

WITHOUT WALLS PARTNERSHIP

Meeting: 25 September 2013, 4.00pm – 6.00pm

At: George Hudson Board Room, West Offices, Station Rise

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| 16:00 | 1 | Welcome and apologies | |
| 16:05 | 2 | Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising: | |
| | | 1. Reinvigorate York update | RC |
| | | 2. Update on poverty programme arrangements | PW |
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MAJOR STRATEGIC DISCUSSIONS: | | | |
| 16:10 | 3 | “Giving City” – Plans for York to become a “charitable city” within partnership | PW |
| 16:45 | 4 | Acomb and Tang Hall regeneration update | TSL/JA |
| 17:05 | 5 | Partnership and City Plan Update
<i>Short briefing from each delivery partnership on current priorities</i> | Chairs |
| 17:25 | 6 | CYC Peer Review Update
Presentation to follow | JA/DR |
| 17:35 | 7 | WOW Governance Audit Update
Presentation to follow | PW |
| 17:45 | 8 | Policy update
<i>Paper for information only</i> | All to note |
| 17:55 | 9 | AOB | All |
| 18:00 | | Close | |

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Agenda Item 1

Welcome and Apologies

1. Apologies have been received from:
 - Nigel Hutchinson

Agenda Item 2

Minutes

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 26 June are attached; Partners are asked to approve them.

Matters Arising

3. Reinvigorate York Verbal Update
4. Poverty Programme Verbal Update



**WITHOUT WALLS PARTNERSHIP
Minutes**

DATE 26 June 2013

VENUE The Snow Room, West Offices, Station Rise

PRESENT Board Members:

Sir Ron Cooke – Chair
Phillip Cain – Safer York
Kersten England, Chief Executive, CYC
Cllr. Ian Gillies – City of York Council
Kevin Hall - Interim Director of Adults, Children & Education, CYC
Nigel Hutchinson- Chief Fire Officer, North Yorks Fire Service
Chief Constable Dave Jones- North Yorks. Police
Colin Mellors, University of York & Higher York
Fred Ring – York Racial Equality Network
Rita Sanderson – Inclusive York Forum Representative
Mike Slater, Chair York Environment Partnership
Cllr Tracey Simpson-Laing, Chair Shadow H & WB Board
Catherine Surtees – York CVS
Dianne Willcocks, Incoming Chair Fairness & Equalities Board
Cllr Ann Reid

In attendance:

Chris Cullwick – York Community Chaplaincy
Paul Edmondson-Jones – Director of Public Health, CYC
Chris Goulden – Head of Poverty Policy team, JRF
Darren Richardson – Director City & Environmental Services

Secretariat:

Rhiân Davies – Policy Officer
Stewart Halliday – Head of Strategy, Partnerships and Comms
Phil Witcherley – Head of Policy

APOLOGIES:

Cllr. James Alexander – City of York Council –Chair
Cllr. Keith Aspden – City of York Council
Brian Cantor, Vice Chancellor - University of York

1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Ron Cooke chaired the meeting in the absence of Cllr James Alexander.

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 19 December 2012 were agreed.

MATTERS ARISING

In terms of matters arising:

- Gary Jones will in future represent York CVS. The Board expressed their thanks to Angela Portz for her previous work and support.
- The low number of applications to the York Disaster Fund for homes damaged by floods was raised. A reminder that this is still available was requested. More information is available from Gary Jones at CVS or at http://www.york.gov.uk/press/article/62/help_for_residents_and_businesses_affected_by_flooding
- A further flood meeting is planned later in the year. Flood defence spending was maintained in the Spending Review.
- The York Dementia Without Walls event was held and well received on Monday 24th June with a multi-agency attendance.

