

## City of York Council

Resolutions and proceedings of the Meeting of the City of York Council held in the Guildhall, York on Thursday, 23 May 2024, starting at 11.00 am.

**Present:** The outgoing Lord Mayor (Cllr Christopher Cullwick) in the Chair for the first part of the meeting, the incoming Lord Mayor (Cllr Margaret Wells) in the Chair for the second part of the meeting, and the following Councillors:

Acomb Ward	Bishopthorpe Ward
Lomas Rose	Nicholls
Clifton Ward	Copmanthorpe Ward
Myers	Steward
Dringhouses & Woodthorpe Ward	Fishergate Ward
Fenton Mason Widdowson	Whitcroft Wilson
Fulford and Heslington Ward	Guildhall Ward
Ravilious	Clarke Melly Merrett
Haxby & Wigginton Ward	Heworth Ward
Cuthbertson Hollyer Pearson	B Burton Douglas Webb
Heworth Without Ward	Holgate Ward
Ayre	Kent Steels-Walshaw Taylor

Hull Road Ward

Baxter  
Kelly  
Pavlovic

Huntington and New Earswick  
Ward

Orrell  
Runciman

Micklegate Ward

J Burton  
Crawshaw  
Kilbane

Osbalwick and Derwent Ward

Rowley BEM

Rawcliffe and Clifton Without Ward

Waudby

Rural West York Ward

Hook  
Knight

Strensall Ward

Fisher  
Healey

Westfield Ward

Coles  
Nelson  
Waller

Wheldrake Ward

Vassie

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Smalley, Wann and Warters.

**1. Declarations of Interest**

Members were invited to declare at this point in the meeting any personal interests not included on the Register of Interests, any prejudicial interests or any disclosable pecuniary interests they might have in the business on the agenda. None were declared.

**2. Appointment of Lord Mayor**

Councillor Steward moved, Councillor Waudby seconded, and Council unanimously

Resolved: That Councillor Margaret Wells be elected Lord Mayor of the City of York for the ensuing municipal year.

**3. Qualification of Lord Mayor**

Councillor Margaret Wells signified Acceptance of the Office of the Lord Mayor of the City of York, subscribed the Declaration of such acceptance and took the Oath of Allegiance prescribed by the law in that behalf.

**4. Appointment of Sheriff**

Councillor Rowley moved, Councillor Fenton seconded, and Council unanimously

Resolved: That Fiona Fitzpatrick be elected Sheriff of the City of York for the ensuing municipal year.

**5. Qualification of Sheriff**

Fiona Fitzpatrick signified Acceptance of the Office of the Lord Sheriff of the City of York, subscribed the Declaration of such acceptance and took the Oath of Allegiance prescribed by the law in that behalf.

**6. Appointment of Deputy Lord Mayor**

Councillor Wells as Lord Mayor moved, Councillor Orrell seconded, and Council unanimously

Resolved: That Councillor Christopher Cullwick be appointed Deputy Lord Mayor for the ensuing municipal year.

**7. Qualification of Deputy Lord Mayor**

Councillor Christopher Cullwick made and subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Deputy Lord Mayor of the City of York and took the Affirmation of Allegiance prescribed by law.

**8. Under Sheriff**

The Sheriff advised Council that Janet Looker had been chosen to serve as Under Sheriff during this year of office, and thanked her for undertaking this service to the City.

**9. Vote of Thanks to Outgoing Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress**

Councillor Mason moved, Councillor Pavlovic seconded, and Council unanimously

Resolved: That Council express its sincere thanks to the outgoing Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress for their services to the city during the past municipal year.

**10. Vote of Thanks to Outgoing Sheriff and Sheriff's Consort**

Councillor Widdowson moved, Councillor Waller seconded, and Council unanimously

Resolved: That Council express its sincere thanks to the outgoing Sheriff and Sheriff's Consort for their services to the city during the past municipal year.

**11. Election of the Council Leader**

Councillor Whitcroft moved, and Councillor Melly seconded, that Councillor Douglas be appointed as Council Leader. On being put to the vote, the motion was declared CARRIED and it was

Resolved: That Councillor Douglas be appointed as the elected Leader of City of York Council for the 2024/25 municipal year.

**12. Formal Business of Council - Committee Arrangements, Allocation of Seats and Appointments to the Council Structure and Other Bodies for 2024/25, and Allocation of Motions**

Cllr Douglas moved, and Cllr Kilbane seconded, the recommendations in respect of allocations to seats, appointments, and other matters, as set out in the report of the Director of Governance at pages 1-8 of the agenda papers, with reference to the annexes to that report and the revised annexes, B2, B3 and B4, in the Agenda Supplement.

On being put to the vote, the recommendations were declared CARRIED and it was

Resolved:

- (i) That the allocation of seats in accordance with the arrangements set out in Annex A to the report be approved.
- (ii) That the approval of future changes to group appointments be delegated to the Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer.
- (iii) That the Executive appointments and the respective portfolios to be approved by the elected Leader of the Council (Annex B1) be noted.
- (iv) That the group nominations to Committees and other bodies, as well as appointments to Chairs and Vice-Chairs, as set out in the report and its annexes, together with details of any nominations and appointments which were circulated prior to the meeting, be approved, in light of the Council's duty to give effect to group nominations.
- (v) That the political balance requirements in respect of the Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation place, as noted in Annex B4 to the report, be waived.
- (vi) That the proposed allocation of motions for consideration at Ordinary Full Council meetings for the period 2024-2027 be agreed; and

- (vii) That it be noted that, in the event that the Leader of the Council notifies the Monitoring Officer of any changes to the Executive Portfolios, the Monitoring Officer will update the Council's Constitution accordingly.

Reason: To fulfil the Council's statutory and constitutional requirements.

Cllr Margaret Wells

LORD MAYOR OF YORK

*[The meeting started at 11.00 am and concluded at 12.19 pm]*