Interim Financial Inclusion Strategy 2023-25 – Themes & Delivery Priorities
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Annex A

Themes & Priorities	Priority from other and 10 Year strategies
Theme: Food Insufficiency	
<ul> <li>Priorities:</li> <li>Deliver against the council's food motion 'York Residents' Right to Food' producing solutions coproduced with foodbanks and grass roots community organisations.</li> <li>Understand our food insufficiency landscape through regional research project work and utilise outputs in developing solutions.</li> <li>Financial Inclusion Steering Group to monitor provision and demand data and adjust our joint response</li> <li>A strategic and citywide approach developed linked to climate change, impact on health and skills (especially in relation to children), healthy eating within a circular economy</li> <li>Support community groups to develop the local sharing/circular economy e.g. repair café, library of things, community fridge, food redistribution centres</li> <li>Expand networks facilitating the donation of edible surplus food to food banks across the city</li> </ul>	Climate Change Strategy Climate Change Strategy Climate Change Strategy Climate Change Strategy All contribute to Health & Wellbeing Strategy goal around addressing health inequalities

heme: Cost of Energy	Priority from other and 10 Year strategies
Priorities:	
Financial Inclusion Steering Group to monitor data and determine our joint response eg high cost homes/low income families spend on fuel working with York Community Energy, Warmer Homes York, York Energy Advice.	
<ul> <li>Use available data to target early intervention and prevention work (eg homes being cut-off by suppliers) on a partnership basis</li> <li>Keeping warm and well –use the Community Furniture Store model to generate giving and receiving eg carpets &amp; curtains</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Monitor and map of fuel voucher usage against other deprivation indicators to drive targeted work.</li> <li>Develop funding solutions for warm spaces for a 2<sup>nd</sup> year developing</li> </ul>	
further the Community Hubs network.	
Cross refer to related actions in the Climate Change Strategy 2023- 2033 and Housing Retrofit actions (see below) Eg Work with partners towards a "one stop shop" energy advice centre service	Climate Change Strategy

<ul> <li>Theme: Housing Insecurity</li> <li>Renters</li> <li>Homeowners</li> </ul>	Priority from other and 10 Year strategies
<ul> <li>Priorities:</li> <li>Review solutions for housing related debt advice</li> <li>Provide advice on affordable housing and finances for students (Summit)</li> <li>Financial Inclusion Steering Group to monitor indicators of housing debt better understand how partnership working with the council's Housing Services, Housing Options and Private Rented Sector teams could enhance prevention and early intervention work</li> <li>Ensure Discretionary Housing Payments are sufficient through grant funding where appropriate</li> <li>Housing supply increase through the Housing Delivery Programme and Local Plan – including social rent and affordable shared purchase</li> <li>Targeted energy retrofit and quick fix support* to address fuel poverty and climate change and short, medium and long-term cross-tenure energy saving retrofit investments through the council's Residential Retrofit Action Plan.</li> </ul>	Housing Delivery Programme Residential Retrofit Action Plan Climate Change Strategy

Theme: Debt	Priority from other and 10 Year strategies
<ul> <li>Priorities:</li> <li>Understand the debt landscape in York and develop a joint response <i>(similar to food sufficiency review)</i></li> <li>Assess the capacity of formal debt advice in the city and understand mechanisms and funding to increase support where needed</li> <li>Learn from Council Tax debt support pilot being run by CYC to inform debt management and recovery policies at the council from a whole debt perspective</li> <li>Adopt a warning and informing prevention approach</li> <li>As part of this promote education and information relating to good debt choices (affordable and budgeted) as opposed to bad debt choices( eg illegal money lending and unaffordable)</li> </ul>	
Theme: Advice and Community/Voluntary Services	Priority from other and 10 Year strategies
<ul> <li>Priorities:</li> <li>To advocate and generate solutions for supporting and resourcing Advice York to in order to develop a 'no wrong door' approach to accessing advice services, ensuring that crisis situations are resolved at the first point of contact while being helped to access specialist support services including housing support, debt advice, mental health support where available and advocacy services.</li> <li>Advocate and continue to support the development of:</li> <li>the community hub model with advice, support available locally and at home where appropriate</li> </ul>	

