



Notice of a public meeting of

Corporate and Scrutiny Management Policy and Scrutiny Committee

- To:** Councillors Levene (Chair), Fenton, Flinders, Galvin (Vice-Chair), Gates, Kramm, Lisle, Reid and Williams
- Date:** Monday, 9 May 2016
- Time:** At the conclusion of the Scrutiny Management Policy and Scrutiny Committee (Call-In) meeting but no sooner than **6.00pm**
- Venue:** The Auden Room - Ground Floor, West Offices (G047)

AGENDA

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 - 4)

To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 March 2016.

3. Public Participation

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4. Schedule of Petitions (Pages 5 - 14)

This report provides the Committee with details of new petitions received to date, together with those considered by the Executive or relevant Executive Member/Officer since the last meeting of the Committee. Members are asked to consider the petitions received and actions reported, and agree an appropriate course of action in each case.

5. City of York Digital Inclusion (Pages 15 - 30)

A presentation will be given on progress in the implementation of My Account system and digital inclusion.

6. Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership - Motion Referred by Council (Pages 31 - 38)

This report presents information on the implications of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership. The report is in response to the motion submitted by Councillor D'Agorne to Full Council on 24 March 2016 and Council's decision to refer the motion to Corporate and Scrutiny Management Policy and Scrutiny Committee for further consideration.

7. Work Plan (Pages 39 - 40)

Members are asked to consider the committee's draft work plan for 2016-17.

8. Any Other Business

Any other business which the Chair decides is urgent.

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własnym języku.**

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City Of York Council

Committee Minutes

Meeting	Corporate and Scrutiny Management Policy and Scrutiny Committee
Date	7 March 2016
Present	Councillors Levene (Chair), Fenton, Galvin (Vice-Chair), Gates, Kramm, Lisle, Reid, Williams and Funnell (substitute for Councillor Flinders)
Apologies	Councillor Flinders

44. Declarations of Interest

Members were asked to declare any personal interests not included on the Register of Interests, any prejudicial interests or any disclosable pecuniary interests which they might have in respect of business on the agenda. No additional interests were declared.

45. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 11 January 2016 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

46. Public Participation

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

47. Schedule of Petitions

Consideration was given to a report which detailed current petitions received by the Council, details of which were set out at Annex A of the report.

Consideration was given to the options detailed in paragraph 7 of the report.

Resolved: That the petitions received and actions reported, as set out in paragraph 5 of the report and in Annex A, be noted.

Reason: To ensure the Committee carries out its requirements in relation to petitions.

48. 2015-16 Monitor 3 Report

Members considered a report which forecast the 2015/16 outturn position for the services falling under the responsibility of the Corporate and Scrutiny Management Policy and Scrutiny Committee. Officers went through the key issues, as outlined in the report, and drew Members' attention to paragraphs 2 to 4 of the report which detailed the current financial position.

Members agreed that future reports should only contain data relating to areas that fell within the committee's remit.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

Reason: To update the Committee on the forecast position for 2015/16.

49. Proposals for the Future Ways of Working in Scrutiny

Members had received a report which presented options for the revision of the remits of the scrutiny committees taking account of national best practice. The report asked Members to agree which option they would like to propose to Council.

The Chair informed Members that the report had been considered at a recent meeting of Chairs and Vice-Chairs of scrutiny committees and a number of issues had been raised which merited further consideration. Having consulted the Vice-Chair prior to the meeting, he was therefore proposing that this item be deferred to enable further consideration to be given to the issues that had been raised.

Resolved: That this item be deferred.

Reason: To enable time for further consideration of future ways of working in scrutiny to be explored.

50. Work Plan 2015/16

Consideration was given to the Committee's work plan for the 2015/16 municipal year.

Referring to the information that had been circulated on officer recruitment as requested at the previous meeting, Councillor Kramm suggested that this issue may merit further consideration by the committee. He commented on a number of ways in which vacancies could be advertised more widely without incurring additional costs for the Council. Members agreed that initially it would be helpful if these suggestions were raised with officers and the relevant Executive Member. Councillor Kramm agreed to feedback to the committee at the next meeting.

Resolved: That, subject to the inclusion of the item on "Future Ways of Working in Scrutiny" being included on the agenda for the next meeting, the Committee's work plan for 2015/16 be agreed.

Reason: To ensure that the Committee has a planned programme of work in place.

Councillor D Levene, Chair
[The meeting started at 5.30 pm and finished at 5.55 pm].

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Corporate & Scrutiny Management Policy & Scrutiny Committee**9 May 2016**

Report of the Assistant Director Governance & ICT

Schedule of Petitions**Summary**

1. Members of this Committee are aware of their new role in the initial consideration of petitions received by the Authority. The current petitions process was considered by the Audit and Governance Committee on 2 October 2014 and endorsed by Council on 9 October 2014. This process aimed to ensure scrutiny of the actions taken in relation to petitions received either by Members or Officers.

Background

2. Following agreement of the above petitions process, Members of the Corporate and Scrutiny Management Policy and Scrutiny Committee had been considering a full schedule of petitions received at each meeting, commenting on actions taken by the Executive Member or Officer, or awaiting decisions to be taken at future Executive Member Decision Sessions.
3. However, in order to simplify this process Members agreed, at their June 2015 meeting, that the petitions annex should in future be provided in a reduced format in order to make the information relevant and manageable. At that meeting it was agreed that future petitions reports should include an annex of current petitions and agreed actions, but only following consideration of the petitions by the Executive or relevant Executive Member or Officer.
4. This was agreed, in the knowledge that the full petitions schedule was publicly available on the Council's website and that it was updated and republished after each meeting of the Committee.
<http://democracy.york.gov.uk/ecCatDisplay.aspx?sch=doc&cat=13020&path=0>

5. **Current Petitions Update**

A copy of the reduced petitions schedule is now attached at Annex A of the report which provides a list of new petitions received to date together with details of those considered by the Executive or relevant Executive Member/Officer since the last meeting of the Committee. Further information relating to the two petitions which have now been considered by the Executive Members/Officers since the last meeting is set out below:

Petition Number

37. York Art Gallery

A hard copy of this petition, containing 90 signatories together with an online petition containing over 56 residents signatories, was handed in at the Executive meeting by Councillor Taylor on 24 September 2015. The petition asked “that York Public Art Gallery should be free of charge as art belongs to everyone”.

Consideration was given to the petition at the Executive meeting on 24 September, when consideration was given to the York Museums Trust’s revised charging plans. At that time the Executive agreed to note the York Museums Trust’s (YMT) revised charging plans and agreed a process for updating the legal agreements between CYC and the trust to reflect new funding levels.

