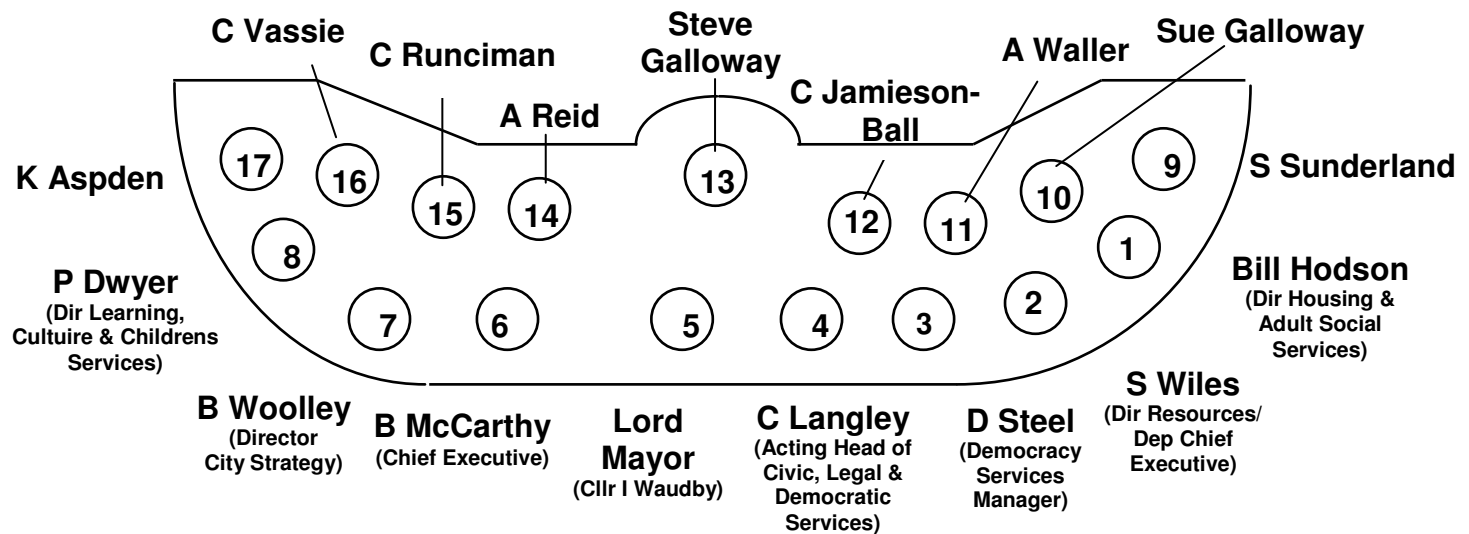
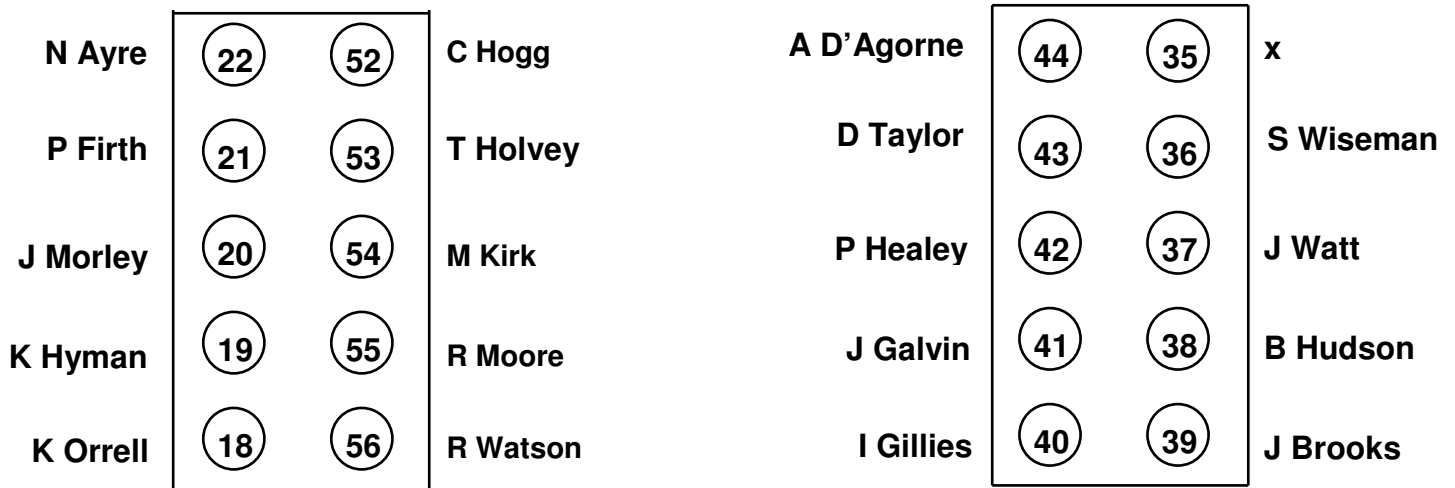
