



Notice of a public meeting of

Economic & City Development Overview & Scrutiny Committee

To: Councillors Semlyen (Chair), Watt (Vice-Chair), Barnes, Burton, D'Agorne, Riches and Hyman

Date: Tuesday, 23 July 2013

Time: 5.00 pm

Venue: The Severus Room - 1st Floor West Offices (F032)
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AGENDA

1. Declarations of Interest (Pages 3 - 4)

At this point in the meeting, Members are asked to declare:

- any personal interests not included on the Register of Interests
- any prejudicial interests or
- any disclosable pecuniary interests

which they may have in respect of business on this agenda.

2. Minutes (Pages 5 - 12)

To approve and sign the minutes of the last meeting of the Economic & City Development Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on 18 June 2013.

3. Public Participation

It is at this point in the meeting that members of the public who have registered their wish to speak can do so. The deadline for registering is by **5pm on Monday 22 July 2013**.

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4. 2012/13 Finance and Performance Outturn Report (Pages 13 - 26)

This report provides details of the 2012/13 Outturn for both finance and performance in City & Environmental Services (excluding Highways, Waste and Fleet), Economic Development and Housing Services.

5. Briefing Notes on Potential Review Topics for the municipal year 2013/14 (Building Skills and Supporting Online Working) (Pages 27 - 32)

In this item Members are asked to consider briefing notes on two topics and to make a decision as to which of these topics they would like to progress to review during this municipal year. The topics are;

- Construction Skills
- Supporting Online Working

6. Update on the Implementation of Recommendations Arising from the Scrutiny Task Group E-Planning Facilities (Pages 33 - 36)

This report gives an update on the implementation of recommendations arising from the E-Planning Scrutiny Review.

7. CYC Welfare Reforms- Impact of ' The Spare Room Subsidy' (Pages 37 - 46)

This report advises Members of the current position in York of the effects of the welfare reforms and the actions that have been taken to mitigate the impacts on those who are affected.

8. Bi-Annual Update Report- Major Transport Initiatives (Pages 47 - 54)

This report provides Members of the Economic & City Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee with an overview and update in relation to the major transport initiatives in the city currently being progressed.

9. Bi-Annual Update Report- Major Developments Schemes within the City of York Council (Pages 55 - 62)

This report provides Members with an overview and update in relation to the major development and planning proposals in the city at this time.

10. Work Plan 2013-14 (Pages 63 - 64)
Members are asked to consider the Committee's work plan for the municipal year 2013/2014.

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

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**MEETING OF ECONOMIC AND CITY DEVELOPMENT
OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Agenda item 1: Declarations of interest

The following Members declared standing personal interests.

Councillor D'Agorne- Employee of York College

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City of York Council

Committee Minutes

Meeting	Economic & City Development Overview & Scrutiny Committee
Date	18 June 2013
Present	Councillors Semlyen (Chair), Watt (Vice-Chair), Barnes, Burton, D'Agorne, Riches and Hyman
In Attendance	Councillor Alexander

1. **Declarations of Interest**

Members were asked to declare any personal, prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interests, other than those listed on the standing declarations attached to the agenda, that they might have in the business on the agenda.

No interests were declared.

2. **Minutes**

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting of the Economic and City Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 26 March 2013 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

3. **Public Participation**

It was reported that there had been no registrations to speak under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

4. **Attendance of the Leader (to include information on the City Team)**

The Leader of the Council attended the meeting to update Members on priorities within his portfolio area.

His verbal update included comments on;

- Levels of unemployment in York.
- Proposed arrival of large retailers in the city.
- International links.
- York Central site.
- Membership of Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs).
- Local Plan and housing issues in the city.

The Leader reported that unemployment levels had decreased since 2008. He stated that the level of youth unemployment in the city was amongst the lowest in the UK. The level of unemployment amongst 18-24 year olds had also stabilised.

He added that a large retailer, had expressed interest in establishing a store in the city and that the Marks and Spencer building in Piccadilly had been recommended to them for use.

In regards to the city's international links, it was reported that the number of international students at York St John University had increased, and that the University of York held an annual graduation ceremony in China.

In regards to the York Central Site, the Leader commented that significant funding was needed for infrastructure works, particularly the provision of access into and out of the site. He added that the current uncertain situation surrounding the funding of the National Railway Museum (NRM) might affect the site's future.

The Leader informed the Committee of the reasons for why York is now a member of one LEP, the Leeds City Region (LCR), as opposed to its previous membership of both the LCR and York and North Yorkshire LEP, namely differing priorities on transport and housing.

Members asked a series of questions to the Leader including;

- Whether the Local Plan would be revised if there was major opposition to it.
- Whether the proposed figure of 1090 new homes a year was sufficient?
- Whether new entrance criteria for the city's Universities to take on larger numbers of international students would be to the detriment of home students.

In response to the questions the Leader responded that;

- The consultation on the Local Plan would provide the first definition of the Green Belt, and that he would disagree with a policy which did not set out a Local Plan.
- That as York was one of the fastest growing cities in the UK, more homes were needed and 1090 new homes a year was only an average figure.
- That he did not think that house prices in the city would fall with an increase in house building but it would allow supply to match the current unmet demand.

The Chair thanked the Leader for his attendance at the meeting.

5. York Council for Voluntary Service (CVS) Presentation on Volunteering Opportunities for under 16's and the York Charter for Volunteering

Garry Jones, the Support & Development Team Manager and Liz Hamilton, the Volunteering Manager from York Council for Voluntary Service (CVS) gave a presentation to Members on volunteering for under 16s in the city and the York Charter for Volunteering.

Members were informed that it was important to distinguish between work placements and volunteering. Work placements developed skills and provided references. Volunteering diversified workforces and gave organisations links to and a commitment to the community.

It was reported that previous funding had allowed the CVS to run taster work on volunteering with 14-16 year olds which in turn had allowed for a legacy to start to develop, but lack of funding had stopped this. This funding then had been targeted towards 16 year old NEETs (Not in Education, Employment or Training).

Members were informed about the current work of the CVS in schools, particularly about the inauguration of the Youth Volunteer Award (which was presented by the Lord Mayor) and a project around Disabled Young Volunteers. However, there were still organisations in specific areas who were reluctant to provide volunteering opportunities for young people, such as in health and social care and safeguarding.

It was acknowledged that in these particular areas a higher level of supervision of young volunteers was needed, which might dissuade organisations from offering opportunities in these areas. It was also recognised that a large number of volunteering opportunities had been solely used by people to expand their skills in order to gain employment.

Resolved: That the presentation be noted.

Reason: To inform the Committee about volunteering for under 16s in York.

6. Verbal Update on Implementation of Recommendations Arising from the Scrutiny Task Group E-Planning Facilities-Reasons for Being Behind Schedule

The Council's Head of Development Management attended the meeting to give Members a verbal update on the recommendations arising from the E-Planning Facilities Scrutiny Review Task Group.

He gave Members a short verbal summary on the progress of the review, and commented that the training sessions had taken place with over 50 Parish Councils and Planning Panels on how to use the new facilities. These had been successful, and although there was initially some scepticism, given that the Task Group's recommendations did not mention funding for equipment to display the plans, there was less resistance to the principle of E-Planning.

It was reported that a Good Practice Guide for Parish Councils and Planning Panels was in development in conjunction with Task Group Members and representatives from Parish Councils. However, Officers had asked for further nominations to be received from Parish Councils and Planning Panels that had not been involved. Councillor Watt offered his assistance in further development of the Guide. Members were informed that the Guide would be circulated to all interested parties once further nominations had been received.

In relation to a recommendation regarding providing a function to download all documents relating to an application, it was reported that IDOX had been slow to respond to individual requests for packs of documents.

However, they suggested that all documents related to a specific planning application could be sent within one email. This could be done by contacting Planning Officers using the Planning Enquiries email inbox (planning.enquiries@york.gov.uk). It was also suggested that this method be promoted to Members in their fortnightly e-Newsletter.

The Scrutiny Officer requested that the Head of Development Management provide Members with a detailed written update on the implementation of all the recommendations so that the Committee could decide at their next meeting which of the recommendations could be signed off as fully implemented. Officers confirmed that they would circulate to Members an amended Terms of Reference for Parish Councils and Planning Panels regarding E-Planning and asked that any further questions be emailed to the Head of Development Management.

- Resolved:
- (i) That the update be noted.
 - (ii) That a written update on the implementation of the recommendations be provided by Officers to Members.¹
 - (iii) That an alternative method on how to access all documents related to individual planning applications be promoted through the Members' Newsletter.²

Reason: To be able to complete the scrutiny review.

Action Required

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| 1. Circulate information to Members. | JC |
| 2. Include in the Members Newsletter. | JB |

7. Update Report- Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs)

Members received an update report on the progress with the two Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) in which the City of York had been involved in to date.

In reference to the Leader's verbal update, it was confirmed that York had chosen to leave the York and North Yorkshire LEP and remain in the Leeds City Region (LCR) LEP.

Members questioned Officers on what a "Combined Authority", which was an aim of the LCR LEP, meant. In response Officers reported that the establishment of a Combined Authority (CA) was a requirement under the city deal process and gave additional flexibility and decision making powers to member councils with regard to transport and economic infrastructure funding. It would also help lever in additional transport funding from Government, as agreed through the Leeds City Region City Deal process.