3 FOLLOW-UP ON POVERTY EVENT – VISION AND ACTION PLAN

Partners were delivered a presentation by Paul Edmondson-Jones which detailed the themes and the main drivers of the current anti-poverty agenda/strategy. The Board were informed that the Poverty Action Steering Group (PASG) had been established following the WOW Poverty event, and has since met 3 times to articulate a vision, define a work programme and agree on priorities for the next 2 years. Both quantitative and qualitative targets were explained, as were indicators that would demonstrate levels of success and improvement in each area of the vision. Long and short term objectives and activities were detailed. The vision and activities represented Phase 1 of the Strategy.

It was explained that PASG now required a steer from the Board in terms of the accuracy of the vision in Phase 1 and a commitment that they were happy for the current partnership to continue.

Chris Cullwick commented that the update of the PASG work was welcomed during the annual meeting of churches in York earlier this week.

Chris Goulden explain that JRF were in the midst of developing their own UK-wide anti-poverty strategy which helped to highlight the difficulty of any anti-poverty strategy – both long and short term measures need to be balanced in order to achieve a ‘poverty-free city’. He also noted that he was very supportive of the development of this strategy.

Comments from Partners regarding the action plan included:

- The previous poverty strategy was referred to in terms of how it had been evaluated and what it had achieved. It was explained that the previous strategy had influenced the child poverty strategy and that our understanding of the poverty issue had improved because of less specific targets and objective areas.
- The Westfield project was borne out of the previous strategy which was evaluated with impressive results.
- An audit is ongoing to ensure that any duplications or gaps in the citywide activities are picked up.
- The Learning and Culture Overview and Scrutiny Committee have agreed to look at Free School Meals.
- Concerns about the employment target (1000 new private sector jobs) were raised, with concerns made about future private sector job losses.
- The risk of stigmatising people through the use of the word ‘poverty’ was discussed – many residents are uncomfortable with the term being used in reference to them due to the negative connotations.
- That poverty in the city is everyone’s business – it affects the whole community and is not a ‘them and us’ situation and this should be reflected in activities.
- There exist many Boards who are interested in anti-poverty activities with whom it is imperative for PASG and WOW to keep in contact and integrate with regarding current work.
- PASG was urged to stay mindful of forthcoming changes such as Universal Credit (UC) – pilot areas of UC are already showing huge tax arrears, residents not paying the

Bedroom Tax, alongside homelessness costs rising. Future-proofing is key to the agenda.

- The rationale for the strategy must not just be a moral one – need to accentuate the wider economic, business and social case for anti-poverty activities.

Suggestions for action to the vision included:

- The vision was liked and agreed with but it was felt that there were too many bullet points which should be condensed but remain reflective of the whole vision.
- The outcomes and activities need to match up – children in particular do not feature as much as they should.
- “Pioneering city” vision point is unnecessary – we always have been, and there were no outcomes provided for this point.
- Clarify what costs may occur in Phases 2, 3 and forward. It was mentioned that costings for Phase 1 are going to Cabinet in July. It was confirmed that any decisions on these costings would be fed back to the Board.
- It was recognised that there is room for other partners who are intrinsic to the anti-poverty agenda to contribute, such as the police.
- York Consortium could be a method for the “giving city” vision as it is a transparent mechanism for people to see where their money is going.
- To ensure that all restaurants and take-away outlets in the city are paying the National Minimum Wage.

Partners agreed that the vision is broadly along the right lines.

4 LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION

Darren Richardson delivered a presentation on Local Plan Preferred Options, which included visuals on the geography of proposed sites for housing, employment and settler communities. It was also explained how the Local Plan fits in with council priorities of growth in the economy and employment, appropriate housing, a sustainable York, and transport fit for the future.

Issues that the Local Plan takes into consideration include conservation areas, open space needs, green corridors and strays and deliverability of projects. Resilience was also noted as a key determinant of the Local Plan, including issues such as flooding. Darren Richardson commented

that they now sought consultation and reflection on the Local Plan from the Board.

