

12 Point Policy Plan (May 2015)	What we have achieved over the last 12 months	Our next steps...
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Local Plan</u></p> <p>We will prepare an evidence-based Local Plan which delivers much needed housing whilst focusing development on brownfield land and taking all practical steps to protect the Green Belt and the character of York.</p>	<p>Extensive work with officers has resulted in new proposals for public consultation which are evidence-based and deliver the housing York needs whilst protecting the character and setting of the city.</p>	<p>Proposals will go to Executive and the Local Plan Working Group in June and following this public consultation in July/August. The aim is for a May 2017 submission to the Planning Inspectorate.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Waste Collections</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reintroduce additional winter (garden) Green Bin collections and cancel Labour/Green budget plans to introduce further charges. - No cuts to the frequency of Grey Bin collections. 	<p>Our Emergency Budget in July 2015 financed the (re)introduction of 2 Winter Green Bin collections and scrapped Labour's proposal for extra Green Bin charges.</p> <p>Cuts to the frequency of Grey Bin collections have been ruled out.</p>	<p>Continue two free winter Green Bin collections and policy of no charge for households' first green bin.</p> <p>Ongoing work with residents on ways to increase recycling and improve bin collections.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>More for Frontline and Customer Services</u></p> <p>We agree to focus resources into frontline services to ensure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An increase in funding for road repairs, streetlights, gulley cleaning and litter bins. - Yearsley Pool remains open. We will also review the customer contact centre to ensure faster and better response to queries and service requests. 	<p>Our Emergency Budget put an extra £2million into frontline services and this was followed by our 2016/17 Budget which invested: £2.7million in road repairs and £416,000 in new streetlights plus investment in gulley cleaning and litter bins.</p> <p>Yearsley Pool future secured as part of the Community Stadium contract.</p>	<p>Focus on frontline services in the coming year will see 94 additional litter and dog bins across York, new LED streetlights and 53 streets added to the gulley cleaning round.</p> <p>Improve digital access to services through the development of new online reporting systems for residents.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Financial Inclusion and support for vulnerable residents</u></p> <p>We will support the Living Wage, support voluntary organisations and develop</p>	<p>Introduced a new Living Wage rate (£8.25).</p> <p>Work to support vulnerable residents included increased investment in community-</p>	<p>Continue to pay staff the new Living Wage rate, support financial inclusion projects across York, and improve access to benefits advice to residents.</p>

