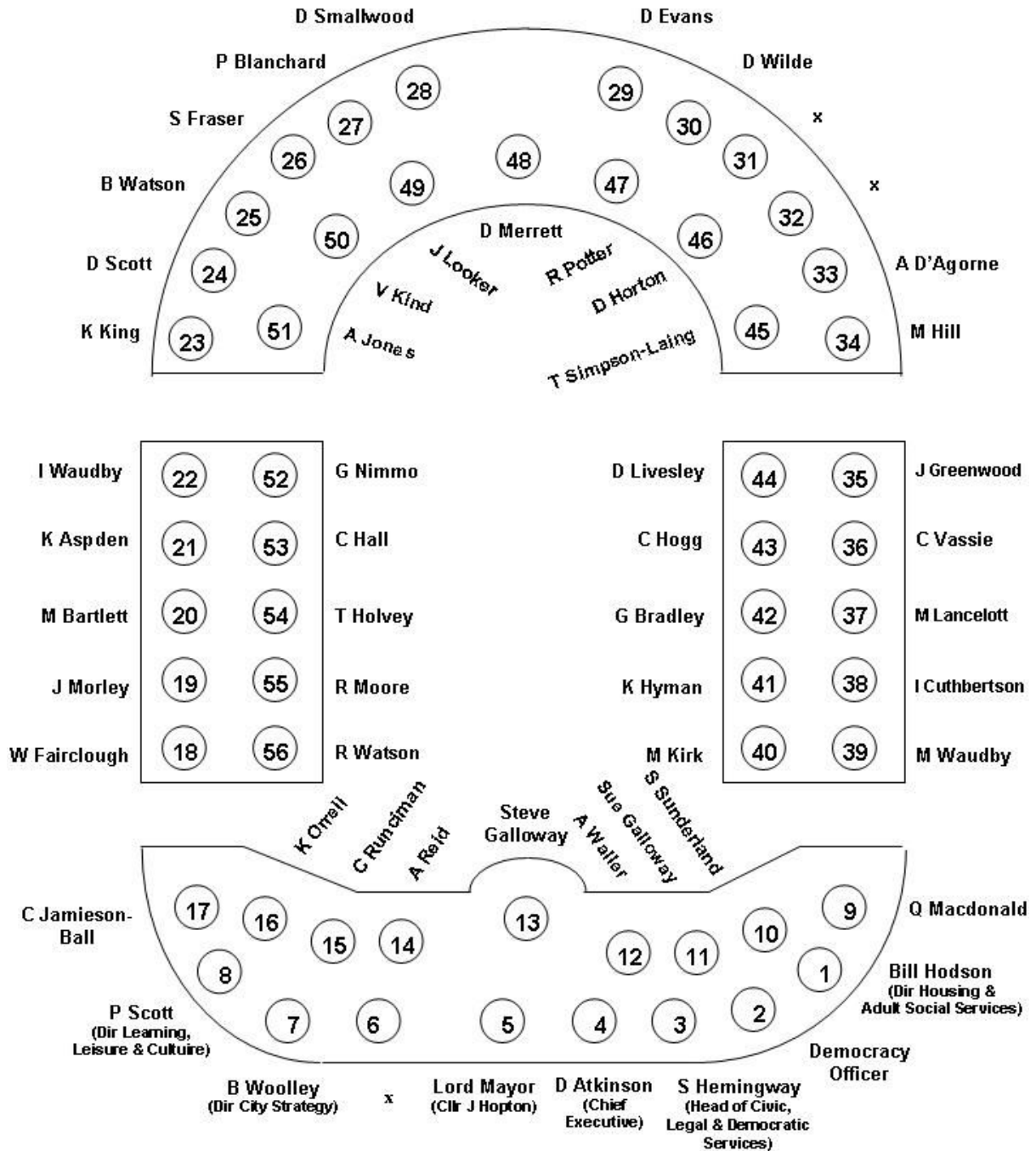


## CITY OF YORK COUNCIL SUMMONS

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, 5 October 2006 at 6.30 pm

### COUNCIL CHAMBER PLAN



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

### **1. Declarations of Interest**

At this point Members are asked to declare any personal or prejudicial interests they may have in the business on this agenda.

### **2. Minutes**

To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 29 June 2006. Copy to follow.