Comments from Partners regarding the Local Plan were that:

- Crime is a factor in an increasing population, including an increase in the amount of police resources.
- The demographics in the city are likely to change greatly and the Local Plan should take this into consideration. Darren assured that this issue would be made clear within an evolving evidence base, within which potential sites would be filtered through such factors.
- That there would be an impact on existing villages, not just the city centre. That it is not just the increase in population, but what is situated and where. It is important not to disrupt existing communities.
- Lifetime housing was needed in the city; the Local Plan should not just fill current gaps.
- There has been an increase in 0-4 year olds in the city. The Local Plan should be mindful of joining both housing and education issues up.
- Issues such as the Gypsy communities are brought to the forefront of the discussion while other important issues do not get discussed. It is important not to let discussion and consultation get hijacked.
- The WoW Board and CYC are concerned with the city as a whole whereas individuals will be concerned with their properties and local areas.

Suggestions for further action included:

- That all existing Boards should be consulted and be able to prepare their own responses– Health and Wellbeing Board, Economic Partnership, Safer York.
- Advance circulation of information is advantageous and should be given to all relevant partnerships in future.
- Information should also be fed into each partnerships' Support Officer.
- That the Local Plan team makes every effort to handle the outcomes of the consultation – ensure that all residents know that they have been listened to despite not all opinions being acted upon.

5 PARTNERSHIP AND CITY PLAN UPDATE

Rita Sanderson noted that it was her last formal meeting as Chair of the Inclusive York Board and thanked the Board for the support in her role.

Chairs were asked to provide an update on the work and priorities of their respective partnerships.

- Mike Slater noted that the York Environment Partnership were now to meet twice a year as many people sit on other Boards and projects.
- Safer York will provide an update after the next meeting.
- Kevin Hall explained that the City Skills strategy is nearing completion and publication, and commented that it was built on consultation with employers. £200,000 has been allocated from the EIF for initiatives to help unemployed people back into work, 2 Jobs Fairs are planned for next year, and money has been allocated from the Leeds City Region for apprenticeships in the city.
- Rita stated that there was to be a review of the Inclusive York Board and will dissolve on the 3rd September.
- Diane will be taking the position of Chair of the Fairness and Equalities Board, and commented that there would be 3 areas of priority; narrowing the equalities gap in employment and education; celebrating diversity through cultural activities; and enabling a positive and diverse workforce.
- Tracey Simpson-Laing stated that the Health and Wellbeing Board were coming together to create a new Place of Safety; will be updating the JSNA at the next meeting; and will be creating charters for carers and disabled children.
- Kersten England explained that Network Rail, Karen Boswell from East Coast Mainline, Nestle, Shepherd Construction and Aviva have been added to the Economic Partnership. Their key focuses would be; the development of an investment plan for the city, increasing exports; improving inward investment; supporting businesses in the city.

6 CYC PEER CHALLENGE FEEDBACK

Kersten extended her thanks to all those who participated in the Peer Challenge. She noted that the city has an asset-base of citizens and partnerships who step up to their civic roles. 150 people were spoken to, and the team logged 200 hours worth of interview time. Recognition

of areas where CYC have made progress was noted in their initial feedback, as were the challenges that CYC face in the future.

The Peer team triangulated their evidence, and their presentation is to follow which will be circulated to all, including CYC's response.

The Spending Review details and Peer Challenge results will be combined to produce an approach for the next few years.

7 POLICY UPDATE

Partners were given a City Plan Action Tracker document for reference.

Phil Witcherley provided an update of the key measures in the Spending Review that had implications for the City.

8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 17:45pm.