financial inclusion work with measurable outcomes.	based mental health services and changes to Council Tax Support which saw a 25% reduction in bills for poorer residents.	Use increased investment to enhance community-based mental health services including at Sycamore House.
<p><u>Ward Committees</u></p> <p>Re-instate Ward Committees with a very significant increase in funding so that communities can make greater decisions about local services. Additional investment into community based decisions.</p>	<p>Re-established Ward Committees with nearly £1million of devolved funding, including transport and adult social care. Local schemes and priorities are now being funded in communities across York.</p>	<p>Long-term increase in the budget for Ward Committees and devolved decision-making especially in the area of Health & Wellbeing</p> <p>Share best practice with other councils and use feedback from residents to further improve and develop the Ward Committee system.</p>
<p><u>Vanity Projects</u></p> <p>End wasteful spending including bringing forward a new plan for the Guildhall which is based on a firm business case and reassess all vanity projects.</p>	<p>Reassessed funding on projects and renewed the focus on frontline services.</p> <p>New proposals for the Guildhall being developed following cross-party scrutiny work.</p>	<p>Continue to focus on frontline services and ensure all capital projects are robustly assessed.</p> <p>Bring forward detailed designs and a business case for the Guildhall project in the summer.</p>
<p><u>Children and Youth Services</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The services currently provided by the Castlegate Centre will continue to be provided at a suitable city centre location that is not West Offices. - Continue to support Children's Centres, youth services, and apprenticeships in partnership with local businesses. - Extra support to help pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds. 	<p>£1.9m invested in children's social care in 2016/17</p> <p>Currently consulting on how best to continue to support Children's Centres with new Local Area Teams.</p> <p>Castlegate advice services secured with further proposals being developed.</p> <p>Emergency Budget saw extra funding (£25,000) to help pupils from disadvantaged background.</p> <p>Apprenticeship numbers have increased in 2015.</p>	<p>Following investment, continue to prioritise children's social care.</p> <p>Delivery of new area based teams and family centres.</p> <p>Develop extra assistance to help boost the attainment of pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds</p> <p>Continue to support council apprenticeships and aim to boost numbers further.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Transport</u></p> <p>Support rural bus services and in communities where they are needed.</p> <p>No further expenditure on blanket 20mph project.</p>	<p>We have consulted on changes to bus subsidies to ensure resources are best focused.</p> <p>No extension of 20mph project.</p>	<p>Following public consultation, we will ensure bus subsidies are in place for the communities where they are most needed, maximising use of the investment from the Emergency Budget.</p> <p>Spend £2.7million on road and footpath improvements and work with partners to access funding and deliver long-term infrastructure improvements.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Economic Development</u></p> <p>Ensure that local businesses are adequately supported by helping them bid for council contracts and cutting red tape. Work to ensure that York gets a better deal from regional partners.</p>	<p>Proposals brought forward to make York a ‘business friendly council’ after extra funding in the Emergency Budget.</p> <p>Worked with regional partners to secure ‘Enterprise Zone’ status for York Central and supported the setting up of a BID (Business Improvement District).</p>	<p>Work with partners to promote and support the 8 priorities of York’s Economic Strategy and continue progress on key projects such as York Central and the Southern Gateway.</p> <p>Work with the new York BID on initiatives to support businesses and promote York, including new ‘Welcome Ambassadors’ to support the early-evening economy.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Value for Money and Fairness</u></p> <p>Improve council efficiency, streamline council management, and always look to take government grants on offer to freeze Council Tax.</p>	<p>Review of senior management underway delivering saving of £150,000 in 16/17. Office of the Chief Executive Directorate abolished to streamline the council.</p> <p>No grant on offer to freeze Council Tax but lower increase in 2016/17 than Leeds, North Yorks, East Yorks or Hull.</p> <p>Introduced cross-party pre-scrutiny to improve decision making system.</p>	<p>Finalise senior management review to deliver savings and improve efficiency.</p> <p>As part of ongoing work to make the council more open and encourage cross-party decision-making there will be a review of governance, transparency and public engagement.</p> <p>Bring forward our vision for ‘York 2030’ ensuring partners and our staff can unite behind the city’s key priorities.</p>

<p><u>Increase Recycling</u></p> <p>To reverse the decline in recycling rates we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work with residents and commit to an aim of increasing recycling to 50% through extra investment. - Develop a long-term plan to cut the council's carbon emissions and re-establish a Green Jobs Task Group. 	<p>Increased investment to boost recycling has funded green bin winter collections, no more charges and a new recycling campaign.</p> <p>Green Jobs Task Group has been re-established.</p>	<p>As part of plans to make York the Greenest City in the North, work with residents to progress long-term aim to boost the amount the city's households recycle by 5,000 tonnes taking recycling rates to over 50%.</p> <p>Further develop the One Planet York partnership to help York become a more sustainable, resilient and collaborative 'One Planet' city.</p>
<p><u>Health and Social Care</u></p> <p>Carry out a bottom-up review of health and adult social care services to ensure a more joined-up approach, improve performance and ensure a more people focused service.</p>	<p>Work ongoing to deliver new elderly care beds and proposals brought forward for the Burnholme Health & Wellbeing Campus following a successfully public consultation.</p>	<p>Continue to progress plans to deliver a new Health & Wellbeing Campus at Burnholme, new care beds across the city, and further progress a bottom-up review of health and adult social care.</p>