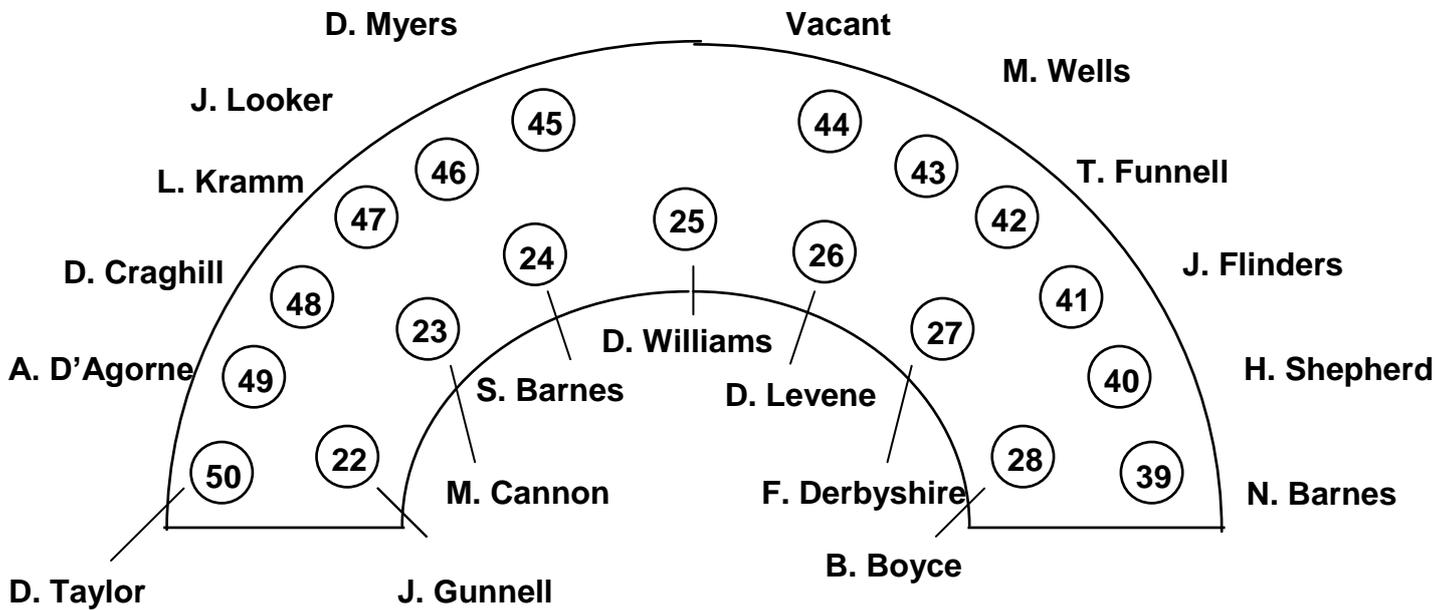


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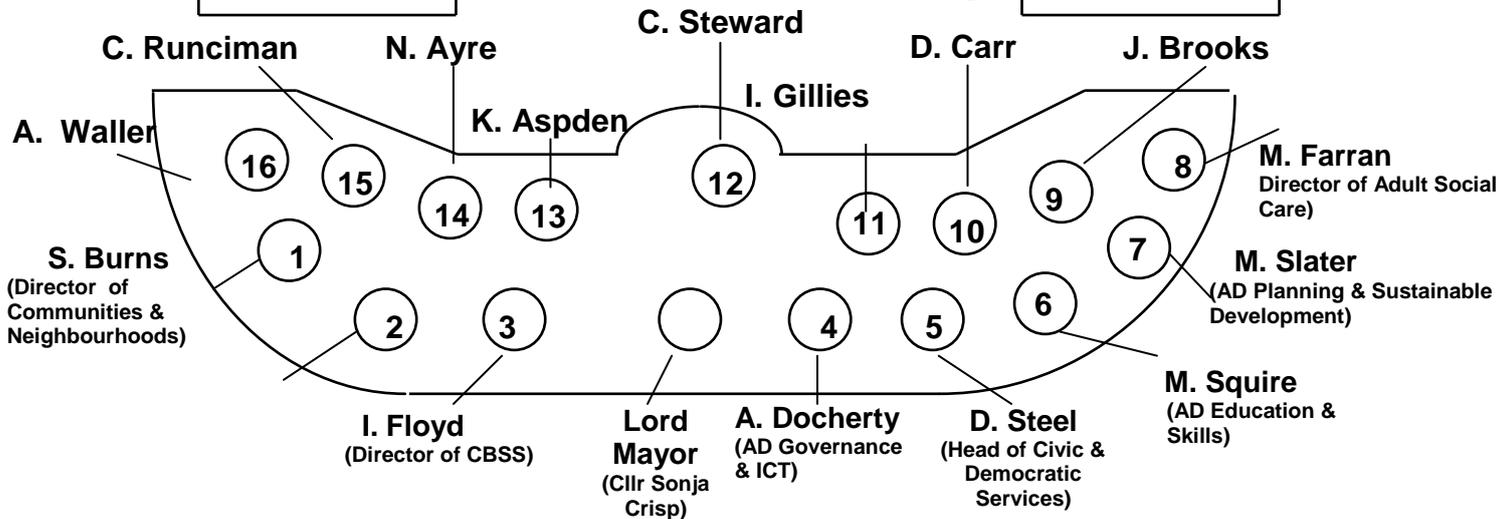
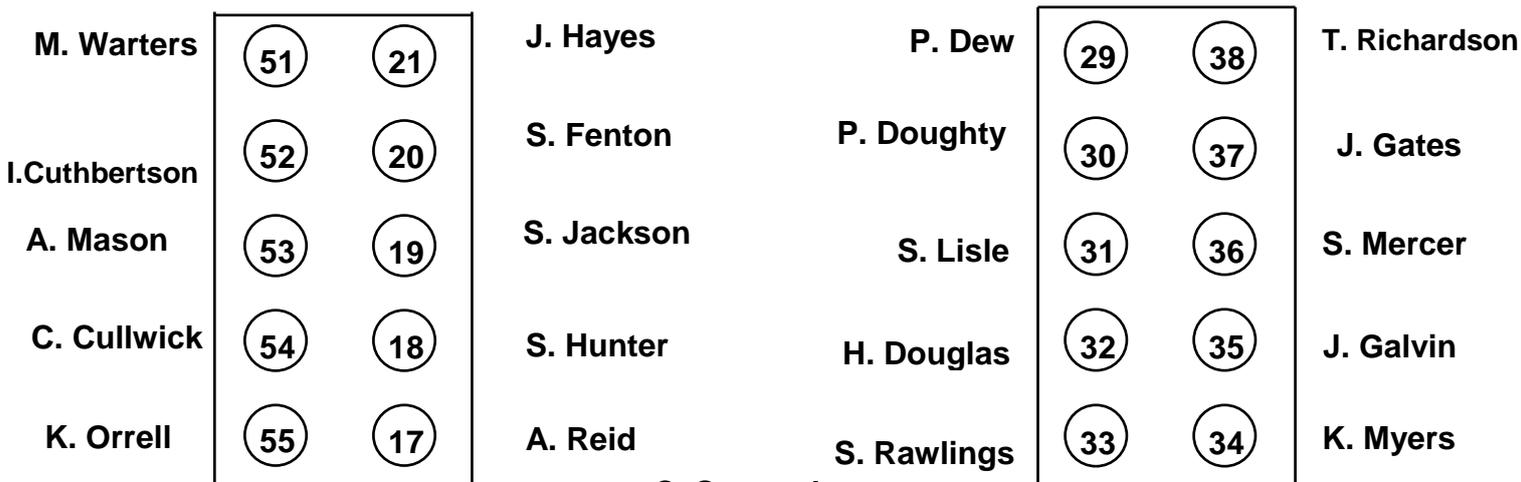
All Councillors, relevant Council Officers and other interested parties and residents are formally invited to attend a meeting of the **City of York Council at The Guildhall, York**, to consider the business contained in this agenda on the following date and time

Thursday, 8 October 2015 at 6.35 pm

COUNCIL CHAMBER



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A G E N D A

1. Declarations of Interest

At this point, 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 1 - 18)

To approve and sign the minutes of the last Council meeting held on 16 July 2015.

