

## York New City Beautiful – Towards a Delivery Plan

This table gives some examples of how key 'next steps' and 'actions' identified in Towards an Economic Vision are being progressed and where further work is necessary. A full analysis of all the actions proposed in the Vision (over 100) will be completed following public consultation and will provide the basis for a full Delivery Plan to be brought back to Members in early 2011. Although the Council can take a co-ordinating role and a lead on some projects many proposals will require partnership with landowners, developers and other key agencies and interests in the city to deliver. It will therefore need to be a city rather than just a Council delivery plan.

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<b>The City Rivers</b>						
1	Promote a continuous walking and cycling edge along both rivers in the city centre, and opportunities for new and enhanced spaces and squares.	Identify public realm opportunities along waterfronts, including opportunities for innovative floating walkways, and prepare a riverfront design strategy.	LTP / CCAAP	Officer group reviewing potential to extend the boardwalk between Lendal and Ouse bridges on the north side. Cultural Quarter Scrutiny Committee reviewed the area adjacent to Museum Gardens. Foss Basin Planning Statement reviews the potential of that area. Hungate and Castle Piccadilly developments will increase access to the Foss with enhanced riverside spaces. The potential of the rivers is being reviewed in the City Centre Movement and Accessibility Framework now underway.	Detailed riverfront study required to inform the City Centre AAP and Public Realm and Movement Strategy SPD. Input required from City of York Council, Yorkshire Forward and the Renaissance Team. . Continue negotiations re Hungate and Castle Piccadilly. Complete the City Centre Movement and Accessibility Framework reviewing pedestrian and cycle routes in the city centre.	0-10
2	Design public realm that can facilitate a range of civic and cultural activities.	Develop a cultural strategy for the riverfronts.	CCAAP / Arts and Culture team	Approval of Hungate masterplan including St John's Square and Friar's Quay. Production of Castle Piccadilly Planning Brief with a requirement for a world class civic space. Officer group reviewing potential to extend the boardwalk between Lendal and Ouse bridges on the north side.	Detailed study required to inform the City Centre AAP and Public Realm and Movement Strategy SPD. Input required from City of York Council, Yorkshire Forward and the Renaissance Team. Explore whether a cultural strategy for the riverfronts is needed.	0-10
3	Identify areas for passive river flooding and develop them as landscape flood parks.	Prepare a river risk assessment and identify flood park areas.	Detailed study required in partnership with the Environment Agency	Study would be informed by the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment, which is currently being updated..	Detailed study of flood and biodiversity issues to be informed by ongoing work on River Catchment Management Plans	10-20
<b>The City Walls and Gateways</b>						
4	Create Rampart Park with enhanced	Undertake a landscape design	CCAAP/SPD	The potential of the walls is being reviewed in the City Centre Movement and	Detailed study required to inform the City Centre AAP and Public Realm	0-20

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	walkways and new public spaces.	strategy for the new park.		Accessibility Framework. The consultancy PLB are involved in the study and have previously completed studies of the wall. Study by Glasgow School of Art students completed.	and Movement Strategy SPD. A specific SPD may be required. Input required from City of Council, Yorkshire Forward and the Renaissance Team.	
5	Link through the city walls to the railway station through existing tunnels.	Undertake detailed surveys to assess the feasibility of linking under the walls.	CCAAP / York Central Development Framework	The City Centre Movement and Accessibility Framework now underway is reviewing this option as part of linkages between the railway station and York Central and the city centre.	Detailed study required as part of the transport work for York Central and for the City Centre AAP. Links also relate to the redevelopment of office use in the Toft Green area including the new Council HQ..	0-10
6	Create new country park-and-go facilities at the edge of the ring road.	Identify locations and prepare park-and-go feasibility studies	LTP	Study by Durham University students led by Yorkshire Forward. Promotion of 3 new park and ride sites.	Detailed study. Dependant on longer term plan for the outer ring road.	20-30
<b>The City Streets, Places and Spaces</b>						
7	Extend footstreets to the city walls, and promote shared surfaces and access-for-all streets.	Identify opportunities for shared surfaces and prepare a phased action plan for extending the footstreets.	LTP / CCAAP	The potential of this option is currently being reviewed in the City Centre Movement and Accessibility Framework. Initial ideas for new footstreets adjacent to the current footstreets area proposed in the City Centre AAP Issues and Options report. A number of new footstreets were proposed in the footstreets review (Halcrow, 2010). Fossgate approved by Executive.	In addition to the CCMAP work, the Public Realm and Movement Strategy SPD will look at options for different streets designs to introduce shared space principles in certain areas. Options should be set out in the CCAAP Preferred Options document to be consulted on in summer 2011.	0-20
8	Design the city's public realm to accommodate current and future cultural and civic activities.	Identify locations, public spaces and designs that can facilitate cultural and civic activities, and can be serviced by anticipated utilities.	CCAAP / Public Realm and Movement Strategy SPD	Opportunities for public realm improvements were identified in the CCAAP Issues and options document. A number of key spaces in the city centre have been identified for more detailed analysis. Initial work has been undertaken for Parliament Street. Ongoing discussion re civic space at Castle Piccadilly. Hungate will have two major new public spaces. Library Square scheme included in this years transport capital programme.	Detailed study required to inform the City Centre AAP and Public Realm and Movement Strategy SPD. Input required from City of York Council, Yorkshire Forward and the Renaissance Team.	0-20
9	Redesign Parliament	Prepare a feasibility	CCAAP /	The Renaissance team are undertaking a	Detailed study required to inform the	0-10