A decision was also taken to Commission further work with regard to options for new legal structures to better protect the museum assets and to release £20k from contingency to fund the maximum cost of the new concessions. These decisions were taken in order to ensure a vibrant and sustainable museums service over the long-term.

Following this decision, on 25 November 2015 the Learning & Culture Policy and Scrutiny Committee agreed to set up a scrutiny review to assist in the establishment of a new legal framework for the relationship between City of York Council and York Museums Trust (YMT). Concerns previously raised regarding the charging plans were also considered as part of this Scrutiny Review and the final report and recommendations of this review will be presented at the Executive meeting on 28 April 2016.

49. Trentholme Drive

Consideration was given to this hard copy petition, signed by 32 residents of Trentholme Drive, which requested residents parking at the Executive Member for Transport & Planning's Decision Session on 14 April 2016.

The Executive Member considered an Officer report which set out the issues around commuter parking in the area and the following options were put forward:

Option one: Conduct a formal consultation, report the outcome to the Director of City and Environmental Services, who will decide whether sufficient support is evident to advertise an amendment to the Traffic Regulation Order.

Option two: Take no further action

Following consideration, the Executive Member agreed the undertaking of a formal consultation with residents of Trentholme Drive for a Residents' Priority Parking area. This was agreed as the documentation provided would enable residents to make an informed decision.

6. The Process

There are a number of options available to the Committee as set out in paragraph 7 below, however these are not exhaustive. Every petition is, of course, unique, and it may be that Members feel a different course of action from the standard is necessary.

Options

7. Having considered the reduced Schedule attached which provides details of petitions received and considered by the Executive/Executive Member since the last meeting of the Committee; Members have a number of options in relation to those petitions:

- Request a fuller report, if applicable, for instance when a petition has received substantial support;
- Note receipt of the petition and the proposed action;

- Ask the relevant decision maker or the appropriate Executive Member to attend the Committee to answer questions in relation to it;
- Undertake a detailed scrutiny review, gathering evidence and making recommendations to the decision maker;
- Refer the matter to Full Council where its significance requires a debate;

If Members feel that appropriate action has already been taken or is planned, then no further consideration by scrutiny may be necessary.

8. Following this meeting, the lead petitioner in each case will be kept informed of this Committee's consideration of their petition, including any further action Members may decide to take.

Consultation

9. All Groups were consulted on the process of considering more appropriate ways in which the Council deal with and respond to petitions, resulting in the current process. Relevant Directorates are involved and have been consulted on the handling of the petitions outlined in Annex A.

Implications

10. There are no known legal, financial, human resource or other implications directly associated with the recommendations in this report. However, depending upon what, if any, further actions Members agree to there may, of course, be specific implications for resources which would need to be addressed.

Risk Management

11. There are no known risk implications associated with the recommendations in this report. Members should, however, assess the reputational risk by ensuring appropriate and detailed consideration is given to petitions from the public.

Recommendations

12. Members are asked to consider the petitions received and actions reported, as set out in paragraph 5 above and on the attached Schedule at Annex A, and agree an appropriate course of action in each case.

Reason: To ensure the Committee carries out its new requirements in relation to petitions.

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**Report
Approved**

Date 28 April 2016

Wards Affected:

All

Background Papers: None

Annexes: Annex A – Extract from schedule of petitions received and action taken to date

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Petition Details	Petition Type	No of Signatures (Approx)	Responsible Officer	Decision maker (e.g. Cabinet Member, Director)	Date of Consideration	Action Agreed	Date of Consideration by CSMC & Outcome
<p>37. York Art Gallery- York Public Art Gallery should be free of charge, art belongs to everyone.</p>	<p>Hard copy handed in by Cllr Taylor at the Executive, 24-09-15</p>	<p>90 signatories (56 residents) plus on-line petition</p>	<p>Charlie Croft Assistant Director Communities, Culture and Public Realm 553371</p>	<p>Executive Member for Culture, Leisure & Tourism</p>	<p>Executive 24-09-15</p>	<p>This petition was noted by the Executive and the Executive agreed to:</p> <p>Note York Museums Trust's (YMT) revised charging plans following discussions between the Council and YMT;</p> <p>Agree a process for updating the legal agreements between CYC and the trust to reflect new funding levels;</p> <p>Commission further work with regard to options for new legal structures to better protect the museum assets;</p> <p>Agree the release of £20k from contingency to fund the maximum cost of the new concessions.</p> <p>Reason: To ensure</p>	

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					Executive Scrutiny Final Report 28-04-16	a vibrant and sustainable museums service over the long-term. This petition was also considered as part of the York Museums Trust Scrutiny Review undertaken to examine the Council's financial contribution and future custodianship arrangements.	
<p>44. Parking Enforcement outside the City Walls – Petition to CYC for parking enforcement to be given to Police Officers outside the City Walls</p>	Hard copy received from Cllr Richardson 05-11-15	10 signatories	Steve Waddington Assistant Director T: 01904 554016	Executive Member for Transport & Planning Decision Session	-	Note: Petition only received 10 signatures. Officers to respond	
<p>46. Ban Lettings Boards - petition the council to apply to the Government for special planning powers granting the ability to ban letting boards in locations with an excessive amount and where there is local support.</p>	E-Petition running 17-11-2015 to 31-03-16	5 signatories	Jonathan Carr, Head of Development Services & Regeneration T: 01904 551303 / Martin Grainger, Head of Integrated Strategy T: 01904 551317	Executive Member for Transport & Planning	Executive Member for Transport & Planning Decision Session TBC following Officers consideration of the ways of applying	Officers have been considering the potential ways of applying for special powers to ban letting boards under Schedule 3, Part 1, Class 3A of the Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) (England) Regulations	

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					special powers	2007 – including discussions with other local authorities who have undertaken this process. Once this investigation work is completed they will confirm the details	
46a Ban Lettings Boards Petition calling on the Government to give City of York Council the power to ban letting boards in locations with an excessive amount and where there is local support.	Presented to Council by Cllr Shepherd 17-12-15	182 signatories	Jonathan Carr, Head of Development Services & Regeneration T: 01904 551303 / Martin Grainger, Head of Integrated Strategy T: 01904 551317	Executive Member for Transport & Planning	Executive Member for Transport & Planning Decision Session TBC as above	(see 46 above)	
48. Mill Lane, Heworth - To dramatically reduce traffic into Mill Lane	Emailed to Cllrs Boyce/ Funnell 08-02-16 on behalf of lead petitioner Trevor Rowell	29	Alistair Briggs Traffic Network Manager T: 01904 551368	Executive Member for Transport & Planning Decision Session	Executive Member for Transport & Planning Decision Session 12-05-16	TBC	
49. Trentholme Drive – Residents Parking Request	Hard copy sent to Highways Section 12.02.16 (Sue	32	Alistair Briggs Traffic Network Manager T: 01904 551368	Executive Member for Transport & Planning Decision	Executive Member for Transport & Planning	The Executive Member approved a formal consultation with residents of	