3. Civic Announcements

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

4. Public Participation

At this point in the meeting, any member of the public who has registered to address the Council, or to ask a Member of the Council a question, on a matter directly relevant to the business of the Council or the City, may do so. The deadline for registering is **5:00pm on Wednesday 7 October 2015.**

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5. Petitions

To consider any petitions received from Members in accordance with Standing Order No.15. To date, notice has been received of two petitions to be presented by:

- (i) Cllr Hunter on behalf of local residents requesting the Council to gate the snickets between the backs of 30-38 Gale Lane, 1-9 Bachelor Hill and behind 11-15 Bachelor Hill backed by the green metal fencing.
- (ii) Cllr Ayre on behalf of 49 residents in the Langdale Avenue and Rydal Avenue area regarding the state of nearby roads and calling on the Council to work with residents to improve the roads.

6. Report of Executive Leader and Executive Recommendations

(Pages 19 - 32)

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

Meeting	Date	Recommendations
Executive	30 July 2015	Minute 34 : Older Persons' Accommodation Programme: The Business Case (page 23) Minute 35 : Capital Programme Outturn 2014/15 and Revisions to the 2015/16-2019/20 Programme (page 24) Minute 36 : Treasury Management Annual Report & Review of Prudential Indicators 2014/15 (page 24 & 25) http://democracy.york.gov.uk/ie/ListDocuments.aspx?CId=733&MId=8840&Ver=4

Executive 27 August 2015 Minute 48 : Capital Programme
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Executive 24 September
2015 Minute 60 : Draft Council Plan
2015-19: Report on the
Consultation Exercise (copy of
Plan attached – page 29-32)

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7. **Motions on Notice**

To consider the following Motions on Notice under Standing Order 22:

Motions submitted for consideration directly by Council, in accordance with Standing Order 22.1

(i) From Cllr N Barnes

Council tax support scheme

“Council notes the inclusion of a review of York’s Council Tax Support scheme on the Executive Forward Plan, due for consideration on 26th November.

Council also notes the requirement to have any changes set by 31st January 2016, following a 12 week statutory consultation. Scheduling this review with only 9 weeks before the deadline for agreed changes provides insufficient time for the Executive to make changes to the current scheme.

Council believes that the impact of the current scheme has resulted in hardship to some individuals beyond that envisaged when implemented, resulting in council tax arrears in York rising year on year.

Council also believes that some York residents have been

unfairly impacted by the current scheme and that more should be done to alleviate the tax burden on the most vulnerable in our city.

Council requests that the Executive:

- Brings forward the Council Tax Support Scheme review paper to the October meeting of the Executive, to include a range of options, including one to consult on changes to the current scheme;

- requests that an option for consultation is prepared with the principle of reducing the council tax burden for those eligible for council tax support in mind;

- agrees a timetable that meets the 31st January deadline, should it agree to make changes to the scheme, in advance of the 2016-17 budget setting meeting in February."

(ii) From Cllr Steward

Business Improvement District

"Council notes that:

- the process of creating a Business Improvement District ("BID") is currently progressing well in York. This is a city-wide partnership initiative led primarily by local businesses, with the council as the accountable body, designed to enable coordinated investment in the management and marketing area of a defined commercial area within the City Centre.
- the many benefits of a BID district are that: it creates a single source of funding to be spent in the area; it provides a business plan that focuses on improving the area, addressing anti social behaviour and other problems; it improves the resilience of the city centre to changes in the retail market and it will work towards improving a city centre that increases resident well being and presents an improved business offer.
- the BID will be funded by contributions from businesses within the defined area with a rateable value above a

threshold of £12,500, and it will be supported through the ballot process and the collection of the levy by the Council, the accountable body, with £25,000 paid to us from the BID in administration costs each year.

- smaller businesses beneath the rateable value threshold will not be required to pay the levy, but will nevertheless benefit from the additional funding and still have a voice on spending decisions made within the BID area.
- a ballot will get underway in October for businesses within the proposed BID area to vote on the establishment of the district.
- if approved by local businesses, it is expected to generate over £800,000 per annum for the next five years, all to be reinvested into the city and in addition to any services provided by the local authority, the base line for which the Council will determine in the near future.

Council therefore expresses its support for the establishment of the BID and encourages businesses within the proposed BID to make their vote 'yes'."

(iii) From Cllr Waller

Tackling Climate Change

"Council notes:

- The need for local, national and international action to tackle Climate Change.
- The forthcoming 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Paris which has as its objective a binding and universal agreement on steps to reduce greenhouse emissions.
- The Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDC) to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the European Union to the Conference is 40% by 2030.
- Energy company Drax has abandoned a £1 billion project to introduce 'carbon capture' technology at its plant in North

Yorkshire after the government's decision to reduce subsidies for renewable energy.