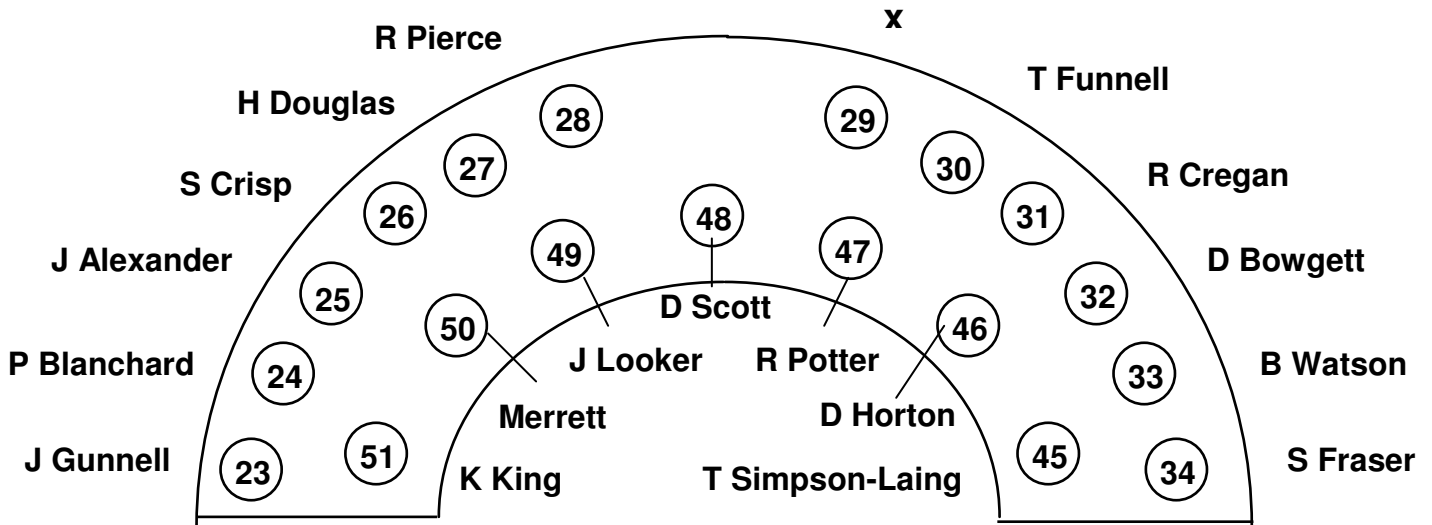