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	Gill dealing with it)			Session	Decision Session 14-04-16	Trentholme Drive for a Residents' Priority Parking area. Reason: The documentation package provided enables residents to make an informed decision	

City of York Digital Inclusion

Corporate Scrutiny
9th May 2016

ICT – Fixed Broadband

- Superfast broadband (>24 Megabits per second) currently available to **94%** of premises in York
- Coverage will rise to **99%** following completion of BDUK Rural Broadband project by 2018
- **UltraFibreOptic** Joint Venture (CityFibre/TalkTalk/Sky) building an ultrafast pure fibre network (1000 Megabits per second) currently available to **19,000** premises in York
- **Virgin Media** will expand their network footprint to bring speeds of 300 Megabits per second to a further **12-15,000** York premises in the next 18 months.

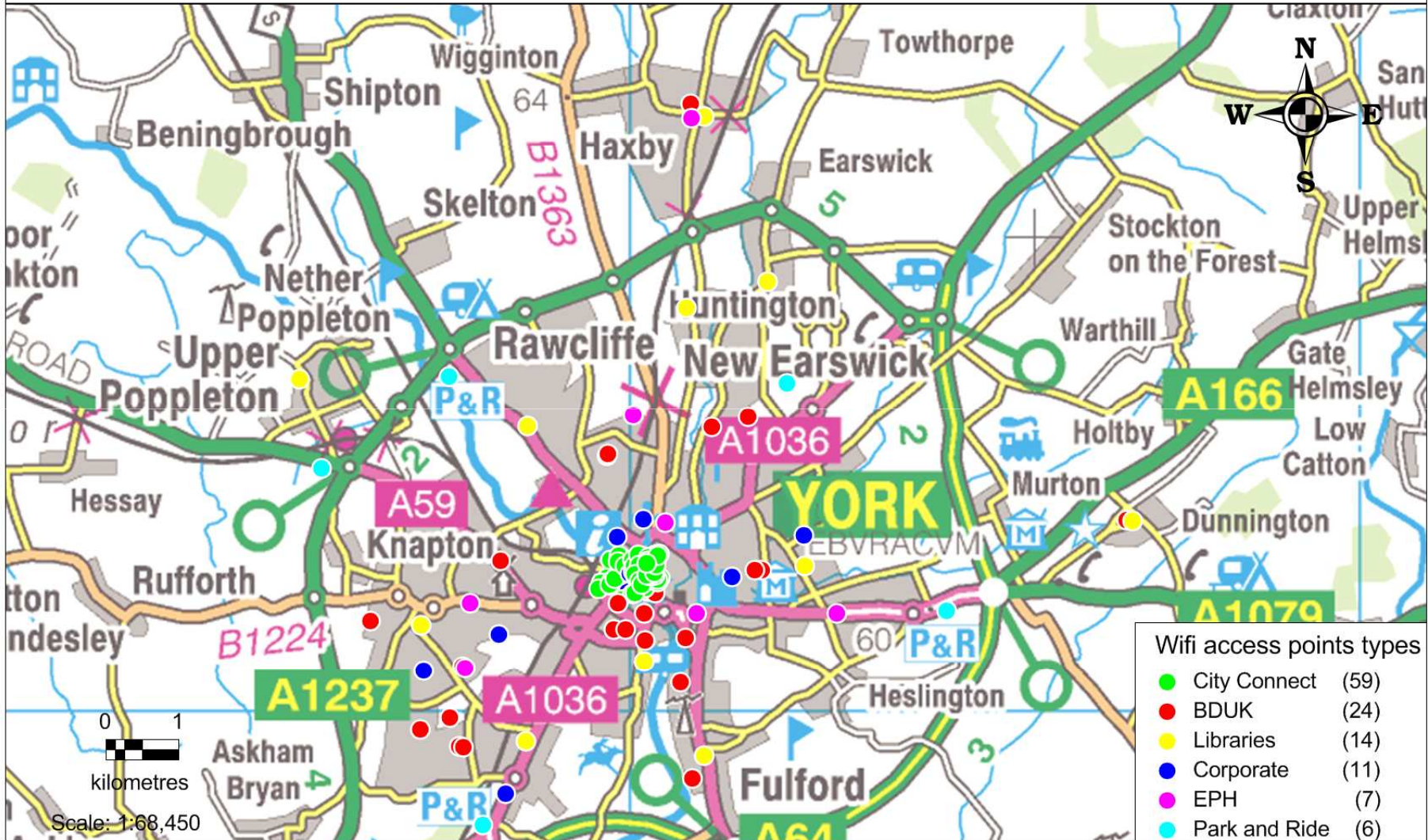
ICT – Wireless Broadband

- Free 24 x 7 Wi-Fi is available in public buildings, open spaces and at all Park and Ride sites. York is the only city in the UK to offer this child-friendly, comprehensive coverage
- ICT were awarded £28,000 in a successful Arts Council bid to upgrade Wi-Fi in Explore Libraries to the highest technical specification. Upgrade work was completed in March 2016
- Free 'On board' Wi-Fi is available on all First York bus routes, as well as CityZap and Coastliner services.