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	Street as a great square.	study and a brief for an international competition.	Public Realm and Movement Strategy	study of Parliament Street to provide a short term solution when the toilet block is removed. York St John students developing ideas for the space.	City Centre AAP and Public Realm and Movement Strategy SPD. Input from Yorkshire Forward and the Renaissance team.	
10	Transform the inner ring road into a network of local streets, parkways and grand avenues within the proposed Rampart Park.	Undertake an inner ring road review and identify opportunities to upgrade existing routes into civilised streets and parkways.	CCAAP / LTP / Public Realm and Movement Strategy	This option is currently being considered in the City Centre Movement and Accessibility Framework.	More detailed analysis of each section of the inner ring road to test proposals of the CCMAF. There could be varying degrees of intervention dependent on the circumstances of each street, with an emphasis on rebalancing streets in the city centre in favour of the pedestrian. Set out proposals in the CCAAP Preferred Options document and identify the opportunity in LTP3	0-30
11	Transform the outer ring road into a series of country routes, with additional junctions and crossings incorporated where appropriate (to be developed with the introduction of country parks).	Undertake an outer ring road review and identify opportunities to upgrade existing routes into civilised country streets and parkways.	LTP	Has not been considered before.	To be considered through LTP3 as part of a long-term plan for traffic movement around the city. Consider if elements could be included in the Access York proposals.	10-30
<b>The City as Park</b>						
12	Extend Museum Gardens to create York's cultural park.	Identify opportunities and work with various stakeholders to create York's cultural park by connecting and unifying the range of existing open spaces (such as Museum Gardens,	CCAAP, York Central Framework, LTP, Cultural Quarter group, York Museums Trust	This option develops ideas for the proposed Cultural Quarter as considered in detail by the Cultural Quarter Scrutiny Committee. Options were presented in both the City Centre and York Northwest AAP Issues and Options reports. Detailed study undertaken by Austin Smith Lord Architects to inform the process.	Detailed study required to inform the City Centre AAP and Public Realm and Movement Strategy SPD. A specific SPD for this project may be required. Input is required from City of York Council, Yorkshire Forward and the Renaissance Team.	0-20

