

North Yorkshire Council

Full Council

Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of Council held on Wednesday 13 November 2024 commencing at 10.30 am at County Hall, Northallerton.

Councillor Roberta Swiers in the Chair. Councillors Chris Aldred, Joy Andrews, Karl Arthur, Alyson Baker, Philip Barrett, Philip Broadbank, Eric Broadbent, Barbara Brodigan, Andy Brown, Nick Brown, Lindsay Burr MBE, David Chance, Liz Colling, Mark Crane, Sam Cross, Felicity Cunliffe-Lister, Gareth Dadd, Melanie Davis, Caroline Dickinson, Stephanie Duckett, Keane Duncan, Kevin Foster, Richard Foster, Sam Gibbs, Caroline Goodrick, Hannah Gostlow, Bryn Griffiths, Tim Grogan, Michael Harrison, Paul Haslam, Robert Heseltine, David Hugill, Nathan Hull, David Ireton, George Jabbour, David Jeffels, Janet Jefferson, Tom Jones, Mike Jordan, Nigel Knapton, Peter Lacey, Andrew Lee, Carl Les, Cliff Lunn, John Mann, Steve Mason, Rich Maw, John McCartney, Heather Moorhouse, Andrew Murday, Simon Myers, David Noland, Bob Packham, Andy Paraskos, Stuart Parsons, Yvonne Peacock, Clive Pearson, Heather Phillips, Kirsty Poskitt, Jack Proud, Tony Randerson, John Ritchie, Janet Sanderson, Mike Schofield, Karin Sedgwick, Subash Sharma, Steve Shaw-Wright, Dan Sladden, Monika Slater, Andy Solloway, David Steveley, Neil Swannick, Malcolm Taylor, Angus Thompson, Andrew Timothy, Phil Trumper, Matt Walker, Arnold Warneken, Steve Watson, David Webster, John Weighell OBE, Greg White, Annabel Wilkinson, Peter Wilkinson, Andrew Williams and Robert Windass.

Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book

111 Minutes of the meeting held on 24 July 2024

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Council held on 24 July 2024 having been printed and circulated, are confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

The vote was taken and the motion declared carried.

112 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Derek Bastiman, John Cattnach, and Michelle Donohue-Moncrieff.

113 Declarations of Interest

Declarations of interest were made as follows:

Councillor Gareth Dadd for items in relation to the second homes premium, for which he had been granted a dispensation enabling him to take part.

Councillors Janet Sanderson, Nigel Knapton and Caroline Goodrick at Minute 126 as they were Members of kirby Grindalythe and Duggleby Parish Council.

Councillor Steve Shaw-Wright in relation to Catterick Garrison and planning issues, for which he would be leaving the meeting room.

Councillor Liz Colling declared a non-pecuniary interest at Minute 117 and the motion in relation to Councillor safety as her daughter-in-law was employed by the Jo Cox Foundation and was a co-author of the Civility Commission report.

Councillor Lindsay Burr declared an interest in items relating to second homes and also a non-pecuniary interest in relation to Minute 124 as she had been involved with authoring the Malton and Norton Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Councillor Melanie Davies for items in relation to Citizens Advice North Yorkshire.

Councillor Peter Lacey for Minute 117 in relation to the Motion on Employers' National Insurance as he was the Director of two Community Benefit Societies.

Councillor Karl Arthur at Minute 130(d) as he was employed by Network Rail.

Councillor Chris Aldred at Minute 123 as he as a Trustee of Harrogate Theatre. As this was not a pecuniary interest he would remain in the meeting room, but would not participate in the item.

Councillor Stephanie Duckett in relation to items on social housing, for which she had been granted a dispensation.

