

Annex D:

City Summits

Feedback from the events included:

- Attendees at the first session were optimistic about development opportunities facing York, with 80% believing that these would have a positive impact on the city.
- The majority of delegates felt that developing a prosperous economy (39%) and enhancing York's environment (40%) should be given priority in order to protect York's special character.
- Nearly half of the delegates at the second event felt that enough houses should be built to meet identified need (980 per year).
- Opinion between the two groups on economic growth was split between keeping the rate of growth at the same rate as present (33%) and aiming for higher economic growth equivalent to that proposed by the Future York Group (46%).
- Half of all attendees felt that ensuring our workforce was well skilled was the most important thing to do to keep our economy prosperous.
- Delegates felt that promoting volunteering (41%) and increasing VCS budgets for community based initiatives (34%) were most likely to get more people involved with their local communities.
- In developing the city's cultural offer, the second group were marginally more in favour of focusing on York as a "diverse, inclusive and cosmopolitan city" (36%) and creating "a city of high quality spaces" (24%).

Of the comments registered on the 'Wall of Ideas', many were concerned with transport, strong cohesive communities and addressing the impact of climate change. Comments referred to:

- York being a 'world leader in eco development' and 'at the cutting edge of eco-friendly living'.
- Freeing up the city from pollution and congestion and investment in sustainable travel alternatives in the city centre, including trams, traffic control, water buses and car share schemes.
- Development of a low carbon economy based on local supply chains for goods and services.
- Supportive communities where there is full participation in local life, and everyone, including young people, have a say on issues that affect them.
- Development within the city being integrated and incorporating green, open spaces.
- Maximising residents' incomes and ensuring that appropriate housing is affordable to buy or rent.

Questions asked:		A	B	C	D
2	<p>York is facing its biggest opportunity for change in decades. What impact do you think this will have upon the things that make York special?</p> <p>a. A negative impact b. No impact – York will stay the same c. A positive impact</p>	16%	4%	80%	
3	<p>If we are to conserve the special character of York which of the following should we give most priority to?</p> <p>a. Housing – To meet social and economic need b. Prosperity – From which all can benefit c. Accessibility – The ability to travel around the city d. Environment – Enhancing York’s already special character</p>	12%	41%	12%	35%
5	<p>How much should we grow the value of the York economy by over the next 20 years?</p> <p>a. At the same rate as present i.e. average growth of 2.7% per annum b. At a lower rate than present c. At the rate proposed by the Future York Group report to capture the economic opportunities currently facing the City i.e 3.7% per annum d. At a higher rate than the above</p>	25%	9%	55%	11%
6	<p>What is the most important thing we need to do to keep our economy prosperous in the future?</p> <p>a. Ensure we have a well-skilled workforce b. Make it easier to get to and around the City c. Provide sufficient new employment sites for new job opportunities d. Support existing businesses</p>	47%	12%	27%	14%
9	<p>How can we get people more involved with their local communities?</p> <p>a. Increase the overall amount of money that is available for local people in their wards b. Increase budgets for voluntary and community organisations for specific community based initiatives c. Appoint Community Development workers</p>	11%	32%	19%	38%

	d. Promote/encourage volunteering throughout the city				
10	Which of the following reasons are the most important for York having a strong cultural offer? a. It helps to keep the city prosperous b. It helps make York a special place c. It helps all residents to participate in the life of the City d. It improves people's sense of well being	22%	25%	22%	31%

Session 2: 16th October, 6.30-8.30

Questions asked:		A	B	C	D	E
3	If we are to conserve the special character of York which of the following should we give most priority to? a. Housing – To meet social and economic need b. Prosperity – From which all can benefit c. Accessibility – The ability to travel around the city d. Environment – Enhancing York's already special character	15%	35%	3%	47%	
4	In embracing change York will need to provide the right quantity and quality of new houses. How many should this be? a. The same amount as present – about 885 homes per year b. What the government says – about 816 homes per year c. Enough to meet identified need – about 980 homes per year d. Less than any of the above	21%	12%	48%	18%	
5	How much should we grow the value of the York economy by over the next 20 years? a. At the same rate as present i.e. average growth of 2.7% per annum b. At a lower rate than present c. At the rate proposed by the Future York Group report to capture the economic opportunities currently facing the City i.e 3.7% per annum d. At a higher rate than the above	45%	6%	33%	15%	
6	What is the most important thing we need to do to keep our economy prosperous in the future? a. Ensure we have a well-skilled workforce	52%	10%	19%	19%	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Make it easier to get to and around the City c. Provide sufficient new employment sites for new job opportunities d. Support existing businesses 					
9	<p>How can we get people more involved with their local communities?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Increase the overall amount of money that is available for local people in their wards b. Increase budgets for voluntary and community organisations for specific community based initiatives c. Appoint Community Development workers d. Promote/encourage volunteering throughout the city 	3%	37%	13%	47%	
11	<p>In developing York as a city of culture and creativity which of the following should we be focusing on first?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. A City of International Significance b. A Diverse, Inclusive and Cosmopolitan City c. An Active and Participative City d. A Creative City e. A City of High Quality Spaces 	12%	36%	15%	12%	24%

Amalgamation of scores for questions asked at both sessions:

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	currently facing the City i.e 3.7% per annum d. At a higher rate than the above				
6	What is the most important thing we need to do to keep our economy prosperous in the future? a. Ensure we have a well-skilled workforce b. Make it easier to get to and around the City c. Provide sufficient new employment sites for new job opportunities d. Support existing businesses	23+16 49%	6+3 11%	13+6 24%	7+6 16%
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