In response to what was meant by York being a "non constituent" member of the CA, Officers reported that current legislation does not allow York to become a full constituent member of the Combined Authority due to requirements that constituent members must share a contiguous geographical boundary. However York would become a 'partner/ non-constituent member' on the Combined Authority. Officers reported that discussions with Government with regard to removing the legislative barriers to full membership were ongoing and that the recent parliamentary response by Communities and Local Government (CLG) Minister Brandon Lewis, indicated that he was open to representations on the best way to deliver the practical change required including examining the potential scope for removal of regulatory restrictions.

It was confirmed that the scheme detailing the establishment of the Combined Authority would be considered by Full Council and had already been submitted on to the Forward Plan.

Resolved: That the verbal update be noted.

Reason: In order to update Members on the progress of LEPs and proposals for a Combined Authority.

8. External Funding Scrutiny Review Interim Report

Members received the interim report of the External Funding Scrutiny Review Task Group.

It was reported that a typo had been made in the report, regarding a proposed changed objective of the Task Group. Objective i) meant to say “To assess how Leeds City Region are articulating investment priorities, including looking at the case of LEP European Regional Development Funding Programme and broader European Funding.” rather than access.

- Resolved:
- (i) That the report be noted.
 - (ii) That the changes to the review objectives as set out in paragraph 36 of the Officer’s report be agreed.

Reason: To allow the External Funding Scrutiny Review Task Group to progress their work on this scrutiny review in line with scrutiny procedures and protocols.

9. **Workplan 2013/2014**

Members considered the Committee’s updated work plan for the municipal year 2013-14.

Discussion took place regarding items for consideration at the meeting of the Committee on 23 July 2013.

The Chair suggested that two briefing notes on suggested scrutiny topics that had arisen from the Scrutiny Work Planning event be added on to the agenda for the 23 July. These were;

- Building/Improving Construction Skills (as a significant gap to promoting employment)
- Supporting Online Work (supporting York’s superfast network to create jobs at home)

Further amendments to the workplan included;

- A further update on E-Planning Facilities to be considered in July, following the receipt of additional information from Officers.
- Moving the item of the Impact of ‘The Spare Room Subsidy’ (often called the ‘Bedroom Tax’) from consideration in September to the July meeting.

- Moving the Green Travel Plans item to be considered in September.

Resolved: That the work plan be noted subject to the changes detailed above.

Reason: To progress the work of the Committee.

Councillor A Semlyen, Chair

[The meeting started at 5.00 pm and finished at 7.10 pm].



Economic and City Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee 23 July 2013

Report of the Director of City & Environmental Services

2012/13 Finance and Performance Outturn Report

Summary

1. This report provides details of the 2012/13 Outturn for both finance and performance in City & Environmental Services (excluding Highways, Waste and Fleet), Economic Development and Housing Services.

Analysis

Finance – Outturn overview General Fund

2. The current financial position within the City & Environmental Services Directorate (excluding Highways, Waste & Fleet) shows an underspend of £347k on a total net budget of £6,164k, an improvement of £110k on the Monitor 3 underspend of £237k. Economic Development has a budget of £759k and showed a year end underspend of £36k. The Housing General Fund has a budget of £841k and overspent by £52k. Service Plan Variations by service plan are shown below:

	Net Budget £'000	Projected Outturn £'000	Variance £'000
City & Environmental Services			
Strategic Planning & Transport	4,258	3,845	-413
City Development & Sustainability	1,839	2,182	+343
Director's Group	67	40	-27
Mitigation	0	-250	-250
Total	6,164	5,817	-347
Economic Development	759	723	-36
Housing Services (Gen Fund)	841	893	+52

Note: '+' indicates an increase in expenditure or shortfall in income
'-' indicates a reduction in expenditure or increase in income

3. Details of the main variations by service plan are detailed in the following paragraphs.

Strategic Planning and Transport (£-413k)

4. Car Parking income was £258k below budget which is made up of £10k short stay, £236k standard stay, £39k on-street and £27k surplus on Respark and season tickets. The shortfall was partly a result of bad weather during last summer, the continued effect of the economic downturn and the temporary closure of Haymarket car park due to archaeological works and autumn flooding.
5. There was £46k saving from reduced use of taxi cards, bus services and Dial & Ride, an underspend of £85k on employee costs within School Crossing Patrols, Drainage and Network Management (where a number of posts are unfilled), and £105k miscellaneous underspends. A further saving of £286k has been made on the bus service review to offset overspend elsewhere within the council.

Planning and Sustainable Development (£+343k)

6. The economic downturn has continued to have a significant impact income within the Planning Service. Income from planning applications was £298k below budget following a sharp decline in fees over the winter months. Income from building control was £210k below budget but offset by £114k staff savings. Income from local searches was £54k below budget due to low activity in the housing market, also offset by £42k staff savings. Underspends on supplies & services resulted in additional savings of £63k.

Director's Group (£-27k)

7. An underspend on the Apprentice budget (£-32k) was offset by £5k other costs.

Mitigation (£-250k)

8. The Council's contribution to highways works outside the Minster was funded by the capital programme budget, resulting in the release of £-250k from an earmarked reserve.

Economic Development (£-36k)

9. There was £-36k additional income from Newgate Market, speciality markets and other city centre activities.

Housing Services (£+52k)

10. Housing Services General Fund budget was £52k over budget. This is due to the building maintenance account recovering insufficient income resulting in an overspend of £55k and an allocation of cross directorate savings of £125k that were not achieved. This was offset by £128k miscellaneous staff savings, additional income and other savings.

Finance Housing Revenue Account (HRA) - Non General Fund account

11. The Housing Revenue Account opened with a general balance of £10,811k and the year end position identified an underspend of £890k resulting in an increase in the overall HRA balance of £1,919k. There were a number of underspends across the HRA within general management and sheltered housing. There were further underspends due to lower capital and debt charges and higher than assumed interest on cash balances.

Performance – Monitor 3 Overview

Priority: Get York moving

Access York

12. £15m of Government funding was secured for a £23m project to build two new Park & Ride (P&R) sites. Construction has begun at the Poppleton site which is scheduled for completion in May 2014. Bus priority measures have begun on the A59 and include new traffic signal junctions and refurbishment of existing junctions and an upgrade to the A59 roundabout. The Askham Bar site is being relocated and doubled in size. Both services will provide frequent ten minute journeys in and out of the city centre. P&R journeys have increased over the last five years with one million more

passenger journeys recorded and 4.3m (provisional figure) P&R journeys made in 2012 -13, rising from 4.06m in the previous year.

13. The new 'York Park & Ride' app provides live departure information, car park space availability in the five P&R sites and detailed route maps. The council launched the UK's first Park & Pedal scheme at the Designer Outlet Park & Ride site with commuters encouraged to park for free and cycle into the city centre.

Better Bus Area Fund

14. The Council received £3m of Government support to increase bus use and enhance the customer experience. The Better Bus Area Fund programme being delivered includes refurbishing bus stops and shelters, a new bus enquiry desk at York station, a bus/cyclist safety campaign and a travel survey of 16-18 year olds to help increase bus use by this group. New city centre interchange facilities and smart ticketing products are being developed - £650k has been allocated to develop the infrastructure for a smart ticketing system selling tickets from electronic street kiosks, Payzone points and outlets including universities and colleges. A trial of smart cards has taken place on the Unibus service.
15. An All York ticket covering the major bus companies was launched in September 2012. The aim is for all-York smart cards to be in place in 2014.

Cycling

16. York is the UK's 3rd cycling city with 25% of the adult population cycling regularly (behind Oxford 28% and Cambridge 47%).
17. York will host the second day of the Grand Départ (Tour de France) in July 2014.

i-Travel

18. The initiative launched in September 2012 to provide a range of innovative sustainable travel initiatives aimed at encouraging modal shift. Supported by £4.65m Government funding, highlights include a business travel planning service, personalised travel planning, i-travel website and mobile travel apps. The 'i-Travel York programme' aims to increase levels of cycling by 20%, walking by 10% by 2016 and bus use by 20% by 2015.

19. The level of available information in a range of formats has increased. A public transport information centre has opened at York railway station. Three downloadable bus apps have been launched. In addition to the P&R app, 'YorkLIVE' provides live traffic and travel information, including where roadworks and road closures are, how many available spaces there are in council car parks and live rail arrival and departure times. 'BusYork' helps bus users choose when and where to get their local bus service from, live departure times, route maps, specific bus information and service times, plus live Twitter feeds for the latest traffic and travel information.

Rail

20. York is set to benefit from the HS2 route which includes a York spur, with faster rail travel to London and key UK cities. Construction is due to start in 2017 and will open to passengers in 2026. York is working collaboratively with other local authorities along the East Coast Mainline to press the business case for further investment to improve ECML capacity, reliability and connectivity.

West Yorkshire Plus Transport Fund

21. York joined with West Yorkshire authorities to investigate the formation of the West Yorkshire Plus Transport Fund to realise City Deal and collaborative working opportunities. If the development of the fund is successful, potential schemes are improving access to Leeds/Bradford Airport, upgrading the Northern Outer Ring Road and Harrogate rail line, building a Clifton Moor Park & Ride, re-opening Haxby rail station and developing a York railway/bus interchange.

Areas for improvement

22. Numbers of non P&R bus journeys continue to decline - down 9% year on year against P&R bus journey provisional data that indicates a 6% increase in number of journeys over 2011/12. The Access York and Better Bus programmes are designed to meet these transport challenges in York.
23. It is unlikely that a contract for the Quality Bus Partnership will be devised and tendered by the initial completion date of March 2014 and is now likely to be December 2014.