Members of the Strategic Planning Committee declared an interest in Minute 117 on the basis that the Notice of Motion related to a matter soon to be considered by the Committee - Councillors Andy Brown, John Cattanach, Richard Foster, Hannah Gostlow, David Hugill, Tom Jones, Andrew Lee, John McCartney, John Mann, Bob Packham, Andy Paraskos, Yvonne Peacock, Neil Swannick, Robert Swiers and Andrew Timothy. Those who acted as substitute Members on the Committee also declared interests – Councillors Philip Barrett, Eric Broadbent, Liz Colling, Melanie Davies, Stephanie Duckett, Nathan Hull, Mike Jordan, Steve Mason, David Noland, Stuart Parsons, Kirsty Poskitt, Jack Proud, Mike Schofield, Subash Sharma, Steve Shaw-Wright, Andy Solloway and Arnold Warneken. All those who declared an interest left the meeting room during consideration of the item.

114 Chair's Announcements

The Chair welcomed the Honorary Aldermen and members of the public and press who were present.

The Chair informed Members of the usual arrangements for the meeting.

The Chair informed Members that there were 10 notices of motion on the agenda. The Chair was required to give a ruling on whether to follow the normal procedure of referring these motions to the relevant committee or whether they should be debated at the meeting, and ruled as follows:

- For debate at the meeting:
 - 1) Councillor Safety
 - 5) Ripon Military Heritage
 - 8) Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise sector – impact of the Chancellor's budget

- Referred to the Scrutiny Board to determine the most appropriate overview and scrutiny committee:
 - 4) Youth Council Engagement
 - 7) Community Impact
 - 9) Support for Climate and Nature Bill
 - 10) Adoption of an Active Travel Strategy
- Rejected for debate under Procedure Rule 14.1 as the matter had been debated within the previous 6 months and there had been no material change in circumstances.
 - 3) Water Fluoridation
- The Leader to write to the Chancellor regarding the issues raised, as per the Leader's statement. The Chair considered that both the Motions were therefore dealt with.
 - 2) Pensioners Winter Fuel Allowance
 - 6) Winter Fuel Allowance

The Chair reminded Members that when considering Notices of Motion a Member could move that the motion can be put now and one Member could speak for five minutes for that Motion and one Member could speak for five minutes against. Motions referred to committee would be moved and seconded without comment.

The death of former North Yorkshire Councillor and Scarborough Borough Councillor Peter Pople was noted. Peter served as a County Councillor from 2009 to 2013. Councillors Janet Jefferson and Sam Cross paid tribute to the former County Councillor and it was noted that Peter had served on Scarborough Borough Council for 24 years, had been leader of the Independent Group and has subsequently become an Honorary Alderman.

A minute's silence was held in memory of former County Councillor Peter Pople.

115 Statement by the Leader of the Council

The Leader, Councillor Carl Les, made a statement and answered questions under Council Procedure Rule 2.3 as Leader of the Council, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appeared at pages 41 and 44 of the agenda pack and in the Minute Book at pages 2173 to 2176.

Further to Minute 114 the Leader confirmed that he would be writing to the Chancellor in relation to the Notices of Motion on the winter fuel payments.

116 Public Questions or Statements

There was one public question, as follows:

1. The following public question was read out by Georgina Ashton, Clerk to Biggin Parish Council:

I note and welcome the motion from Cllr Mason with regard to supporting the Climate and Nature Bill which has passed its first reading in the House and is backed by over 370 local authorities and 250 MPs. The Bill requires the UK government to develop and deliver a new environmental plan. Not only halting but reversing the decline in nature, setting nature measurably on the path to recovery by 2030. Ensuring that no-one is left behind, prioritising nature in decision making giving people a say in finding a fair way forward through an independent and temporary Climate & Nature Assembly.

I am heartened that the Council resolve to support the principle of the Climate and Nature Bill and to reduce inequalities across the region.

My question to this meeting is:

Will residents be able to be involved in the Climate and Nature Assembly and how will the Council's support of this bill actively impact on residents and policy making at NYC? In our local parish of Biggin in Appleton Roebuck and Church Fenton, there has been unlawful deforestation of over 100 trees and no action has been taken by this Council in over 6 months.

