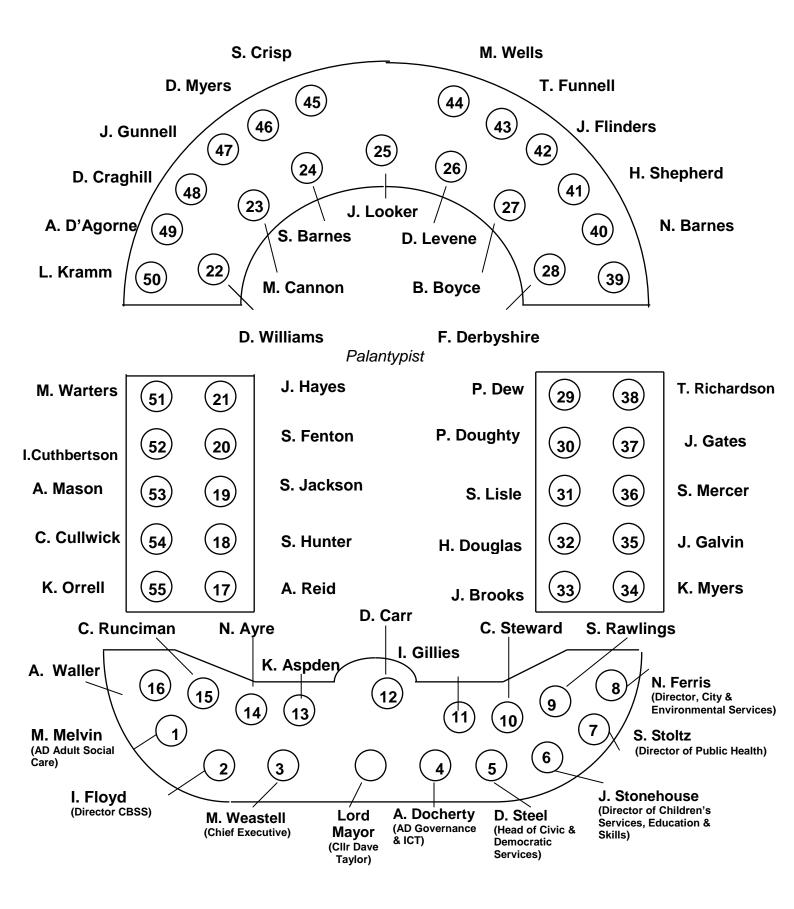


## CITY OF YORK COUNCIL SUMMONS

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

Thursday, 20 October 2016 at 6.30 pm



## 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 - 22)

To approve and sign the minutes of the last Council meeting held on 21 July 2016.

#### 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 19 October 2016**.

To register to speak please contact the Democracy Officer for the meeting, on the details at the foot of the agenda.

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#### 5. Petitions

To consider any petitions received from Members in accordance with Standing Order No.15. Notice has been received of one petition to be presented by:

• Cllr Stuart Barnes, on behalf of 400 local residents in the Acomb Ward, calling on the Council to see the former Manor school playing fields retained as green space for public use.

## 6. Report of Executive Leader and Executive

**Recommendations and Questions** (Pages 23 - 28) To receive and consider a written report from the Leader and, to answer questions thereon. To also consider the Executive recommendations for approval, as set out below:

Meeting	Date	Recommendations
Executive	25 August 2016	Minute 40: Capital Programme - Monitor 1 2016/17
		<u>http://democracy.york.gov.u</u> <u>k/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cld</u> <u>=733&amp;Mld=9304&amp;Ver=4</u>
Executive	13 October 2016	Minute 64: Proposals for the disposal of the freehold of Stonebow House and further options for changes to the Commercial Portfolio <i>(to follow)</i>

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7. Report of Deputy Leader and Questions (Pages 29 - 32) To receive and consider a written report from the Deputy Leader and, to question the Deputy Leader thereon.