24. Cycling Plans to develop an outer connecting cycle route in Haxby and Clifton Moor have been delayed and the link between the two Clifton Moor retail parks will be deferred into 2013/14.

Priority: Protect the environment

Climate change

25. The council continues to develop a range of initiatives to combat climate change with support for residents, tenants and businesses with significant progress made in the last year. The Council exceeded by 3% its own carbon target to reduce emissions by 25% since 2007 and options are underway to evaluate a new carbon management programme. Photovoltaic panels have been installed on the new HQ and in over 400 council homes with a target of a further 380 homes. A green audit has been completed with projects identified to deliver up to 445t of CO2 savings and feasibility work is already underway.
26. The council is delivering ways for residents to reduce their own emissions and save energy in their homes by partnering with the Leeds City Region (LCR) to procure a green deal provider. This will help residents to make energy efficient changes to their homes with no up-front cost and repaid via their household energy bill. A collective energy switching scheme has recently been piloted and 328 residents signed up. Those who did so are now set to save a total of £36,000 through switching to cheaper energy tariffs (the average saving across the region from the switch was £137). CERT funding has also helped residents receive over 1,200 energy efficient measures worth £341,000. The council has also received £123,000 to trial insulations for solid walls and £447,000 to help vulnerable residents with heating systems.
27. Work to the equivalent value of £10,000 has been secured via the Leeds City Region to create a Heat Map for York. This will be used to help identify opportunities for the development of strategic low carbon heat networks across the city. A Delivery and Innovation Fund (DIF) application was successful to carry out 3 pre-feasibility studies on a potential heat network which will be used to lever in investment to continue development of opportunities.

Flooding

28. To help protect the city from floods the council is updating the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and Land Flood Strategy. The

Surface Water Management Plan was approved by Cabinet in December 2012. In 2012-13 the flood defence budget was adjusted, increasing allocation to Leeman Rd and Clementhorpe by £356k.

Work is beginning on a multi-million pound project to protect homes in a flood-prone area of York. The £3.2m scheme, which is partly funded with £1m from the council, will reduce the flood risk to almost 400 homes and businesses in the Water End area.

Priority: Create jobs and grow the economy

29. This is a priority for the council and is core to ensuring the sustained prosperity of the city and the financial security of the authority. The city's economy is increasingly competitive. The recent publication of the Municipal Journal and Local Futures' Inward Investment Guide to England put the city as one of the top five places for businesses to invest, and recent private sector employment in the city has grown by 20% from 2010 to 2012 – the highest growth rate in the region

Employment

30. In employment terms, York's economy continues to perform well with an overall employment rate of 75.9% (Source: LG Inform) which places York in the top quartile regionally and second quartile nationally. Latest figures show that this has increased to 78.2% (Source: Nomis December 2012). Latest figures show that York's unemployment rate was 2.2% in April (JSA claimants) whilst national and regional rates are at much higher levels (3.7% and 4.7% respectively). York has the joint fourth lowest youth JSA rate growth after Oxford, Cambridge and Aberdeen (Centre for Cities). This represents a continuation of the trend over the last two years of York positively increasing the gap between our local unemployment rate and the regional/national rate.
31. For the first time since 2007, average earnings for full time workers resident in York have risen above the national average. Average earnings for those working in jobs in York have also increased and York now sits second highest in the region for workplace pay, which shows significant progress in this area. Work is now focusing on part-time pay rates and wage levels for the lowest paid full-time workers to ensure that all York residents benefit from the economic prosperity of the city.

Businesses

32. The Council has been involved in both encouraging new businesses to come to York and supporting existing businesses. It held its second annual business conference in 2012. Recent data on business units (ONS) shows positive signs for York; the city has seen an increase in local business units from 7,870 in 2011 to 8,010 in 2012. There has also been an improvement in business survival rates. During the year York attracted 800 new jobs to the city, a key highlight being a deal with Hiscox. A new brand for independent retailers - "Proudly in York" - was developed to support the city's diverse and distinctive business offer.
33. The Council also achieved funding for enhanced broadband coverage and Wi-Fi through the Super Connected Cities bid and development of the York Core network with City Fibre Holdings.

Local Plan

34. Strategically the Local Plan plays a significant role in the development of the city and how it plans to realise its aspirations. It provides a master plan to meet York's growing needs and seeks to build 20,000 new homes by 2030.

Get York Building

35. The Get York Building programme has been established to increase the number of new homes built, especially the number of affordable homes. The Council is investing £7m and the scheme includes building new homes and council homes, bringing forward stalled brownfield developments quickly and reviewing planning policy to support sustainable growth. The Local Plan sets out ambitious targets to build between 1,090 -1,250 new homes per annum and by 2030 deliver over 20,000 dwellings. By March 2015 we expect almost 100 new affordable homes to be completed and work on around 200 to have started on site including up to 60 new council homes.
36. The target to build 126 new affordable homes just missed target with 115 new affordable homes built in 2012-13. The target has not been achieved due to delays with the Hungate development.

Skills and training

37. Helping residents into employment and ensuring they have the skills to take up employment opportunities remains a key commitment. Workforce skills are ranked 3rd best out of 64 cities.
38. Long term youth unemployment (16-24 year-olds) has now levelled off locally and has remained stable at 0.4% from July, well below the national and regional figures (currently 1.0% and 1.4%).
39. Two Jobs Fairs which ran in partnership between the council and Jobcentre Plus took place in 2012 and 2013, attracting circa 1500 attendees. These will be a regular feature in the city during 2013 and beyond.
40. An apprenticeship programme has given a large number of people the chance to learn new skills within the council's teams and the city as a whole supports over 1,600 apprentice positions.

Positioning York on a global stage

41. During 2012 York's profile was further raised through the celebration of York 800 the 800th anniversary of the City's Royal Charter. Over the last year the city has hosted visits by the Queen and the Duke of York. York also hosted both the Olympic and Paralympics torch relays. The Paralympics Lantern parade to Celebrate Agility Day at Energise was awarded the Inspire Mark from LOCOG for the third year running. Looking forwards the first ever northern full marathon will be staged in York in October 2013 supporting our move towards being the most active city in the country. Work is underway with Welcome to Yorkshire and the other local authorities in the Yorkshire region to prepare for the Tour de France coming to Yorkshire in July 2014. This includes the delivery of an extensive cycling legacy in partnership with British Cycling and the production of a 100 day Yorkshire-wide cultural festival.

Internationalisation

42. An Internationalisation Strategy for investment has been developed to promote York globally. The Council supported the re-introduction of the Leeds-Bradford-Heathrow flight connection to encourage further investment in the region.
43. Work is ongoing with China, France, Germany, US and Latin America to progress the interest of the city and its businesses. There are discussions ongoing with the city of Nanjing to explore

the development of a city collaboration to establish a platform for further engagement in the Chinese market.

44. Follow on from the city's trip to Dijon in 2012 has yielded an opportunity for a secondment of a Visit York employee to Dijon, which is enabling the building of relationships with the city on, particularly, the visitor economy and opportunities for attracting visitors to York from Dijon, but the Council is also providing information for building the links in other industries which may offer trade relationships—including biosciences and biorenewables.
45. York also attended the MIPIM international property fair in Cannes during 2013 to showcase the city's huge potential for investment and development in key and strategic sites around the city. This event has generated a number of follow up visits to the city of York from investors and developers (both commercial, leisure and residential), and an investors week is being planned in October to attempt to broker partnerships where appropriate.

Areas for Improvement:

46. Footfall performance in York has weakened during 2012/13 and parking transactions and revenue are also down. This trend is mirrored in data from the Visitor Information Centre, the major York tourist attractions and Coach Parking.
47. Work is ongoing with the City Team York to identify a programme of activity that will enable a boost in footfall for the city centre, and the Council's Economic Development Team are working to bring further business into the city centre, which will bring greater employment to the centre and thus greater natural footfall and more attractions for visitors and residents to stay and spend in the city centre economy.
48. Although average earnings are increasing, the pay gap between the lowest paid and the average is increasing. The Council is addressing this issue by adopting a living wage for its employees, encouraging other businesses in the city to follow suit and prioritising work on poverty.
49. The proportion of full-time workers has decreased by 8.1% since 2010/11 - the region and GB reducing by 0.9% and 0.2% respectively. The part-time proportion has increased by the same amount. There is some evidence that men are taking on second jobs to account for the shift from full to part-time in their primary jobs. This could affect the poverty agenda.

50. The Cabinet has agreed to invest £200k of Economic Infrastructure Funding (EIF) into the economic inclusion agenda, which includes a full package of measures to connect people to jobs and opportunity, which will go some way to addressing the poverty agenda. A series of job fairs and work experience programmes will be put in place to ensure greater opportunity for York residents.

Priority: Build Strong Communities

Housing

51. There is an emerging challenge with tenant rent arrears increasing due to challenges around welfare reform and the introduction of the bedroom tax. A corporate Welfare Reform Task group has been established, including voluntary sector partners, to mitigate the effects of welfare reform on rent arrears and increases in other debt.
52. Residents directly affected by changes have been identified and a range of initiatives to raise awareness and provide support is underway including: the creation of two 'Community Debt & Employment Adviser' posts to provide advice on debt, benefits, training and employment opportunities to individuals and families; using £27k DWP grant the Housing Options service is targeting advice and support to tenants affected by Local Housing Allowance changes in partnership with the Salvation Army; a 'Money Matters' guidance booklet has been published with the CAB and Aviva to help residents manage their own finances; and a new 'Gateway service' drop in and telephone advice service provided by CAB and partners has been launched.

