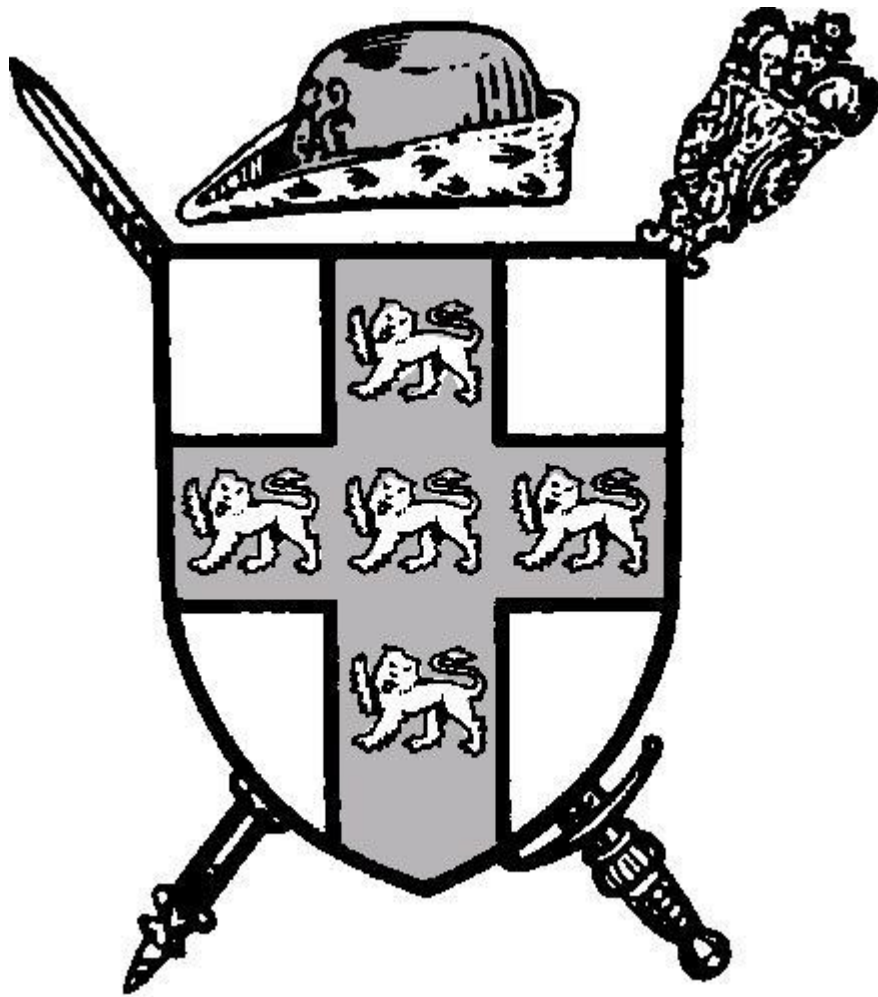




CITY OF YORK COUNCIL SUMMONS

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

Thursday, 16 July 2026 at 6.30 pm

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.

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

(Please see attached sheet for further guidance.)

3. Public Participation

At this point in the meeting, any member of the public who has registered to address the Council, or to ask a Member of the Council a question, on a matter directly relevant to the business of the Council or the City, may do so.

The deadline for registering is **5.00pm on Tuesday, 14 July 2026.**

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4. Minutes (Pages 17 - 46)

To approve and sign the minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting and Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 March 2026.

In addition, to approve and sign the minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on 21 May 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 eight petitions to be presented as follows:

- a) Councillor Merrett to present a petition which calls upon the York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and the City of York Council to work together to urgently undertake measures to address the serious and regular congestion and queuing back from the hospital car park into Wigginton road.
- b) Councillor Waller to present a petition on behalf of local businesses expressing concerns at the current situation on Front Street in relation to anti-social behaviour which is deterring people from visiting local shops.
- c) Councillor Waller to present a petition on behalf of local residents which calls upon City of York Council to reverse proposals for the loss of parking opposite Radford House, Windsor Garth with double yellow lines, or to provide replacement parking with additional eco-grid parking spaces.
- d) Councillor Orrell to present a petition which calls on the City of York Council to carry out a consultation of Huntington residents where there is match day parking to determine whether local people would like further parking restrictions.

- e) Councillor Cullwick to present a petition which calls on City of York Council to allow Huntington Parish Council to pay for Vehicle Activated Signs on Strensall Road, Huntington, to help reduce speeding.
- f) Councillor Waller to present a petition on behalf of residents of Westfield which calls on City of York Council to bring back Community Skips / Tidy-Up Vans to help residents, particularly those without access to a car to dispose of bulky waste. It also calls on City of York Council to explore options for replacement of the much-missed Beckfield Lane tip.
- g) Councillor Hollyer to present a petition which advocates for the installation of a zebra crossing at the entrance to Wigginton Primary School.
- h) Councillor Hollyer to present a petition which proposes the installation of a well-marked pedestrian crossing with adequate signage and possibly traffic calming measures near the school entrance at Ralph Butterfield School.