CITY OF YORK COUNCIL SUMMONS

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, 24 January 2008 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 (Pages 1 - 20)

To approve and sign the minutes of the Special and Ordinary meetings of Council held on 29 November 2007.

3. Civic Announcements

To consider any announcements made by the Lord Mayor in respect of Civic business, including:

A Announcement of Lord Mayor Elect

To announce the Lord Mayor for the 2008/09 Municipal Year

B Appointment of Honorary Recorder

To consider the appointment of Judge Stephen Ashurst, Resident Judge at York Crown Court, as the Honorary Recorder for City of York Council.

4. Public Participation

It is at this point in the meeting that members of the public who have registered their wish to speak regarding an item on the agenda or an issue within the remit of Council may do so. Anyone who wishes to register, or requires further information, is requested to contact the Democracy Officer for this meeting. Contact details are listed at the foot of this agenda. The deadline for registering is **5:00pm on Wednesday, 23 January 2008.**

5. Petitions

To consider any petitions received from Members in accordance with Standing Order No.7. To date, notice has been received of petitions to be presented by:

- (i) Councillor Bowgett, on behalf of residents of Howe Hill Road and Poppleton Road asking for resurfacing and lighting of the alleyway behind their homes.

- (ii) Councillor Moore, on behalf of residents of Skelton, Rawcliffe and Clifton Without, opposing the potential Eco Town proposal.

6. Notices of Motion

To consider the following Notices of Motion under Standing Order 11:

(i) From Councillor Watt:

“The Council raises its concern at the Government’s selection of Clifton Gate as a potential ‘Eco-Town’ development site. In particular, there are severe infrastructure problems in the vicinity of the proposed site, which will be made worse should the development proceed. Moreover, there are major traffic congestion problems on the major roads feeding the site and the Council does not consider that the measures for transportation links proposed for Clifton Gate will ease the congestion.

Furthermore, the Council is disappointed that the Government selected the Clifton Gate site in concurrence with potential developers without consulting the City of York Council.

Therefore, we call upon the Chief Executive to write to the Minister for Communities and Local government and the Minister for Yorkshire to express the objection of the City of York Council to the selection of Clifton Gate as a potential ‘Eco-Town’, on the grounds that it cannot be sustained by the local infrastructure.”

(ii) From Councillor Simpson-Laing:

“Council instructs Officers to take up powers given to local authorities under ‘The Housing (Empty Dwelling Management Orders) (Prescribed Exceptions and Requirements) (England) Order 2006’ to help bring forward much needed housing lying empty in York.

Council instructs officers within three months to draft guidance on how the powers might be exercised. Reports

should be submitted to both the Local Development Framework (LDF) Working Group and the Executive Member for Housing Advisory Panel (EMAP), so that proper consideration can be given to the benefits of embedding the Government initiative into Council policy in order to help provide much needed housing in the area.”

(iii) From Councillor Merrett:

“Council welcomes the recent officer report on an 'Action Plan' for tackling climate change within the Council. Council recognises that there will be major challenges for the Council, York residents and businesses which will require greater understanding of the need and measures to tackle 'Climate Change'. Council therefore agrees that an Cross Party Task Force be established to lead on this issue from the Council. Its remit will be to:

1. Monitor the implementation of the current 'Action Plan' within the Council;
2. Examine how the longer term targets can be met to tackle CO2 emissions;
3. Seek consensus between the parties on the Council on the issue of CO2 emissions;
4. Lead the public debate and development of the wider York approach, in conjunction with 'Without Walls' Partnership;
5. That the Task Force report to the Executive on a Bi-monthly basis.

(iv) From Councillor Orrell:

“Council notes that crime levels across the City have fallen significantly in recent years. Whilst this reflects the partnership of the Police, Safer York and local communities, this reduction has relied heavily on the considerable efforts of local Police Officers.

The public expect a high quality of policing, and for the government to be fair in their treatment of police pay.

Government has chosen to reduce the police pay increase with a sleight of hand which has created unnecessary conflict with the officers who patrol our streets.

Council calls upon the Home Secretary to agree to the

Independent Police Arbitration Tribunal's recommendation for the pay increase to maintain police morale.”

(v) From Councillor Morley:

“The Council calls upon the Government to award a funding settlement at least in line with inflation to the North Yorkshire Fire Authority, in the light of representations already made to the Government by the North Yorkshire Fire Authority.”

7. Report of Executive Leader and Executive Recommendations (Pages 21 - 30)

To receive and consider a written report from the Leader on the work of the Executive, and the Executive recommendations for approval, as set out below:

Meeting	Date	Recommendations
Executive	4 December 2007	Minute 119: Lord Mayoralty 2008/09.
Executive Member for Corporate Services and Advisory Panel	11 December 2007	Minute 49: Register Office – Approved Premise Marriage and Register Office Fees for 2008/09, Proper Officer and Employment Status, and Update on Service and Projects.

8. Report of Executive Member (Pages 31 - 36)

To receive a written report from the Executive Member for Housing 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 and / or other Executive Members, in accordance with Standing Order 10(a):

(i) To the Executive Member for City Strategy, from Cllr Merrett:

“Would the Executive Member agree that the state of the back lane through from Scarcroft Hill to Mill Mount, with major potholes and heave, is completely unacceptable, particularly for what is supposed to be the designated safe walking / cycling route between All Saints’ Upper and Lower Schools, and will she give an undertaking to obtain early action to restore the route to a safe state?”