Reduce Inequalities All data monitored by FISG will be reviewed through an equalities lens to identify those groups who are impacted detrimentally due to their protected characteristics and/or complex needs and solutions targeted at reducing any inequality of access to support and solutions.	Developing Equalities Objectives work Health & Wellbeing Strategy goal around addressing health inequalities
<ul> <li>following areas of concern (Summit):</li> <li>Capacity and waiting lists especially where financial and energy advice is given</li> <li>Cost of living increases are not built into contracts</li> <li>Energy costs</li> <li>Staff retention and staff income</li> <li>Work together with and support the voluntary sector more closely and extensively.</li> </ul> Theme: Remove Barriers and Enable Change <ul> <li>reduce inequalities</li> <li>digital inclusion</li> <li>accessible information</li> </ul>	Priority from other and 10 Year strategies
<ul> <li>support the cash first, wrap around, longer-term, preventative, model to ensure people are claim all support available, ongoing benefits and reducing outgoings</li> <li>Support work on cross city advice lottery bid to increase Advice York partner resources</li> <li>Work with the VCSE sector to develop solutions to address the</li> </ul>	

<ul> <li>Address Digital Exclusion         Financial Inclusion Steering Group to monitor the work of the 100%         Digital Partnership and delivery plans for effectiveness     </li> <li>Provision of accessible information, advice and guidance         In a variety of formats to those most in need-so people have as much             information, choice, control over and opportunities to change what             they can in terms of maximising access to welfare support and             access to earned income opportunities.     </li> </ul>	Developing All Age Information & Advice Strategy
Theme: Transport Costs (Summit)	
<ul> <li>Encourage car sharing scheme in the city to reduce number of individual car journeys</li> <li>Continuous delivery of a behaviour change programme on cycling and walking to encourage non -car modes as the best choice for short journey</li> <li>Provide cycle training for staff and residents</li> <li>Review public transport discounts for those on benefits, young people, older people and disabled people (Summit)</li> <li>Develop strategy around travel support for learners (Summit)</li> <li>Monitor the impacts of increased transport costs on essential travel, such as hospital appointments, transport to work and rural communities, and consider these as part of wider cost of living support.</li> </ul>	Climate Change Strategy Climate Change Strategy Climate Change Strategy The Bus Service Improvement Plan October 2021 includes Commitments T1 to T8 on Fares and Ticketing The funding for this has come from the Department for Transport for the period 2022- 2025 The Draft Local Transport Strategy

eme: Support to Business (Summit)	
<ul> <li>Work within and across communities to provide access to skills for employment and self-employment for all         <ul> <li>Support entry-level and basic skills (including maths, English, digital skills, employability and transferable skills)</li> <li>Enhance skills opportunities and information, advice and guidance for entrepreneurs and those seeking self-employment with a focus on hard-to-reach communities</li> <li>Utilise talent more effectively so that people from all backgrounds act better abaptage to access good joba</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Economic Strategy 10 Year Skills Strategy
<ul> <li>get better chances to access good jobs</li> <li>Support local businesses to increase productivity and build resilience through training and upskilling their workforce o Invest in the sectors that drive prosperity in York o Support businesses to access talent, tailored provision and support for upskilling o Focus on helping small and micro businesses to thrive o Encourage York businesses to offer a broader range of part-time roles</li> </ul>	Economic Strategy
<ul> <li>Work in partnership to create a flexible city-wide skills system that responds to local needs         <ul> <li>Work across the city to join up skills provision and deliver a united and streamlined skills offer</li> <li>Ensure skills provision is aligned to future growth sectors and skills needs in the city</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Economic Strategy

<ul> <li>o Embed the business voice into provision and planning by fostering more links between Further Education, Higher Education, Independent Training Providers and businesses</li> <li>Through high-quality skills provision and a culture of lifelong</li> </ul>	
learning, ensure a pipeline of talent that meets business needs	Economic Strategy
and attracts, trains, retains and retrains people in the city	
o Focus on occupations in highest demand (eg nurses, caregivers,	
software developers) and help people who are underrepresented in	
high-value professions to enter them	
o Increase apprenticeships especially at higher levels and in science	
and technology-based industries o Ensure the talent pipeline of	
graduates and people with higher-level skills is enhanced and	
aligned with priority sectors	
<ul> <li>Support those seeking part-time work to make the most of their abilities and find good flexible jobs</li> </ul>	
Thriving businesses:	
Help York businesses to access the full range of talent available	Economic Strategy
<b>across the city</b> , particularly in communities that job adverts are not	
currently reaching	
Businesses helping businesses through York based support –	
either funding, training and/or volunteering. (Summit)	
An economy driven by innovation and good business:	Economic Strategy
Encourage more businesses to sign up to the Good Business	
<b>Charter</b> , embedding responsible and ethical business practises,	
ensuring York remains the leading Good Business Charter City	

with stron	businesses to act as place leaders in their community, ng links between businesses and communities working to ne future workforce	
supported progresse Work with to all com	ollaboratively with the childcare sector so parents are ed in taking on employment, children's development is sed and providers are able to sustainably grow ith employers to ensure that job opportunities are available mmunities across York and that recruitment advertising all potential applicants	