor Knight		1	
Councillor Lomas	1		
Councillor Mason		1	
Councillor Melly	1		
Councillor Merrett	1		

Councillor Moroney	1		
Councillor Myers	1		
Councillor Nelson	1		
Councillor Nichols		1	
Councillor Orrell		1	
Councillor Pavlovic	1		
Councillor Perrett	1		
Councillor Ravilious	1		
Councillor Rose	1		
Councillor Rowley			1
Councillor Runciman		1	
Councillor Smalley		1	
Councillor Steels-Walshaw	1		
Councillor Steward		1	
Councillor Taylor	1		
Councillor Waller		1	
Councillor Wann		1	
Councillor Warters		1	
Councillor Watson		1	
Councillor Waudby		1	
Councillor Webb	1		
Councillor Wells	1		
Councillor Whitcroft	1		
Councillor Widdowson		1	
Councillor Wilson	1		
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>1</b>

The original recommendations were therefore declared **CARRIED** and it was

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

(Councillor Warters left the meeting at the conclusion of this item.)

(The meeting adjourned for a short break at 9.00pm and reconvened at 9.05pm.)

**73. Council Tax Resolution 2026/27**

Councillor Douglas moved and Councillor Lomas seconded, the Council Tax resolution for 2026/27, the details of which were set out in the Council papers under agenda item 9.

A named vote was required on the Council Tax Resolution 2026/27.

The vote was as follows:

	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Councillor Ayre	1		
Councillor Baxter	1		
Councillor Clarke	1		
Councillor Coles	1		
Councillor Crawshaw	1		
Councillor Cullwick	1		
Councillor Cuthbertson	1		
Councillor Douglas	1		
Councillor Fenton	1		
Councillor Fisher	1		
Councillor Healey	1		
Councillor Hollyer	1		
Councillor Hook	1		
Councillor Kent	1		
Councillor Kilbane	1		
Councillor Knight	1		
Councillor Lomas	1		
Councillor Mason	1		
Councillor Melly	1		
Councillor Merrett	1		
Councillor Moroney	1		
Councillor Myers	1		
Councillor Nelson	1		

Councillor Nichols	1		
Councillor Orrell	1		
Councillor Pavlovic	1		
Councillor Perrett	1		
Councillor Ravilious	1		
Councillor Rose	1		
Councillor Rowley			1
Councillor Runciman	1		
Councillor Smalley	1		
Councillor Steels-Walshaw	1		
Councillor Steward	1		
Councillor Taylor	1		
Councillor Waller	1		
Councillor Wann	1		
Councillor Watson	1		
Councillor Waudby	1		
Councillor Webb	1		
Councillor Wells	1		
Councillor Whitcroft	1		
Councillor Widdowson	1		
Councillor Wilson	1		
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

The motion was declared **CARRIED**, and it was

**Resolved:**

- i) That it be noted that on 28 November 2025 the Chief Finance Officer, under her delegated authority, calculated the council tax base for the year 2026/27:
  - a) for the **whole Council area** as 69,978.60 [Item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")]; and

- b) for those dwellings in those parts of its area to which a **Parish** precept relates as in column 1 in the attached Schedule A.
- ii) Calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2026/27 (excluding Parish precepts) is £127,181,207.
- iii) That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2026/27 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
- (a) £605,666,340 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.
- (b) £477,278,872 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
- (c) £128,387,468 being the amount by which the aggregate at 10(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 10(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year. [Item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act].
- (d) £1,834.67 being the amount at 10(c) above [Item R], all divided by Item T (8(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish precepts).
- (e) £1,206,261 being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per the attached Schedule A).

- (f) £1,817.43 being the amount at 10(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 10(e) above by Item T (8(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish precept relates.

iv) To note that the Mayoral Combined Authority (including Fire and Rescue Services) and the Mayor in regards to Policing has issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Act for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the tables below.

v) That the Council, in accordance with sections 30 and 36 of the Act, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables below, and at Schedule B for Parished areas, as the amounts of council tax for 2026/27 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

### City of York Council

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1,211.62	1,413.56	1,615.49	1,817.43	2,221.30	2,625.18	3,029.05	3,634.86

### Mayoral Policing Precept

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
223.91	261.22	298.54	335.86	410.50	485.13	559.77	671.72

### Mayoral General (including Fire and Rescue)

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
77.75	90.70	103.66	116.62	142.54	168.45	194.37	233.24

### Aggregate of Council Tax Requirements (excluding Parished Areas)

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1,513.28	1,765.48	2,017.69	2,269.91	2,774.34	3,278.76	3,783.19	4,539.82

vi) Determine that the Council's basic amount of council tax for 2026/27 is not excessive in accordance with the principles approved under section 52ZB of the Act. As the billing authority, the Council has not been notified by a major precepting authority that its relevant basic amount of council tax for 2026/27 is excessive and that the billing authority is not required to hold a referendum in accordance with Section 52ZK Local Government Finance Act 1992.

**Reason:** In order to set a balanced budget and council tax charge by the statutory deadline.

#### 74. Pay Policy Statement 2026/2027

The Director of Governance submitted a report which presented for approval the Council's Pay Policy Statement for 2026-27.

Councillor Douglas moved and Councillor Lomas seconded the recommendations contained in the report:

#### **Resolved (unanimously):**

- a) That the Council approves the Pay Policy Statement for 2026 – 2027.

**Reason:** In order to fulfil the requirements of Section 38 – 43 of the Localism Act 2011 for the Council to produce and publish an annual policy statement that covers a number of matters concerning the pay of the Council's senior staff, principally Chief Officers and relationships with the pay of the rest of the workforce.

- b) Notes that there will be a revised pay policy statement presented to full council after the appointment of the new Chief Executive in April 2026.

**Reason:** The Council is required to republish a pay policy statement where there are significant changes to pay structures or management arrangements. This ensures compliance with the statutory requirements of the Localism Act 2011.

- c) Notes that on approval the Pay Policy statement will be published on the Council's website.

**Reason:** For compliance with the statutory requirements of the Localism Act 2011.

## 75. **Appointments and Changes to Membership**

The Director of Governance submitted a report which invited Members to consider and agree changes to membership of committees and outside bodies.

**Resolved – That Council**

- i) Agrees the appointment of Councillor John Moroney as an additional member of the Fostering Panel.
- ii) Notes the group nominations to Committees, as well as appointments to the Chair of the Place Scrutiny Committee, as follows:
  - Appointment of Chair of Place Scrutiny Committee – Councillor Danny Myers.
  - Appointment of Councillor Anna Perrett, to both the Corporate Scrutiny Committee and the Licensing Committee.
  - Councillor Margaret Wells to move from the Corporate Scrutiny Committee to the Place Scrutiny Committee.
  - Councillor Anna Baxter to move from the Place Scrutiny Committee to the Planning Committee.
  - Councillor Tony Clarke to move from the People Scrutiny Committee to the Place Scrutiny Committee.
  - Appointment of Councillor Danny Myers to the People Scrutiny Committee.
- iii) Notes the appointment of Parish Councillor, Pam Mullen to the Kyle and Upper Ouse Internal Drainage Board.

**76. Urgent Business**

There was no urgent business to consider.

Councillor Martin Rowley BEM  
LORD MAYOR OF YORK

(The meeting started at 6.30 pm and concluded at 9.15 pm)

**Leader and Executive Report to Full Council, March 2026****Leader of the Council, Councillor Claire Douglas****Farewell to Ian Floyd, Chief Operating Officer**

Our Council is going through a significant period of change over the coming month. We say goodbye and farewell to Ian Floyd who has been the Chief Operating Officer and Head of Paid Service for the Council since 2020 and has been a senior member of staff in the authority for the past 17 years. This is a tremendous term of public service to our city. Ian has steered the organisation and city through notable challenges and achievements over that period including the COVID pandemic, adoption of a Local Plan for York, significant progress with the York Central development and the arrival of devolution and a Mayoral Combined Authority for York and North Yorkshire. His calm and constant leadership will be missed. We thank him for his unwavering service and wish him all the very best for a long and happy retirement. This also therefore means that we will welcome the arrival of the new Chief Executive at the Council on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026 when Richard Webb starts in this role.

**Our City, Our Community**

I begin by saying a sad farewell to past Sheriff of York (2016-17), Jonathan Tyler who passed away in early March. Our thanks to him for his service to our city and its communities and I send our condolences to his loved ones at this difficult time.

Our city and our communities continue to support, consider and celebrate each other over the period since I last reported to you in November 2025. The worldwide conditions for our communities to come together in a spirit of understanding and consideration continue to be very challenging and I thank everyone in our city who provides the environments for discussion, debate and consideration. Since November we have collectively celebrated a highly successful Interfaith Week, that saw a range of events across our city including our Rabbi and Imam in conversation. I was also honoured to attend the highly successful open day at York Mosque and the first public celebration of Chanukah and Menora Lighting in our city for 800 years. The highly important annual celebration of Christmas at York Minster with 9 Lessons and Carols. Holocaust Memorial Day at the end of January. In March the celebration of Ramadan with York's Muslim community at the Unity Iftar, and the

commemoration of the 1190 Massacre of York's Jewish Community at Clifford's Tower.

York is in the enviable position of having two highly successful and nationally recognised Universities. York St. John's University's (YSJ) Graduation Dinner was a fantastic celebration of highly gifted and socially committed graduates as a follow up to this memorable event I also paid a visit to the London Campus of YSJ. It is a highly successful example of a portfolio approach to delivering high quality and diverse learning experiences for young people in Higher Education and graduate studies. It was a pleasure to meet the staff and students at the campus and see the name of York St. John's promoted across our country and internationally. YSJ continues to deliver strong access to opportunity for young people and later career learners building an organisation of remarkable resilience and insight.

It is with great sadness that I many people in our city will have noted and commemorated the fourth anniversary of the invasion of Ukraine by Russia earlier this month. York continues to be a safe and welcome home for Ukrainian nationals displaced by the war. The anniversary was commemorated by the Ukrainian Society, University of York with a thought provoking and humbling event that I attended alongside the civic party at the Mansion House, CYC is also hosted an exhibition showing the impact of the war on the people and communities of Ukraine in the foyer at West Offices. The York Bridge Group continues to bring together people and organisations from our city who are carrying out extraordinary acts of humanitarian support in Ukraine. It is important that we remember and note conflicts across the globe and continue to show that York is a city with open doors for those who need refuge.

I finish on an optimistic note having attended the York Tourism Awards 2026 hosted by Make it York. It was a joyous and celebratory event showing the absolute best of the hospitality and tourism industry across York. I send my congratulations to all the winners in a highly competitive, strong sector in our city. York continues to attract over 9 million visitors to our city a year and businesses continue to go from strength to strength offering exemplary experiences for families and individuals from food, museums, venues, experiences and accommodation. We really have so much to be collectively proud of in our city and I thank everyone for the expertise, dedication and entrepreneurship.

## **York Central Development Update**

It's great to see the York Central development continue to progress at pace. The developers and Network Rail submitted planning applications for both Phase 1 of the development and also the replacement of Wilton Rise Bridge. Both are currently under consideration by the Planning Authority.