7. Report of the Leader of the Council and Executive
(Pages 47 - 74)

To receive 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 question the Leader and/or Executive Members in respect of any matter within their portfolio responsibility, in accordance with Standing Order B8.

9. Recommendations of Executive (Pages 75 - 78)

To consider for approval the recommendations of Executive, as set out in the attached notice of decisions.

(A copy of the report and supporting papers in relation to the recommendations can be viewed by accessing the meeting link below.)

Meeting	Date	Agenda
Executive	7 July 2026	https://democracy.york.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=733&MIId=15603&Ver=4

10. Annual Scrutiny Report 2025/26 (Pages 79 - 108)

To receive a report from the Chair of Corporate Scrutiny Committee presenting Scrutiny's Annual Report for the 2025/26 municipal year.

11. Joint Standards Committee Annual Report 2025/26 (Pages 109 - 126)

To receive a report from the Chair of Joint Standards Committee presenting the Committee's Annual Report for the 2025/26 municipal year.

12. Director of Public Health Annual Report 2025/26 (Pages 127 - 186)

To receive the Director of Public Health Annual Report for 2025/26: You Bet, They Win: Gambling Harms in York.

13. North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel Annual Report 2025/26 (Pages 187 - 200)

To receive the North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel Annual Report for 2025/26.

14. City of York Council Boundary Commission - Phase 2 - Ward Boundaries Council Submission (Pages 201 - 210)

To receive a report from the Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer presenting the Corporate Scrutiny Committee's formal response arising from the work of the Task and Finish Group on phase two of the Boundary Commission in relation to ward boundaries.

15. Changes to the Scheme of Delegation (Pages 211 - 390)

To receive a report from the Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer presenting amendments to the Scheme of Delegation.

16. Appointments and Changes to Membership (Pages 391 - 392)

To consider changes to membership of committees and outside bodies set out in the attached list.

17. Motions on Notice

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

1) Expanding Access to On-Street Electric Vehicle Charging in York

To be moved by Councillor Vassie

Council notes that:

- The Government has announced a £25 million Electric Vehicle Pavement Channels Grant to support local authorities in installing cross-pavement charging solutions, including pavement channels and gully systems, enabling residents without off-street parking to safely charge electric vehicles from their homes.
- Thousands of York households, particularly those living in terraced streets and properties without driveways, are unable to benefit from the convenience and lower cost of home electric vehicle charging.
- York has established itself as a national leader in public rapid charging through the successful HyperHub sites at Monks Cross and Poppleton Bar Park and Ride, demonstrating the Council's ability to deliver innovative charging infrastructure.

- The Council's Public EV Charging Strategy prohibits charging cables trailing across the public highway because of legitimate highway safety and accessibility concerns.
- Advances in cross-pavement charging technology, alongside the creation of a dedicated Government funding programme, now provide an opportunity to address these concerns through engineered solutions designed to remove trip hazards while maintaining safe and accessible footways.
- The Executive report on the replacement EV back-office contract confirms that future expansion of York's public charging network will come forward through separate Executive decisions, providing an opportunity to consider new forms of neighbourhood charging.
- There are widespread concerns about the reliability of the existing public charging infrastructure.

Council believes that:

- Residents without driveways should not be disadvantaged in making the transition to electric vehicles.
- Expanding access to affordable home charging will support York's climate ambitions while helping residents reduce the cost of motoring.
- Public rapid charging infrastructure alone cannot meet the needs of every resident, and a successful electric vehicle network requires a range of charging solutions.
- Accessibility and highway safety must remain paramount. However, the existence of legitimate concerns should not prevent the Council from investigating new technologies specifically designed to address those concerns.
- York should be proactive in pursuing external funding opportunities wherever they exist, particularly where they support the Council's climate, transport and affordability objectives.

Council therefore resolves to request that the Executive:

- Welcome the Government's Electric Vehicle Pavement Channels Grant and commit to exploring opportunities for York to benefit from the funding.
- Request officers to undertake a review of commercially available cross-pavement charging technologies, including pavement channels and gully charging systems, assessing their suitability for use within York's historic streetscape, together with their safety, accessibility, maintenance and legal implications.
- Review the City of York Public EV Charging Strategy in light of recent Government policy and funding relating to cross-pavement charging technologies.
- Identify suitable residential locations where a pilot scheme for cross-pavement charging could be introduced, subject to appropriate technical assessment and local consultation.
- Work with the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority, Government, distribution network operators and industry partners to maximise opportunities to secure external funding for neighbourhood electric vehicle charging infrastructure.
- Produce a report to Place Scrutiny within six months setting out:
 - available funding opportunities;
 - potential pilot locations;
 - estimated costs;
 - technical and legal considerations;
 - accessibility assessments;
 - and recommendations for the future rollout of cross-pavement charging in York.
- Include progress on neighbourhood and residential on-street charging as part of future updates on the implementation of the Council's EV Charging Strategy.