Homelessness

53. There is a mixed picture on homelessness in York. The number of homeless households living in temporary accommodation is stable at 99, but remains above last year's position and the ambitious target of 85. The increase reflects national trends in the current challenging economic climate. However, the number of homeless households with dependent children living in temporary accommodation has reduced as has the number of 16 to 17 year olds accepted as homeless. The Homeless Strategy has been refreshed and the No Second Night Out initiative is running with the

primary accommodation providers (ArcLight, Peasholme and Howe Hill for Young People) offering emergency beds to rough sleepers.

Planning

54. The performance of determination of planning applications (for all categories) remains above the national average. The Development Management team are working closer with the development industry to satisfy their local needs rather than simply meeting 8 and 13 week target times. Local targets are being adjusted to respond to these circumstances. Data for the last quarter demonstrates an improvement across all three categories.

Areas for improvement

55. The number in temporary accommodation has risen in line with the significant increase in homelessness and numbers in temporary accommodation nationally (see Homelessness section above). That said, the number of households living in temporary accommodation in York continues to be well below the national average of 1.8 per 1000 households (Source: LG Inform), and still appears in the second quartile nationally. Although York is in the bottom quartile regionally.
56. Current tenant rent arrears and the percentage of tenants evicted due to arrears has been increasing. This was expected as a result of changes to welfare.

Council Plan

57. The information and issues included in this report demonstrate progress on achieving the priorities set out in the Council Plan

Implications

58. There are no financial, human resources, equalities, legal, crime & disorder, information technology, property or other implications associated with this report.

Risk Management

59. The report provides Members with updates on finance and service performance and therefore there are no significant risks in the content of the report.

Recommendations

60. As this report is for information only, there are no recommendations.

Reason: To update the scrutiny committee of the latest finance and performance position.

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**Economic & City Development Overview & Scrutiny
Committee**

23 July 2013

Proposed Scrutiny Review on Construction Skills - Briefing Note**Intelligence**

Using business intelligence from CYC Business Intelligence Hub and the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) research for Yorkshire and Humberside would provide the data for forecasting growth and development of the sector, including detail of the specific roles likely to be needed to accommodate new building programmes. CITB's latest labour market forecast predicts that the industry will show some green shoots of recovery from 2015/16 with increased demand for roles in wood trades, bricklaying, flooring and tiling, and plant operatives.

From a wider strategic perspective there is an understanding that construction growth may be the key to overcoming the impact of the recession. In particular, the CITB has welcomed the Government's new Industrial Strategy to deliver a 'Construction 2025' action plan for sector growth which focuses on five pillars for growth:

- People - a talented and diverse workforce
- Smart - an industry that is efficient and technologically advanced
- Sustainable - an industry that leads the world in low carbon
- Growth - an industry that drives growth across the entire economy
- Leadership - an industry with clear leadership from the industry to exploit its strengths in a global market

This strategy should also inform the direction of travel for the review. As the construction industry has contracted due to the recession, any predictors of local growth are also set against a backdrop of continuing low productivity.

The scope of the scrutiny review should take into account local recommendations already identified through analysis provided by CYC via the Business Intelligence Hub and other reports (DJD, Arup, Ekosgen) to improve productivity:

- **Improve staff and management skills** across the entire industry by increasing the number of **apprenticeships** and other courses teaching these skills. The industry suffers from skills shortages.
- Create and emphasise opportunities through the planning system for apprenticeships and training opportunities on large development sites. This **productive planning** element should be strengthened through planning policy.
- Help the industry prepare for changes in **technology and innovation**. Construction is typically seen as a “low-tech” industry with low levels of investment in Research and Development. Research and development (R&D) is considered as an important input for innovation activity.
- Promote and learn from local examples of **modern methods of construction** (MMC) and the importance of this particular technological advance for the whole sector and future skills needs for the sector.
- Promote York’s Construction Sector through the Internationalisation Strategy to reach new markets and enhance exporting of skills and knowledge to overseas markets.
- **Create an industry led, task and finish group**, led by senior industry figures from across the city, to identify and implement sector specific actions to increase productivity.
- Work with **local education providers**
- Work with **potential employees** to give them the skills and qualifications needed to take-up any potential opportunities.

Partners to help inform the review

The York construction sector is well placed to meet the challenges over the medium term. Most employers have shown willingness (and readiness) to comply with various environmental and sustainability requirements and many York firms have been winning international contracts and taking part in international collaborations.

The role of higher skills and in particular, management capabilities are vital in ensuring growth of the sector in response to these challenges and others. Strategic partners from within CYC and beyond- starting with the Learning City York Manager, whose role it is to work at a strategic level with stakeholders within the city to pull together partnerships around learning and skills delivery for both young people and adults- responding to key objectives for the city and working to identify and fill any gaps in provision and relationships. These partnerships are wide ranging and encompass Jobcentre Plus, learning providers such as York Learning, York College etc. Skills Funding Agency and Department of Work and Pensions employability and learning contract delivery partners.

Higher York Forum - dedicated to providing and developing higher level skills in the city

Local Apprenticeship providers- including the support of the Apprenticeship Providers forum for York and Selby, which should be able to respond around questions of capacity for apprenticeship and other vocational work based training

Leeds College of Building often picking up more adults wanting flexible construction craft courses but who are unable to gain apprenticeship positions.

Local contacts from CITB can help mobilise partners and employers for new business and training needs. Local construction training providers who offer National Plant Operators Registration Scheme (NPORS) and the Construction Plant Competence Scheme (CPCS) as well as CSCS card training.

Local Construction Employers & Recruitment Agencies can offer insight into construction skills gaps, recruitment and selection issues etc. Coyle Recruitment would be an ideal starting point as they have been involved as an intermediary on large scale recruitment for construction projects in York.

Promotion of the learning and training offer needs to be targeted and consistent and the model for this is already in place through existing channels. For example, York Learning already work with national construction sector skills partner CITB to promote our specific learning offer, the construction industry as a whole and also link through our provider network forum to ensure that school pupils and college learners are fully briefed about apprenticeships and other training opportunities in the sector from a range of different providers. For adults and young people seeking jobs, regular careers and vacancy events around construction can be delivered in a targeted manner with support from our partners at Jobcentre Plus and National Careers Service.

Challenges

York and North Yorkshire have a large amount of SMEs which obviously preclude mass recruitment drives. York has 611 construction related companies, 99.7% are SME's (Employing under 250 employees), with 85% of these (521) employing under 10 people. The recruitment and selection of staff in the sector has to be elastic, able to expand and contract according to demand. Many companies take on external contractors- small businesses and self employed trades people to fulfil their requirements. Ongoing work already begun to support SMEs to take on apprentices could be scaled up further – There is 1FTE post at CYC, (funded by Leeds City Region) to generate new apprenticeship opportunities with SMEs.

There are significant amounts of York residents that would need pre employment/pre apprenticeship training in employability and functional skills that are linked to the construction sector before they would be able to benefit from more substantial training and work based learning opportunities. With additional funding, York Learning could devise and implement an Information Advice and Guidance (IAG) and skills strategy which would target and engage with both longer term unemployed, young people etc, as well as connecting those nearer to the labour market with appropriate job opportunities.

Our learning and skills pathway would put together IAG and employability training around careers in construction.

Coupled with practical short training sessions to boost employability in this sector such as focused health and safety training, we can ensure thorough preparation of individuals for the Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS) card requirements for all levels of construction operatives. In addition, specialist functional skills delivery that uses knowledge of the construction industry as a learning context could be attached to the programme, providing an opportunity for learners to recognise the importance of literacy and numeracy achievements as entry requirements for apprenticeships and higher level vocational training.

Work experience as both a tool for promoting the industry and as a way of linking unemployed low skilled individuals to a relevant learning and work journey would be a key success factor in connecting people to jobs and opportunities. As a national training provider as well as sector skills agency CITB offer a range of training opportunities, including a work experience project for 16-18 year olds to gain an insight into the construction sector. These opportunities need to be expanded.

Robust procurement processes are also critical- ensuring that successful local firms offer employment opportunities to local residents, ranging from short work placements, traineeships, and ultimately to apprenticeship roles would help support a sustainable vision of employment and reinforce the city's message that we are prioritising inclusion for all.

There would be the need to establish and manage a training fund for residents as there are some obvious funding gaps for potential employees of the industry –all of whom would require compliance with CITB schemes of regulation, which fall outside of the remit of public funding.

All those wanting to work on construction sites need this card or an alternative from an affiliated scheme, which is normally aimed at those with existing competencies in various construction crafts. All licences have an expiry date – usually between 2 and 5 years before renewal is required. All participants who wish to pursue any career in construction will need a health and safety test, and a subsequent CSCS card reflecting their skills level. For those wishing to qualify or renew plant machinery licences, there are additional CPCS licences that are required.

Training and qualification in these are separate to other vocational qualifications in construction and there are no public funding bodies that would pay for theory and practical tests for this as a matter of course. However, some Further Education colleges may be able to provide NVQ training to allow trained operators to become competent operators but this would be in addition to specific competency training required for separate plant machinery items.

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**Economic & City Development Scrutiny Committee
York as a Super-Connected City
The Economic Impact & Potential of Enhancing York's Digital Capacity**

1. Background

City of York Council is working with private sector investment to enhance York's digital capacity. For projects where the private sector is not willing to invest, but which are important for York's economic future, the Council is taking advantage of resources made available by central government (the Department of Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) via the Super-Connected Cities (SCC) Programme (£1.7mn now confirmed, not the original £2.75mn requested) and has also recommended a CYC investment from the Economic Infrastructure Fund.