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		Ouse riverfront and opened-up spaces along Station Avenue).				
13	Create Foss Island park as York's civic park.	Work with area stakeholders and create detailed designs that incorporate the land south of Tower Street, between the Rivers Ouse and Foss.	CCAAP, SPD, Castle Piccadilly development	A Planning Statement for Foss Basin has been completed. A Planning Brief for Castle Piccadilly has been completed which requires a world class civic space around Clifford's Tower and the Eye of York. Negotiations ongoing regarding the development.	Detailed study required to inform the City Centre AAP and Public Realm and Movement Strategy SPD. A specific SPD for this project may be required. Input required from City of York Council, Yorkshire Forward and the Renaissance team. Ongoing negotiations with developer required.	0-20
14	Create Kings Fish Pool as York's low-carbon and production park.	Undertake feasibility studies to identify opportunities to create this park, including park boundaries, appropriate uses and new frontages.	CCAAP, SPD	This option has not been considered before. The potential to reconfigure the inner ring road in this area is being considered in the City Centre Movement and Accessibility Framework. A study of development potential in the Foss Islands/ Layerthorpe area has been completed to inform the City Centre AAP.	Detailed study required to inform the City Centre AAP and Public Realm and Movement Strategy SPD. A specific SPD for this project may be required. Input required from City of York Council, Yorkshire Forward and the Renaissance team.	10-30
15	Extend and define rings, strays and existing green spaces to maintain links to the countryside, protecting sensitive spaces and defining existing outer settlements and neighbourhoods.	Work with the existing local development framework process to define areas and extend the existing green space network.	LDF Core Strategy, Green Infrastructure Strategy SPD. Detailed Study	York's 'Green wedges' have been identified as a key spatial element in the LDF Core Strategy. Green Infrastructure strategy work is well progressed for York and the Leeds City Region working closely with Natural England and other key partners.	A green infrastructure SPD will be produced. Key messages on the City as Park should be picked up in the Core Strategy submission document.	0-30
<b>The Great Street</b>						
16	Enhance the link between York station, the Minster and the University of	Undertake a movement, accessibility and public	CCAAP in the city centre, York Central Development	The potential for this option is being reviewed in the City Centre Movement and Accessibility Framework. This includes the potential to reallocate road space, improve	Continuation of the projects described and a study of Walmgate to the University of York. Detailed studies for the redesign of junctions	0-30

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	York to create a new grand civic route: the Great Street.	realm strategy for the proposed streets included within the Great Street.	Framework, Design Briefs elsewhere, through S106	<p>pedestrian flows and shared space principles. This also includes a analysis of the quality of place along the route in the city centre and conservation issues. The study will present options for key junctions on the Great Street route. The Footstreets Review identified the need for new 'gateway treatments' at key locations. Ongoing projects:</p> <p><u>Railway Station</u> – access options being considered in transport work for York Central. The York Station Conservation Plan now underway will consider the station frontage and access..</p> <p><u>Library Square</u> - in the 2010/11 transport capital programme, design work ongoing.</p> <p><u>Duncombe Place</u> – identified in the CCAAP Issues and Options report and basic analysis in the Vision for York City Centre.</p> <p><u>Minster Plaza</u> – successful HLF bid supported by the Council.</p> <p><u>Kings Square</u> – options identified in the City Centre AAP Issues and Options report</p> <p><u>Stonebow / Whip-Ma-Whop-Ma-Gate</u> – ongoing discussions re the redevelopment of Stonebow House and enhancement of the public realm.</p> <p><u>Fossgate</u> – creation of Footstreet approved by Executive following City Centre AAP option and Footstreets Review.</p> <p><u>Walmgate Bar</u> -improvements to pedestrian and cycle access completed.</p>	etc.	

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York Central						
17	Promote the development of a new piece of city.	Develop detailed urban design plans for the site and area.	York Central Development Framework	Much urban design analysis and planning work already completed as part of the York Central planning brief, York Northwest AAP and by potential developers as part of the competitive dialogue process. City of York Council have led the York Central Review process to look at alternative ways of bringing the area forward. This concluded that a more phased approach for individual land parcels is required, set within an overarching development framework.. The Council have agreed to prepare a York Central Development framework by summer 2011. This approach fits in well with the 'new piece of city' approach recommended.	Complete urban design analysis. Complete York Central Development Framework by summer 2011. Input required from City of York Council, Yorkshire Forward and the Renaissance team. Ongoing discussions required with principal landowners.	0-30
18	Focus on sub-sites within the area that can be developed to reinforce the existing city centre and later stages of development.	Identify distinct development parcels within the area and prioritise phases.	York Central Development Framework	Using the approach set out above we are starting to look at the York Central area in terms of a number of discrete development parcels, with the land around the Railway Station and the NRM identified for early phases of development.	Ongoing discussions with Network Rail, the NRM and Yorkshire Forward to ensure this approach is adhered to by all partners.	0-30
19	Initiate early development to create a new National Railway Museum Square with enhanced connections to the museum and associated development opportunities.	Undertake early feasibility and design work to release areas between the York station and the National Railway Museum.	York Central Development Framework / NRM	The NRM is identified as an early priority for delivery and the land around the NRM is identified for early phases of development. Ongoing dialogue is taking place with the NRM as part of the York Central Review process.	Continue dialogue with NRM. Joint work with NRM to seek to build their aspirations into the York Central Development Framework. Input required from City of York Council, Yorkshire Forward and the Renaissance team.	0-10