ICT – Connected City

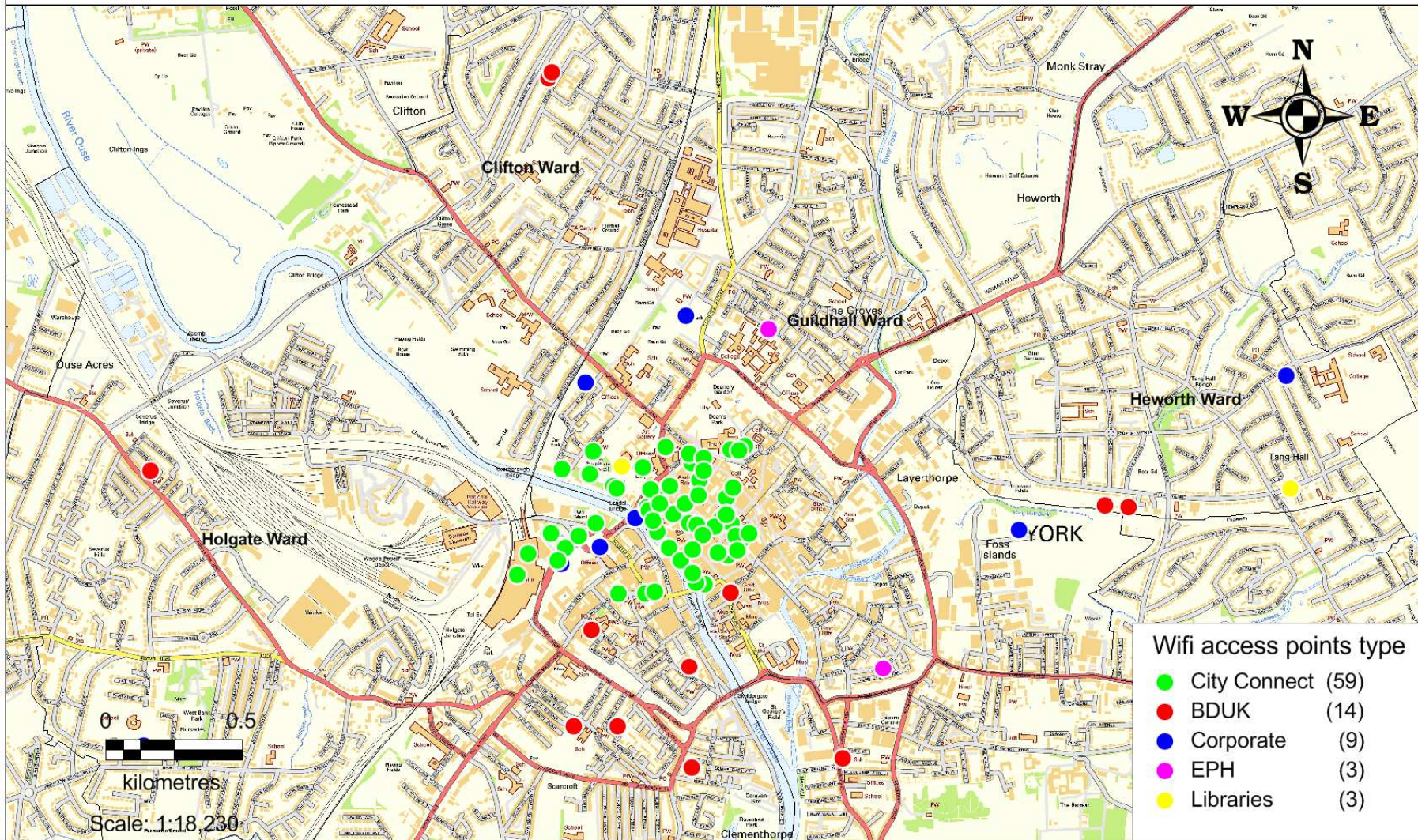
- The Eduroam student Wi-Fi network covers the city, giving our student population easy access to secure Wi-Fi
- Free Wi-Fi is also available at:
 - 28 Public Buildings and Community Centres
 - 16 Explore Libraries
 - 14 Corporate sites
 - 7 Children's Centres
 - 7 Elderly Persons Homes
 - 2 Travellers' Sites

Free wifi access points in York



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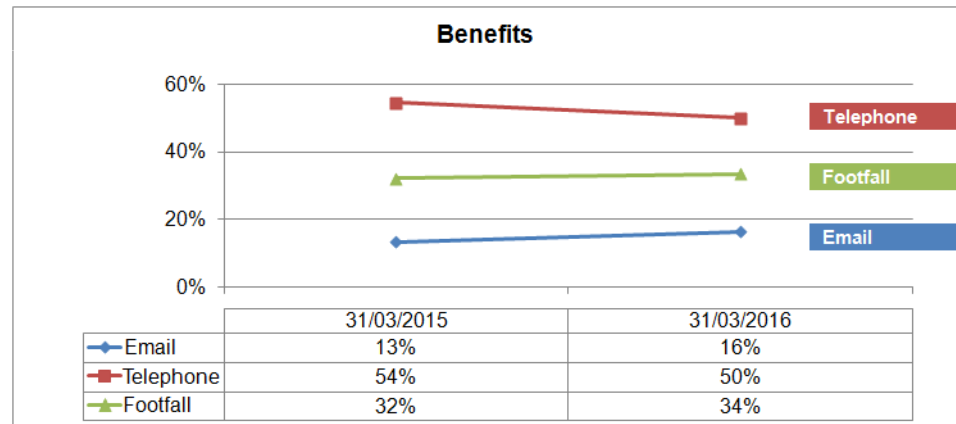
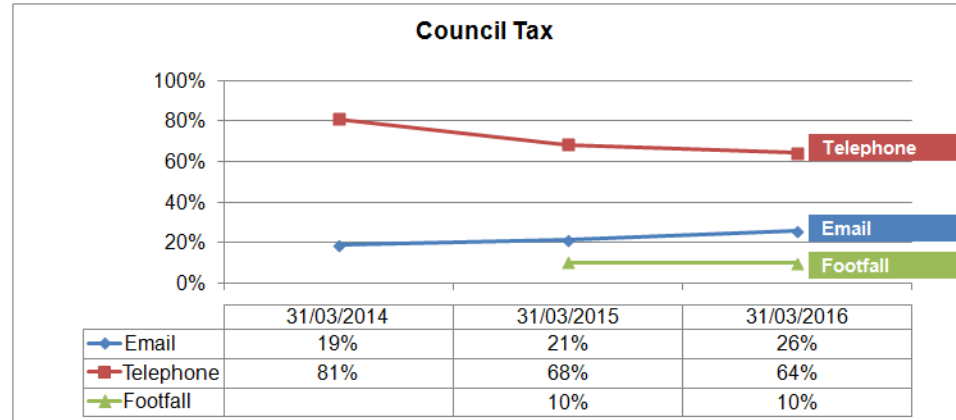
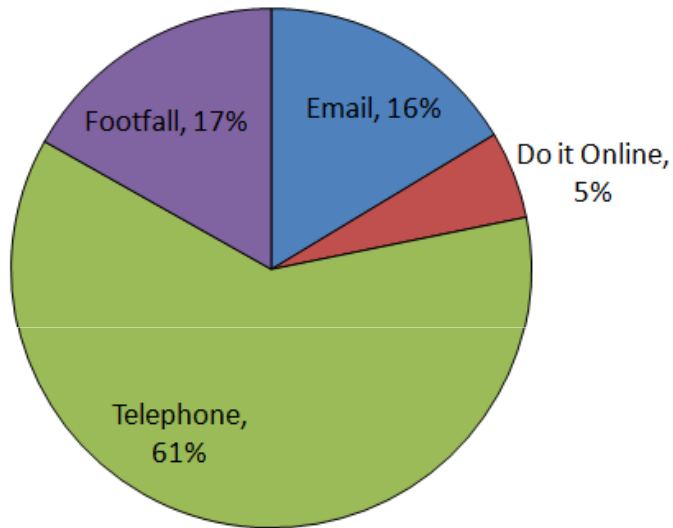
Digital Services – Implementation