See Cabinet Report from June 4 attached, which also recommends a Digital Strategy be put in place to steer new investments guided and advised by a Digital York Board.

These collective initiatives and proposals are to support York's potential to establish a comprehensive digital highway by 2015 that would propel the City into becoming one of the best digitally connected cities in Europe.

The infrastructure capital funding and associated revenue funding includes support for:

- Business Growth – to provide the infrastructure and access to ultrafast broadband (100 Mbits as a minimum) for businesses in both the urban and outer York areas
- Digital Inclusion for residents
- Digital Education

2. Original Interest from Scrutiny

- *'One in six Brits is running online businesses. 8m people are working from home either reselling goods for a profit or making their own products to sell. Home online working has few transport impacts (other than delivery).'*
- *How can CYC and its partners work together to help our existing online entrepreneurs both working from home grow and be more profitable (add GVA) and bring in wealth.*
- *How can CYC encourage more of our citizens to start to work online from home, providing flexible self employment, low cost overheads, supporting residents who are marginalised / forced to be at home because of carer responsibilities, lack of childcare, disability, illness etc.*

3. What we do and don't know about Businesses or Residents that will benefit from Faster Broadband connectivity in York?

What we do know:

- Digital applications are relevant to 98% of businesses – however, there is no business definition or distinction for 'on-line (only) entrepreneurs'.

- Faster broadband can reduce operating and capital costs, especially through cloud computing, and can help reduce barriers to entry for new and expanding businesses. Independent research suggests that Gross Value Added (GVA) can increase across the UK economy by £15 for every £1m invested;
- Consultation has taken place with businesses in York about the general business benefits of faster broadband connectivity (Economic Development Unit – 2013)
- Household internet connectivity by ward
- What we don't know:
 - How many businesses are running 'online only' businesses (this data is not collected)
 - How many York residents are currently working from home running on-line businesses (census data is not available to enable any cross-tabulation of intelligence)
 - How many jobs are available as working from home 'on-line'

4. Areas that Scrutiny might wish to explore further

Following discussions with officers across the Council who are working on digital infrastructure or digital application projects, there is a consensus that the area that the scrutiny committee has identified is too narrow in its focus. It is recommended that the committee looks at one of the following two areas of digital activity to deliver more impact:

- How CYC can support all businesses to take advantage of faster broadband to stimulate business growth (and jobs) in York (led by Katie Stewart, Head of Economic Development)
- How CYC can help residents further with online skills so that they have the skills to apply for jobs online and consider opportunities for working from home 'on-line' (Alistair Gourlay, Head of York Learning)

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Examples of Key Areas that each Overview & Scrutiny Committee Could Review in relation to

Improving the City's Night-Time Economy

	<u>Community Safety</u>	<u>Health</u>	<u>Learning and Culture</u>	<u>Economic Development</u>	<u>Corporate & Scrutiny Management</u>
Light-Time Economy	Examine ways to(i)promote responsible behaviour in the city and reducing the Violent Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour associated with the night time economy,	To look at the causes behind the peak times at A & E (between 12-2am) and work with A & E and how to address the causes of this.	In regard to the potential market for tourism, identify ways of increasing the city's cultural evening offer In an effort to increase the length of visitor stays and attract more overseas and business visitors	Increasing value of night time economy and encouraging a more diverse night time economy (including for example, later retail opening hours and more family friendly/ non alcohol-related activities). Protecting the environment.	In light of the findings from the O & S Committees, recommend a strategic approach and identify achievable outcomes in order to improve the evening and night –time economy and develop an overall vision for what the evening & night time economy will look like in five years time
	Examine ways of enhancing access To city centre at night time			Examine ways of enhancing access To city centre at night time	

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**Update on Implementation of Approved Recommendations
Arising From E-Planning Scrutiny Review**

Introduction

The Scrutiny recommendations were presented to the Cabinet in December 2012 but the matter was deferred for the consideration by the Cabinet Member at a future Cabinet Member decision session. The training events have now been implemented and work on rolling out the first phase of e-consultation is under way.

Parish Councils (PCs) and Planning Panels (PPs) have been informed of the proposed phasing, but a document will be issued setting out the type of applications to be sent electronically.

It is proposed that implementation commences from the end of July once PCs and PPs have had the opportunity to consider their options as used already by some for dealing with consultation responses. These include:-

- Circulating the emails for comment before meeting and only printing an extract of plans if needed
- Commenting via email only and chair and clerk collating the comments
- Displaying the plans via laptop and projector at the meetings

Approved Scrutiny Recommendation	Update on Implementation Provided July 2013
i. That City of York Council officers provide a comprehensive training course for Parish Councils and Planning Panels on E-Planning facilities before March 2013; (initially offering 2 sessions at different times and thereafter a minimum of once a year)	Sessions held attended, with more than 60 attendees from PCs and PPs. Initial scepticism but following the sessions that included workshops, most were accepting and a number enthusiastic once the functionality had been demonstrated
ii. That City of York Council provides a named officer that Parish Councils and Planning Panels can contact if they have any questions about using E-Planning facilities. Similarly that Parish Councils and Planning Panels have a named person for officers to contact by e-mail.	Diane Wilkinson's name (Specialist Developments and Building Control Support Officer) given at the sessions.

<p>iii. That the Head of Development Management , in conjunction with this Task Group, one Planning Panel representative and one Parish Council representative, develop a good practice guide which once completed be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed annually • Circulated to all Parish Council and Planning Panel Clerks • Made available on City of York Council’s website 	<p>NB: No PP nominations as yet. Nominations sought at the training sessions 3 names put forward:-</p> <p>-Robert Knapton: Clerk to 9 parish councils, 1 in City of York (Kexby), 7 in Hambleton and 1 in Ryedale. I am also the North Yorkshire representative for the Society of Local Council Clerks.</p> <p>-Fiona Hill: Clerk to Heslington Parish</p> <p>- Megan Taylor: Copmanthorpe Parish</p> <p>Suggested the nominations would be brought to scrutiny Cttee to consider</p> <p>- Andrew Towlerton Local Councils Officer, Yorkshire Local Councils Associations</p>
<p>iv. That a room within West Offices and/or in local libraries be made available (within advertised opening hours) for use by Parish Councils and Planning Panels if they wish to use it and any room to offer audio visual equipment for their use (and where possible a PC or laptop).</p>	<p>Rooms have been used in West Offices particularly by Guildhall Planning Panel who have given positive feedback. Had to change meeting time to during the day but happy with the facilities available. No charging policy is in place as yet</p>
<p>v. That the option to request a paper copy of plans for larger applications remain (a set of criteria to be produced by Head of Development Management against which a request will be judged)</p>	<p>It was stated at the sessions that we would be still issuing larger applications on paper – documents over 20 pages long will still be sent.</p>
<p>vi. Officers continue to explore with IDOX the possibility of providing the function to download all documents associated with a single planning application as one PDF file. An update on how this is progressing to be provided to Economic and City Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee three months after these recommendations have been approved by Cabinet and thereafter on a six-monthly basis until this has been resolved.</p>	<p>Work with national supplier has not borne fruit HOWEVER a local solution has been achieved whereby we can create one pdf to issue in email form (or if it is received by the Planning Portal, a number of pdfs in the consultation email. Demonstrated at the training session and attendees were satisfied with this – at is saves having to go to Public Access to download each document ,and is therefore much quicker</p>

vii. That the Communities and Equalities Team ask those Parish Councils which are currently successfully using E-Planning to offer demonstrations to other Parish Councils and Planning Panels as to how to 'get the best out of E-Planning' or to invite others to attend their meetings to view how E-Planning facilities can be used effectively.	To be carried out after the training session
viii. That the Communities and Equalities Team liaise with the Yorkshire Local Council's Association to resolve outstanding issues brought to their attention.	Raised at meetings , and PCs invited to raise any concerns
ix. That the Administration and Business Support Manager ensures that all plans uploaded on to the E-Planning system have a good enough line density to enable them to be clearly viewed.	This is now happening and was demonstrated at the training events
x. That the Administration and Business Support Manager reviews the processes and timescales for uploading additional documentation received in relation to planning applications to ensure that all information is uploaded onto the Public Access Website within a reasonable timeframe.	This is now happening - Scanning team uploads documents on receipt.
xi. That the Head of Commissioning, Design and Facilities and the Head of Libraries, Information and Archives explore ways of potentially offering rooms for use in both West Offices and local libraries at minimum cost to Parish Councils and Planning Panels.	Still under consideration ; currently no charging regime is in place and so PPs are not being charged
xii. The terms of reference for planning panels are amended to reflect the same level of declarations of interests as Council Committees.	New terms of reference have been circulated to PPs

Scrutiny Comments on Update Received 23 July 2013



**Economic & City Development Overview & Scrutiny
Committee**

23 July 2013

Report of the Assistant Director – Housing & Community Safety

CYC Welfare Reforms Impacts Update**Purpose of report**

1. To advise members of the current position in York of the effects of the welfare reforms and the actions that have been taken to mitigate the impacts on those who are affected.

Background

2. The Welfare reform Act 2012 introduced a wide range of changes to the benefits system. They have radically changed the way welfare is delivered to people in receipt of benefit. The report reviews the changes that have been implemented. It does not look at the implications of future changes such as the introduction of Universal Credit which is expected to be introduced in York Spring 2014. Equally the implications of other changes such as child benefit, tax credit rules and the general freezing of, or below inflation increases in benefit rates are not covered in this paper.