Councillor Greg White, Executive Member for Managing our Environment, provided the following response:

The Climate and Nature Bill is an exciting piece of emerging legislation, as you say, which requires the UK government to develop and deliver new environmental plans which halt and reverse the decline of nature. We are aware this has gone through the first stage of the House of Commons, with the 1st reading taking place earlier in March this year; but are cognisant there are many more phases this Bill must go through before it reaches Royal Assent.

As such, proposals around the Climate and Nature Assembly or who can participate remain unclear at this stage and ultimately would be up to the Secretary of State to define. But we recognise the importance of such an Assembly and will proactively seek out opportunities to participate, if and when this becomes possible.

Whilst we wait for this Bill to progress through the House of Commons Bill Passage. I would draw your attention to the work already underway in North Yorkshire; including the statutory requirement to develop a Local Nature Recovery Strategy for York and North Yorkshire. The LNRS seeks to consider land at a county scale and will identify locations to improve nature and provide other benefits, such as capturing carbon from the atmosphere, flood regulation and access to nature-rich spaces where this is most needed for health and wellbeing.

North Yorkshire is also leading on the Local Investment in Natural Capital (LINC) Programme, which is working to understand how we can attract investment into natural capital that can restore and sustain the natural environment, whilst unlocking significant economic value. LINC is developing a model to support us to increase green finance for nature-based solutions such as tree planting and peatland restoration, and support farmers to access new private sector investments that increase resilience in the landscapes they manage.

117 Notices of Motion

117(1) Councillor Safety

The intimidation and abuse of Councillors and Officers, in person or otherwise, undermines democracy; preventing elected members from representing the communities they serve, deterring individuals from standing for election, and undermining public life in democratic processes and deterring potential Officers from considering public sector as a career option.

This council notes that increasing levels of toxicity in public and political discourse is having a detrimental impact on local democracy and that prevention, support and responses to abuse and intimidation of local politicians and Officers must improve to ensure councillors and Officers feel safe and able to continue representing their residents and performing their duties.

This council therefore commits to challenge the normalisation of abuse against councillors and officers and uphold exemplary standards of public and political debate in all it does. The council agrees to sign up to the LGA's Debate Not Hate campaign. The campaign aims to raise public awareness of the role of councillors in local communities, encourage healthy debate and improve the response to and support those in public life facing abuse and intimidation.

This Council therefore endorses the recommendations from the Jo Cox Civility Commission and specifically resolves that:

- (A) there should be appropriate risk planning for abuse at Council Meetings and other events, ensuring high risk events are properly resourced**
- (B) this Council signs up to the LGA's Debate Not Hate Campaign.**
- (C) There should be appropriate security and wellbeing resources available to Councillors and Officers**

1. Background

The Jo Cox Civility Commission was launched in February 2023. The Commission takes as its starting point a belief that abuse and intimidation is having a detrimental impact on democracy in the UK, but that addressing the issue is complex and requires action across multiple different sectors.

The Commission published a report titled, "No place in politics: tackling abuse and intimidation." The report can be found at the following link

<https://www.jocoxfoundation.org/wpcontent/uploads/2024/01/Jo-Cox-Civility-Commission-report.pdf>.

A series of recommendations are made in the report which are directed towards different audiences including the Government, the Police, the Electoral Commission and Political Parties. However, three of the recommendations are specifically directed to local government as follows:-

- Local authorities should improve risk planning for abuse at council meetings and other events, ensuring high risk events are properly resourced with trained security.
- Councils should pass motions affirming principles to address abuse and model good behaviour, from the Local Government Association's Debate Not Hate toolkit or the National Association of Local Councils' (NALC) Civility and Respect Project.
- Local authorities should ensure security and wellbeing resources are available to councillors. These should be clearly signposted, and there should be a dedicated point of contact for the escalation of any issues. The Committee is asked to consider what further actions it may wish to recommend in response to the above.

The following actions have been taken by the Council in line with those recommendations:

(a) Risk Planning

The Council takes a proportionate response in regards to its meetings. Security provision is made after an assessment by senior Officers or in response to member requests. Members are reminded to take into consideration safety considerations when attending external meetings.