Phased project approach - Phase 1:

- Revenues (Change of Address, Move in, Move out, DD)
- Benefits (New Claims, Change of Circ's)
- Waste (Missed bins, New container/service, Bulky collection)
- Public Realm (Litter report, Fly tipping, Graffiti)
- Highways (Highway defect, Street light defect, drainage)
- Transparency

Digital Services – Current Situation

Customer Interaction - Mar 2016



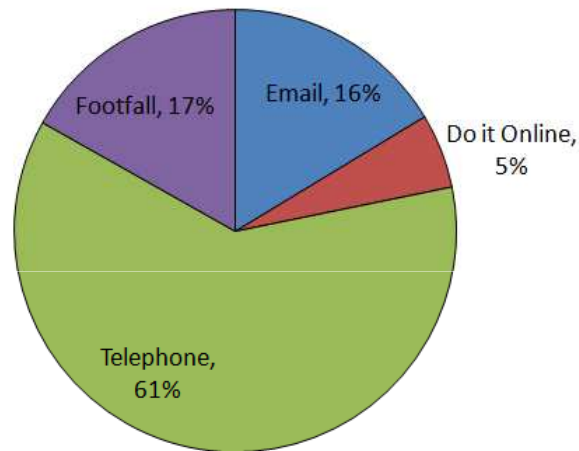
Current digital take up at March 2016 is 21%

Over the last 2 years digital take-up in council tax has increased from 19% to 26%

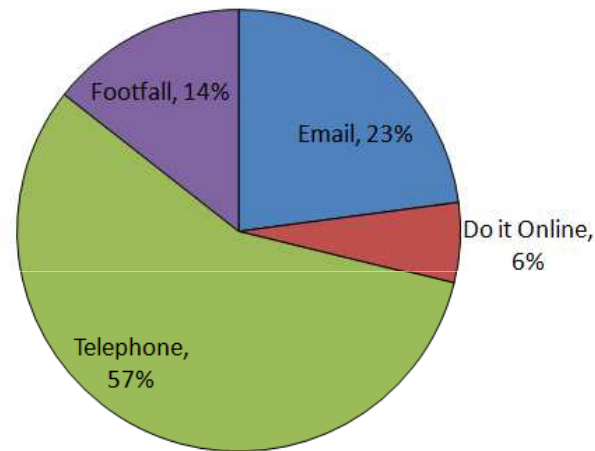
In the last year digital take-up in benefits has increased from 13% to 16%

Digital Services – Future Situation (based on current trends without intervention)

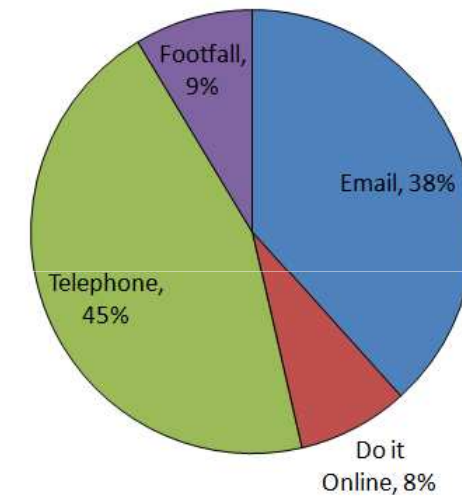
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Customer Interaction - Mar 2017