The developers, McLaren Arlington and landowners Homes England and Network Rail continue to host public and community engagement events in surrounding communities and the city centre. The developers have agreed to put significant investment into Back Park to improve play facilities for the benefit of children, young people and families living in the area. This is fantastic news.

I continue, alongside officers and other city stakeholders to work with relevant government departments to assert our city's drive for a development that works for residents across all generations. Delivering the good quality jobs, affordable housing, community and health facilities, green space and transport links that are so desperately needed. The development is a fantastic opportunity for our city.

## **York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority (YNYCA)**

Progress and growth within the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority continues at a pace. It is most keenly exemplified with the recent decision of the Combined Authority (CA) to progress to the application stage for Established Status with the government. This will be the next hugely important step for devolution in our York and North Yorkshire footprint. Established Status will enable us to accelerate our housing delivery, development of our innovation driven economic growth opportunities and further developing our local transport links.

Mayor David Skaith and I were pleased to attend the announcement of York as a key part of Northern Powerhouse Rail and the Northern Growth Corridor at the event hosted by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in Leeds in February. This is a level of recognition of the potential for York's part in stimulating good growth across the north that we haven't seen before. The allocation of £40million over 4 years to deliver our Local Growth Plan exemplified by the potential of the York Central development, our two universities, strong rail tech and creative industries growth potential and the Bio Industrial Cluster North partnership with Teesside all show governments commitment to our city.

We will continue to push hard for investment in our city, our people and our communities, driving York forward into a prosperous and optimistic future for generations to come.

### **Delivering for our City**

The level of interest and engagement by government Ministers and senior civil servants from multiple government departments over the past months has been tremendously heartening and solidifies York's place as a city working in strong partnership and collaboration to deliver innovative services, initiatives and programmes for the benefit of our people and our communities. We've recently welcomed visits and engagement from Ministers Josh MacAlister, Stephanie Peacock and Kate Dearden with more to come over the coming months. This visibility brings us all great opportunity for sharing our good practice and expertise into other parts of the country but also to bring investment and funding into our communities across health, children's services, housing and infrastructure, innovation and economic activity.

We cannot achieve this without the strong partnership work so many businesses, organisations and individuals participate in York on a daily basis. The collaborative work between the Council and city partners has led to the development of our City Prospectus, the Combined Authority's Local Growth Plan, Local Innovation Partnerships Fund application to UKRI, Our Place programme under One Public Estate, and a range of significant funding and investment opportunities and achievements across partner organisations in our city.

The exemplary work of City of York Council's Children's Services Directors and associated team is being celebrated across the country with invitations to share their best practice including supporting the government's Sector Led Improvement programmes. Recent invitations for Corporate Director Martin Kelly and Director Danielle Johnson to speak at All Party Parliamentary Groups and the visit to learn more about York's approach to the Rights of the Child by the cross party, Joint committee for Human Rights from both the Houses of Commons and Lords, and my input into the national Aspirant Director of Children's Services programme all show recognition of the progress and continued drive for excellence that York brings to its approach to Children's Services.

The following reports from the Executive Members will outline further achievements of the Labour administration for the people of York. Life in

local government and authorities we all know is filled with challenges for the future but York has a lot to be optimistic about and to celebrate. We are a city that pulls together during times of challenge and we continue to show our unerring commitment to our city, our people and our communities each and every day.

**Executive Member for Economy and Culture, Councillor Pete Kilbane**

Following last year's Executive approval of The York Prospectus, an ambitious long-term plan for York's future, the council commissioned Sewells Advisory, an independent consultancy, to assess its full economic and social value. It shows that The York Prospectus creates the potential for £12.1bn social value and over 40,000 construction and 2,700 operational jobs.

Other independent experts agree that York is the top-performing UK city for good growth and one of the country's most dynamic business locations. No wonder then that when in February I attended the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority (YNYCA) Labour Mayor's Growth Summit York - Ambition 2035, business analysts informed us that York had the most Small and Medium Sized Enterprises primed for growth in the UK. And of course, we remain top of the Demos-PwC Good Growth for Cities Index.

This does not happen by chance but through the hard work of businesses and organisations in the city and beyond, the support and dedication of City of York Council (CYC) and YNYCA Officers and, of course, committed political leadership.

Everyone needs to benefit from our economic success so The York Prospectus includes a plan to ensure that prosperity can be shared, with wealth reaching deep into our communities. For example, by making sure growth locks in truly affordable homes, more well-paid jobs, better public spaces and tackling inequality. Improving pathways to employment remains one of our core commitments and in February it was a pleasure to launch our National Apprenticeship Week. This provided a great opportunity to celebrate the benefits that apprenticeships bring both to individuals and businesses and better still, highlighted the fantastic work of our hard-working apprentices across York.

Delivering good growth will require significant private and public sector investment and we continue to work with partners across the city and beyond to explore all options available to us. For example, at the beginning of March I, along with the Council Leader and Directors, met with senior civil servants from the Dept for Transport, Cabinet Office, Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, Dept for

Business and Trade, Office for Investment, Homes England and the University of York to ensure that public sector bodies fully understand the ambition and scope for investment offered by The York Prospectus. When we look around York Central and the Station Frontage we can all see huge investment already underway in York, and with Northern Powerhouse Rail putting us back at the heart of the rail network, we are the place to be and the place to invest in.

Combining business with sport and leisure it was an honour to celebrate the successful installation of the solar panels at Yearsley Swimming Pool. When I visited in early March the 182kWh solar array was already delivering half the energy being used by the building and they are set to save an estimated £23,000-a-year and 29 tonnes of CO2 emissions. The project, which was made possible via a grant from the YNYCA Labour Mayoral Renewables Fund, will enable the longer-term survival of the facility with all the health and wellbeing benefits that it brings. While many Councils have been forced to close their swimming pools, we have managed to keep ours open thanks to close partnership working with the operator, GLL, and the dedication of our officer corp.

Also, in early March it was my great privilege to confirm that we will formally adopt the York Cultural Strategy. This builds upon the good work of the previous strategy and, though overseen by City of York Council, it was developed independently by arts, heritage and cultural organisations across the city. It lays out a clear direction for York's cultural development with six key priorities designed to ensure culture is accessible to all, helping people connect with their identity, heritage and community. It was previewed to over 250 local, regional and national organisations at Reignite XII at the Yorkshire Museum in January 2026.

Our shared culture is created by the people of York, and it is one of our city's greatest strengths. It defines who we are, enriches our communities and is the backbone to a sustainable creative economy. It allows us to understand the world from a variety of perspectives and is a positive force for bringing people together, at a time when powerful forces are seeking to divide us. The strategy sets out a bold and collaborative vision for culture in York, one that puts inclusivity, creativity and opportunity at the centre.

A key ambition within the strategy is for York to become the first city in the country to achieve cultural entitlement for all children and young people, with a particular focus on those from disadvantaged

backgrounds and those with special educational needs and/or disabilities.

Finally, in my role as Executive for Economy and Culture and as Deputy Mayor York and North Yorkshire with the Transport portfolio, it was a great honour to accept an invitation to visit the Tech.Land Xperience Cross Border Innovation Festival in Munster, one of our twin cities. Hosted by the Mayor of Munster, and with travel covered by YNYCA, it was an excellent opportunity to investigate the latest innovations in Med-tech and Circular economy and establish important international connections.

During the visit I took the opportunity to meet with the Mobility Team at Munster Municipality and get a thorough understanding of their transport policy and practice. It was also the greatest of pleasures to spend several hours with our twinning partners to share initiatives and talk about potential future collaborations. I extend heartfelt thanks to the both the Mayors of Munster and York and North Yorkshire for enabling a rich two days of ideas and information exchange that will enrich our thinking about future economy, culture and transport.

**Executive Member for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care,  
Councillor Lucy Steels-Walshaw**

Adult Social Care in York is entering a crucial phase of improvement and renewal. Following the recent Care Quality Commission (CQC) assessment, we have reaffirmed a central principle that guides all our work, by focussing on doing the right thing for people first time. This is a necessary part of prioritising those residents being assessed for or receiving services, and in reducing our operating costs.

This means delivering services that are safe, effective and efficient, but also fundamentally enabling and supporting residents to live well, maintain independence and access care that is least restrictive and rooted in early intervention and prevention. When we achieve this, we not only help people with social care needs in our city to live their best lives, but we also meet our statutory duties and build a service that is financially resilient and which delivers best value.

Adult Social Care in York is at a pivotal moment. The challenges are significant, but so is our determination to address them. By focusing on doing the right thing for people, investing in essential improvements and strengthening the voice of residents and communities, we can build a system that is compassionate, sustainable and fit for the future. Our commitment remains unwavering: to ensure every resident can live their best life, with dignity, independence and the right support at the right time.

**Responding to the CQC Assessment**

The CQC inspection made clear the scale of the challenges we face, but it also recognised the commitment of senior officers and political leaders to address them. Inspectors saw a system determined to improve, and this determination is now being matched with additional investment to support the improvement programme.

We have been clear in our response that investment is not optional. It is essential. This is not about acting because we are instructed to do so, it is about acting because it leads to better outcomes for residents. When people are supported to stay connected to their communities, they remain well for longer, live more independently and ultimately require less intensive support. This approach is both morally right and financially responsible.

While the financial context remains challenging, however, it is important to recognise that Adult Social Care faces significant and unavoidable growth. Demand is rising, needs are becoming more complex and the cost of care continues to increase.

The additional funding now being allocated will help stabilise the system and ensure that essential improvements can be delivered. Our focus is firmly on prioritising people, strengthening early intervention and prevention, and ensuring resources are aligned to the areas of greatest need and greatest impact.

### **Learning Disability Partnership Board**

I have recently had the privilege of attending the newly established Learning Disability Partnership Board. This Board now benefits from much stronger support for self-advocates, reflecting our commitment to ensuring that people's voices are at the heart of everything we do. Members of the board have been clear and confident in expressing what they want to change and how services can be improved to better support them.

I have reaffirmed my commitment to listening to experiences and acting on what is fed back. Lived experience and insight is invaluable, and it is essential that it shapes our work. I look forward to the Board feeding back their reflections and priorities into the Health and Wellbeing Board, strengthening the connection between lived experience, strategic planning and service delivery.

### **Inclusive Recovery Cities**

York's ambition to become an Inclusive Recovery City is an important part of our wider commitment to public health, community wellbeing and social justice. Inclusive Recovery Cities take deliberate action to reduce the shame and stigma surrounding substance dependence, increase understanding and support, and expand opportunities for recovery. The core principle is that recovery is strengthened when stigma and social exclusion are reduced.

I am looking forward to the Inclusive Recovery City event on 29<sup>th</sup> April, which will highlight York's commitment to inclusive, compassionate and recovery-focused practice. This work places a spotlight on the city as a whole, encouraging organisations, communities and services to embed

inclusive policies and practices that ensure everyone can access fair opportunities. Supporting communities to challenge stigma and celebrate recovery is central to our ambitions for York, and it reflects our belief that everyone should be able to access the support they need to achieve and thrive.