Date of Next Meetings – All to take place 4-6pm at West Offices

- 25th September
- 18 December
- 26 March 2014

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Agenda Item 3

“Giving City” – Plans for York to become a “charitable city” within partnership

Verbal and visual presentation to be delivered by Paul Edmondson-Jones

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Making York a Giving City

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Facing the challenge of poverty in York

Overview

- The vision for a poverty-free York and an anti-poverty programme were agreed by CYC Cabinet in July
- This includes the objective of a **giving city** where tackling poverty is everybody's business and poverty is not stigmatised
- The purpose of this session is to discuss options for developing giving in the city

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A long tradition of giving

- York has a long history of charitable giving. It is thought the oldest charitable institution in the city is St Leonard's Hospice
- In the early 19th century there were 200 recognised charities in the city
- The York Dispensary Poor Sick Fund is one of York's longest lived home grown charities, targeted at poorer households
- Today more than 50 registered charities operate in York with the relief of poverty included in their aims
- Joseph Rowntree Foundation's York Committee is one of the largest local charities and makes small grants to organisations to improve the quality of life in York in addition to JRFs national charitable and research funds

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Potential objectives for increased giving in the city

- Harness the generosity of the people of York
- Provide the opportunity for businesses and individuals to be more community-minded
- Provide additional funds, as quickly as possible, to support poverty prevention and poverty alleviation projects in the city

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Potential options

- Encourage giving to existing York charities to allow extra funds to be distributed more quickly direct to York individuals in poverty
- Set up a York Poverty Action fund to fund new community-based anti-poverty work in the city, harnessing existing business and voluntary commitment through a Call to Action
- Work with Two Ridings Community Foundation Trust or establish a separate York community foundation trust
- Set up a York Giving/Fairer York accreditation scheme for local businesses who support the York Poverty Action fund with an optional extra charge on their goods/services

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Two Ridings Community Foundation Trust



- Established in 2000 as the Community Foundation for North and East Yorkshire, York and Hull
- Mission to tackle the issues and hardship that face the most vulnerable and marginalised in our region
- Ambition to improve quality of life by inspiring, stimulating and facilitating philanthropy in North and East Yorkshire, York and Hull
- Takes individual donations and business funds.
- Has awarded over **£5 million** to more than **1,700 projects**
- Awarded £23,000 to York projects in 2011/12

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Questions and Discussion

- Do you agree with the objectives for encouraging increased giving in York?
- What existing charitable organisations in the city could take this on and fund groups working to alleviate poverty?
- How can we work together to make this happen?

**Please come along with your thoughts
ready for the discussion**

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Acomb and Tang Hall regeneration update

Acomb

Background

1. The Acomb Business Team was formed in April 2013 in response to a proposal from local councillors to work with the Acomb Traders' group "Acomb Alive" in rejuvenating the area and improve local trading conditions for their businesses through increased footfall and activity in the Front Street.

2. The retail world has changed significantly over the past thirty years – we have seen the rise of supermarkets, hypermarkets and out-of-town retail parks. Added to that more recently has been the rise of the Internet – an unseen competitor whose businesses never close and where technology has provided ever-wider and easier means of accessing its goods 24-hours a day to suit every customer. Multi-channel shopping, click and collect, a 'millennium generation' which turns naturally to the internet whenever it seeks goods and services, are all challenges which must be met. The traditional high street retail model in all markets is being challenged and tested as a result.

3. Front Street Acomb is suffering the same challenges of many high streets throughout the United Kingdom – within the parade of shops there are empty units, some businesses are currently occupied by charitable organisations and other businesses are licensed betting premises rather than retail or other businesses.

Acomb Business Team

To date, the Team have considered the following issues:

- Opportunities for an Acomb Market
- Business Rates
- Bus Services to Acomb
- The Development of an Acomb Quarter, or Village brand
- Investment in the area
- A possible programme of events to boost footfall

Recent events

4. The Acomb Jobs & Opportunities Discovery Day took place at Acomb Explore on 11th September, seeking to signpost local people to employment and training opportunities and to the forthcoming York Jobs Fair which takes place at the Barbican on 1st October.

The event was conceived by Keith Myers of the Friends of Acomb Green and the Acomb Business Team who teamed up with Learning City York and their wider network of training providers and employment agencies from across the city to stage the day. Clients seeking information and support included young people seeking their first job, mothers seeking to return to work, to over- 50s seeking work thus a great mix of local people attending and with between 300-400 through the door between 10am and 2pm, the initial event was judged a great success. As such it is a model which may be rolled out again given clear need and the 2,000 leaflets delivered with the Acomb Village News played a key role in marketing the event.