Police should be involved where appropriate and in particular when there is a risk to democratic engagement. The advice of the Police is sought when appropriate.

[The opportunity should exist for council meetings to take place online in instances when there are specific risks of physical abuse to councillors. Current legislation requires formal meetings to be undertaken in person.]

(b) Debate Not Hate Toolkit

The LGA's toolkit on Debate Not Hate can be found at:

[Debate Not Hate: Campaign toolkit | Local Government Association](#)

(c) Security and Wellbeing resources.

Councillors have received copies of the resource - 'Councillors' guide to handling intimidation - Local Government Association' which details practical steps that Councillors and their Council can undertake to protect yourself as a person in a public position.

The LGA recognise the growing need among councillors for support related to intimidation and have jointly developed this resource following advice from councils, councillors, other council representative organisations, as well as national organisations such as the Suzy Lamplugh Trust and National Counter Terrorism Security Organisation. The guide covers topics such as how to handle abuse, whether face-to-face, letters or online, and the legal and practical remedies, including the nature of the criminal offences involved. It will be continuously updated with the latest advice and information available.

The Council has a limited fund for which Councillors can ask for funding for security measures. In addition members and Officers can have access to the Council's Occupational Health Services upon request.

Proposer: Councillor Gareth Dadd
Seconder: Councillor Steve Shaw-Wright

The notice of motion was moved by Councillor Gareth Dadd and seconded by Councillor Steve Shaw-Wright.

The motion was then debated.

On a vote being taken the notice of motion was approved unanimously.

117(2) Pensioners Winter Fuel Allowance

The Chancellor has announced that the Winter Fuel Payment will be scrapped which is expected to impact 10 million pensioners across the UK and thousands in North Yorkshire.

With the Energy Price Cap rises meaning an annual increase in energy costs of around £150 a year, this will plunge many pensioners into poverty. This will also put an additional strain on Adult Services in North Yorkshire.

This council therefore resolves that:

1. It opposes the decision to remove the Winter Fuel Payment from pensioners.
2. It urges all pensioners to check whether they are entitled to receive Pension credit.
3. The Leader of the Council writes to the Chancellor on behalf of the Council urging her to reverse the decision to remove the Winter Fuel Payment for pensioners.

Proposer: Councillor Mike Jordan
Seconder: Councillor Stuart Parsons

The Leader agreed to write to the Chancellor regarding the issues raised, and therefore the Chair considered that the motion had been dealt with.

117(3) Water Fluoridation

The act of adding fluoride to drinking water to help improve consumer's oral health has been described as both a panacea for tooth decay and forced mass medication.

Currently, around 6 million people in England live in areas with water fluoridation schemes, mainly in the West Midlands and the North East. Many schemes have been operating for over 50 years. Birmingham was the first permanent scheme to commence in 1964.

The most recent data shows that the incidence of dental decay in children in Birmingham is **higher** than the national average.

Birmingham (29%)
West Midlands Region (23%)
England (23%)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/oral-health-survey-of-5-year-old-children-2019>

Generally, dental health is better in the south east of England and poorer in the north (report by Dentistry.co.uk).

Reports also suggest that there is a huge oral health divide between those from more deprived areas and those from less deprived areas.

There is also an association between increasing levels of fluoride in water and dental fluorosis. The Community Dental Health Journal has published a document indicating the prevalence of fluorosis is greater in fluoridated cities (61%) compared to the non-fluoridated cities (37%). There are many arguments against the use of fluoride in relation to harm as well as elevated levels of fluorosis (which can be an indicator of osteopathic, kidney and other neurological diseases).

It is highly likely that the new government will decide to adopt the same / similar scheme as the previous and look to encourage new community water fluoridation schemes.

I therefore propose the following motion.

"This council considers that medication without consent is not in the best interests of all its citizens and notes that fluoride dosage cannot be controlled and can be linked to negative health effects.