**Executive Member for Environment and Climate Emergency,  
Councillor Jenny Kent**

**Warm, healthy homes, Lower energy bills and energy security**

I was pleased to represent Mayor David Skaith at a Mayoral Roundtable at the department for Net Zero and Energy Security in January and talk to Ed Miliband MP about the great work going on here in York and North Yorkshire supporting Warm Homes, lower energy bills, community energy, and affordability. The recent events in the middle east have proved yet again, if anyone needed more evidence, that we need to be energy independent. Most of the major recessions in the UK since the 1970s have been largely caused by price shocks due to events in the middle east and oil or gas restrictions by foreign powers. Thanks to Government and Mayoral funding, since November we have increased energy security across the city and installed solar energy at:

- Jo Ro School
- Yearsley Swimming Pool
- Pine Trees Day Centre
- Elvington Primary School
- St Mary's Primary School
- Knavesmire Pavillion.

Yearsley Swimming pool recorded 4 MgW energy in rainy February and is looking forward to a summer of zero energy bills.

We continue to work on a mature and diverse pipeline of projects including estate decarbonisation, Harewood Whin Green Energy Park, solar car ports and a City Centre Heat Network.

This is vital both for affordability for residents now, and a liveable future for our children.

**Cleaner Air for York**

Having attended the Clean Air Summit at the University of York in November, which highlighted the increased understanding of the impact on health of indoor pollution and how we heat our homes and cook, I was really proud that Executive approved the expansion of a Smoke

Controlled Area to encompass the whole of the City of York on 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

This ends the previous postcode lottery which meant different rules for houses on opposite sides of a street and makes it clearer and simpler for everyone to understand, including stove and fuel suppliers. 1 in 23 people still die from air quality related diseases each year at York Hospital, and the UK has too many children suffering and still, sadly dying, from asthma.

In York twice as much of the highly damaging small particulates (PM2.5) are now produced from domestic wood burning than from transport and many people have no idea of the health impacts – both indoors for their families, and outdoors for the friends and neighbours.

Thank you to the Consultants and Doctors at York Hospital who worked alongside our Air Quality and Public Health Officers to support this measure, and who work to treat all those suffering from respiratory problems and other air quality related health conditions including COPD and dementia.

This isn't a ban on wood burning, it is ensuring that a) people understand the impacts on health of the pollutants produced, and b) that if wood is burned, it is done in the healthiest way by using a Defra approved stove, and/or burning seasoned or smokeless wood/fuel.

### **Restoring Nature in York and North Yorkshire**

I welcomed the publication of the YNY Local Nature Recovery Strategy at the Executive Decision Session on 3<sup>rd</sup> March; the culmination of extensive partnership work and consultation with residents, landowners, farmers, ecologists, universities and the National Parks to map out the key priority habitats and species that we need to protect and improve across our region. This strategy supports climate adaptation, flood mitigation and public health – strengthening the case for nature-based solutions in urban and rural settings. Success will depend on funding for delivery and landowner engagement, large and small. Here in York a third of our green spaces are in private gardens, and we can all help support nature by planting for pollinators, native hedgerows and trees to support birds and wildlife, creating ponds and removing hard paving to improve surface water absorption. The Yorkshire Wildlife Trusts, RSPB and RHS all have user friendly guides and even a window ledge can be an important stepping stone to re-connecting nature.

## **Trees**

I joined Mayors Skaith and Brabin on 13<sup>th</sup> January at the launch of the White Rose Forest 25 year Strategy. 10 million trees have already been planted of the 50,000 million target for the Northern Forest, which includes street and garden trees across our region. We need to increase our overall tree canopy to bring shade, cooler air, and improved air quality in hotter summers, and will work with the WRF and Mayoral Combined Authority. CYC doesn't own enough land to achieve our target - we need all landowners to plant the 'right tree', in the 'right place' across their estates, and welcome a city-wide partnership approach to this.

We are also reviewing our own CYC tree management to ensure it is fit for purpose in a changing climate.

## **Improving our Parks**

Local consultation and engagement are taking place across the selected investment sites and procurement is in hand for the first stages. I look forward to sharing more as each scheme is delivered.

## **Volunteer annual event**

Thank you to the many volunteers and friends of groups who give their time and energy so generously throughout the year. It was great to see representatives from over 20 different groups at the annual meeting in January and to hear about the huge improvements they make to our city. By the time we hold Full Council we will nearly have finished the Great British Spring Clean, when I know groups across every Ward will have stepped up to make our streets shine.

We need to turn the tide on litter, which harms our wildlife and blights our neighbourhoods, but although we still have people who drop litter carelessly and need behaviour change, we have many more people who, rather than complain, get out and pick it up to improve their communities - Thank you.

## **Public Protection**

Our public protection team remain busy. They continue to deal with fly tipping and noise pollution, including taking cases to Court where necessary including:

- Two prosecutions and fines for fly-tipping/dumped waste of £1,170 and £1,020 – January 2026
- Stereo Seized from noisy tenant on breach of Noise Abatement Notice – February 2026 – now pending prosecution
- Noise Nuisance Case Affecting Elderly Resident - NEOs and 54 North Homes worked together resulting in a prosecution and fine of £890 - This case highlights the importance of targeted enforcement alongside continued support for vulnerable individuals.
- Criminal Behaviour Order for Persistent Dog Control Issues resulting in fine of £1,098.

We are looking at strengthening our options for dealing with sales of illegal vapes and a report will be coming to the Executive Member Decision Session in April at the same time as a report on adopting powers to deal with legislation protecting renters' rights. Working with the BID, Police and businesses in the city we have re-submitted the city's application for Purple Flag, and it was great to join the judges for a couple of hours during the recent evening inspection. The partnership of CYC, York BID and the Police should be proud of the thriving evening entertainment and safe management of the city that they could showcase. We are waiting for the results but are optimistic about retaining the award.

## **Student Waste pilot scheme**

The Neighbourhood Enforcement Team has just launched a student waste pilot scheme in Willis and Eldon Streets working with landlords, students, York residents and local Residents' Associations to advise them around waste disposal and avoid rubbish being dumped when students leave their properties. Temporary street signs have gone up and educational postcards have been sent. Before, during and after satisfaction surveys are also planned to assess the impact.

As there is no clear date when all students leave York at the same time anymore, this can occur throughout the year.



When you move out all housemates are responsible for making sure all the rubbish from your home is disposed of lawfully.

Leaving any rubbish or unwanted items in the street or rear lanes is fly tipping and could land you with a **£1000 fine** or **criminal record**.

If you want help getting rid of bulky items, or more information on what we can or can't collect, we're here to help!

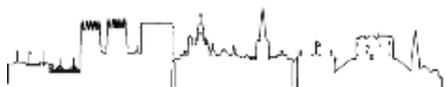
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## Hazel Court Booking System trial

York is a fantastic city – frequently voted as one of the best places to live in the UK. This means that we attract new residents and businesses and are growing and thriving. Since Hazel Court Household Waste Recycling Centre moved to James Street in 2006, many businesses have moved into the area, including Cemex, Jewsons, a gym and supermarkets, all of whom attract their own customers and deliveries to the area.

This has caused a long standing and increasing problem of congestion, queues and poor air quality in James and Lawrence Street, with safety concerns for pedestrians and cyclists, and we must find a way to manage our historic city in a way that works best for everyone. The introduction of a booking system aims to make visits to the tip faster, safer and more predictable. We have enough capacity to meet demand, just not all at the same time, and although there is a small inconvenience

to book, this should be more than outweighed by the benefits of not having to queue for up to an hour at busy times.

Over 50% of councils use a booking system for their tips, to manage demand and improve efficiency. Their experience suggests no impact on fly tipping and in some cases improved recycling rates. The system is a trial and will be monitored throughout.

## **Recycling Review**

One of the most frequent emails I have received since starting in post is around recycling boxes – both the difficulty of handling them, the difficulty of ripping cardboard up to fit in them, and the amount of street litter caused on recycling days when rubbish and lids are blown around our streets. We are holding a consultation on a proposal to switch the majority of York houses from recycling boxes to 2 wheelie bins.

The aim of this is to increase recycling, reduce street litter, improve the safety and handling of boxes for our residents and waste crews, and provide longer term value for residents. The change would mean collections on an alternating fortnightly basis of:

- Paper and card
- Glass, plastic, tins, foil, tetrapaks, toothpaste tubes – and \*new addition\* plastic plant pots.

I want to stress there will be no change in the frequency of collection of household waste, which will remain every fortnight.

The wheelie bins have a greater capacity than the average of 3 recycling boxes, even on a changed collection schedule, and can deal with larger items of cardboard which is an issue with the rise in online shopping.

We know that some of our smaller terraces don't have the space – the 7,000 properties that have recently switched from bags to bins are not part of this consultation.

**Executive Member for Education, Children and Young People,  
Councillor Bob Webb**

**York City FC support Council to raise awareness about fostering in York**

In February I had the pleasure of joining the council's Fostering Team at a York City FC match to raise awareness of Fostering, the difference it can make to a child's life and the role of Independent Visitors.

York City were playing Forest Green Rovers and council staff spoke to hundreds of fans. I had the experience of addressing the whole stadium at half time to continue to champion our foster carers and independent visitors and, of course, continue the important and ongoing work to recruit more. Thanks to York City for being so accommodating, and thankfully for also winning 2-1!

**Expansion of York Hungry Minds**

This administration has secured the expansion of York Hungry Minds, through incredibly welcome donations to a further 10 schools. These schools are:

- Haxby Road Primary
- Hob Moor Primary
- Tang Hall Primary
- New Earswick Primary
- St Lawrences Primary
- Poppleton Road Primary
- Woodthorpe Primary
- Osbaldwick Primary
- Stockton on Forest Primary
- Lakeside Primary.

This expansion will deliver an amazing 170,000 additional meals to children in York.

Through the work of the Steering Group we have been able to match schools to donors and available funds; supporting schools to develop delivery plans and in doing so support children and families across the city and beyond.

At the recent People Scrutiny Committee, it was highlighted by independent University studies the benefits this initiative is delivering to children and their families. Headteachers are getting behind it as they see the benefits in terms of behaviour, attendance and attainment.

As a council we should all be proud of how this measure is supporting families with the cost of living and improving children's health and wellbeing.

**Josh MacAlister MP (Minister for Children and Families)**

I recently met with Josh MacAlister MP alongside the Council Leader and council staff to discuss the transformative work that has taken place in Children's Services over the last couple of years; taking this council from an Ofsted judgement of 'Requires Improvement' to 'Outstanding'.

The Minister was full of praise for York's journey and urged us to continue at pace to embed the reforms introduced by the Government. This also gave us the opportunity to lobby for further funding and champion York's staff and children in care. This has led to further meetings between Council Officers and Dept for Education officials being arranged.

**Executive Member for Finance, Performance, Major Projects, Human Rights, Equality and Inclusion, Councillor Katie Lomas**

**Budget Process**

The Budget and MTFFS (Medium Term Financial Strategy) scrutiny task and Finish group have reported on their work done in 2025 and made some useful recommendations for the work to be done to ensure proper scrutiny of the budget process in the coming year. Having a scrutiny task and finish group means we work cross party throughout the entire budget process, working through the MTFFS calculations to looking at the proposals for the budget. The three-year settlement we were notified of in December 2025 means that we can get a head start on budget work for 2027/28 as we know more about the level of funding. This enables us to work at a more effective pace and look at all budget proposals as they come forward.