Funding

5. A bid will go to the Economic Infrastructure Fund (EIF) through Cabinet on 1st October for £30k overall, which will seek £24k for infrastructure improvements in Front Street, Acomb and £6k to kick-start events in partnership with local traders, Acomb Alive!, and other local stakeholders. The objective is to invest in the local public realm and stage a range of activities which will generate greater footfall and bring new life and vigour to the area during the coming year.

Acomb traders are being kept informed of progress of this funding bid through their Chair, Sue Hunter.

Future

6. Once the decision from Cabinet on the funding bid is known, there will be a need for the Acomb Business Team to meet again to allocate some of the funds from the bid. The £30k funding bid contains £6k for kick-starting the staging of events in the area, which will empower the Team to co-create a programme of events in the Front Street for the coming year.

This is an exciting project in which the enthusiasm of the traders in Acomb has worked with the authority's own interest in rejuvenating the area to come together to progress real action in kick-starting much needed regeneration.

Tang Hall

Big Local

1. £1m awarded to Tang Hall as a Big Local Area from the Big Lottery Fund is to be held and spent by residents over the course of 10 years. There is no action plan outlining revenue spend as of yet; a steering group is currently identifying and outlining a plan for future spend.

Tang Hall Asset Management Plan

2. The Area Asset Management Plan (AAMP) is one of the main planks of the council's Asset Management Planning Process as set out in the 5 year Corporate Asset Management Plan. It enables the principles of asset management planning to be applied at a local community based level.

Area Asset Management Plans intend to;

- Focus on community need
- Look at council and non council community needs and service delivery
- Incorporate of partnership working
- Promote asset rationalisation and shared use of buildings with council and partner services thus reducing net running costs
- and has the objective to simplify local peoples access to council and non-council services.

The resulting Improvement and Change Proposals for the Tang Hall Asset Management Plan can be highlighted as follows:-

- Provision of Integrated Children's Centre.
- Provision of good quality formal and informal public open space.
- Improve safety for children, residents and visitors using the facilities in Sixth Avenue.
- Make use of all vacant and underused sites.
- Create a quality secure allotment site.
- Provision of a Library Learning Centre.
- Develop additional sites for affordable housing.

Foodbank

3. Tang Hall Foodbank was established in July 2013 to meet the scale of the demand for emergency supplies in the area. The scheme is being promoted by The Press' Stamp Out Poverty Campaign, and is being supported by Your Consortium's Community York Fund. The new foodbank, managed by York Community Church, has also helped to set up facilities for confidential meetings through the Tang Hall Community Advice Hub.

Tang Hall Advice Hub

4. The partner-run advice hub turned 1 year old last week. To date, partners have helped residents manage £247,169.51 worth of debt and identify £42,953.74 in unclaimed benefits.

5. The hub runs Thursday and Friday sessions; the Thursday sessions act as a drop-in for estates management issues, an appointment-based CAB/housing and debt session (for which there are 2-3 week queues) and a housing related debt session. The Friday sessions are drop-in sessions for estates management, CAB issues, and the foodbank.

6. The hub has gone from strength to strength due to the hard work of the estate management team, CAB and Tang Hall Community Centre staff.

7. Housing Services run a weekly estate managers drop-in session which can easily attract a queue and the CAB have helped approximately 116 people with various queries ranging from immigration advice to help with money/debt management. Most significantly they have helped residents with financial problems.

8. Both the estate management team and the CAB are now making referrals to the York Food Bank which joined them in July 2013.

9. The hub's second year will aim to refocus on a health agenda in partnership with Healthwatch, and will seek to work with partners to facilitate this work.

Other

Community Led Local Development (CLLD): The East-West Corridor

Background

York is a relatively wealthy city and the level of poverty is below the national and regional averages. However, there are significant pockets of deprivation across a large swathe of the city, mainly in the Heworth, Hull Road, Guildhall, Acomb and Westfield Wards.