Consultation

3. There has been extensive advice given to all residents affected by the benefit changes. They have received letters, leaflets and face to face advice on the effects of the changes and what can be done to reduce the impact.
4. For most of the changes there was no requirement to consult. In the case of Local Council Tax Support, formal consultation was conducted on the shape of the new scheme during the late summer of 2012.

5. Partner agencies across the city have formed a welfare reform task group that regularly meets to share good practice and actions that need to be taken to advise customers on the changes.

Options

6. Since the report is an information report there are no options to be considered

Analysis of the Key Changes, the effects and mitigation

Social Size Criteria Restrictions ('bedroom tax')

7. Most of the work since April has been to deal with customer enquiries and provide explanations of the change and provide advice. There has been little impact on changes to the volume of claim assessment and only a couple of appeals have been received to date. It has, however, impacted on DHP applications.
8. The actual impact on CYC residents by the end of April is summarised in the table below. There are 1,138 tenants affected losing £802,056 in year 1. This was less than predicted earlier in the year because of claims being updated to reflect unreported changes in circumstances and the government's late concessions to foster carers and armed forces personnel.

	RSLs	CYC	Combined
	No.	No.	Total
Total HB caseload	3,005	5,082	8,087
No. Affected	427	711	1,138
% caseload affected	14.2%	14.0%	14.1%
With dependants	236	406	642
Lone parent h/h	110	281	391
1 bedroom excess	374	588	962
2+ bedroom excess	53	123	176
Average loss per week			
Ave loss per wk	£14.78	£13.88	£14.22
for 1 bedroom excess	£13.51	£12.22	
for 2+ bedroom excess	£23.79	£21.84	
Total annual loss	£328,237	£473,819	£802,056

9. Rent arrears:

- Rent arrears at end of May was £679k; at same time last year £612k (+ £67K = +11%). We have seen an increase in the number of arrears cases of 128 at the end of May 2013 compared with May 2012.
- On the assumption that between £10\15k relates to the annual rent increase means the bedroom tax effect maybe about 9%

10. In mitigation we have:

- Visited all affected CYC tenants and spoken to all but 42. (Where we have not made contact all homes have been visited and two follow up letters have been sent asking the tenants to contact us to review their situation). Information from these interviews is being analysed.
- Explained the effect the changes will have on them and explored the range of options available to them:
 - Seek a move home through direct exchange or via transfer;
 - Look to maximise income through:
 - Reviewing employment opportunities,
 - Taking advantage of discount schemes such as switching utilities,
 - Seeking advice about other debts and organising more favourable repayment plans,
 - Exploring the option of taking in a lodger
 - Pay the difference from income
 - Signpost for employment advice
 - Assessing whether non dependants can contribute more.
 - Advice on claiming DHPs.
- We are actively supporting people to seek to downsize through the councils 'Homeswapper' scheme which allows us to interrogate the system and match those under occupying with tenants who are overcrowded and wishing to move.
- We have created an incentive scheme that provides tenants with financial assistance to downsize up to £2,500 to assist with costs of moving / reconnection of utilities etc.
- We have relaxed the policy on Direct Exchanges and transfers re rent arrears. If tenants have low level arrears we will consider allowing the move in the case of tenants affected by the bedroom tax providing they demonstrate a commitment to reducing their debt.

- In any new build schemes we will be looking at the opportunity to prioritising downsizing particularly for those affected by the bedroom tax.
- We have been working closely with our RSL colleagues in providing profile information and advice to them on the effect of the reforms who have made similar interventions with tenants.

Discretionary Housing Payments (DHP)

11. As can be seen below there has been a significant increase in DHP activity with additional applications appearing from March onwards in advance of April. There was around a 340% increase in applications made compared with the same period in 2012/13. We expect some additional claims from the implementation of the benefits cap (see separate section).
12. The numbers processed compared to the same period last year also increased but the resources allocated to this work has been ramped up since late May to deal with a build up of applications. Of the 78 processed by the end of May, 44 were primarily as a result of the new size criteria rules.
13. Spend is being closely monitored, but until the volume of DHPs waiting to be assessed is more manageable it is difficult to assess at this early stage what the annual spend is likely to be but will easily exceed 12/13.

DHP applications	
Received	Mar/ May
2012	71 (268 full year)
2013	236

DHPs processed	
	Apr/May
2012	32
2013	78

DHP Spend	2012	2013
	Full yr	Apr/May
Private tenants	£94,504	£11,364
Council tenants	£4,063	£3,057
CTB only	£786	N/A
Total	£99,353	£14,421
DWP Grant	£116,422	£286,409

Benefit Cap

14. The latest information from the DWP (May '13) suggests 40 households will be affected with a total weekly maximum reduction of £1.5k (av. p.w. £38.33) = £77,400 p.a. Potential losses range from £0.02 to £99.98 per week. We have been working closely with partners such as DWP, Housing Services, Children's Services and RSLs to ensure that appropriate support is offered to all those affected.
15. The breakdown of the potential impact is as follows:

Tenure	No. Affected	Lowest wkly loss	Highest wkly loss	Ave. Wkly loss	Total wkly loss	Annual loss
LA	16	£0.82	£98.78	£36.38	£582.06	£27,938.88
PT HA	13	£0.02	£99.98	£43.59	£566.61	£29,463.72
Private	11	£4.48	£91.56	£34.96	£384.60	£19,999.20
TOTAL	40			£38.33	£1,533.27	£77,401.80

16. CYC is in tranche 1 of the national roll out and the cap will be implemented over a five week period starting 15th July.

Local Council Tax Support

17. CYC is capping the maximum help that council tax payers can receive to 70%. The anticipated impact is in the table below.

Band	No affected	Ave. Loss p.w. £	Ave. Loss p.a. £
A	2,327	-4.16	-216.79
B	2,742	-4.92	-256.77
C	1,205	-5.54	-288.78
D	248	-5.94	-309.52
E	97	-7.66	-399.64
F	26	-9.22	-480.93
G	7	-11.26	-587.28
All bands	6,652	-4.87	-253.86
Min loss	all bands	-0.07	-3.76
Max loss	all bands	-13.65	-711.62

Council Tax Arrears

18. It is too early in the year to predict outturn with any accuracy and much can change over the year but what we can say so far is:
- The overall CT collection rates were 0.22% below last years as at 31st May (This is also influenced by new discounts i.e. former Class A and C Exemptions)
 - CTS collection looks good - some customers have paid the full year
 - 98.06% of Pensioners are paying (31 May 13) 12/13 rate was 99%
 - 61.74% of Working Age Customers are paying (31 May 13) 12/13 rate was c. 80%
 - The number of customers not paying is 2,416 (31 May 13)
 - Based upon summons the increased value (Compared to 2012) of arrears at the first 2013 liability court is £574k.
 - The court costs for CTS customers have been reduced to £10 and agreed with CAB
 - Outbound telephony and texting successfully contacted about 1,000 working age customers on CTS.
 - CTS customers encouraged to pay over 12 months.
 - Number of customers paying over 12 months is a little over 1,200

Abolition of Crisis Loans and Community Care Grants

19. The 'York Financial Assistance Scheme' (YFAS) has been developed to provide a one support package solution for residents in financial difficulty. A phased approach is being taken to support the changing needs of the local community. The first year allowed a standard scheme to be established in order to meet immediate needs from April 2013.
20. During that year the council, with its partners such as the new Credit Union and Citizens Advice Bureau will identify the best way to use the funds available in line with the ambitions set in the Council's Financial Inclusion Strategy. An enhanced and tailored solution for York residents will be developed for implementation in 2014/15.
21. Activity for the first two months has been relatively modest - YFAS data April/May 2013:

Enquiries	Volume
Reception	188
Phone	375
Total	563

Applications	
Made	316
Refused	104
Granted	150
Food bank	19

Committed Spend	£	Volume
Emergency	£4,214	95
Community	£10,544	55
Total	£14,758	150

Overall Work Context

22. As the data below shows there has been a significant increase in customer contact but a fall in actual work received that needs processing. The volume of work o/s has shown an increase and steps have been taken to address this.

Customer contact - all channels		
	April	May
2012	4,831	5,115
2013	9,250	6,345

Work received		
	April	May
2012	5,924	5,800
2013	4,778	4,747

Work outstanding		
	April	May
2012	2,577	2,446
2013	4,788	4,747

Other Activity

23. The council is monitoring the impact of Welfare Reform and establish appropriate responses to minimise those impacts for individual households through a range of measures. This includes:
- A 'Poverty Programme Board' had been set up to take forward anti-poverty and Financial Inclusion issues and to develop an action plan. The terms of reference will promote:
 - Education / Skills / Thriving economy;

- Financial awareness / Income maximisation / joined up advice services;
- Living wage city;
- Affordable city;
- Giving City –tackling poverty everyone’s business -Reduce stigma & charitable giving scheme;
- Crisis support.
- A Financial Inclusion Strategy Group has been established.
- A long standing WR Task Group has expanded to include a wider range of partners as the WR programme has extended its reach.
- More widely we are working with partners on a range of financial inclusion initiatives to mitigate the effect of welfare reform generally, in particular engagement of credit union and local advice Hubs.
- A wide range of information and advice has been provided to tenants on welfare reform. Targeted council tenants through ‘Money Matters’, Streets Ahead, Residents groups and providing information to schools and other stakeholders.
- Working actively with partners such as the CAB and Credit Union to develop and promote appropriate multi-agency tailored advice and support services to residents.
- Review the LCTS scheme
- Work collaboratively with partners to develop a ‘Local Support Services’ offer to support ‘vulnerable’ residents’ access to Universal Credit.
- Review the YFAS scheme
- Monitor effectiveness of DHP awards

The Council Plan

24. The changes in welfare benefits clearly are linked with issues within two main areas of the council plan.

Building strong communities

Protecting vulnerable people

They are also clearly relevant to other priorities such as financial inclusion and tackling poverty. The implications of the changes are regularly reported the financial inclusion strategy group.