**Financial Inclusion**

The decision on the Crises and Resilience Funding scheme has been made and we will continue to support those who need us most through a largely cash first approach. Our support for people through this fund is multi-layered and includes work to directly identify those who might need it most. Our message to people living in York is clear, the Council is here to help, either directly or through our network of partners who form the city-wide Financial Inclusion Steering Group and regularly meet to work together to target poverty in our city. This fund is complemented by our YFAS (York Financial Assistance Scheme) Fund which also offers financial support to people who need it.

Our work on poverty has expanded and building on the poverty truth commission which was previously reported on the Human Rights and Equalities Board launched a task and Finish group on child poverty. As a result of that we are now working with partners to support a child poverty truth commission.

I recently attended (alongside our Welfare Benefits and Strategic Partnership Manager) a virtual scrutiny meeting with Islington Council colleagues to share best practice. Edinburgh Council were also in attendance. It is important to share best practice and although we were

there to showcase the excellent work being done in York we also learned lots from the other councils.

### **Human Rights and Equalities Board (HREB)**

Apart from the task and finish group on child poverty mentioned earlier in this report HREB have been considering the Indicator Report and recommendations. We have been particularly looking at engagement with organisations across the city in relation to the recommendations. HREB are also supporting the implementation of the Council's Human Rights and Equity Analysis (HREA) tool. This has been developed in collaboration with the Centre for Applied Human Rights and replaces the former Equality Impact Assessment tool. The tool is now in use and champions have been trained in each Council department to support implementation of this different approach. A sample of the completed tools will be scrutinised by HREB members to support further development of the approach and give oversight to those using it.

### **Holocaust Memorial Steering Group**

Thanks go to the Holocaust Memorial Day Steering Group and the council staff who support it for arranging the Civic Event to mark the day. The event went well and we have received positive feedback. Planning now begins for next year's event. The group also support the Civic Event at Clifford's Tower to commemorate the 1190 massacre of York's Jewish population. This event takes place the week before our Council meeting and will be kindly hosted by the Castle Museum.

Marking and remembering these events is important and ultimately a necessarily difficult part of our civic life in the city. We must never forget what has happened before and I am ever grateful to the members of the steering group for the work they do to help us in that endeavour.

### **Disability Equity Training**

Following our commitment in a previous budget to use some funds for professional disability training we have now delivered Disability Equity Training to over 450 managers in the Council and around half of our elected Councillors. The training has been delivered by Phab through their ACTS (Access, Consulting and Training Services).

The aim of this training is to ensure that managers throughout the organisation (and elected Councillors) have a base level of

understanding of disability Equity. The training also covered the Equality Act and the Public Sector Equality Duty. Feedback from the training has been excellent with managers discussing how they will use it in their role managing staff as well as delivering services to the public.

Phab have been great partners in this work and we look forward to working with them to tell other organisations how useful this training has been. Phab believe that we are the first council to offer such training so widely.

## **Executive Member for Transport, Councillor Kate Ravilious**

### **Highway Maintenance Programme**

November 2025 through to February 2026 was one of the wettest on record for the region, and the volume of water has taken its toll on our highway network. Teams have been out working flat out to attend to pothole repairs and I'd like to thank them for being out in all weathers and putting in the extra hours to keep our roads and pavements safe.

This year's council budget includes over £12M investment in our highways – more than ever before. However, with an estimated £100M required to bring our roads up to scratch, we recognise that £12M will only go so far. That's why we are continuing to lobby for more funding for highways, and why we continue to prioritise preventative treatments such as surface dressing, which maintain our roads and pavements for longer and reduce future spend up to fivefold. And it's not just roads that we're repairing. We're also investing in pavement repairs and maintaining our key off-road walking and cycling routes which have been neglected for decades.

### **Rougier Route**

We received huge interest in the Rougier Route bus priority plans, with nearly 1200 responses to our online consultation, 150 emails received and over 300 conversations had at our drop-in sessions. The majority of respondents were in favour of the scheme, with the highest levels of support coming from young people (aged 16 to 24). Valid concerns were raised by some residents, businesses and stakeholders and this feedback has been valuable in reshaping some elements of the scheme to make it perform even better once it's launched. We'll be bringing the revised plans to an Executive Decision Session in May, and if approved we'll aim to start an 18-month trial in the autumn.

### **Parking Review**

Our online review of community parking closed at the end of February. Over 1000 people shared their views, with 80% of responses focusing on the Bishopthorpe Road community car park. Several drop-in sessions are happening throughout March, after which the findings will be written up and an options report brought for a public decision in the summer.

York's policy of aligning parking charges with bus fares has generated wider interest and in February I gave the keynote speech at a British Parking Association conference. Together with our Head of Transport Strategy – Tom Horner – I also joined a panel discussion on the future of parking and urban mobility. There was a lot of interest in our approach and some thought-provoking discussion and learning around gathering the right data, integrating EV charging and avoiding digital exclusion.

### **Cycling successes**

The latest figures for cycling across York show that 6.5% more journeys were made on cycles in 2025. Higher parking charges likely encouraged more people onto their bikes, but the increase also reflects the success of our ongoing barrier removal programme with 16 barriers removed to date and scores more scheduled to be removed over the next 12 months.

This has opened up routes to people using trikes, family cycles and wheelchair cycles and is part of our commitment to making York a more welcoming and accessible place.

It's also hugely encouraging to hear that cycle theft in York has dropped by over 20% in the last year. Credit goes to the strong partnership work of the SecureCycle York group, with co-ordinated action between North Yorkshire Police, the Minster Police, the council, York Cycle Campaign, cycle retailers and key stakeholders such as the University of York.

Regular bike registering events have helped to increase the number of stolen bikes that are recovered, while a police GPS tagged tracker bike has helped police to catch some of the most prolific bike thieves in York.

### **York Independent Living and Transport Skills**

Thanks to funding from Mayor Skaith and our Bus Service Improvement Plan we've been able to expand our team of travel trainers on the council's York Independent Living and Transport Skills (YILTS) programme. This dedicated team of officers provide travel training for young people aged 11 to 25 with Education Health Care Plans (EHCPs), to support them in travelling independently between home and school or college.

The scheme is a great example of collaborative working across council departments and is helping to reduce the dependence on taxi travel and

deliver significant savings of up to £6,500 per pupil per year. It's been a delight to join some of the training sessions and see so many young people gain confidence and learn to travel by bus and cycle, giving them access to opportunities, independence and skills for life.

**Executive Member for Housing, Planning and Safer Communities,**  
**Councillor Michael Pavlovic**

**Housing Delivery Programme**

Following the decision to invest significant funding into housing schemes at Budget Council and Executive, officers are working on delivery plans to bring to Scrutiny in the coming weeks. Many of our plans are progressing well, while the nature of being subject to market forces, particularly in the construction sector, is presenting challenges with others. We will be bringing forward a report to Executive next month to address these challenges and ensure we continue on a pathway to delivering 100% affordable homes on council owned land.

Having been awarded significant grant contributions from the Mayoral Combined Authority, not only through the Brownfield Housing Fund, but also through the Mayor's High Street Fund, we are now able to progress not only the plans to deliver on our Housing Delivery Programme (HDP), but also the major regeneration project of the south Walmgate area, which will run alongside the building of 40 shared ownership and council houses on the old Willow House site.

Alongside agreement to progress with applying for a new planning permission for the Castle Mills site, and work already undertaken to clear the Ordnance Lane site in preparation for development, the partnership with Adult Social Care to provide several Supported Homes on the Lowfield site will see the next few years providing the biggest amount of new social housing for at least a generation. A Labour Council delivering on the priorities of the people of York.

**Housing Services**

The investment of an additional £1m to improve the communal areas of our council estates will see huge benefits and will involve ward councillors and residents in identifying projects.

This will build on the excellent start the city's Neighbourhood Caretaker Team has made and it has been very positive to see both the improvement and the feedback from residents and councillors who have engaged with the area walkabouts. This has played an important part in identifying the work that needs undertaking on our council estates, which is then undertaken over the following week or so, helping achieve our

goal of building pride across our wards. This has been a real success and will only grow and progress as it becomes embedded into business as usual.

Whilst at the time of writing, we still await the formal announcement from the Regulator of Social Housing Inspection which took place in February, I would like to place on record thanks to those members of the Tenants Panel who met with them, as well as all the officers who spent months preparing the huge amount of documentation they required.

We are already acting on the feedback we have received whilst we wait for the formal announcement and are implementing a new tenant engagement process, the first meeting of which was last week and was acknowledged as being a significant improvement.

### **Local Plan and upcoming refresh**

Of course, it is not only the amount of council-built housing that we will be seeing changing the face of York. The adoption of the Local Plan last year approved the principle of building thousands of new homes over the next fifteen years and more.

A number of these schemes are already being considered by planning and other council officers throughout the council and will be coming forward for consideration by the Planning Committee in due course, including phase one of the York Central site. It's satisfying to me to know that the delivery of volume housing units, including affordable homes, is not far away, offering hope to current and future generations of York residents.

Developers are currently arranging a number of public consultations on various sites in the coming weeks and we hope residents will input their ideas that can be incorporated in the final designs, especially around the importance of community facilities.

The process of refreshing the Local Plan in line with the Government's new planning framework and NPPF update will be getting underway imminently. This comes with funding from Government to support the process so it's essential we get moving on it and ensure our development plan is up to date and fit for the future. This will involve a role for Members through the Planning Policy Working Group where I look forward to engaging with all parties on progressing this important

priority for the council and for the city. I'm optimistic this refresh won't take as long as getting our decades-long Local Plan adopted!

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Meeting	Executive
Date	3 March 2026
Present	Councillors Douglas (Chair), Kilbane (Vice-Chair), Kent, Lomas, Pavlovic, Ravilious, Steels-Walshaw and Webb
In attendance	Councillor Widdowson (Opposition Deputy Group Leader)

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### **Part B Minute – Matters referred to Full Council**

#### **211. Delivering More Affordable Housing in York - Castle Mills**

The Director of Housing and Communities submitted a report which sought support with a proposed delivery route for affordable housing at the Castle Mills site.

The following annexes were attached to the report:

- Confidential Annex A – Castle Mills Business Case
- Annex B – Castle Mills Site Plan
- Annex C – Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)

The following officers were in attendance for this item:

- Garry Taylor, Director of City Development
- Pauline Stuchfield, Director of Housing and Communities
- Zoe Dunn, Housing Delivery Programme Manager.

The Executive Member highlighted the importance of affordable housing schemes such as these, particularly in supporting key groups that had difficulty getting onto the property ladder. The scheme provided affordable housing on council owned land. It recognised the need to develop housing in places that people could afford.