### **3. Civic Announcements**

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

### **4. Public Participation**

At this point in the meeting, any member of the public who has registered to address the Council or ask a question of any Member of Council, for up to 3 minutes, on any matter directly relevant to the business of the Council or the City, may do so. Anyone who wishes to register or requires further information is requested to contact Dawn Steel on York (01904) 551030. The deadline for registering is **10.00 am on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> October 2006.**

### **5. Petitions**

To consider any petitions received from Members in accordance with Standing Order No.7.

## 6. Notices of Motion

To consider the following motions under Standing Order 11:

- (i) From Cllr Potter:  
“Council requests the restoration of the budgets for ward committee funding, making good the cuts in this year’s budget.”
  
- (ii) From Cllr S F Galloway:  
“Council notes with concern the recent announcements of job losses in the city. Council recognises the need for stability in, and the further diversification of, the local economy and welcomes proposals to establish new support arrangements for those facing redundancy and for an independent review of the prospects for, and actions necessary to ensure, the prosperity of the City over the next decade and beyond. Council remains concerned at the decline of manufacturing industry across the country, and in our area specifically, and calls upon central government to do more to support local businesses.”
  
- (iii) From Cllr D Merrett:  
“Council requests, as part of the Council’s response to the recent major job loss announcements across a number of important sectors of the City’s economy, and to questions as to how well the Council’s existing job creation strategies and spending levels match the profile and numbers of York residents losing employment, that the Director of City Strategy, in conjunction with local business leaders, partners and MPs urgently review and update the Council’s Economic Development Strategy and expenditure priorities.”

**[Note:** In accordance with Standing Order 14(r), motion (iii) above, might be ruled out of order by the Chair in light of the previous motion (ii) to be considered]

- (iv) From Cllr Sue Galloway:  
“Council believes that responsibility for NHS cuts at Selby & York PCT rests with the Labour Government and the Department of Health. Therefore, Council calls upon Patricia Hewitt, Secretary of State for Health, to act to

reverse the proposal to cut up to 60 beds at York District Hospital.

Council asks the Chief Executive to write to Patricia Hewitt to ask for her assurance she will protect local residents and give a guarantee that these bed closures will not go ahead.”

(iv) From Cllr D’Agorne:

Consultation on changes to planning processes

“This council notes with concern the Government proposals for new nuclear power stations and the intention to 'fast track' planning applications without full public inquiry processes. We condemn the lack of robust examination of the options during the recent government policy review and the failure to provide hard evidence of the economic and environmental case for new nuclear plants in the UK.

This Council believes that the response to climate change should be with a rapid programme of cutting energy and resource consumption, increased renewables etc rather than by developing new nuclear plants. It believes it is unacceptable to seek to avoid effective opposition by changing planning processes. It also believes any new plants will have a serious opportunity cost in relation to the development of new renewable technologies and will perpetuate the terrorist threat and problems of managing a growing waste mountain.

Council resolves to instruct the Chief Executive to respond to the DTI consultation before October 31st expressing these views on behalf of City of York Council.”

**7. Report of Executive Leader and Executive Recommendations** (Pages 1 - 14)

To receive and consider a written report from the Leader on the work of the Executive and deal with any recommendations arising from their work and including the report of the Director of City Strategy and the original motion from Councillor Simpson-Laing relating to the 'ftr'. [Attached: Leader's report; report of Director of City Strategy on 'ftr', including motion from Councillor Simpson-Laing; and Executive minute from its meeting on 26 September 2006]

**8. Report of Executive Member** (Pages 15 - 16)

To receive a written report from the Executive Member for Corporate Services and to question the Executive Member thereon, provided any such questions are registered in accordance with the timescales and procedures set out in Standing Order 8(2)(a).

**9. Questions to the Executive Leader and Executive Members received under Standing Order 10(c)**

To deal with the following questions to the Executive Leader or other Executive Members in accordance with Standing 10(a):

**Executive Member for City Strategy**

**From Cllr Aspden:**

"Given the changes to the bus services serving the Fordlands Road area in Fulford, will the Executive Member for City Strategy reconsider the provision of a pedestrian refuge at the junction with Main Street as soon as possible, on the basis that a safe crossing point is needed to allow residents to access the bus stops and local shops?"

**From Cllr Simpson-Laing:**

Will the Executive Member confirm passenger numbers for the 'ftr' on a monthly basis since May 2006 and compare those with the same period for route No4 in 2005?

**From Cllr Simpson-Laing:**

Will the Executive Member explain why there are continuing problems with reliability of the 'ftr' service and timing, given the concept was meant to overcome boarding delays, and can she confirm whether an additional bus has been added into the 'ftr' service schedules?