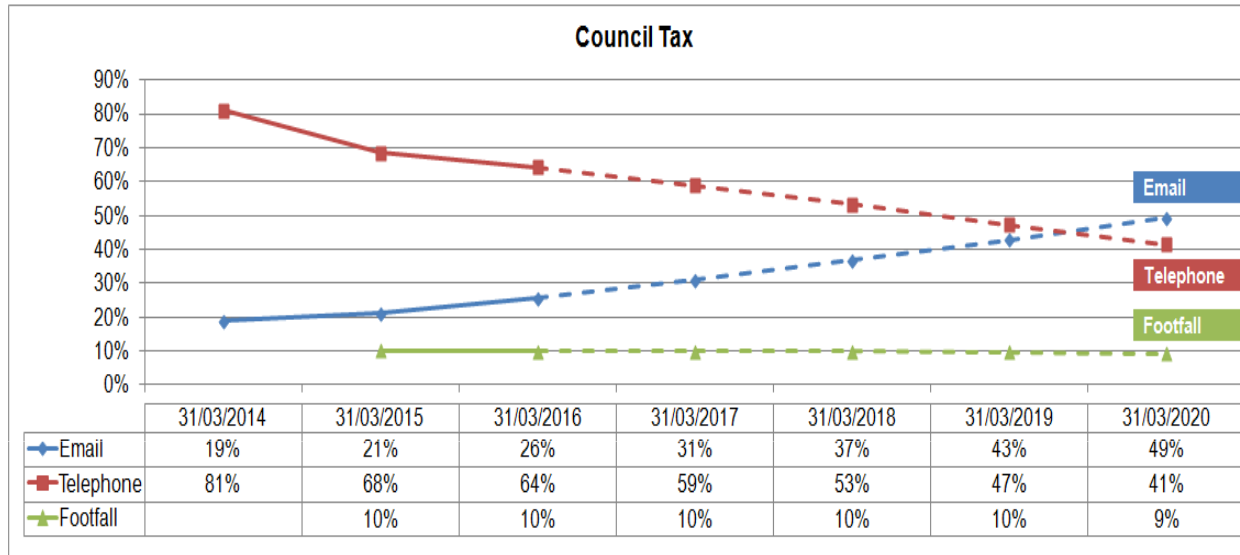
Customer Interaction - Mar 2020



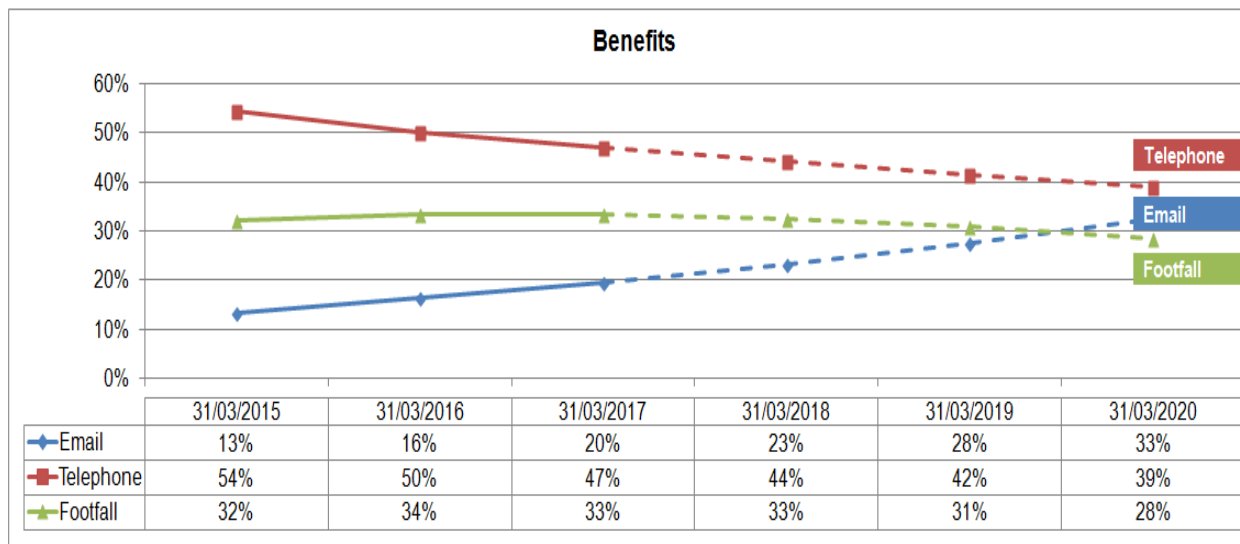
Based on current trends, without any further interventions, digital take up of customer interaction is expected to increase from 21% (March 2016) to 46% (March 2020).

These increases would predominantly be in email traffic, with smaller increases in Do It Online

Digital Services – Future Situation (based on current trends without intervention)



**Council Tax
interaction via email
is expected to
increase to 49%**



**Benefits interaction
via email is expected
to increase to 33%**

Digital Services – Road Map

Phase 2 :

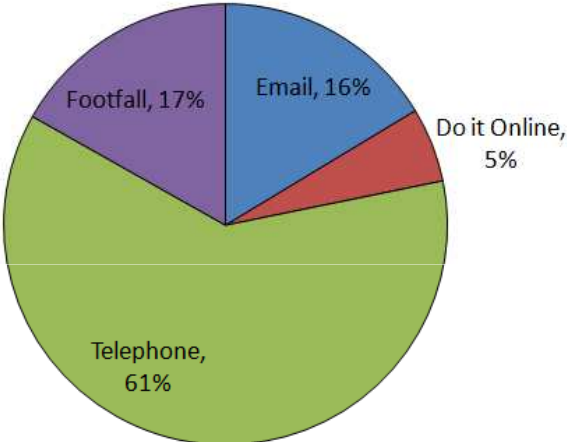
- Registrars
- Parking
- Adults (Customer Contact)
- Planning
- Licensing
- Education
- Building repairs

Phase 3 & Beyond:

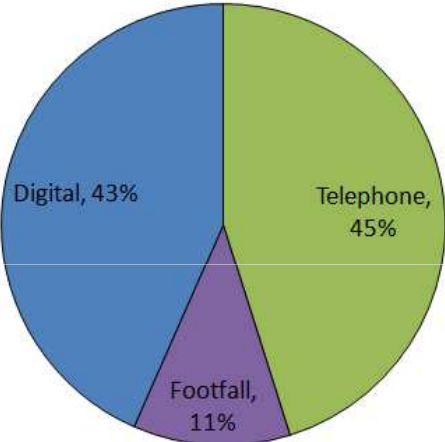
- Internal systems e.g. Staff Processes

Digital Services – Future Situation (based on current trends with intervention)

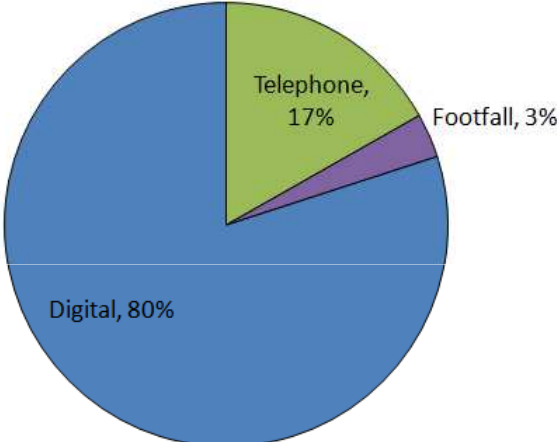
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Customer Interaction - Mar 2017