#### **Resolved (unanimously):**

That Executive

- a) Agrees the preferred delivery route of 100% affordable housing at the Castle Mills site with the procurement of a design team to update the design previously approved by Planning to adapt it to 100% affordable housing, and achieve a refined design to RIBA Stage 3, using the proposed on-cost budget.
- b) Agrees to the submission of a planning application with the refined Castle Mills design.
- c) Agrees to procure a contractor to operate under a Pre-Contract Services Agreement or other type of design-only contract to collaboratively design Castle Mills to RIBA Stage 4 and price the design, to enable an updated full business case to be presented to the Executive for approval.
- d) **Recommends to Full Council** the creation of the Castle Mills scheme within the HRA capital programme; the wider business case for which will come forward at a later date.
- e) **Recommends to Full Council** approval of a budget of £2.377m funded from HRA borrowing, to develop the proposals through RIBA stages 3 and 4 as described in a), b) and c) above.
- f) Agrees to delegate authority to the Director of Housing and Communities (in consultation with the Director of Finance and the Director of Governance) to take such steps that are necessary to procure and appoint such the contractors, and to determine the provisions of and enter into the resulting contracts described in a) and c) above (and any subsequent modifications and/or extensions thereto), in accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations set out in Appendices 10 and 10a of the Constitution (the "Finance Regs"), the Contract Procedure Rules set out in Appendix 11 of the Constitution (the "CPRs") and (where applicable) the Procurement Act 2023 (the "Procurement Act") and the Public Contract Regulations 2015 (the "PCRs").
- g) Agrees to the preparation and submission of applications to Homes England for funding from the Social and Affordable Homes Programme (SAHP) to deliver the affordable homes at Castle Mills, and (provided that the application to Homes England is successful) to receive funding and agree to proceed with entering into a grant agreement with Homes England.
- h) Notes the Brownfield Fund grant awards received from the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority

(YNYCA) for the development of affordable housing at Castle Mills, Former Manor School and 68 Centre sites and agree to proceed with entering into grant agreements to receive funding.

- i) Notes that a Brownfield Land Release Fund grant application to the One Public Estate (OPE) has been submitted to contribute to funding of the Willow House project delivery including the necessary enabling works; and pending the grant award, agree to proceed with entering into a grant agreement to receive funding.
- j) Further to g), h) and i) above, agrees to delegate authority to the Director of Housing and Communities (in consultation with the Director of Finance and the Director of Governance) to determine the provisions of and enter into any resulting grant funding agreements with Homes England and YNYCA, and the provisions of any subsequent modifications and/or extensions thereto, to ensure compliance with the Subsidy Control Act 2022, the Finance Regs and the CPRs.

**Reasons:**

- To ensure any works and/or services are procured in compliance with the Finance Regs, the CPRs, and (where applicable) our statutory duties under the Procurement Act 2023 and the Public Contract Regulations 2015.
- To ensure any grant funding arrangements comply with the Subsidy Control Act 2022.

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**Report of the Chair of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee  
(March 2026)**

1. I'd like to start by thanking members of the Budget and Medium-Term Financial Strategy Task and Finish Group and officers for their work on this which led to a report being presented to Executive earlier this month and the group's recommendations being accepted. One of the recommendations was that the Task and Finish Group's work should continue in the new municipal year and I'm grateful to the colleagues who have volunteered to be involved.
2. Another recommendation was for a standing Task and Finish Group to be established to review the financial challenges within Adult Social Care. I'd like to thank colleagues who have volunteered to take part in this important piece of work.
3. A number of other Task and Finish Group suggestions are in the pipeline and I look forward to these coming to fruition.
4. One of the features of the new way of working in Scrutiny is bi-monthly briefing sessions for members who are not on the Executive. These sessions began in October and have been well-received by members. There is a forward plan of briefing topics which can be flexed as necessary to accommodate any time-sensitive issues.
5. The Scrutiny Review Working Group continues to meet to oversee the implementation of the new Scrutiny arrangements and at our most recent meeting we discussed ways in which colleagues' feedback can be gathered on the first six months of operation. We also discussed the potential content and format of an Annual Scrutiny Report, which all being well will come to Full Council in July.
6. Work is underway to establish a formal process to centrally log recommendations arising from Scrutiny discussions and Task and Finish Group work, so that there is more visibility of these recommendations and a formal process to monitor actions arising.

7. There remain some challenges to address, such as ensuring that Scrutiny is sighted on forthcoming decisions in good time to enable pre-decision scrutiny to be undertaken wherever possible. When items appear on the Forward Plan with barely a month's notice it's difficult if not impossible for Scrutiny to be engaged. There is a recognition from officers that this needs to be addressed.

### **Corporate Scrutiny Committee**

8. At its 10 November meeting the Committee considered the Annual Complaints Performance and Service Improvements Report for the period April 2024 to March 2025 and discussed a number of aspects of performance. Members' views were sought on the findings of the audit of the council's Climate Change Programme and actions arising and it was agreed that this issue would be revisited in autumn 2026. Members' views were sought on a refreshed approach to monitoring implementation of council motions and it was agreed that the Chief Strategy Officer would liaise with the Chair and Vice-Chair on changes to the process. Members reviewed the schedule of petitions and made a number of suggestions, such as clarifying the identity of the officer responsible for ensuring that each petition is appropriately considered.
9. At its 19 January meeting the committee approved the report and recommendations of the Budget and Medium-Term Financial Plan Task and Finish Group, with one minor amendment made.
10. At its 2 March meeting the Committee was asked to comment on the delivery of the Business Sustainability Programme in York and suggest improvements for any future schemes. Members made a number of suggestions as to how the positive impacts of the programme can be better understood and demonstrated. Members' views were sought on a draft scrutiny recommendation tracker template.

### **Place Scrutiny Committee**

11. At its 25 November meeting the Committee was asked to provide feedback on the proposed scope of a study designed to identify options for a sustainable long-term replacement for the Dial and Ride community transport service. A number of suggestions were made as to how the scope could be amended, and members recommended that this area of work be prioritised. Members' views were sought to help inform the development of the Electric Vehicle (EV) Strategy 2026-2030. There was an in-depth discussion covering a range of issues and a number of recommendations were agreed including that on-street EV charging be explored in any review of the strategy and that there should be a focus on ensuring equitable access to EV charging across the city.
12. At its 26 January meeting the Committee's views were sought on the proposed Asset Management Strategy 2026 to 2031. A number of recommendations were made including an action for officers to share with members details of council assets in each ward.
13. At the time of writing the 24 March meeting has not yet taken place, but members' views will be sought on potential options and considerations associated with the Rougier Route project following recent public consultation and members will receive an update on the council's Local Transport Strategy.

### **People Scrutiny Committee**

14. At its 3 December meeting the Committee received an update on the roll-out of the York Hungry Minds Free School Meal Pilot and members expressed support for this work and the work being done under the School Poverty Framework. Members also discussed an update report on Early Years and Childcare Reforms. Members' views were sought on a draft Housing Tenancy Strategy and Policy and a number of issues were raised in the discussion for officers' consideration. There was support for the proposed approach and for the development of a Rent Setting and Service Charges Policy.

15. The meeting scheduled for 10 February was postponed until 17 March. At the time of writing this report the meeting has not yet taken place, but members' views will be sought on actions arising from the CQC Local Authority Assessment of adult social care, a draft Carers Strategy and options for changes to be made to the approach to ward funding allocation.



**Meeting:** Full Council  
**Meeting Date:** 26 March 2026  
**Report of:** Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer  
**Portfolio of:** Executive Leader – Councillor Claire Douglas

**Decision Report: Constitutional Changes – Revised Joint Standards Committee Procedures and Associated Required Amendments**

**Summary**

1. To provide the revised Joint Standards Committee Procedures, and associated required constitutional amendments, to Council for approval.

**Code of Conduct Complaint Handling Procedures**

2. Following a discussion at Joint Standards Committee, it was agreed that the Joint Standards Committee Procedures, contained in Appendix 29 of the Constitution, required revision. Consequently, and at the request of the Joint Standards Committee, the Head of Legal Services undertook a comprehensive review of the procedures.
3. The revised Joint Standards Committee Procedures were considered by the Joint Standards Committee on 1 December 2025, when initial feedback was provided, and it was agreed that the matter be deferred to the next meeting, to allow the Committee members to consider the document further. The revised procedures were considered again at the Joint Standards Committee meeting on 22 January 2026, when the revised procedures were unanimously approved by the Committee.
4. On the basis of the Joint Standards Committee's unanimous endorsement, they were presented to the Audit & Governance Committee on 11 March 2026 for note and endorsement. Subject to a minor amendment to the final sentence of paragraph 2 of the procedure (adding the words "*with the assistance of one of the Deputy Monitoring Officers*"), the revised procedures, attached at Annex 1, were unanimously approved by Audit & Governance Committee and are therefore recommended to Council for final approval.

## Associated Required Amendments

5. In conducting the review of the Joint Standards Committee Procedures, it was noted that the quorum for that committee (and the current default quorum for all non-specified committees) set out in paragraph 13.1 of Article 7 of the Constitution is 4 members. This would include, for example, committees such as Executive, where the minimum numbers permitted under the Local Government Act 2000 is three Members (a Leader plus two others).
6. As has previously been noted, this creates a challenge for smaller meetings, sometimes leading to such meetings being inquorate and placing a greater burden on those Members who are able to attend shorter-notice meetings. In order to remedy this, it is recommended that all instances of “4” in paragraph 13.1 of Article 7 of the Constitution be changed to “3”.
7. This proposed amendment was agreed by Audit & Governance Committee on 11 March 2026 without amendment and is therefore commended to Council for approval.

## Implications

**Financial** – There would be a small saving arising from the loss of one SRA for the Chair of Planning Committee B.

**Human Resources (HR)** – None directly arising from this report.

**Equalities** – None directly arising from this report.

**Legal** – None directly arising from this report.

**Crime and Disorder, Information Technology and Property** – None directly arising from this report.

## Recommendations

8. It is recommended that Council:
  - a. Approve the amended Joint Standards Committee Procedures, attached as Annex 1; and
  - b. Approve the associated required amendments set out at paragraph 7 above.

**Reasons for the Recommendation**

- 9. To update the procedures used in the processing of Code of Conduct complaints, and to make associated required changes to the standard quorum of non-specified meetings.

**Author and Chief Officer responsible for the report:** Bryn Roberts, Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer

**Report Approved**  **Date** 16 March 2026

**Wards Affected:** *List wards or tick box to indicate all* **All**

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**Background Papers:**

- None

**Annexes:**

- Annex 1 – Joint Standards Committee Procedures

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## Appendix 29 – Joint Standards Committee Procedures

### CASE HANDLING PROCEDURE

These arrangements are made under section 28(6) of the Localism Act 2011 and set out how City of York Council (“the Authority”) will investigate and determine allegations that an elected or co-opted member of the Council, or of a parish or town council within the Authority’s area (the “Subject Member”), has failed to comply with the adopted Code of Conduct.

#### Monitoring Officer

- 1) All allegations will be received by the Authority’s Monitoring Officer (“MO”) who may, at any time, nominate a deputy to carry out any of their functions listed in this procedure.
- 2) Where the MO is the complainant, a relevant witness, or otherwise has a conflict of interest, and where the matter cannot be properly dealt with by a deputy for any reason, the MO will refer the allegation to the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Joint Standards Committee (“JSC”) who will together take over the MO’s role in the procedure, with the assistance of one of the Deputy Monitoring Officers."

#### Independent Person

- 3) The Authority will appoint an Independent Person (“IP”) whose views may be sought at any stage of the procedure but must be sought, recorded, and taken into account, before it makes a decision on an allegation that it has decided to investigate.
- 4) The appointed IP’s views can also be sought at any stage by the Subject Member against whom an allegation has been made.
- 5) The IP is a consultant only and cannot take a decision themselves.
- 6) Save in exceptional circumstances, once appointed the IP will remain the IP to be consulted throughout the procedure.