Therefore, this council will instruct its Leader to write to the Secretary of State for Health stating that any moves to introduce a fluoridation scheme within North Yorkshire will return a negative when or if consulted. It is the view of this council that Water undertakers in North Yorkshire must be prohibited from artificially increasing the fluoride content of the water supplied by them."

Proposer: Councillor Rich Maw
Seconder: Councillor Arnold Warneken.

The Chair rejected the motion for debate under Procedure Rule 14.1 as the matter had been debated within the previous 6 months and there had been no material change in circumstances since that debate.

117(4) Youth Council Engagement

Many British young people are very interested in how society should be run. In March this year, UK Youth reported, “88 per cent of young people believe it is important to have a say in the decisions politicians make about public life” ⁽¹⁾. Despite this, according to an IPPR report, turnout in the 2024 general election was lowest in the constituencies with the lowest average age ⁽²⁾.

It is clear that many young people feel that most politicians, regardless of political party or lack thereof, are not interested in supporting them with the issues they face. This adversely affects their engagement in elections and the democratic process as a whole.

Children and young people are our future. Engaging them in politics is crucial to ensure the survival of institutions of this country.

Council therefore agrees to more fully involve young people in the democratic decision-making process by:

- Inviting the Youth Assembly of North Yorkshire to prepare a single motion each year to be submitted and considered at the Full Council meeting held before the 1st of September of that year.
- Amending the council constitution such that the motion may be proposed by the chair of the Youth Assembly.
- Genuinely debating and considering the motion in the same way as if a North Yorkshire Councillor had proposed it.

Relevant Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):

1. **Goal 4: Quality Education** - Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.
2. **Goal 5: Gender Equality** - Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.
3. **Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities** - Reduce inequality within and among countries.
4. **Goal 16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions** - Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable, and inclusive institutions at all levels.
5. **Goal 17: Partnerships for the Goals** - Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development.

Data Sources

- (1) <https://www.ukyouth.org/2024/03/only-one-in-10-young-people-believe-politicians-prioritise-their-needs-as-childrens-election-launched/>
- (2) <https://www.ippr.org/articles/half-of-us>

Proposer: Councillor Andrew Timothy
Seconder: Councillor Barbara Brodigan

The motion was moved and seconded and referred to the Scrutiny Board to determine the most appropriate overview and scrutiny committee.

117(5) Ripon Military Heritage Project

This council welcomes the efforts made by the Ripon Military Heritage Project in seeking to protect the military heritage that exists on the land contained within planning application 20/02973/EIAMAJ .

The council also notes the decision by the Strategic Planning Committee on 14 May 2024 was to include a condition (namely an amended Condition 47) which provides for a report to be submitted for approval identifying the investigation, feasibility and deliverability of a heritage strategy covering the potential retention of military heritage assets. This report is to be brought to the Committee for consideration at first reserved matters stage.

Whilst the ultimate decision on whether to approve the report pursuant to Condition 47 will be for the Strategic Planning Committee, the Council supports the applicant and developers being encouraged to give consideration in the preparation of the report to addressing the Military Heritage across the whole of the site and to the allocation of land in recognition of Military Heritage that currently exists.

The proposer and seconder have requested that the motion be debated in the day or Council, as follows:

We would ask that the Chairman consents to it being debated on the day as this is a live matter and discussions are ongoing between the parties so delaying until our meeting in February to resolve on it would not assist the current process.

Proposed: Councillor Andrew Williams

Seconder: Councillor Nick Brown

The notice of motion was moved by Councillor Andrew Williams and seconded by Councillor Nick Brown.

An amendment was moved by Councillor Barbara Brodigan, and seconded by Councillor Kevin Foster that the notice of motion be referred to Strategic Planning Committee.

A vote was taken on the amendment, there were 16 votes for and 36 votes against, and the amendment therefore fell.

On a vote being taken on the substantive motion, 45 Members votes for the motion, 3 voted against and there were 3 abstentions. The Chair declared the motion carried.