- Initial steps taken by the Joint Executive to make York the 'Greenest City in the North' including:
 - The stated aim to increase the waste sent to recycling by 5,000 tonnes and increase recycling rates to over 50%.
 - The reversal of plans to charge residents for their first Green Bin collection.
 - The commitment in the Draft Council Plan to cut the council's carbon emissions, re-establish a Green Jobs Task Group, and work towards plans for 'One Planet Living'.

Council Resolves to:

Write to the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change, Amber Rudd MP, expressing concern over the developments at Drax and asking for a reversal of the decision to cut support for renewable energy, including the removal of the tax exemption for renewable power that is sold to industrial companies.

Work on a cross-party basis to ensure that policies are adopted which increase recycling, reduce carbon emissions, expand the use of renewable power generation, and support community energy projects.

Ensure that all decision papers produced include as standard an Environmental Sustainability Impact Assessment in order to make certain that environmental sustainability underpins everything we do as an authority."

(iv) From Cllr Myers

Trade Union Bill

"This Council notes that in February 2015 the United Nations agency the International Labour Organisation reaffirmed its belief that 'without protecting a right to strike, Freedom of Association, in particular the right to organise activities for the purpose of

promoting and protecting workers' interests, cannot be fully realised'.

Council notes the Government's Trade Union Bill, which would require that in order to vote for industrial action:

- there is a turnout of over 50% of eligible members, in addition to a simple majority voting in favour;
- for 'important public services' 40% of eligible members vote in favour (80% of those voting if turnout were 50%).

This Council further notes that the Trade Union Bill has been criticised by the International Labour Organisation and human rights organisations including Liberty, Amnesty International and the British Institute of Human Rights who argue it "would hamper people's basic rights to protest and shift even more power from the employee to the employer".

This Council believes that, when negotiation and mediation have failed, the right to strike and to protest are fundamental rights which should be respected in a free and democratic society.

Council continues to support engagement with its workforce through trade unions, where employees have democratically decided to be represented by a trade union.

This Council resolves to instruct the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, expressing its opposition to the Trade Union Bill."

8. Questions to the Leader or Executive Members

To question the Leader and/or Executive Members in respect of any matter within their portfolio responsibility, in accordance with Standing Order 20.

9. Report of Executive Member (Pages 33 - 38)

To receive a written report from the Executive Member for Culture, Leisure and Tourism, and to question the Executive Member thereon, in accordance with Standing Order 19.

10. Scrutiny - Report of the Chair of the Corporate and Scrutiny Management Policy and Scrutiny Committee (Pages 39 - 42)

To receive a report from Councillor Levene, the Chair of the Corporate and Scrutiny Management Policy and Scrutiny Committee (CSMPSC) on the work of the Committee.

11. Recommendations of the Staffing Matters and Urgency Committee (Pages 43 - 44)

Meeting	Date	Recommendations
Staffing Matters & Urgency Committee	20 July 2015	Minute 25: Appointment of the Acting Director of Public Health (page 43) http://democracy.york.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=120&MId=8776&Ver=4

12. Recommendations of the Gambling, Licensing and Regulatory Committee (Pages 45 - 60)

Meeting	Date	Recommendations
Gambling, Licensing & Regulatory Committee	7 September 2015	Minute 11: Explosives Policy (copy attached – page 45-60) http://democracy.york.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=606&MId=8632&Ver=4

13. Recommendations of the Audit and Governance Committee (Pages 61 - 62)

Meeting	Date	Recommendations
Audit & Governance Committee	23 September 2015	Minute 33: Deputy Leader's Report to Council (pages 61 & 62) http://democracy.york.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=437&MId=8605&Ver=4

14. Joint Standards Committee (Pages 63 - 66)

Council is asked to;

- (i) establish a new Joint Standards Committee in place of the former Joint Committee set up 1 July 2012 and
- (ii) confirm the terms of reference for the new Joint Committee, as set out at pages 63-66.

15. Appointment of Honorary Recorder

To appoint as Honorary Recorder His Honour Judge Batty in place of His Honour Judge Ashurst with effect from the date that he takes up his appointment as Resident Judge for York and to record Council's thanks to HHJ Ashurst for his contribution to the civic life of the City.

16. Appointments and Changes to Membership (Pages 67 - 68)

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

17. Urgent Business

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

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