## The Allegation

- 7) All allegations *must* be made in writing. A form is available on the Authority's website and in the reception of West Offices for this purpose. Assistance in completing the form can be provided.
- 8) Within 3 *working days* of receipt, the MO will contact the complainant to acknowledge their allegation and to outline this procedure and the timescales involved.
- 9) Every allegation will be treated on its own merits, but multiple allegations may be consolidated where they relate to the same alleged misconduct.
- 10) Where an allegation identifies criminal conduct, or a regulatory breach, the MO may refer the matter to North Yorkshire Police (or other relevant Regulatory Authority) for consideration. In such cases the MO may pause this procedure until the outcome of the referral is known, but is not obliged to do so.
- 11) An anonymous allegation will not generally be accepted unless the MO concludes that there is a compelling public interest in doing so.
- 12) Where a complainant requests their identity be withheld from the Subject Member, and the MO believes there is a genuine risk of intimidation, serious harm or distress, or an adverse impact on employment, the complainant's identity may be so withheld. The complainant must be informed of the reasons for the decision.
- 13) A Subject Member has no automatic right to confidentiality but may request that an allegation remain confidential whilst it is investigated. The MO will consider the procedural fairness of such a request, balancing the public interest against the risk of the Subject Member (and/or to persons associated with them) suffering serious harm or distress were the allegation to become known, before deciding whether the investigation ought to remain private.

## A – Jurisdiction

- 14) The MO will apply an initial filter to an allegation to check:
  - a. it is against an elected or co-opted member,

- b. they were in office at the time of the allegation,
- c. it relates to when they were acting, or purporting to act, in their capacity as an elected or co-opted member,
- d. that, if proven, the matter could be capable of being a breach of the adopted Code.

## **B – Initial Assessment**

- 15) Where jurisdiction is established, the MO will notify the Subject Member (and in the case of town or parish councillors also the town or parish clerk) of the allegation and provide a copy of it, together with any supporting evidence.
- 16) The Subject Member will then be given *10 working days* from date of notification to respond to the MO with any comments they wish to make.
- 17) At the end of this period (whether or not a response is received from the Subject Member) the MO, in consultation with the IP, will decide whether to:
  - take no further action,
  - seek to resolve the matter informally,
  - refer the matter for deeper investigation,
  - refer the matter to a committee hearing.
- 18) Where the Subject Member is the Leader, opposition Leader, a member of the Executive or a Shadow Executive, and the initial assessment decision is to take no further action, the initial assessment must first be referred to the Chair and Vice-Chair of the JSC who may, if they both agree, substitute an alternative decision.

## **No Further Action**

- 19) Where it is decided not to take any further action, the matter will be immediately closed. Examples of when this **might** occur include:
  - a. there is insufficient evidence to demonstrate a Code breach,
  - b. an alternative remedy ought to be explored first,
  - c. the allegation describes a trivial breach, is intended to cause annoyance frustration or worry (vexatious), is intended to cause harm (malicious), has little or no substance (frivolous), or is petty tit-for-tat (retaliatory),

- d. the allegation is made by one councillor against another in circumstances amounting to robust political debate,
  - e. the allegation is merely a delay, or failure to respond to a constituent request, not in itself capable of amounting to disrespect,
  - f. the relevant conduct took place over six months previously without good reason for a delay in making the allegation,
  - g. the allegation relates to a decision of the Authority (or a town or parish council), rather than conduct of an individual,
  - h. the allegation is the same or substantially similar to one which has recently been considered, and no new material evidence has been submitted,
  - i. if proven, the allegation would warrant no sanction, or
  - j. the Subject Member has stood down or is seriously ill.
- 20) The complainant and Subject Member will be notified of the decision in writing and the outcome reported to the JSC.
- 21) There is no internal right of appeal.

### **Informal Resolution**

- 22) Where a Code breach is relatively minor, a one-off, or a genuine mistake, a proportionate outcome in the public interest might include:
- a. suggesting the offer of a written apology,
  - b. suggesting the withdrawal of the offending remark,
  - c. suggesting the Subject Member undertake relevant training,
  - d. convening a meeting (with or without a mediator present), between the complainant and Subject Member, to try to resolve the issue(s),
  - e. inviting a response from the Subject Member's political group (where they are a member of such a group), or
  - f. a written warning as to future conduct.
- 23) The complainant and Subject Member will be notified of the proposed resolution in writing and the decision reported to the JSC.
- 24) A register of informal resolutions will be maintained by the MO and, where a member becomes the subject of a new allegation, any prior resolutions will be taken into account before a further informal resolution can be considered.

- 25) If, after a reasonable time, the suggested informal resolution has not taken place, or any party refuses to engage with the proposal, the MO in consultation with the IP will decide whether further action is necessary in the public interest.
- 26) There is no internal right of appeal.

### **C – Referral for Investigation**

- 27) Where a deeper investigation is warranted, it must be carried out fairly and reasonably by the MO, an officer appointed by them, or in being contracted to an external agent.
- 28) The investigation will be limited to matters raised in the written allegation.
- 29) An investigation report will then be prepared *within 3 months* of referral. This time limit may be extended only where the MO agrees that it is necessary, proportionate and reasonable to do so.
- 30) Where a Subject Member becomes seriously ill, or ceases to be a member or co-opted member, or some other exceptional circumstance occurs before the investigation is complete, the MO in consultation with the IP **may** decide to halt the investigation and take no further action.
- 31) The written report must outline the investigator's findings of fact, on the balance of probability, and indicate in its conclusion whether the investigator believes a breach of the Code has occurred.
- 32) The report will be provided to both the complainant and Subject Member who may, within 5 working days of receipt, comment on it. The investigator will then be given 5 working days to indicate whether these comments affect the report's conclusion.
- 33) The report, and any comments, will then be considered by the MO in consultation with the IP, before deciding whether to:
  - take no further action,
  - seek to resolve the matter informally, or
  - refer the matter to a committee hearing.
- 34) There is no internal right of appeal.

## D – Referral to a Hearing

### Pre-hearing

- 35) A hearing will be held before the JSC *within 6 weeks* of a referral.
- 36) The MO will manage the hearing procedure, and advise the JSC throughout the hearing process, but must not take part in the decision itself.
- 37) The MO will write to the complainant, the Subject Member and any investigator not later than *10 working days* before the hearing to confirm the hearing date, its location, and to provide a copy of this procedure.
- 38) Neither the complainant, Subject Member nor investigator can be compelled to attend the hearing and the hearing need not be an oral hearing.
- 39) Irrespective of whether the MO decides that an oral hearing is necessary, or a party has indicated that they do not wish to attend, the complainant, Subject Member and investigator must all be invited to provide, *no later than 3 working days before the hearing*, written submissions and/or any evidence that they would like the JSC to take into account.
- 40) The Subject Member will also be invited to confirm whether they accept the findings of any investigation report, to identify any areas of dispute, and (if they intend to attend the hearing) to indicate whether they would like someone to accompany them.
- 41) Any submissions and/or evidence received will be circulated to all parties before the hearing. Late submissions or evidence will not be considered at the hearing, unless all parties have been invited to comment on the procedural fairness of doing so **and** where the Chair agrees that it may be considered.
- 42) If a party wishes to call a witness to the hearing, they must advise the MO of this intent no later than *3 working days* before the hearing, explain why the witness is necessary, and provide the witness' name and contact details.

- 43) Only the parties themselves, and any relevant witnesses whose attendance has been agreed with the MO in advance of the hearing, may address the JSC at the hearing.
- 44) The hearing must be open to the public, save where either:
- a) it is likely that *confidential information* will be disclosed, within the meaning of section 100A(3) Local Government Act 1972
  - or
  - b) it is likely that *exempt information* will be disclosed, as defined in schedule 12A to Local Government Act 1972 and the JSC resolves that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure.
- 45) Where a hearing, or part of a hearing, remains open to the public the Public Participation Protocol will not apply: members of the public may not ask questions of any party or address the JSC at any point.
- 46) The appointed IP must be present at the hearing, whether or not it is an oral hearing, and their views taken into account before the JSC comes to a decision. The IP may not take part in the decision itself.
- 47) The hearing may be adjourned at any time but only when it is necessary and in the public interest, for example, to allow production of additional evidence, to secure a party's or witness's attendance, or where there is insufficient time to conclude the hearing on a single day.

### **At the hearing**

- 48) At the commencement of the hearing, the JSC members will appoint a Chair for that hearing. This need not be the same member as the member appointed annually to Chair the JSC. No member of the JSC may act as Chair unless they have received the relevant training to be able to do so.
- 49) All JSC decisions are made on the balance of probabilities. The technical rules of evidence applicable to civil and criminal courts

will not apply. Hearsay evidence may be considered, and it will be a matter for the JSC to decide how much weight to attach to it.

- 50) Order of presentation:
- a) the complainant will be invited to present their allegation,
  - b) the investigator will then present their report,
  - c) the Subject Member will then be invited to present their response,
  - d) each party will be given 5 minutes to sum up their position,
  - e) the IP will then be invited to indicate their views on both breach and, if found, appropriate sanctions.

Where any party is not present, their written submissions and any evidence submitted in support will be read out.

- 51) Submissions will be limited to 10 minutes unless, and where good reason can be demonstrated, the Chair permits additional time.

- 52) Questions and witnesses:

- a) Once each party or witness has presented their case, they may be asked any relevant questions first by the JSC, then the complainant, the investigator, the IP and finally the Subject Member.
- b) Any witness must remain outside the room until called to address the JSC, but may then choose to remain or to leave the hearing once they have done so

## Decisions

- 53) The JSC will decide:
- the facts, on balance of probability, upon which it will base its decision,
  - whether these facts amount to a breach of the Code of Conduct, and
  - what sanction (if any) would be appropriate.
- 54) The JSC will then announce its decision and give reasons, and each party invited to comment, before the hearing ends.

- 55) A Decision Notice will be published *within 5 working days of the hearing* and a copy, with reasons, provided to the complainant and the Subject Member and, in the case of a town or parish councillor, to the town or parish clerk.
- 56) The MO will maintain a register of decisions. Following a finding of a second or subsequent Code of Conduct breach, the JSC may take into account any previous decision against a Subject Member before considering what, if any, sanction it considers appropriate.
- 57) There is no internal right of appeal.

### **Formal Sanctions**

- 58) In order to promote and maintain the highest of standards of members and co-opted members at the Authority, the JSC may consider one or more of the following sanctions:
- Report its findings to full council and/or the relevant town or parish council
  - Recommend to full council that it restrict the Subject Member's access to specific facilities and resources, including any premises, or to restrict contact with named individuals, for a specified period
  - Issue, or issue through a town or parish clerk, a formal reprimand
  - If the Subject Member is also a member of a political group, to recommend to that group's leader that the Subject Member be removed from any or all committees and sub-committees
  - If the Subject Member is the leader of a political group, to recommend to that group's secretary or other official that they be removed from that role
  - Recommend to the Leader that the Subject Member be removed from positions of authority or, if the Subject Member is the Leader, to recommend to full council that they be removed from that post

- Instruct the MO to offer the Subject Member specific training, or assist the town or parish council to offer such training
- Recommend to full council that the Subject Member be removed from all outside appointments and nominations



**Meeting:** Full Council  
**Meeting date:** 26 March 2026  
**Report of:** Bryn Roberts, Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer  
**Portfolio of:** Councillor Kate Ravilious, Executive Member for Transport

## **Decision Report: Delegation of Local Transport Functions from York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority**

### **Subject of Report**

1. To seek approval from Council to enter into a section 101 agreement with York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority (CA) to allow City of York Council (CYC) to continue providing the public transport functions within CYC's Bus Service Improvement Plans (BSIPs).