117(6) Winter fuel allowance

That this Council notes:

- the Government's recent legislation restricting entitlement to the Winter Fuel Payment to households in receipt of Pension Credit or certain other means-tested benefits
- that in North Yorkshire, 131,000 pensioners are affected by this change as fewer than 10% of pensioners claim Pension Credit
- that 11,000 of the 131,000 do not claim the Pension Credit to which they are entitled

And therefore this Council resolves to:

- write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer calling for the policy of linking Winter Fuel Payments to Pension Credit receipts to be immediately paused and fairer criteria to be introduced to determine eligibility for Winter Fuel Payments
- immediately maximise its awareness campaign, including urging those eligible to claim their Pension Credit and explaining other support available to those in fuel poverty, such as Warm and Well, the Household Support Fund and the North Yorkshire Local Assistance Fund
- sign the "save the Winter Fuel Payment for struggling pensioners" petition organised by Age UK

Relevant SDGs:

- SDG 1: No Poverty - Addressing poverty among pensioners by ensuring they receive adequate support.
- SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being - Ensuring pensioners have access to resources that contribute to their health and well-being, such as heating during winter.
- SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities - Reducing inequalities by ensuring all pensioners have access to necessary benefits.
- SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities - Supporting vulnerable populations within communities to live with dignity and security.
- SDG 13: Climate Action - Promoting sustainable practices and support systems that help mitigate the impacts of climate change on vulnerable populations.

Proposer: Councillor Dan Sladden
Seconder: Councillor Monika Slater

The Leader agreed to write to the Chancellor regarding the issues raised, and therefore the Chair considered that the motion had been dealt with.

117(7) Community Impact

Reflecting the declared intent of North Yorkshire Council to become the most local large Unitary in England, and in light of this Council adopting the United Nations Sustainability and Development Goals (SDGs) as the basis for policy development, implementation and monitoring, there is a need to ensure that any decisions made by the Council are properly weighed in the light of their potential impact on local communities (SDG goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities).

Whilst it is acknowledged that financial, legal, equalities and climate change implications of policy changes are already a requirement in the development of policy, Council accepts that decisions should also be taken in the full knowledge of any impact on local economies and the health and wellbeing of local communities (SDG goal 3: Good Health and Well-being), either in specific geographical locations or more generally.

Council therefore resolves that by December 2025 it will explore and adopt appropriate means to ensure that policies and decisions made by Council are properly informed by their potential impact on local communities (SDG goal 17: Partnerships to deliver the Goals).

Council also notes that:

1. By focusing on the local impact of decisions, this motion will support the creation of inclusive, safe, and resilient communities. It ensures that development is sustainable and beneficial to residents.
2. The motion aligns with the goal of taking urgent action to combat climate.

Proposer: Councillor Peter Lacey
Seconder: Councillor Chris Aldred

The motion was moved and seconded and referred to the Scrutiny Board to determine the most appropriate overview and scrutiny committee.

117(8) Voluntary, Community & Social Enterprise Sector – impact of the Chancellor’s budget

This Council acknowledges the invaluable work, and significant added value that the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) sector makes in harnessing local volunteer capacity and community assets to help the Council achieve its responsibilities in

maintaining and improving the health and wellbeing of local communities. Council also notes the potential impact of the Chancellor's decision to increase Employers National Insurance contributions and the unintended consequence that this will have on the VCSE sector.

We therefore call on the Council to explore all means possible to alleviate the impact of the change in employer NI contributions on those VCSE organisations with whom the Council has a contractual relationship for the provision of services or who receive grant funding from the Council in the budget setting process for 2024/25 in order to minimise the impact that this measure will have for local communities, *whilst recognising the tight financial position of the Council and the need to secure good value for money.*

Proposer: Councillor Peter Lacey
Seconder: Councillor Matt Walker

The motion was moved by Councillor Peter Lacey and seconded by Councillor Matt Walker. In moving the motion Councillor Lacey referred to an amendment, in italics above, which had been made following discussion with Councillor Gareth Dadd.