The most deprived areas of the city straddle the above wards and collectively form the proposed York CLLD area, the East-West Corridor. The area has a population of over 20,000 residents (with many of these living in poverty) and is characterised by low skill levels, high unemployment and poor quality housing. The area's retail base also exhibits all the effects of reduced consumer demand, and takes in key City brownfield development sites such as York Central.

Community Led Local Development Expression of Interest

The funding for measures within proposed CLLD areas is drawn from the European Social Fund and is allocated via the Local Enterprise Partnership.

An expression of interest has been submitted to the LEP to be included in the draft spend profiles which will be sent to central government in October. The expression of interest submission requests £1.2m in funding to supplement existing work or approved future work in the proposed CLLD area. The approval date for submissions will be in early 2014, to spend in March/April 2014.

The CLLD proposal will bring all partners and pilot initiatives together into a unified whole, predominantly addressing jobs, skills and growth and anti poverty measures. Any money received will be spent in partnership. Key partners include the voluntary sector, City of York Council, tenants and residents associations, police, University of York and private sector partners. The overarching objectives include the following;

Growth

The overarching objective is to grow the local economy along the East-West Corridor CLLD area. Unlocking the potential of the York Central Development site is a primary aim, which could lead to significant job creation and increased GDP. Other objectives are to develop footfall within the retail sector within the East-West corridor, to offer broader business supply chain support and to bring business and community more closely together through the development of the social enterprise sector, including proposals for a self-sustaining library service.

Success will be measured by a growth in footfall, pop-up and new leasehold businesses moving into the area, increased business productivity and a broader business base within the CLLD area.

Employment

To create a job-rich CLLD area providing job opportunities for all with pay levels that tackle in-work poverty. New initiatives will include a series of jobs, training and employment fairs in the East-West CLLD.

Financial Literacy

Provision of joined-up advice for all and financial awareness as part of education from an early age. Key objectives in the CLLD area will include improving access to financial tools and products, raising financial literacy / awareness, increasing the awareness and understanding of the benefits system and improving access to services.

Anti Poverty

Primary objectives include an adequate supply of affordable housing and childcare within the CLLD area, an increased take-up of free school meals and reduced daily living costs including fuel, white goods and childcare. Also, debt and benefit advice outreach and drop ins in community settings, enhancing existing services, local residents engaged in delivering housing and poverty workshops, participatory budgeting on spend of funds in Social Housing areas, loneliness project in Carr Estate area of the East-West CLLD in partnership with the Joseph Rowntree Foundation.

Promoting Climate Change Adaptation, Risk Prevention and Management

Energy Smart initiatives to promote solar panels, smart meters etc.

Investing in Education, Skills and Lifelong Learning

Increase and greater promotion and opportunities for volunteers, more residents association members training undertaken, timebanking initiative to be developed & extended in Westfield area of East-West CLLD, community led digital inclusion project.

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Agenda Item 5

Partnership and City Plan Update

The attached version of the city tracker is a working draft. A complete tracker will be available at the meeting.

City Plan Action Tracker

KEY

- Milestone
- Complete
- Delayed/Moved

2012/13							2013/14				
SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG

ENABLING GROWTH	Develop knowledge economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supply Chain report Architectural competition for the Guildhall as a Digital Hub City centre retail investment action plan Further and Higher Education services via business portal 										
	Support thriving businesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review sustainability actions from the Mini-Stern Review Business engagement client management system Scope current efficiency resources Plan for 2013 business resource programme Roll out CAAS support Roll out Business Engagement Network 										
	Drive skills and workforce development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graduate skills matching database Skills Framework Annual 14-19 Statement of Skills Need and Action Plan Annual Statement of Skills & Workforce Development Priorities Annual Business to Business Apprenticeship Campaign Implement an annual skills survey Establish annual cycle of employment & growth roundtables 										
	Encourage business start-ups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to expand York Business Week Establish "Coaching for Growth" priorities 										
EMPOWERMENT FOR GROWTH	Make land available for business development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scoping the potential for ERDF bids Develop and promote Heslington East Model agreement for small & start-up business leases Office stock report 										
	Tackle congestion, emissions and travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decision on findings of bus improvement study Launch i-travel York website Park & Pedal marketing campaign Outline business case for freight centre 										
	Enhance heritage and cultural sectors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integrate Economic priorities with Planning approach Cabinet Report: Investing in public space improvements Expand centre Wi-Fi Review of spatial needs King's Square: Design Brief Exhibition Square: Design Brief Duncombe Place: Design Brief 										
	Facilitate appropriate housing supply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Landlord fair York Housing Summit Council housing Asset Plan: Complete YHA Identify site HECA Action Plan in place Affordable housing completions, 12/13 Lilbourne Drive: Complete Derwenthorpe Phase 1: Complete York tenancy strategy Complete review of Yorhome Strategy on Green Deal Scope housing expertise Health impact assessment of poor housing: Complete Decision on future council house building Refresh private sector housing strategy Allocations policy review: Complete Private sector housing stock condition modelling: Complete 										
SHARING GROWTH	Foster a vibrant civic society	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Right to Bid: Guidance published Oliver House: Feasibility Study Right to Bid: Members' Decision Oliver House: Leasing Decision Revised Community Asset Transfer policy Make Ward action plans available 										
	Build strong, diverse communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Re-launch the One City Action Plan Re-launch the Inclusive York board and workplan BME research in Single Equalities Scheme Develop CYC Single Equalities Scheme 										
	Tackle community priorities at neighbourhood level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ward Teams led by Elected Members Develop Community Contracts Initiate quarterly reviews of skills work programmes 										
	Promote residents' wellbeing, health and social care needs											

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		2013/14						2014/15					
		SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG
ENABLING GROWTH	Develop knowledge economy		●	-----		●	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan for marketing to financial and professional services Plan for marketing to bioscience businesses Sector specific value propositions 						
	Support thriving businesses					●	Initiate the business resource efficiency programme						
	Drive skills and workforce development	●		●	-----		●	●	●	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement an annual skills survey Annual Business to Business Apprenticeship Campaign Establish cycle of sector-specific employment & growth roundtables 			
	Encourage business start-ups												
EMPOWERMENT FOR GROWTH	Make land available for business development												
	Tackle congestion, emissions and travel				○		●						
	Enhance heritage and cultural sectors	○	○			●	●	●		●	●	●	●
	Facilitate appropriate housing supply	○	○	●		●				●		●	●
SHARING GROWTH	Foster a vibrant civic society						●						
	Build strong, diverse communities		●										
	Tackle community priorities at neighbourhood level		●										
	Promote residents' wellbeing, health and social care needs												

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CYC Peer Review Update

Presentation to follow

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WOW Governance Audit Update

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Policy Update

Briefing on National Policy

Background

This briefing is to review national policy and to highlight key issues which will have an impact on partners across the city. The briefing is not intended to be comprehensive across every policy area but provides an overview.

Current Issues

Local government finance

The government is still in the process of allocating resources to each local authority for future years, and the results will be published early next year. It is expected that local authority funding from central government will continue to decrease, which will increase pressure on services.

Individual voter registration

Individual registration of the electorate (as opposed to registration by household, the current system) will begin for the first time this autumn, when the annual forms to update the electoral roll are despatched. Rather than one person making the declaration on behalf of all residents at an address, each individual will be responsible for ensuring that they are on the electoral register. This is expected to give a more accurate picture of the number of voters for each area.

Cost of health and social care

A consultation has been launched on funding the costs of the Dilnot proposals, to place a cap on the costs the individual needs to pay for social care. The cap has been set at £72k, with additional contributions to cover living expenses, but social care costs over and above this amount will be paid by local government. This will place considerable stress on local government budgets after 2016, when these proposals are due to come into force.