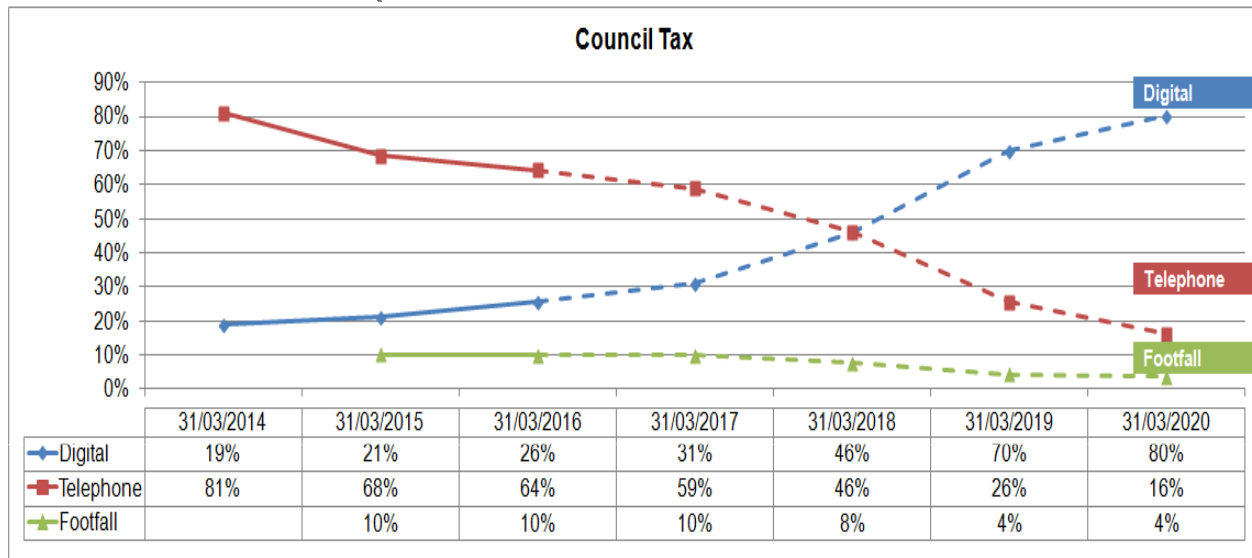
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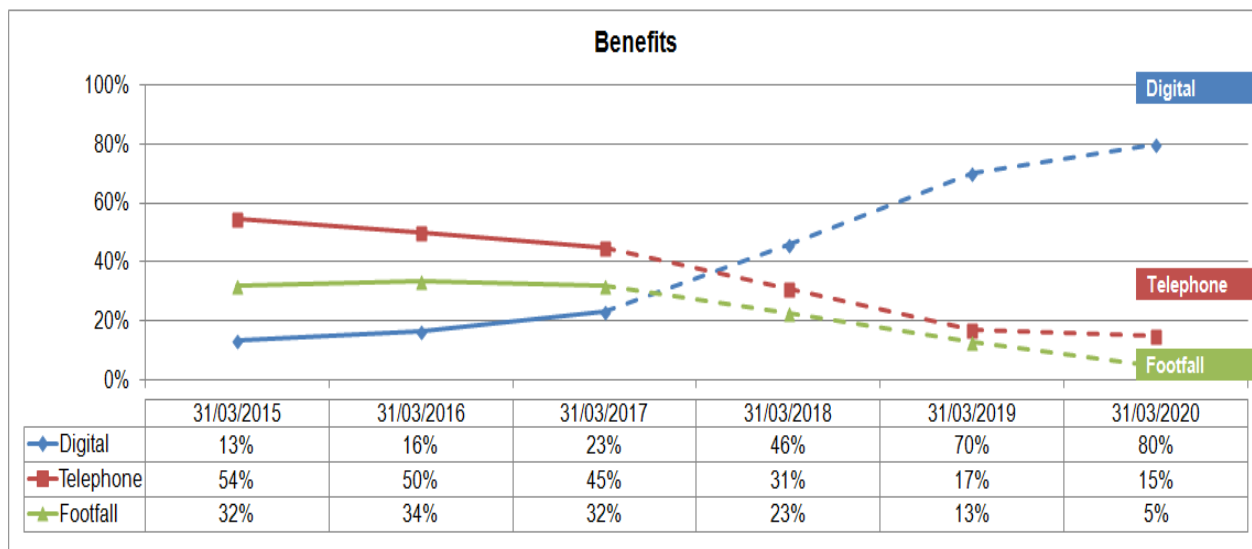
Based on current trends and with intervention, digital take up of customer interaction is expected to increase from 21% (March 2016) to 80% (March 2020).

These increases would predominantly be in email traffic, with smaller increases in Do It Online

Digital Services – Future Situation (based on current trends with intervention)



Council Tax interaction via digital systems is expected to increase to 80%



Benefits interaction via digital systems is expected to increase to 80%

Digital Services - Communications

Fully developed Communications campaign including:

- Internal & External Drop in Sessions
- Partner Communication
- Local Media
- Buzz
- Annual Billing – Quicker, Greener, Cheaper
go Digital

Digital Services Campaign Artwork

Coming Soon...



Online | Mobile | On the go
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Digital Services - Take Up

What targets are we aiming for:

- 70% take up across 3 years for those customers with internet access
- Kirklees, Thurrock & Wigan already have 100% take up of digital Housing Benefits. No Benefits phone number!



**Corporate & Scrutiny Management Policy &
Scrutiny Committee****9 May 2016**

Report of the Assistant Director Governance & ICT

**Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership – Motion Referred by
Council****Summary**

1. At a meeting of the full Council on 24 March 2016 Cllr D'Agorne submitted a motion under Standing Order 22 on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP).
2. Council agreed to refer the motion to the Corporate & Scrutiny Management Policy & Scrutiny Committee for further consideration.

Background

3. To remind Members, Cllr D'Agorne's Motion was:
4. Council notes that:
 - The European Union (EU) and the USA launched negotiations in July 2013 on a Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP);
 - Negotiations continue, seeking to protect international investors, harmonise standards, reduce tariffs and open new markets throughout the EU and USA;
 - Services within TTIP includes not just private but also public services;
 - There has been no assessment of the potential impact on local authorities and their services;

- There has been no scrutiny or consultation with City of York Council or other local government representatives such as the Local Government Association (LGA) and our local MPs for York Central or York Outer are also unable to scrutinise the negotiating documents;
- Our twin municipality of Munster in Germany passed a resolution in 2014 to reject TTIP;
- Our twin municipality of Dijon in France passed a resolution in 2014 to ask for the full involvement of local authorities in free trade negotiations and public disclosure of all texts on the TTIP negotiations.

5. Council believes that:

- TTIP could have a significant impact on local services, employment, suppliers and decision-making;
- A thorough impact assessment of TTIP on local authorities must be carried out before the negotiations can be concluded;
- The proposed Investor State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) mechanism has been used by corporations to overturn democratic decisions by all levels of governments at significant public cost. Local decision-making must be protected from ISDS;
- The EU's food, environmental and labour standards are better than those in the US and TTIP negotiations must raise and not lower these standards across the EU and USA;
- Sourcing supplies and employment locally is important to strengthening local economies and meeting local needs. TTIP must not impact on local authorities' ability to act in the best interests of their communities.