(ii) To the Executive Member for City Strategy, from Cllr Merrett:

“Would the Executive Member also explain why the agreed latter phase of the safe route to school works to remove the blind turn, widen the gap and eliminate the step down between Mill Mount and the back lane has never been undertaken some several years since it was originally agreed, and will she agree to get officers to expedite this long overdue measure to improve personal safety – especially when it’s dark – and to achieve disabled access standards?”

(iii) To the Executive Member for City Strategy, from Cllr Pierce:

“Would the Executive Member explain why there is no local service bus serving the new Morrison’s development as was expected when planning approval was given for the development with a bus corridor through being specifically provided?”

(iv) To the Executive Member for City Strategy, from Cllr Moore:

“Can the Executive Member confirm that there was no consultation with the Council before developers submitted the ‘Clifton Gate’ Eco-town application to the Government?”

- (v) To the Executive Member for City Strategy, from Cllr D'Agorne:
“Can you please outline the likely budgetary implications for other council services if we enter into PFI 25-year contracts for both Highways Maintenance and Waste.”
- (vi) To the Executive Member for City Strategy, from Cllr D'Agorne:
“Can you report on progress with purchasing sites for waste treatment at Tockwith or elsewhere?”
- (vii) To the Executive Member for City Strategy, from Cllr D'Agorne:
“Can you tell me when the agendas and minutes of the Quality Bus Partnership will be made publicly available and can you supply a report to councillors on the decisions of the Partnership since its ‘relaunch’ in September 2007?”
- (viii) To the Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services, from Cllr Potter:
“Neighbourhood Services EMAP agreed to provide litter bins in the City Centre with compartments to allow for various items to be recycled. These have been very successful in other cities in the UK. When will they eventually be installed in York and what has been the delay?”
- (ix) To the Executive Member for Housing Services, from Cllr Potter:
“The current ‘Discus’ bungalow residents in Heworth and Fishergate Wards are having to move to new properties through no fault of their own. They face a rent increase of over £20 per week. They have no choice in the matter and it is difficult for a pensioner on a fixed income to accommodate such a large increase within their existing budgets. What is the Executive Member going to do to address this unacceptable rent increase to be faced by these elderly and vulnerable residents?”

- (x) To the Executive Member for Housing Services, from Cllr Horton:

“Who initiated, and following what consultation was the decision taken, in respect of expenditure of estate management budgets, that suggestions for estate improvements be limited to only those members of the relevant R.A. who turned up for the estate walkabout and would the Executive Member for Housing not consider that such a decision could be regarded as discriminatory against the disabled and infirm and subject to legal challenge, and if not, why not?”

10. Independent Remuneration Panel on Members Allowances – Final Report (Pages 37 - 80)

To consider the final report of the Independent Panel recently commissioned to review the basic, special responsibility and other allowances paid or reimbursed to Elected Members on City of York Council.

11. Scrutiny - Report of the Chair of the Scrutiny Management Committee (Pages 81 - 82)

To receive a report from Councillor Galvin, the Chair of the Scrutiny Management Committee (SMC) on the work of the SMC.

12. Activities of Outside Bodies

Minutes of the following meetings of outside bodies, received since the last meeting of Council, have been made available for Members to view via the Council's website at

<http://sql003.york.gov.uk/mgListOutsideBodies.asp?bcr=1>

- York & North Yorkshire Waste Management Partnership - 1/11/07
- Yorkshire & Humber Assembly - 6/12/07
- Local Government Yorkshire & Humber - 22/11/07
- North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority - 26/9/07
- Regional Transport Forum - 7/12/07
- Pension Fund Sub-Committee - 27/9/07
- Police Authority - 21/11/07

Copies may also be obtained by contacting Democracy Support Group at the Guildhall, York (tel. 01904 551088)

Questions may be put to the Council's representatives on the above bodies, provided the required notice has been given under Standing Order 10(b). Notice has not been received of any such questions on this occasion.

13. Appointments and Changes to Membership (Pages 83 - 84)

To consider the appointments and changes to membership of committees and outside bodies set out on the list attached to this summons.

14. Urgent Business

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

Democracy Officer for this meeting:

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For more information about any of the following please contact the Democracy Officer responsible for servicing this meeting:

- Registering to speak
- Business of the meeting
- Any special arrangements
- Copies of reports

Contact details are set out above.