



Notice of a public meeting of

Decision Session - Combined Executive Member Decision Session

To: Councillors Douglas, Webb, Kent, Kilbane, Lomas, Steels-Walshaw, Merrett and Perrett

Date: Tuesday, 8 September 2026

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: West Offices, York

AGENDA

Notice to Members – Post Decision Calling In:

Members are reminded that, should they wish to call in any item* on this agenda, notice must be given to Democratic Services by **4:00pm on Wednesday, 16 September 2026.**

*With the exception of matters that have been the subject of a previous call in, require Full Council approval or are urgent which are not subject to the call-in provisions. Any items that are called in will be considered by the Corporate Scrutiny Committee.

Written representations in respect of items on this agenda should be submitted to Democratic Services by **5:00pm on Friday, 4 September 2026.**

1. Appointing a Chair

To confirm arrangements for chairing the meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence

To receive and note apologies for absence.

3. Declarations of Interest

At this point in the meeting, Members and co-opted 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.

An interest must also be disclosed in the meeting when it becomes apparent to the member during the meeting.

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

Type of Interest	You Must
<i>Disclosable Pecuniary Interests</i>	<i>Disclose the interest, not participate in the discussion or vote, and leave the meeting unless you have a dispensation.</i>
<i>Other Registrable Interests (Directly Related)</i> OR <i>Non-Registrable Interests (Directly Related)</i>	<i>Disclose the interest; speak on the item only if the public are also allowed to speak, but otherwise not participate in the discussion or vote, and leave the meeting unless you have a dispensation.</i>
<i>Other Registrable Interests (Affects)</i> OR <i>Non-Registrable Interests (Affects)</i>	<i>Disclose the interest; remain in the meeting, participate and vote unless the matter affects the financial interest or well-being:</i> <i>(a) to a greater extent than it affects the financial interest or well-being of a majority of inhabitants of the affected ward; and</i>

	<i>(b) a reasonable member of the public knowing all the facts would believe that it would affect your view of the wider public interest. In which case, speak on the item only if the public are also allowed to speak, but otherwise do not participate in the discussion or vote, and leave the meeting unless you have a dispensation.</i>
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(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.

4. Public Participation

At this point in the meeting members of the public who have registered to speak can do so. Members of the public may speak on agenda items or on matters within the remit of the committee. Please note that our registration deadlines are set as 2 working days before the meeting, in order to facilitate the management of public participation at our meetings. The deadline for registering at this meeting is 5:00pm on Friday, 4 September 2026.

To register to speak please visit www.york.gov.uk/AttendCouncilMeetings to fill in an online registration form. If you have any questions about the registration form or the meeting, please contact Democratic Services. Contact details can be found at the foot of this agenda.

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given their permission. The meeting can be viewed live and on demand at www.york.gov.uk/webcasts.

5. Minutes (Pages 7 - 20)

To approve and sign the minutes of the Combined Executive Member Decision Sessions held on Tuesday, 7 July, Tuesday, 30 July and Tuesday, 11 August 2026.

6. Walmgate Improvement Scheme (Pages 21 - 158)

Officers have developed a programme of projects to allow delivery of the South Walmgate Masterplan, following an Executive Member Decision to allocate £250k to a Neighbourhood Improvement Programme for Walmgate.

A decision is now sought to approve the final version of the South Walmgate Masterplan, agree to implement a first phase of projects, and amend the existing delegation to procure the design and construction contractors needed. This will allow the development and implementation of a first phase of the South Walmgate Masterplan.

7. Benefits Financial Inclusion/Welfare Outturn (Pages 159 - 210)
2025/26

This report provides the Executive Member for Finance, Performance, Major Projects, Human Rights, Equality and Inclusion and the Executive Member for Children, Young People and Education with the Financial Inclusion/Welfare Benefits outturn report 2025/26 and ongoing work in 2026/27.

The Council approved a 10-year city-wide anti-poverty strategy in November 2025. The ambition is to fight poverty in York and its impacts now and in the future. Looking to establish the conditions that would make the city of York a healthier, fairer, more affordable, more sustainable and more accessible place, where everyone feels valued, creating more regional opportunities to help today's residents and benefit future generations.

8. Urgent Business

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

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