Implications

- **Financial** None as a result of this report
- **Human resources (HR)** None

- **Equalities** None as a result of this report
- **Legal** None
- **Crime and Disorder** None
- **Information Technology** None
- **Property** None
- **Other** None

Risk Management

25. None the report is for information only

Recommendation

Members of the scrutiny committee are ask to note this report.

Reason: In order to recognise the current position and the actions taken to mitigate the impact for those who are affected by welfare reforms in York.

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**Economic & City Development Overview and
Scrutiny Committee**

23rd July 2013

Report of the Director of City & Environmental Services

An Update Report on Major Transport Initiatives in York

Summary

1. This report provides Members of the Economic & City Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee with an overview and update in relation to the major transport initiatives in the city currently being progressed.

Major Transport Initiatives

2. Separate reports on the major transport initiatives are presented to the Cabinet Member for Transport, Planning & Sustainability on a regular basis. The overall capital programme is monitored through the year with the latest report submitted to the July 2013 Decision Session.

LTP3

3. LTP3 sets out the transport strategy for the city and the measures to be progressed in the short-term (2011-2015), medium-term (2015-2021) and long-term (2021 -2031), under the following strategic themes:
 - Provide Quality Alternatives (to the car).
 - Provide Strategic Links
 - Implement and Support Behavioural Change.
 - Tackle Transport Emissions.
 - Improve Public Streets and Spaces
4. The infrastructure improvements proposed over the LTP3 period are included in the document, and their delivery is identified in detail in the Capital Programme reports to the Cabinet Member for Transport, Planning and Sustainability Decision Sessions.

Integrated Transport Capital Programme 2013/14

5. The original starting budget for 2013/14 was £21.6m, which was significantly higher than in previous years (£6.8m in 2012/13) following the council's successful bid for funding from the Department for Transport to implement the Access York Phase 1 scheme. Carryovers from 2012/13 and additional items have increased the budget to £24.3m, of which approximately £18m is deliver Access York phase 1.
6. Details of the 2013/14 programme were provided in the budget report to the Cabinet Member for Transport, Planning and Sustainability Decision Session on 18 April, and updated in the consolidated report to the Cabinet Member at the 12 July Decision Session.
7. The key schemes planned to be progressed in 2013/14 are indicated below and were confirmed in the report on 12 July.
 - Access York phase 1 – delivery of P&R sites at Poppleton and Askham, improvements to the A59/A1237 roundabout and bus priority route.
 - Public Transport schemes. City centre bus stop improvements, off bus ticket machines, interchange improvements, Real Time Information provision.
 - Clarence Street bus lane and associated traffic signal priorities
 - Improvements to existing city centre bus priority area including CCTV enforcement – Coppergate
 - Lendal Bridge trial restriction.
 - Cycle schemes including: University Road cycle lane, Haxby to Clifton Moor cycle route and a number of network priority schemes.
 - Safety and Accessibility Schemes – Schemes to address local safety, danger reduction and speed management issues.
 - Safe Routes to School Programme – Rolling programme of improvements to improve sustainable access to schools.
 - 20mph speed limit roll-out
8. An overview of progress against significant schemes is contained in Annex A.

Consultation

9. Not applicable as this item is for information only

Options

10. Not applicable as this item is for information only

Council Priorities

11. These transport initiatives accord with the Council's priorities relating in particular to Get York Moving, Building Strong Communities and Create Jobs & grow the economy.

Implications

12. There are no financial, human resources, crime and disorder, information technology, property or other implications directly associated with this information only report.

Risk management

13. Not applicable as this is an item for information only.

Recommendations

14. That the Committee note the present position in relation to major transport initiatives in the city.

Reason: To keep the Committee up to date with progress.

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Annexes: Annex A- Get York Moving-Progress Overview Rating

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GET YORK MOVING – PROGRESS OVERVIEW RATING

Expanding Park and Ride Services

Construction of 2 new sites underway, on track for completion in 2014, funding being sourced via WY+TF for a further sites and access priorities.

- £15m of Government Funding secured for the £23m Access York Project through a nationally competitive process.
- Askham Bar P&R site will be relocated and doubled in size to 1100 spaces and a new P&R site developed at Poppleton (600 spaces) on the A59. A major upgrade of A59/A1237 Roundabout will also be delivered as part of the project.
- Advance Bus Priorities on A59 corridor will be completed by summer 2013 including new traffic signal junctions and refurbishment of existing junctions on the A59 corridor
- Construction of the main P&R site works commenced in May 2013, programmed for completion in May 2014
- Further P&R site at Clifton Moor included in the York Package for delivery using the West Yorkshire Plus Transport Fund and access improvements from the A19 the Naburn/Designer Outlet Site
- Green Bus Fund bid successful for electric buses for A59 corridor and contract extension agreed with First.

Improving Bus Services

BBAF Funding secured and programme being progressed. Multi-operator ticket up and running and work on smart ticketing products ongoing via BBAF. Number of BBAF interchange and bus priority schemes behind on timescale due to challenging nature of schemes. Funding for further public transport improvements being sought via BBA2 and WY+TF.

- Secured Better Bus Area Funding, an additional £3m funding from Government.
- BBAF programme is developing Smart ticketing products for York
- City Centre bus interchange facilities being upgraded via BBAF at Piccadilly, stonebow, Exhibition Square, Rougier St and the Station.
- York's first multi-operator ticket developed, launched and introduced in 2012.

Annex A

- Completed Bus improvement Study and Quality Bus Partnership reviewed. A bus network review will be completed
- Continued to provide bus services through 3 flooding incidents.
- Station public transport information centre opened and up and running
- Over 4 million passengers per annum now using park and ride.
- Expansion of CCTV network to give better management of the highway network and resultant improvements in bus time reliability
- Currently rolling out 36 BBAF new colour displays at bus stops in the City centre to wide availability of real-time passenger information
- Brief agreed with East Coast for station bus interchange study
- Outline designs completed for city centre bus interchange upgrades and priority measures for Clarence Street

Developing York's Cycling and Pedestrian Network

Strategic network identified and prioritised list of improvements consulted on and established. Delivery ongoing via LSTF and LTP block funding. Easier schemes completed in the past, now more challenging schemes being tackled in a large long term programme.

- Review of York's cycle network completed.
- List of 'missing links' to improve the cycle network identified and prioritised.
- New off-road cycle route partly along the Outer Ring Road being progressed to complete an outer orbital route between Rawcliffe and the University
- Improvements to cycling and pedestrian links in Barbican Centre area completed in spring 2013.
- Improvements to footway on Station Rise completed in April 2013
- Knapton to Rufforth Cycle Route completed early in 2013.
- Cycling and Walking links upgraded in Clifton Moor area

Improving Movement in the City Centre

Decluttering underway and new traffic control established. Footstreets review completed and new experimental hours in place. Highly ambitious access restrictions experiment on Lendal Bridge to commence in August 2013, significant project and communications work ongoing.

- Footstreets Review stage 2 completed – with experimental measures to rationalise and extend footstreet hours agreed and access controls on Davygate to manage through access.
- Decluttering of the city centre continuing.
- Measures to improve enforcement of Coppergate to be introduced in August following agreement of the camera purchase and back office provision.
- Introduced additional cycle racks in City centre
- Investigating expansion of foot-streets to additional areas ongoing (Fossgate)
- Created York Traffic Control Centre (YTCC) to bring together pro-active network management and CCTV control functions
- Completion of new fibre optic network linking CCTV cameras, including high capacity digital link to Fulford Rd police station
- Lendal Bridge trial is being developed to restrict private cars, delivery vehicles and motorcycles crossing over the bridge. Buses, taxis, cycles, pedestrians and emergency vehicles will be exempt. The trial is due to run from late August for an initial 6 month period. Operating in both directions between 10:30am and 5:00pm, enforced by Automatic Number Plate recognition cameras. Lendal junction will be altered to allow right turning out. Public information and consultation events are being organised for August, September and October. Leaflets are being designed to start distribution in July.

Establishing 20mph Speed Limits in York's Residential Areas

Policy approach agreed, pilot completed and City wide roll out underway. Slower than anticipated progress due to addressing local concerns.

- Policy approach has been agreed, including with the Police.
- South Bank pilot completed but some further data collection to be undertaken to complete snagging
- West of York (a third of the City) now being rolled forward with consultation completed. Decision session on 19th July to consider a petition against the 20mph programme and the objections received to the first Order
- Policy approach agreed with partners, including the Police.

Winning Hearts and Minds

Range of innovative and sustainable measures underway through LSTF programme until March 2015. Scale of growth envisaged via Local Plan presents further challenges and links to City Centre movement measures

- LSTF funded business travel planning service now up and running – contact has been established with over 80 businesses and the first travel planning conference was held in December 2012. ION travel software purchased which will provide a way to track and manage business travel plans.
- LSTF funded personalised travel planning programme in the northern area of the City underway. Direct contact being made across the summer months with follow up contact. Second phase to follow in summer 2014.
- iTravel website launched in September 2012 to improve availability of timetable and other travel and transport information and planning tools.
- Continued development of York LIVE mobile applications and dynamic website



**Economic & City Development Overview & Scrutiny
Committee****23 July 2013**

Report of the Assistant Director for Development Services, Planning & Regeneration

Six Monthly Update Report on Major Development Schemes in York**Summary**

This report provides Members with an overview and update in relation to the major development and planning proposals in the city at this time.

