

Option (iv) Change of Remits in line with Corporate Priorities –Council Plan 2015-19 Corporate Priorities

Corporate Priority 1 - A Prosperous City for All

Where local businesses can thrive and residents have good quality jobs, housing and opportunities

Aim: A city where:

- Local businesses can thrive
- Residents have the opportunity to get good quality and well paid jobs
- Residents can access affordable homes while the greenbelt and unique character of the city is protected
- Everyone is supported to achieve their full potential
- Efficient and affordable transport links enable residents and businesses to access key services and opportunities
- Environmental Sustainability underpins everything we do
- Everyone who lives in the city can enjoy its unique heritage and range of activities.
- Visitors, businesses and residents are impressed with the quality of our city.

What you will see:

- Dedicated support for local small businesses
- Continued support for high value sectors, including the green economy
- York continues to have high employment and the Living Wage is promoted
- A local plan that delivers housing and development while protecting the Green Belt.
- An increase in the percentage of waste recycled
- Steps taken to improve air quality
- Continued inward investment in transport

Corporate Priority 2 - A Focus on Frontline Services

To ensure all residents, particularly the least advantaged, can access reliable services and community facilities

Aim: A city where:

- All York's residents live and thrive in a city which allows them to contribute fully to their communities and neighbourhoods
- Delivering frontline services for residents is the priority
- All children and adults are listened to, and their opinions considered
- Everyone has access to opportunities regardless of their background
- Support services are available to those who need them
- Every child has the opportunity to get the best possible start in life
- Residents are encouraged and supported to live healthily
- Residents are protected from harm, with a low risk of crime

What you will see:

- Residents feel that their views have been listened to.
- Residents are happy with the frontline services that they receive.
- A smaller gap in the attainment levels between the highest achievers and the most vulnerable groups
- Residents controlling their own care, and enjoying integrated care from the council and NHS.
- Vulnerable people are safe and feel safe

Corporate Priority 3 - A Council that Listens to Residents

To ensure it delivers the services they want and works in partnership with local communities

Internal Aim:

- Focus on the delivery of frontline services for residents and the protection of community facilities.
- Focus on cost and efficiency to make the right decisions in a challenging financial environment.

What you will see:

- That we always consider the impact of our decisions, including in relation to health, communities and equalities.
- Use of evidence-based decision making.
- Improved efficiency, streamlined council management, and we will always look to take government grants on offer to freeze Council Tax.

Aim with Communities & Partners:

- To celebrate and champion the diversity of our population and encourage everyone to play an active role in the city.

What you will see:

- Work with all public sector bodies in the city and the region to make sure we get the most from collective public expenditure in York
- We will be transparent in all we do, including being clear with communities and partners about the scale of the financial challenges we face.

Aim in the Region & Nationally:

- Take the lead on working with partners to make the case for more local power over our finances and future so we have greater control.