Water Bill

The Water Bill will be progressing through Parliament in the autumn, and will make provisions, among other things, for flood insurance, but also for rises in the cost of water for consumers, which may ultimately have an effect on the anti-poverty agenda in the city.

Energy Bill

The Energy Bill sets tariffs to make it more attractive for operators of green energy generating to produce electricity. It includes measures to limit the number of tariffs for domestic consumers and require an automatic move to the cheapest deal alongside provision for alternative sources of gas, i.e. that produced via fracking, to come onstream .

Planning

Changes currently announced for the planning regime will include a relaxation in the rules concerning changes of use, so that it will become possible to change shops into residential homes without planning permission. In rural areas, owners of agricultural buildings will be able to convert them to other uses with less red tape than previously.

Education

Planned changes to teachers' pay and in particular pensions seem likely to lead a series of strikes this autumn. This is also the first year in which the age of

participation has been raised to 17, which should have an impact on the number of NEETs in the city.

The rise in free schools and academies is taking more schools out of direct local authority control, and proposals to allow free schools to expand may have an impact on school places, although at this stage it is too early to predict how this will affect York.

Future issues

The party conference season will no doubt unveil some new promises, but the scope for action in the run-up to the elections in May 2015 will be limited by the availability of additional finance. The recent TUC conference criticised all the major UK parties for planning austerity measures after 2015.

At the time of writing, the LibDems were promising an additional £5bn for schools and colleges to fund literacy and numeracy classes to age 18, as well as pledging to review the minimum wage and crack down on zero hours contracts. The Deputy Prime Minister's announcement on free school meals for primary school pupils may cause changes to school funding via the pupil premium, which is currently predicated on the number of children receiving free school meals.

A strike by Royal Mail staff has been notified following the government giving formal notice to the stock exchange of plans to privatise the organisation. A strike by firefighters over pay and conditions also seems likely.

The national roll-out of Universal Credit has been delayed, and as a result it seems unlikely that the system will be fully operational in time for the next election in May 2015.

In terms of transport, the government is currently consulting on turning the Highways Agency into an independent body, and a call for evidence can be found

on the Department of Transport website. HS2 continues to progress, although the economic case for its construction has been under scrutiny again.

Recent policy papers

Localis (in conjunction with Pfizer) has just issued a new report on integrating health and social care, entitled “In Sickness and In Health”, recommending even closer working between health care services and local government:

<http://www.localis.org.uk/article/1485/In-Sickness-and-in-Health.htm>

The Grimsey Report on high street retail has been published, and calls for all local authorities to create a town centre business plan, among other measures to increase retail sales:

<http://www.vanishinghighstreet.com/the-grimsey-review/>

IPPR published a report in July on full employment, how that would look in Britain, and how to achieve it:

<http://www.ippr.org/publication/55/11002/a-job-for-everyone-what-should-full-employment-mean-in-21st-century-britain?>

The Resolution Foundation looks at the national minimum wage and the future of the Low Pay Commission, with the goal of planning out the work of the Commission for the next fifteen years:

<http://www.resolutionfoundation.org/publications/fifteen-years-later-future-uk-nmw/>

In a survey of 1,500 people aged over 60 for Demos, 58% said they were interested in moving but felt restricted by a lack of suitable housing or a fear of moving to an unfamiliar environment. Three-quarters of those who had homes with three bedrooms or more said they wanted to downsize. The report suggests

older people who want to downsize their homes should be helped to do so, "freeing up" billions of pounds of housing stock.

<http://www.demos.co.uk/publications/topoftheladder>

Reform and Deloitte LLP have launched The State of the State 2013. Now in its second year, this annual report aims to provide independent analysis of the UK public sector. The publication brings together data from a range of public sources, including the Government Accounts, Budget and the Public Expenditure Statistical Analyses.

http://www.reform.co.uk/content/30645/research/the_state_of_the_state_2013