#### 8. Motions on Notice

To consider the following Motions on Notice under Standing Order 23:

# Motions submitted for consideration directly by Council, in accordance with Standing Order 23.1

(i) From Cllr Carr

#### York Police and Fire Services

'Council is aware that proposals are being put forward to merge certain aspects of police and fire services in North Yorkshire and York, including control rooms and other services, under the oversight of the North Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC);

Council also understands that alternative suggestions to increase efficiencies are being put forward by the North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service;

Council supports more efficient and cost effective fire and police services and would welcome the clarification of claims put forward by proponents of both proposals; therefore

Council resolves to seek clarification from the PCC and the fire authority regarding their respective proposals and wishes to emphasise that it expects the final decision to be based on firm economic and management principles displaying clear financial and operational benefits and paying full regard to the safety of the residents of York.'

## (ii) From Cllr Reid

## **Grammar Schools**

#### 'Council notes

The government's green paper *Schools that Work for Everyone* includes plans to relax the ban against opening grammar schools, allow non-selective schools to introduce selection, and allow existing grammar schools to expand.

Research into grammar schools shows:

- Grammars have no positive impact on social mobility and the gap between the proportion of children on free school meals attaining 5 A\*-C GCSEs (inc English and Maths) and all other children is wider in selective areas of the country (34.1%) than in non-selective areas (27.8%) (Education Policy Institute, 2016)
- Less than 3% of pupils at existing grammar schools are eligible for free school meals, which compares with about 17% of pupils in grammar school areas as a whole (Sutton Trust, 2016)
- Those in selective areas who don't pass the 11-plus do worse than they would have done in a comprehensive system (Institute for Fiscal Studies, 2016).

The government's proposals are opposed by, amongst others, the Chair of the Education Select Committee and the Chief of Ofsted. The Association of Teachers and Lecturers (ATL) called the green paper "a massive distraction from the real issues facing our education system", the National Union of Teachers (NUT) said the plans would "take education back to the 1950s", and the National Association of Head Teachers said "grammar schools don't close the education gap, they widen it".

#### **Council believes**

The education system needs to provide excellent schools for all our young people, not just those who pass an exam at 11. This has been the principle behind education in York since the abolition of grammar schools in 1985, and its success is shown by the consistently strong exam results achieved over the last 30 years; The government should focus on improving attainment for all, giving existing schools in York a fair funding deal, and supporting initiatives such as the pupil premium - rather than spending £50million on grammar schools and undertaking another disruptive reorganisation.

The grammar school green paper is one of a number of harmful education policies recently proposed by the government, including the forced academisation of schools and the attack on parent governors.

Council resolves

- To respond to the consultation *Schools that Work for Everyone* opposing proposals to open new grammar schools or allow existing non-selective schools to introduce selection;
- To write to York's MPs calling on them to oppose in Parliament any proposals for new grammar schools;
- To call on the government to introduce a fair funding system for schools in York and end the system whereby the city gets just £4,000 per pupil while some areas get double that figure;
- To continue to work in partnership with schools in York to provide an outstanding education for all pupils where everyone has the opportunity to achieve their full potential.'

#### (iii) From Cllr S Barnes

## **Grammar Schools**

'Council notes recent announcements from the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State for Education regarding their policy proposals for new selective grammar schools in England.

Council further notes that since policy introduced by the Labour Government in 1998 to prohibit their opening, no new grammar schools have been created in England.

Council is convinced of the balance of evidence that grammar schools do not improve social mobility and refutes the Government's claims that they will.

Council believes that the Conservative Government's priority should be to improve all schools and seek to raise attainment amongst all York pupils – rather than being distracted by a policy aimed at benefiting the few.

We call upon all parties in the city to stand up for York and all of its residents rather than kowtowing to Westminster.

Council notes that the Department for Education is currently consulting on the Government's proposals and is seeking the views of stakeholders, including those of Local Authorities.

Council resolves to:

• Request the Chief Executive, in partnership with the Council's Director of Children's Services, Education and Skills, to respond to the Government's consultation on behalf of CYC and express this Council's *'firm opposition to government proposals for any legislative changes that could ultimately enable the establishment of new Grammar Schools in York'*.