### **Background**

2. Council will be aware that, upon its creation, the CA assumed the legal responsibility for Transport Functions across its area. However, given the ongoing process of establishing the CA, those functions have been continuously 'delegated' from the CA to North Yorkshire Council (NYC) and CYC as the pre-existing authorities.
3. Such 'delegations' have been facilitated by way of agreements under section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972, which allow a local authority '*to arrange for the discharge of any of their functions by any other local authority*'. The first of these was signed on 22 August 2024 for the financial year 2024-25, with a further agreement being signed on 31 March 2025 for the financial year 2025-26.
4. Under Article 19.2.5 of the Constitution, the decision as whether or not enter into such an agreement is reserved to a meeting of Full Council. In previous financial years, however, the CA has either approached the two Councils at inappropriate times (when no Council meeting is available within the necessary timescale), or

too late in the year for a decision by Council, leading to decisions being taken under Urgency Powers. This year, however, the CA has indicated its desire to continue the current arrangement in sufficient time for the decision to be brought to this meeting.

5. This report therefore recommends that Council agrees to enter into a suitable Section 101 Agreement with the CA, in order to allow CYC to continue to provide local transport to residents within York. Failure to enter into the agreement will result in a lack of BSIP-related investment into the York, as there is no capacity within the CA to deliver this programme; 'Do Nothing' is not, therefore, considered a viable option.
6. In addition, in order to facilitate the completion of such agreements in the future without any disruption in services, Council is recommended to delegate the decision to enter into section 101 agreements to the Head of Paid Service (Chief Executive), in consultation with the Leader of the Council.

## **Implications**

**Financial** – There would be a small saving arising from the loss of one SRA for the Chair of Planning Committee B.

**Human Resources (HR)** – None directly arising from this report.

**Equalities** – None directly arising from this report.

**Legal** – None directly arising from this report.

**Crime and Disorder, Information Technology and Property** – None directly arising from this report.

## **Recommendations and Reasons**

7. It is recommended that Council:
  - a) Agrees to enter into a Section 101 Agreement with the CA to facilitate the continued delivery of BSIP-funded work and local passenger transport services;
  - b) Delegates authority to the Director of Governance to sign the proposed Section 101 Agreement with the CA; and

- c) Delegates authority to the Head of Paid Service (Chief Executive), in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to enter into any Section 101 agreements, or any subsequent modifications, in the future.

**Reasons** – To allow CYC to continue to deliver local passenger transport services to residents within the City of York and to continue to lawfully deliver its BSIPs; and to allow officers to address any further necessary agreements without impacting on the continuity of services.

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**Report Approved**  **Date** 17 March 2026

**Wards Affected:** All

**Background papers**

None

**Annexes**

None

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**Meeting:** Full Council  
**Meeting Date:** 26 March 2026  
**Report of:** Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer  
**Portfolio of:** Executive Leader – Councillor Claire Douglas

## **Decision Report: Appointments to the Independent Remuneration Panel and Commencement of Review**

### **Summary**

1. To seek Council's agreement to the appointment of Mark Fynn, Stuart Gibb, and Matt Williams to the Council's Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP), and the commencement of the 2026 IRP review.

### **Background**

2. Members will recall that the previous IRP report was presented to Council on 21 March 2024, to have effect for the municipal term 2023 to 2027. It is, therefore, necessary to conduct a fresh review, to take effect from the beginning of the 2027 to 2031 municipal term. Given the potential complexity of this work, it is necessary to commence this review as soon as is practicable.
3. However, following the completion of the previous review, the previous three members of the IRP indicated that they no longer wished to continue in their voluntary roles. As such, it has been necessary to seek to recruit new members of the IRP.
4. Over the past two years, the Council has sought, on a number of occasions, to appoint volunteers into various Independent Person roles, with extremely limited success; this may be due to the fact that these roles are unremunerated, unlike those in neighbouring authorities.
5. It is, therefore, to the significant credit of the Head of Democratic Services that the most recent recruitment exercise, seeking Independent Persons for both the Joint Standards Committee and the Audit and Governance Committee, together with members of the IRP, has been successful in attracting volunteers of a suitable calibre.

6. In the case of the IRP, following a full recruitment and interview process, we are pleased to recommend that Mark Fynn, Stuart Gibb, and Matt Williams should be appointed as members of the IRP.
7. The minimum membership for the IRP is three. Of the candidates recommended for appointment, one already has considerable previous experience of working in local, regional and national government, and the other candidates displayed a wealth or relevant experience including time in the police, security industry, the military, and the finance sector. All three candidates bring outstanding experience and commitment to the future review.
8. It should be noted, however, that is proposed that these appointments are for a period of two years, after which a further recruitment exercise will be required. As part of that further exercise, officers will consider suitable ways to improve the recruitment 'offer' for Independent roles, together with ways to broaden the diversity appeal of such roles.

## Implications

**Financial** – None directly arising from this report. Once completed, the IRP Review will be reported to Council and will consider any financial impacts arising from that review.

**Human Resources (HR)** – None directly arising from this report.

**Equalities** – None directly arising from this report.

**Legal** – Failure to appoint independent persons will give rise to a delay in the Council discharging its duty to regularly review Members' remuneration through an Independent Panel.

**Crime and Disorder, Information Technology and Property** – None directly arising from this report.

## Recommendations

9. It is recommended that Council:
  - a. approve the appointment of Mark Fynn, Stuart Gibb, and Matt Williams as members of the City of York Council's Independent Remuneration Panel for an initial term of 24 months; and

- b. approve the commencement of the 2026 IRP Review into Members Allowances.

**Reasons for the Recommendation**

- 10. To ensure that the Council has the requisite number of IRP Members, and to ensure that the 2026 IRP Review is conducted in good time to present to Council prior to the commencement of the 2027-2031 municipal term.

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**Report Approved**  **Date** 17 March 2026

**Wards Affected:** *List wards or tick box to indicate all* **All**

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**Background Papers:**

None

**Annexes:**

None

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<b>Meeting:</b>	Council
<b>Meeting date:</b>	26 March 2026
<b>Report of:</b>	Bryn Roberts, Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer
<b>Portfolio of:</b>	Councillor Douglas, Leader of the Council

## **Decision Report: Calendar of Meetings 2026/27**

### **Subject of Report**

To consider the meeting arrangements and agree the calendar of meetings for the 2026/27 Municipal Year, as set out in Annex A, in accordance with the Council Constitution.

### **Benefits and Challenges**

1. Approval of the calendar of meetings will enable forward planning for the upcoming municipal year and provide a framework for the Council's democratic and decision-making functions.
2. Non-approval of the calendar may delay forward planning and the maintenance of an appropriate schedule of municipal meetings.

### **Policy Basis for Decision**

3. An appropriate calendar of meetings provides an essential framework for the democratic and decision-making functions required to support the delivery of the Council Plan and other key corporate priorities.

### **Recommendation and Reasons**

4. It is recommended that:
  - i. The calendar of meetings for 2026/27, attached as Annex A, be approved.

- ii. That the Director of Governance be authorised to make any changes to the calendar as may prove necessary from time to time in consultation with the Chair of the relevant Council Committee.

**Reasons:**

- i. To provide a framework for the democratic and decision-making functions which will underpin delivery of the Council's corporate priorities.
- ii. To ensure that the calendar of meetings is implemented to assist with the forward planning and better management of meetings.

## **Background**

5. The calendar has been scheduled with the following general principles in mind:
  - i. Maintaining the existing number and frequency of meetings of each Committee.
  - ii. Each Committee meets wherever possible on the same day of the week.
  - iii. Avoiding clashes between meetings wherever possible.
  - iv. Maintaining summer and Christmas breaks in August and mid-December to early January respectively, and for school holidays and half-terms, as far as possible.
  - v. Meetings have been scheduled to enable the timely consideration of ordinary business, with flexibility for additional meetings to be called if necessary.
6. Once agreed by Council, provisional room bookings will be confirmed and the calendar will be published on the Council's website.

## **Consultation Analysis**

7. The calendar was circulated to appropriate officers and to Group Leaders for consultation. The version presented to Council incorporates suggestions made during the consultation.

## Options

8. The following options are available to Council:
- i. Approve the calendar. This is the recommended option.
  - ii. Not approve the calendar and consider alternative meeting arrangements. This option is not recommended.

## Organisational Impact and Implications

9. There are no known organisational implications associated with the preparation of the annual calendar of meetings, other than potential resource implications for Members and Officers if the calendar was not appropriately scheduled and spaced.

## Risks and Mitigations

10. There are no known risks associated with this report.

## Wards Impacted

11. All wards.

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**Background papers**

No background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

**Annexes**

**Annex A:** Calendar of meetings for 2026/27

# May 2026

April '26							June '26						
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
26	27	28	29	30			28	29	30				

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4 Bank Holiday	5 EMDS Combined 10:00	6 A&G 17:30	7 Licensing Hearing* 10:00am Planning 16:30	8 Provisional Corporate Appeals 1	9
10	11 Licensing Hearing* 10:00am Corporate Scrutiny 17:30	12 Executive 16:30	13 HWBB 16:30	14 Licensing Hearing* 10:00am Planning 16:30	15	16
17	18 Licensing Hearing* 10:00am Joint Standards 16:00	19 EMDS Transport 10:00 Place Scrutiny 17:30	20	21 Annual Council 11:00	22	23
24	25 Bank Holiday	26 Half Term	27 Half Term	28 Half Term	29 Half Term	30
31	1	*Subject to confirmation				

# June 2026

May '26							July '26						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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31													

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 <i>Licensing Hearing 10:00am*</i> SMUC 17:30 Corporate Scrutiny Calling in* 17:30	2 Combined EMDS 10:00 Executive 16:30	3	4 <i>Licensing Hearing 10:00am*</i> Planning 16:30	5	6
7	8 <i>Licensing Hearing 10:00am*</i>	9 Licensing & Regulatory 17:30	10	11 <i>Licensing Hearing 10:00am*</i> Planning 16:30	12 Corporate Appeals 10:30	13
14	15 <i>Licensing Hearing 10:00am*</i> Corporate Parenting Board 17:00	16 SACRE 18:00	17	18 <i>Licensing Hearing 10:00am*</i>	19	20
21	22 <i>Licensing Hearing 10:00am*</i> Corporate Scrutiny Calling in* 17:30	23 EMDS Transport 10:00	24	25 <i>Licensing Hearing 10:00am*</i>	26	27
28	29 <i>Licensing Hearing 10:00am*</i> Shareholders Committee 16:30	30	1	2	3	4
5	6	*Subject to confirmation				