2) Reaffirming York's Support for Corporate Parenting

To be moved by Councillor Coles

Council welcomes:

- the Government's ambition for all children - regardless of background or start in life – to thrive and do well;
- its introduction of initiatives such as 'Best Start in Life', with the aim to improve levels of child development by age 5, and the 'Families First Partnership Programme', with the commitment to improve outcomes by moving away from crisis response and into early intervention;
- the Government's direct investment in young people with experience in the care system which includes: free dentistry, free ophthalmology and free prescriptions beyond 18 and up to age 25;
- the Government's stated intention to cap profiteering in the children's care market.

Council notes:

- its Inclusion and Belonging Strategy, approved last year, including detailed strategies to support and promote inclusion in school for all children, and further notes this Strategy gained greater validity by creating space to hear the voice of the child;
- the positive transformation of York's Corporate Parenting Board since 2023;
- the transition from a Children's Services that received an Ofsted inspection result of 'Requires Improvement' under the previous Liberal Democrat-Green administration to one of 'Outstanding' under the current Labour administration;
- that a functioning and highly effective Corporate Parenting Board was cited as a contributing factor to that

‘Outstanding’ Ofsted judgment;

- the MacAllister Report and what it says about Corporate Parenting and championing the voice of children in care;
- York’s Corporate Parenting Board has a crucial role in championing children in care through strengthening their voice and connecting it with their corporate parents in the local authority, health, police, education and other public bodies;
- Corporate Parenting is one of the most important roles local councillors perform, including the duty to do everything they can to support both children who are in the care system and those on the edge of it;
- York’s Corporate Parenting Board exists to maintain independent, critical oversight for the care of our children and young people;
- that one of the first acts of Reform-led Wakefield Council was to cut their Corporate Parenting Committee in the name of 'cutting waste'.

Council resolves to:

- commit to maintaining a Corporate Parenting Board;
- ask People Scrutiny Committee to consider creating a Task and Finish Group focused on Corporate Parenting in order to explore what is working well in York and suggest any measures that could further improve the support offered;
- condemn Reform UK’s view that councillors’ work supporting children in care is a 'waste';
- request the Council Leader write to Children and Families Minister Josh McAllister MP, to request that Corporate Parenting Boards be made statutory for all Local Authorities with responsibilities for Children’s Services;
- request that its representatives at the LGA work with that organisation to encourage councils, regardless of political balance, to join City of York Council in campaigning to make Corporate Parenting Boards a statutory obligation for

all Local Authorities.

3) Enhancing services for Young People in York

To be moved by Councillor Baxter

Council welcomes:

- the successful rollout of the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme in York, which in 2025 saw significantly higher take-up than the national average;
- the setting up of York Youth Partnership last year – and its express aims to ensure young people have safe places to be with their friends; a range of activities to take part in; are supported by people with the right skills;
- the Government's actions to tackle the threat faced by children online, through the Online Safety Act 2023 and its 2025 provisions;
- the more recent announcement last month of the Government's intention to ban social media for under 16s in 2027;
- the Government's commitment to Youth Hubs across the whole country and its 'Youth Guarantee', with £1bn to be invested to unlock over 200,000 paid jobs for young people, with a 'Jobs Guarantee' to be expanded to ages 18-24;
- a National Youth Strategy - the first in two decades,- including: investing in youth workers, volunteers and trusted adults (£15m over 3 years); improving youth work qualifications and access to youth work apprenticeships; and providing £70m over 3 years to help local councils rebuild and improve Youth Services.

Council notes:

- that between 2010 and 2023 local spending on Youth Services across England fell by 73%, to £1.2bn lower than

in 2010, resulting in the closure of more than a 1,000 Youth Centres and the loss of more than 4,500 youth workers;

- that the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) is financially stretched and cannot be expected to deliver youth services without financial support, but that York does have good examples of partnership working such as 'The Place' in Westfield;
- that a lack of activities and positive role models outside the family unit can lead to children being exploited both in physical and online spaces, and also to antisocial behaviour;
- the excellent work of Art of Protest in Acomb and Westfield supporting children and young people's activities there, while fostering a sense of belonging in their communities;
- the Millburn Review highlighting issues faced by young people trying to enter the workforce and an appreciation of how Youth Services can support young people to develop skills to help them in a competitive jobs market;
- that whilst York has low numbers (3.3%) of young people Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) relative to national and regional averages, we should do all we can to reduce this number.

Council resolves to ask the Council Leader, together with the Mayor of York and North Yorkshire, to write to the Government seeking a commitment to:

- scale up Young Futures Hubs to deliver the Government's manifesto commitment to open access support in every community – integrating therapeutic interventions, GPs, family support, employment advice, and youth programmes under one roof;
- expand the new Richer Young Lives Fund into York communities that have so far missed out on Government investment, due to the current funding formulae;
- accelerate plans to rollout Youth Hubs.

and requests People Scrutiny Committee convenes a Task and Finish group to investigate:

- the setting up of a Local Covenant Partnership Programme to support civil society, working with councils and providers, to expand provision for young people;
- unlocking match-funding and encouraging place-based philanthropy to support more sustainable funding for youth services;
- Government investment in new and existing youth facilities, through the expansion of our Better Youth Spaces programme, working with communities and partners to make better use of underused spaces.

18. Urgent Business

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

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