6. Council resolves:

- (i) That appropriate officers report to the Executive analysing the potential impact of TTIP upon the Council and its services, with a view to:

- writing to the Secretary of State for the Environment and Local Government, the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, the MPs for York Central and York Outer and all Yorkshire and the Humber MEPs, as well as the Local Government Association, raising the serious concerns of the City of York Council about the potential impact of TTIP on our local authority and the secrecy of the negotiating process.
- (ii) That any report to the Executive addresses the feasibility of and resource implications associated with:
- calling for a full assessment of the impact of TTIP on local authorities;
 - joining with other local authorities that are opposed to TTIP across Europe and work with local campaigners to raise awareness about the potential impact of TTIP;
 - developing local supply chains and business networks through better advertising and promotion of what local companies can provide;
 - reviewing the council's own procurement policies to promote as much as possible the take up of locally produced and fair trade food;
 - enhancing the support to York's diversity of small, independent and locally based shops;
 - developing a Local Food Strategy for York in conjunction with the health service and producer groups in our region (including the promotion of local supply chains and networks, support for producers and feasibility studies into increasing the local production of high quality healthy food in the region).

Assessment

What is Transatlantic Trade & Investment Partnership (TTIP)?

7. TTIP is a trade agreement being negotiated between the EU and the US. Negotiations were launched at the G8 summit in June 2013 and the first negotiating round took place in July 2013. The proposed agreement is

under ongoing negotiations which were planned to be finalised by the end of 2014 but are now not expected to be finished until 2019 or 2020.

8. As with all trade negotiations, the details are complex and those around TTIP have not been finalised. There is also likely to be information that is not in the public domain on the nature of TTIP.

What would its impact be?

9. In its current form, there have been a number of vocal critics of TTIP, particularly in relation to the implications on overall regulation, the impact on the regulation of bankers in particular (where the US has more regulation than the UK banking industry), environmental and food safety legislation and privacy.
10. Supporters of TTIP say that it will boost the economies of both the EU and the USA by improving the ability of businesses to open up their sales and trade with a wider market. The current Department of Business and Skills estimate that it will increase the UK economy by around £10 billion each year.
11. However, there have been existing economic studies of the impact of TTIP on the UK, such as this one by the LSE https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/260380/bis-13-1284-costs-and-benefits-of-an-eu-usa-investment-protection-treaty.pdf . Given the details of TTIP are not yet currently complete and indeed studies like this will inform our negotiations, it is not possible to verify the impact of the final agreement of TTIP on either the UK let alone the City of York.

What are the implications for procurement?

12. The recommendations to develop local sourcing have to be considered in light of CYC's obligations to abide by EU procurement law and therefore we are limited in how we achieve this. CYC can encourage local supply chain and evaluate positively for local supply but cannot discriminate against non local suppliers.
13. The current procurement strategy already sets out this and will be brought back to Executive soon to update it – it contains commitments to support local SMEs and ethical procurement but this is in itself pretty loosely defined. Fair Trade food is a difficult one where if you are prescriptive it can have a major impact on cost and this will have budget implications.

14. The key to developing a sustainable local economy – a resilient “One Planet” city – is growing the circular economy to keep money flowing around the city as much as possible by procuring, spending and trading locally.
15. Similarly developing local supply chains is part of the circular economy including local B2B trading; sharing and collaboration; and a directory of like-minded (e.g. value based) businesses such as the emerging One Planet York pledging network. These have the advantage of cutting transport and carbon emissions, sustaining local jobs and building city resilience against global financial shocks. In some ways the process of embedding One Planet thinking into our core organisational processes over the coming months will go some way towards this.

What about a Local Food Strategy?

16. Developing a local food strategy is likely to be an intensive exercise with no current resources to do it.
17. However, sustainable food is one of the One Planet York’s ‘10 principles’, but would need resourcing. York is at the heart of one of the most diverse food producing regions in the UK so it is an opportunity to capitalise on this.
18. There are several good examples of city food strategies that York could emulate that would have linkages into a host of other agendas – healthy eating/lifestyles / local economies / sustainable transport / sustainable procurement / food security etc ... so a very central ‘integrating’ idea (Bristol’s food strategy was led by University of Bristol via funding they applied for with backing from Bristol Green Capital Partnership – Their ‘One Planet York’ equivalent). It’s this type of thinking One Planet York has potential to open up. It is feasible so long as there’s finance and capacity to support its development.
19. Enhancing the support of York’s diversity of small, independent and locally based shops is already on the agenda. Cllr Hayes, who is also chairman of the Bishopthorpe Road Traders’ Association, has been involved in the development of an Indy York App pointing visitors and residents to independent shopping areas in the city.
20. Other elements of the Motion are too general to indicate who would take responsibility for any actions, i.e. to call for a full assessment of the impact of TTIP on local authorities – by whom and at what cost?

Analysis

21. It appears that the motion as presented to Council takes an anti-TTIP stance, see paragraphs 6(i) and 6(ii) bullet point two. It may be the case that other Members of the Council support TTIP in light of the Department of Business and Skills estimate that it will increase the UK economy by around £10 billion each year, paragraph 10.
22. Members should be aware that, if they wish to undertake a review of the impact of TTIP on York, this could take significant officer time and, for the reasons outlined above, is unlikely to produce a robust conclusive answer.
23. Inevitably, this would mean diverting resources away from immediate local priorities (the Green Jobs Task Force, and supporting delivery of the Economic Strategy for example). It is not clear what impact any review would have on the negotiations, given the Government's support for a substantial agreement covering market access for a wide range of goods and services, and relevant supporting provisions.
24. If, however, Members decide there is still some merit in undertaking further work on this motion, the Committee would need to consider specifically which parts of the motion warranted further investigation and to consider how it would undertake this work. For example, establish a small cross party Ad Hoc Sub-Committee with representatives from relevant Scrutiny Committees or receive further reports at full Committee.

Options

25. Having considered the information provided in this report Members can:
 - (i) Agree not to proceed any further with this motion in light of the potential resource implications (see paragraph 27 below) and the assessment of impact of undertaking a review set out above in this report;
 - (ii) Agree to proceed with a specific review and remit to be identified;
or
 - (iii) Propose an alternative way forward

Council Plan

26. This report links to the focus on frontline services, a council that listens to residents and a prosperous city for all elements of the Council Plan 2015-19.

Risks & Implications

27. There are no direct risk implications associated with the recommendations in this report. However, it should be noted that the issues in the Motion are complex and will require resources to deliver and these issues need to be considered alongside other current council priorities and the need to consider the capacity of the organisation to take on another priority. There are also concerns about who will actually do the different elements of this work as various CYC teams have little or no capacity to take on additional work and there is no budget available to cover any costs.

Recommendations

28. The Committee needs to consider:
- (i) Whether having assessed the information provided in this report, there continues to be added value to undertake any further scrutiny work in relation to this motion; or
 - (ii) whether to specify further work for investigation by scrutiny and how scrutiny should undertake that work, having reference to paragraph 24 above,

Reason: To decide if members want to commission further work into TTIP.

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