The Development Sites:**1. Monks Cross South – retail**

Major retail development to “enable” the Community Stadium development

- All planning approvals obtained.
- Issues with great crested newts resolved and development commenced

2. Monks Cross South – stadium

Outline application for new Community Stadium for the city

- Planning Committee resolved to approve March 2012. Referred to Secretary of State and S106 legal agreement produced. Planning approval decision notice issued 5 July 2012.
- Design work being progressed towards planning application for details.

3. Monks Cross North – the existing retail park

Applications for more retail floorspace and flexibility to have both larger and smaller retail units if required (vary conditions)

- Application refused March 2012. Revised application submitted June 2013 anticipated report will come to Planning Committee in August 2013.

4. Hungate

A major city centre, business, leisure and residential quarter including a community focal building.

- Phase 1 (all residential) now completed, and all apartments have been sold.
- Phase 2 (mixed residential and retail) has already obtained “reserved matters” planning approval.
- Pre-application discussions taking place with the developer re 1. Possible revisions to the original master plan and 2. Possible revisions to Phase 2 details.
- Public Consultation events likely during summer 2013

5. Germany Beck

Development of family housing

- Reserved matters application approved 25th April 2013.
- Applicant will have to discharge a number of conditions before commencing development in the autumn.

6. Derwenthorpe

Development of family housing, with high quality sustainable dwellings.

- Outline planning permission granted by the Secretary of State, with details of 1st and 2nd phases approved by the Council.
- Many new houses built and occupied in phase 1.
- Scheme won recent National Housing Award

7. York Central

- Regeneration team are working with Network Rail on a master plan led study for the site, looking particularly at early deliverable parcels.
- Work is ongoing in terms of funding options and the evolving conversation with BIS and central government generally, as well as LEP and BIS local based funding.

- Work to establish a preferred A59 access is complete. Negotiations on land transactions and project delivery/ funding with Network Rail are progressing. Report to Cabinet anticipated Autumn 2013.
- The National Railway Museum is also commencing master planning work for their assets within the site.

8. Castle – Piccadilly

City centre redevelopment opportunity

- Developer/ CYC Regeneration team design discussions were reconvened in 2013 following viability discussions (re. Monks Cross out-of-town retail decision) and Sovereign Land takeover of Centros.
- A series of pre application discussions with the developer team are progressing in order to achieve some development along Piccadilly, possibly in the short-term, without losing the wider regeneration aspirations for the area.
- *Recent approval for extension and alterations to the Coppergate centre to accommodate a potential new retailer.*

9. University of York – Heslington East

Expansion and the enlargement of the University of York on a greenfield site to the east of Heslington village.

- Cluster 1 completed including both new student residential accommodation and academic buildings, which are now in use.
- Cluster 2. 2nd hall of residence “Langwith Collage”, 650 bed, available for October 2012 student intake.
- Cluster 2 planning approvals for development on cluster 2 including: (a) new energy centre (combined heat and power for old and new campus), (b) new social and catering facility building.
- New swimming pool and sports facilities at the eastern end of the Heslington East campus now open.
- Application for athletics track and cycle track approved by Planning Committee September 2012.

- Planning Committee approval for 3rd new residential accommodation area on Heslington East, “college 9”, (620 bed spaces) which is likely to be available for occupation 2014/15 academic year.

10. **Terry’s**

Mixed use scheme for primarily employment and residential with re-use of Listed Buildings and new development

- Hybrid (outline with full listed building consents, conservation area consents and demolition) applications approved by Planning Committee Feb 2010.
- Section 106 legal agreement signed but still with funding institution for release. Currently revising agreement to lower affordable housing to 25% and update other aspects since planning approval.
- Demolition works on site complete 2012.
- Summer 2012 site “for sale” officer consideration of proposed revisions – with agents and prospective developers - to approved application and masterplan (through new bids) has now commenced in order to help owners move forward.
- Lowering of the affordable housing element of the scheme to 25% was approved at Planning Committee 25th October 2012.
- New owners, Henry Boot and David Wilson Homes, were announced in April 2013 following Savills report on bids. Planning consultants have been appointed for David Wilson Homes and the CYC project team, led by the Council’s Regeneration team, has reconvened in order to consider proposed changes to the CYC approved scheme, with the reference point being the CYC Development Brief and planning approval.
- Initial discussions began in June in order to consider revisions and timetable for Phase 1 of the master plan (residential on northern part of site).
- Community Form meetings to start mid July 2013.

11. **Nestlé South**

Delivery of a major new residential and business quarter to regenerate former factory buildings and support Nestlé’s ongoing role in the city

- Planning application approved December 2010. Section 106 Agreement to be signed.
- Developer launch at Royal York Hotel July 2011 more recently the site has been remarketed. Landowner considering development options following this process.

12. **British Sugar**

Major residential regeneration opportunity.

- Comprehensive consultation on SPD December 2010 to February 2011. Report back, revisions and approval March 2012.
- The landowner Associated British Foods have assembled a masterplanning team – including architects and transport specialists.
- CYC officer project team continues to work collaboratively with applicant and agent. Project programme to be revisited following agreement on use of Manor School site.
- Rapleys/ ABF team are working with CYC Officers in order to collaboratively support the Council on deliverability issues to support policy context.
- Regeneration team of CYC officers continue to work productively with ATLAS and ABF/ Rapleys in order to produce spatial concept options for consultation.
- Community Forum set up, and master planning options to be progressed autumn 2013, leading to planning submission possibly by early 2014.

13. **North Selby Mine**

Proposal emerging for horticultural use with on site renewable energy (anaerobic digestion)

- Original draft proposal for Science City York education and sustainability research facility associated with the proposed commercial energy from waste element of the scheme including a “plasma gasification” plant and anaerobic digestion facility.” Plasma Gasification proposal now not being pursued and Science City York withdrawn from the project.

- Enforcement Notice issued to seek removal of unused buildings on the site. This is now the subject of an appeal, which is being held in abeyance pending the formulation of a proposals alternative use for the site.
- Application for an anaerobic digestion combined heat and power facility and horticultural glasshouses was approved by Planning Committee on 25 April 2013.

Consultation

Not applicable as this report is for information only.

Options

Not applicable as this report is for information only.

Analysis

Not applicable as this report is for information only.

Council Plan

14. The facilitation of the development of these major sites accords with the Council's priorities relating through support for creating jobs and growing the economy and protect the environment, which is allowed to grow whilst maintaining York's special qualities.

Implications

15. There are no financial, human resources, crime and disorder, information technology, property or other implications directly associated with this information only report.

Risk Management

16. Not applicable as this is an item for information only.

Recommendations

17. That the Committee note the present position in relation to major developments and planning applications in the city.

Reason: To keep the Committee up to date with progress.

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Economic & City Development Overview & Scrutiny Committee Work Plan 2013/2014

Meeting Date	Work Programme
18 June 2013 @ 5pm	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attendance of the Leader (to include information on the City Team) 2. CVS Briefing– Volunteering opportunities for under 16s and York Charter for Volunteering 3. Verbal Update on Implementation of Recommendations Arising from the Scrutiny Task Group E-Planning Facilities – Reasons for Being Behind Schedule 4. Update report – Local Enterprise Partnerships 5. External Funding Scrutiny Review Interim Report 6. Workplan 2013/14
23 July 2013 @ 5pm	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Year End CYC Finance & Performance Monitoring Report 2. Briefing notes on Potential Review Topics for the municipal year 2013/14 (Building Skills & Supporting Online Working) 3. Update on Implementation of Recommendations Arising from the Scrutiny Task Group E-Planning Facilities 4. CYC Welfare Reforms - Impact of the ‘The Spare Room Subsidy’ 5. Biannual Update Report - Major Transport Initiatives 6. Bi-annual Update Report - Major Developments within the City of York Council 7. Workplan 2013/14
24 September 2013 @ 5pm	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attendance of the Cabinet Member for Transport, Planning & Sustainability 2. First Quarter CYC Finance & Performance Monitoring Report 3. Update on Implementation of Recommendations from Out of Hours Childcare Scrutiny Review 4. External Funding Scrutiny Review Draft Final Report 5. Green Travel Plans (Businesses) Overview/Progress Report 6. Grand Depart Briefing/Update 7. Workplan 2013/14

19 November 2013 @ 5pm	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attendance of the Cabinet Member for Health, Housing & Adult Social Services 2. Second Quarter CYC Finance & Performance Monitoring Report 3. Update on Newgate Market - success of improvements, EIF bid & information on footfall 4. Update on Implementation of Recommendations from the E-Planning Facilities Scrutiny Review 5. Update on Implementation of Recommendations from Youth Unemployment Scrutiny Review 6. Workplan 2013/14
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28 January 2014 @ 5pm	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Six Monthly Update Report on Major Transport Initiatives 2. Six Monthly Update Report on Major Developments within the City of York Council 3. Workplan 2013/14
25 th March 2014 @ 5pm	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Third Quarter CYC Finance & Performance Monitoring Report 2. Workplan 2013/14
29 th April 2014 @ 5pm	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Workplan 2013/14