# July 2026

June '26							August '26						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6							1
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
28	29	30					23	24	25	26	27	28	29
							30	31					

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1 A&G 17:30	2 Licensing Hearing 10:00am* Planning 16:30	3	4
5	6 Licensing Hearing 10:00am* Corporate Scrutiny 17:30	7 Combined EMDS 10:00 Executive 16:30	8 People Scrutiny 17:30	9 Licensing Hearing 10:00am* Planning 16:30	10 Provisional Corporate Appeals*	11
12	13 Licensing Hearing 10:00am* Licensing and Regulatory 17:30	14 EMDS Transport 10:00 SACRE 18:00	15	16 Licensing Hearing 10:00am* Council 18:30	17	18
19	20 Licensing Hearing 10:00am* Joint Standards 16:00	21 Summer Break Place Scrutiny 17:30	22 Summer Break HWBB 16:30	23 Summer Break	24 Summer Break	25
26	27 Summer Break Corporate Scrutiny Calling in* 11:00	28 Summer Break	29 Summer Break	30 Summer Break	31 Summer Break	1
2	3	*Subject to confirmation				

# August 2026

July '26							September '26						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4			1	2	3	4	5
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
26	27	28	29	30	31		27	28	29	30			

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3 Summer Break	4 Summer Break	5 Summer Break	6 Summer Break	7 Summer Break <i>Provisional Corporate Appeals*</i>	8
9	10 Summer Break	11 Summer Break	12 Summer Break	13 Summer Break	14 Summer Break	15
16	17 Summer Break	18 Summer Break	19 Summer Break	20 Summer Break	21 Summer Break	22
23	24 Summer Break	25 Summer Break	26 Summer Break	27 Summer Break	28 Summer Break	29
30	31 Bank Holiday	*Subject to confirmation				

# September 2026

August '26							October '26						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1					1	2	3
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
30	31												

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1 Summer Break	2 Summer Break	3 Summer Break Licensing Hearing* 10:00am	4 Summer Break	5
6	7 Licensing Hearing* 10:00am Corporate Scrutiny 17:30	8 Combined EMDS 10:00 Executive 16:30	9 People Scrutiny 17:30	10 Licensing Hearing* 10:00am Planning 16:30	11 Corporate Appeals 10:30	12
13	14 Licensing Hearing* 10:00am Corporate Parenting Board 17:00	15 SMUC 17:30	16 A&G 17:30	17 Licensing Hearing* 10:00am Council 18:30	18	19
20	21 Licensing Hearing* 10:00am Planning 16:30	22 EMDS Transport 10:00 Place Scrutiny 17:30	23 HWBB 16:30	24 Licensing Hearing* 10:00am Joint Standards 16:00	25	26
27	28 Licensing Hearing* 10:00am Corporate Scrutiny Calling in* 17:30	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	*Subject to confirmation				

# October 2026

September '26							November '26								
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S		
		1	2	3	4	5			1	2	3	4	5	6	7
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	8	9	10	11	12	13	14		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	15	16	17	18	19	20	21		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	22	23	24	25	26	27	28		
27	28	29	30				29	30							

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1 <i>Licensing Hearing* 10:00am</i>	2	3
4 <i>Licensing Hearing* 10:00am</i>	5 <i>Licensing Hearing* 10:00am</i>	6 Combined EMDS 10:00 Executive 16:30	7	8 <i>Licensing Hearing* 10:00am</i> Planning 16:30	9 <i>Provisional Corporate Appeals*</i>	10
11 <i>Licensing Hearing* 10:00am</i> Shareholders Committee 16:30	12 <i>Licensing Hearing* 10:00am</i>	13 SACRE 18:00	14 <i>Keep morning free - webcasting external meeting.</i>	15 <i>Licensing Hearing* 10:00am</i>	16	17
18	19 <i>Licensing Hearing* 10:00am</i> Planning 16:30	20 EMDS Transport 10:00 Licensing & Regulatory 17:30	21	22 <i>Licensing Hearing* 10:00am</i>	23	24
25	26 <i>Half Term (TBC)</i> Corporate Scrutiny Calling in* 17:30	27 <i>Half Term (TBC)</i>	28 <i>Half Term (TBC)</i>	29 <i>Half Term (TBC)</i>	30 <i>Half Term (TBC)</i>	31
1	2	*Subject to confirmation				

# November 2026

October '26							December '26						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3			1	2	3	4	5
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	27	28	29	30	31		

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> <i>Licensing Hearing* 10:00am</i>	<b>3</b> Combined EMDS 10:00 Executive 16:30	<b>4</b> A&G 17:30	<b>5</b> <i>Licensing Hearing* 10:00am</i>	<b>6</b> <i>Provisional Corporate Appeals*</i>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <i>Licensing Hearing* 10:00am</i> Corporate Scrutiny 17:30	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Council 18:30**	<b>12</b> <b>Christmas Market Starts</b> <i>Licensing Hearing* 10:00am</i> Planning 16:30	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <i>Licensing Hearing* 10:00am</i>	<b>17</b> EMDS Transport 10:00 Licensing & Regulatory 17:30	<b>18</b> People Scrutiny 17:30	<b>19</b> <i>Licensing Hearing* 10:00am</i> Joint Standards 16:00	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <i>Licensing Hearing* 10:00am</i> SMUC 17:30 Corporate Scrutiny Calling in* 17:30	<b>24</b> Place Scrutiny 17:30	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <i>Licensing Hearing* 10:00am</i> Planning 16:30	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <i>Licensing Hearing* 10:00am</i> Corporate Parenting Board 17:00	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	*Subject to confirmation				

# December 2026

November '26							January '27						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7						1	2
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
29	30						24	25	26	27	28	29	30
							31						

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1 Combined EMDS 10:00 Executive 16:30	2 HWBB 16:30	3 Licensing Hearing* 10:00am	4	5
6	7 Licensing Hearing* 10:00am	8 Planning 16:30	9	10 Licensing Hearing* 10:00am Planning 16:30	11 Corporate Appeals 10:30	12
13	14 Licensing Hearing* 10:00am	15 EMDS Transport 10:00	16	17 Licensing Hearing* 10:00am	18	19
20	21 Christmas Break Corporate Scrutiny Calling in*	22 Christmas Break	23 Christmas Break	24 Christmas Break	25 Bank Holiday	26
27	28 Bank Holiday	29 Christmas Break	30 Christmas Break	31 Christmas Break	1	2
3	4	*Subject to confirmation				

# January 2027

December '26							February '27						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5		1	2	3	4	5	6
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
27	28	29	30	31			28						

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1 Bank Holiday	2
3	4 Licensing Hearing* 10:00am	5 Combined EMDS 10:00	6	7 Licensing Hearing* 10:00am	8	9
10	11 Licensing Hearing* 10:00am Corporate Parenting Board 17:00	12 Place Scrutiny 17:30	13 HWBB 16:30	14 Licensing Hearing* 10:00am Planning 16:30	15 Provisional Corporate Appeals*	16
17	18 Licensing Hearing* 10:00am Corporate Scrutiny 17:30	19 Budget Executive 16:30	20 People Scrutiny 17:30	21 Licensing Hearing* 10:00am Joint Standards 16:00	22	23
24	25 Licensing Hearing* 10:00am SMUC 17:30 SACRE 18:00	26 EMDS Transport 10:00 Provisional Budget Executive 1	27 A&G 17:30	28 Licensing Hearing* 10:00am Planning 16:30	29	30
31	1	*Subject to confirmation				

# February 2027

January '27							March '27						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2		1	2	3	4	5	6
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	28	29	30	31			
						31							

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 <i>Licensing Hearing* 10:00am</i>	2 Combined EMDS 10:00 Executive 16:30	3	4 <i>Licensing Hearing* 10:00am</i>  Licensing & Regulatory 17:30	5	6
7	8 Half Term <i>Licensing Hearing* 10:00am</i> Corporate Scrutiny Calling in* 17:30	9 Half Term	10 Half Term	11 Half Term <i>Licensing Hearing* 10:00am</i>	12 Half Term	13
14	15 <i>Licensing Hearing* 10:00am</i> Shareholders Committee 16:30	16	17 Planning 16:30	18 <i>Licensing Hearing* 10:00am</i> Budget Council 18:30	19 <i>Provisional Corporate Appeals*</i>	20
21	22 <i>Licensing Hearing* 10:00am</i> Corporate Scrutiny Calling in* 17:30 SMUC 17:30	23 EMDS Transport 10:00	24	25 <i>Licensing Hearing* 10:00am</i> Planning - 16:30	26	27
28	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	*Subject to confirmation				

# March 2027

February '27							April '27						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6					1	2	3
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
						28	25	26	27	28	29	30	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	<b>1</b> <i>Licensing Hearing* 10:00am</i> Corporate Scrutiny 17:30	<b>2</b> Combined EMDS 10:00 Executive 16:30	<b>3</b> A&G 17:30	<b>4</b> <i>Licensing Hearing* 10:00am</i> Provisional Budget Council 18:30	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <i>Licensing Hearing* 10:00am</i> Corporate Parenting Board 17:00 Planning 16:30	<b>9</b> SACRE 18:00	<b>10</b> People Scrutiny 17:30	<b>11</b> <i>Licensing Hearing* 10:00am</i> Planning 16:30	<b>12</b> Corporate Appeals 10:30	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <i>Licensing Hearing* 10:00am</i> SMUC 17:30	<b>16</b> EMDS Transport 10:00 Place Scrutiny 17:30	<b>17</b> HWBB 16:30	<b>18</b> <i>Licensing Hearing* 10:00am</i> Council 18:30	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <i>Easter Break</i> Corporate Scrutiny Calling in* 17:30	<b>23</b> <i>Easter Break</i>	<b>24</b> <i>Easter Break</i>	<b>25</b> <i>Easter Break</i>	<b>26</b> <i>Bank Holiday</i>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <i>Bank Holiday</i>	<b>30</b> <i>Easter Break</i>	<b>31</b> <i>Easter Break</i>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	*Subject to confirmation				

# April 2027

March '27							May '27						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6							1
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
28	29	30	31				23	24	25	26	27	28	29
							30	31					

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1 Easter Break Planning 16:30	2 Easter Break Joint Standards 16:00	3
4	5 Preelection Period Licensing Hearing* 10:00am	6 Executive 16:30	7	8 Licensing Hearing* 10:00am	9	10
11	12 Licensing Hearing* 10:00am	13	14	15 Licensing Hearing* 10:00am	16	17
18	19 Licensing Hearing* 10:00am	20	21	22 Licensing Hearing* 10:00am	23 Provisional Corporate Appeals*	24
25	26 Licensing Hearing* 10:00am	27	28	29 Licensing Hearing* 10:00am Planning 16:30	30	1
2	3	*Subject to confirmation				

# May 2027

April '27							June '27						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3			1	2	3	4	5
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
25	26	27	28	29	30		27	28	29	30			

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3 Bank Holiday	4	5	6 Probable Local Election Date	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 Annual Council 11:00	21	22
23	24 Licensing Hearing* 10:00	25	26	27 Licensing Hearing* 10:00	28	29
30	31 Bank Holiday	*Subject to confirmation				

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