Summary of consultation feedback on Customer Strategy 2012 - 2015

Consultation undertaken in the form of:

- Bespoke events for Equalities Advisory Group (EAG) and staff equalities group with face to face discussion sessions.
- Participation in "Getting it right" workshops offered to resident groups, local businesses, stakeholders and partner organisations.
- Presentation of the strategy to EAG events i.e. fairs and meetings
- Distribution of the strategy via e-mail for comments to internal council staff groups and other cross-council consultees.

Summary of feedback	Response	How this will be
points		delivered.
I feel we need to manage expectation of customers so they are realistic in what they are likely to receive.	We will improve the ways and choices of ways you can access our services that suits your lifestyle, preferences and needs.	We will monitor and use results from, customer feedback and complaints; customer satisfaction survey results; Mystery
If you say you are going to do something i.e. Ring back you must do it. Keep customers	When you need us we will provide a service in a courteous, responsive and timely way. We are committed to working with you and	Shopping exercises to identify positive and negative impacts for individuals from Communities of Identity.
informed Possibly extend face to face reception times/ycc open longer.	other providers of services, to join up processes to provide effective and seamless access to services.	We will provide training for staff to ensure they have the right skills and behaviours.
People never ring back. Make better use of technology, facebook, twitter, text messaging, website improvements.	We will continually assess the quality of our services to you to make sure they remain accessible, efficient and include everyone.	We will continue to engage and consult with individuals from Communities of Identity and groups as the Customer Strategy progresses.
Include everyone – exclude no one.		We will continue to engage and consult with staff as the

Council staff regardless of where they work should be respectful to customers.

The first person you speak to doesn't always have to resolve the issue, as long as they take ownership of passing you onto the right person first time that's OK.

Its impossible to own every query, the biggest skill is to find out what is required and how to handle it - be accountable.

Communicate much more with all groups as ward groups ending (police, parish councillors & CAB)

Train staff to deal with minority group issues

Keep communities and residents informed of what you are doing so they know what to expect

Getting in touch is a problem. Big issue with voice recognition facility in terms of recognising accents and correcting a wrong name.

We will make it easier for you and your community to do things for yourselves in your own local areas by understanding you and your communities better. Customer Strategy progresses.

We will improve access to services as a result of our opening hours review.

The York Customer Centre is using all the information about the problems with the automated speech server system to help us improve this system and in conjunction with neighbouring councils.

Provide effective training for staff to use Language Line, and in reporting Hate Incidents/Crimes