• Request the Chief Executive, in partnership with the Council's Director of Children's Services, Education and Skills, to write to both of York's MPs and express this Council's opposition to legislating for new grammar schools, seeking also confirmation of each MP's commitment to publicly and actively use their parliamentary position in support of this Council's opposition to any such draft legislation.'

## (iv) From Cllr N Barnes

## Fair Funding for York

'Council notes:

- the Chancellor of the Exchequer's announcement that the Government intends to cancel its pledge to reduce its budget deficit by 2020, as well as his pledge to maintain austerity measures, including ongoing cuts to local government;
- York's own budget cuts since 2010-11 due to the reduction in revenue support grants of almost £80million or 40% of its expected budget had cuts not taken place ,

likely to rise to almost £100 million by 2020.

Disproportionate cuts to councils' grants from Government since 2010 - compared to other areas of national expenditure and income generation potential - have resulted, within York, in:

- Major adult social care cutbacks which seek to make council services a point of last resort;
- Well over £1m in cutbacks to early intervention and prevention services supporting vulnerable children and young people;
- Cutbacks to public health budgets of almost £0.75m in the last two years, resulting in significant reductions in drug and alcohol misuse treatments;
- Significant cutbacks of well over £1m to frontline services, including to bus services and street cleaning;
- A reliance on volunteers to maintain our parks and keep our libraries operating.

Council notes that whilst these disproportionate cuts have been made to local government, resulting in extreme worry and uncertainty for many York residents, successive Governments have not been close to eliminating the deficit, while national debt has risen from £1tn to over £1.5tn.

Council resolves:

- To express its regret that excessive austerity measures imposed by the Government have impacted York residents more quickly and more harshly than was necessary;
- As part of the national fair funding review of local government, to request the Director of Customer, Business & Support Services to respond to all Government consultations, citing historic inequities in York's funding and making the case for a fairer funding deal for York;
- To request full consultation responses are reported back to Executive so that the public can see how the council is making the case for a fairer funding deal for York.'

#### 9. 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.

#### Report of Executive Member (Pages 33 - 42) To receive a written report from the Executive Member for Education, Children & Young People and to question the Executive Member thereon, in accordance with Standing Order 19.

11. Scrutiny - Report of the Chair of the Corporate and Scrutiny Management Policy and Scrutiny Committee (Pages 43 - 46) To receive a report from Councillor Williams, the Chair of the Corporate and Scrutiny Management Policy and Scrutiny Committee (CSMPSC) on the work of the Committee.

#### 12. Recommendations of the Corporate and Scrutiny Management Policy and Scrutiny Committee (Pages 47 - 58)

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Corporate & Scrutiny Management Policy & Scrutiny Committee	9 May 2016	Minute 58: Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) - Motion Referred by Council
		(copy of TTIP report and minute from CSMC attached for information)

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Recommendations

#### 13. Recommendations of the Health and Wellbeing Board

(Pages 59 - 60)		-
Meeting	Date	Recommendations
Health & Wellbeing Board	20 July 2016	Minute 15: Appointments to York's Health & Wellbeing Board

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- **14.** Appointments and Changes to Membership (Pages 61 62) To consider the appointments and changes to membership of an outside body set out on the list attached to this summons.
- 15. Urgent Business

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

#### Democracy Officer for this meeting:

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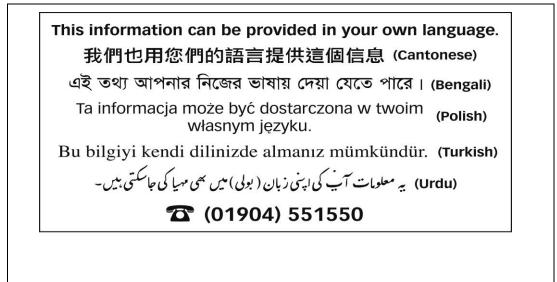
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