**From Cllr King:**

Could the Executive Member report on the number of complaints/incidents in relation to trips and falls related to the 'ftr' since May 2006?

**From Cllr Looker:**

Will the Executive Member explain why there was such a delay in bringing forward the alteration to the Section 106 agreement for the Barbican, and who was responsible?

**From Cllr Scott:**

Given the figures required for York's housing needs, particularly in relation to Affordable Housing, as published in the Fordham Reserach Document of June 2006, is the Executive Member now seeking higher housing projections for York through the Regional Spatial Strategy Inquiry.

**From Cllr D'Agorne:**

How much has been spent on preparing the council bid for waste PFI to date (including consultants fees and officer time) and how much is projected for the current year?

**Executive Member for Housing**

**From Cllr Potter:**

What level of staff support (including fte time allocations) are residents associations now receiving from the Neighbourhood Pride unit compared to that previously received from Community Services and when will the SLA between Housing and Neighbourhood Services finally be agreed?

**From Cllr Merrett:**

Would the Executive Member advise how many affordable properties for sale have been agreed in section 106 agreements for housing developments completed to date, how many of these

properties were successfully sold to persons from the York Housing waiting lists, whether any remained unsold and what happened to those (including a breakdown by property type & bedroom number & price, and how the sale of these properties is monitored, including subsequent resales)

## **Executive Member for Corporate Services**

### **From Cllr Looker**

Can the Executive Member explain what he is doing to bring the procurement strategy back on track by meeting the savings targets?

What percentage of staff appraisals have now been completed in the Resources Department?

What is the Executive Member doing to ensure that the Property Services overspend is being managed and brought back within budget?

## **Executive Member for Neighbourhoods**

### **From Cllr Moore**

Would the Executive Member report what cuts have had to be made to the 2006/7 Yorkshire Regional Flood Defence Committee capital and revenue budgets?

### **From Cllr D'Agorne**

When will residents of Fishergate be given the opportunity to have kerbside cardboard collection for recycling?

When will residents in terraced streets and blocks of flats be included in kerbside or other door to door recycling collection systems?

## **Executive Member for Children's Services**

### **From Cllr Bradley**

Given the national concern about Key Stage 2 English results across the country, would the Executive Member for Children's Services like to comment on the standards achieved in York, particularly those achieved by boys?



## **Executive Member for Leisure & Culture**

### **From Cllr D'Agorne**

When does he now expect the Barbican deal to be signed?

#### **10. Recommendations from the Licensing and Regulatory Committee (Pages 17 - 18)**

To consider the following recommendations for approval from the Licensing and Regulatory Committee:

Committee	Date	Recommendations
Licensing & Regulatory Committee	1 September 2006	Minute 5 – Electoral Arrangements – Parish of Clifton Without [Copy attached]

#### **11. Audit & Governance Committee - 4 October 2006 (Pages 19 - 22)**

To consider the recommendations of Audit & Governance Committee from its meeting on 4 October 2006, relating to a constitutional amendment to Standing Orders 8(2)(a) and 10(a) received from Councillor Merrett. [Report to Audit & Governance Committee attached as background information. Recommendation from Audit & Governance Committee to be tabled at the meeting]

#### **12. Scrutiny - Report of Chair of SMC and Scrutiny Annual Report (Pages 23 - 46)**

To receive a written report on the work of the Scrutiny Management Committee (SMC) from Cllr Kirk, the Chair of SMC, and consider the recommendation of SMC regarding the Annual Report on Scrutiny for 2005/06. [Report attached from Chair of SMC, together with SMC minute and final text of Annual Scrutiny Report for 2005/6. The final version of Annual Report will be available at the meeting]

**13. Activities of Outside Bodies** (Pages 47 - 76)

Minutes of the following meetings of outside bodies, received since the last meeting of Council, have been made available for Members to view on the Council's computer system, on the M:Drive in "All Members/COUNCIL Outside Body Minutes/2006/29 October 2006". Copies may also be obtained by contacting the Democracy Support Group at the Guildhall, York (Tel. 01904 551088).

- North Yorkshire Police Authority
- Local Government Yorkshire & Humber
- Association of North Yorkshire Councils
- North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority

Members are invited to put any questions to the Council's representatives on any of the above bodies, in accordance with Standing Order 10(b).

**14. Appointments and Changes to Membership** (Pages 77 - 78)

To consider the appointments and changes to the membership of Committees and Outside Bodies set out in the list attached to this Summons.

**15. Urgent Business**

To consider any business which the Lord Mayor considers is urgent in accordance with Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972.

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