On a vote being taken the notice of motion was approved unanimously.

117(9) Support for the Climate and Nature Bill

North Yorkshire Council notes that:

The Climate and Nature Bill is backed by 372 local authorities, 250 cross-party MPs and Peers, alongside the support of eminent 1250 scientists and has passed 1st reading in the house.

The Bill requires the UK Government to develop and deliver a new environmental strategy, which would include:

1. Delivering a joined-up environmental plan.
2. Reducing emissions in line with our 1.5°C commitment.
3. Not only halting, but also reversing the decline in nature, setting nature measurably on the path to recovery by 2030.
4. Taking responsibility for our overseas emissions and ecological footprint.
5. Prioritising nature in decision-making and ending fossil fuel production and imports as rapidly as possible,
6. Ensuring that no-one is left behind, by providing retraining for people currently working in fossil fuel industries.
7. Giving people a say in finding a fair way forward through an independent and temporary Climate & Nature Assembly,

This council therefore resolves to:

1. Support in principle the Climate and Nature Bill.
2. Write to all North Yorkshire Members of Parliament asking them to support this bill.
3. Inform residents, and local press/media of this decision.

Direct relevance to the UN SDGs of the motion

1. **Climate Action (SDG 13):**
2. **Life Below Water and Life on Land (SDGs 14 & 15):**
3. **Responsible Consumption and Production (SDG 12):**
4. **Decent Work and Economic Growth (SDG 8):**
5. **Partnerships for the Goals (SDG 17):**
6. **Reduced Inequalities (SDG 10):**

Proposer: Councillor Steve Mason
Seconded: Councillor Bryn Griffiths

The motion was moved and seconded and referred to the Scrutiny Board to determine the most appropriate overview and scrutiny committee.

117(10) Adoption of an Active Travel Strategy

North Yorkshire Council recognises the importance of promoting active travel as a key component in improving public health, boosting local economies, connecting communities, reducing congestion, improving air quality, and contributing to our commitments on climate change and sustainability as specified in NYC's adopted Sustainable Development Goals.

Therefore, North Yorkshire Council:

- Commits to develop and implement an Active Travel Strategy by December 2025, that will outline a clear framework for promoting and supporting walking, cycling, and other active travel modes across the county.
- Uses data from the already completed 'Let's Talk Climate' and 'Let's Talk Transport' consultations to ensure that the strategy reflects the diverse needs and aspirations of our communities
- Incorporates the following key principles into the strategy:
 1. Accessibility and Inclusivity: Ensure that active travel infrastructure is accessible to all residents.
 2. Safety: Prioritise the development of safe walking and cycling routes, especially near schools, town centres, and residential areas.
 3. Integration with Public Transport: Improve connections between active travel routes and public transport hubs to encourage multimodal journeys.
 4. Sustainability: Promote active travel as a means to reduce carbon emissions and improve air quality across North Yorkshire.
 5. Health and Wellbeing: Recognise and promote the physical and mental health benefits associated with active travel.
 6. Identifies potential funding sources to support the implementation of the strategy, including national grants, regional partnerships, and private sector collaboration.
 7. Sets measurable goals and a timeline for the implementation of the Active Travel Strategy, ensuring regular monitoring and review processes to track progress and outcomes.
 8. Works with neighbouring local authorities and regional bodies to ensure that the strategy aligns with broader regional efforts to promote sustainable and active transport.

This motion works towards the following Sustainable Development Goals:

- Goal 3: Good Health and Well-being - Ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being for all at all ages.
Relevance: Encourages active travel to improve physical and mental health.
- Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities - Making cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable.
Relevance: Develops infrastructure for walking and cycling to create safer and more connected communities.

- Goal 13: Climate Action - Taking urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.
Relevance: Promotes active travel to reduce carbon emissions and improve air quality.
- Goal 17: Partnerships for the Goals - Strengthening the means of implementation and revitalising the global partnership for sustainable development.
Relevance: Utilises consultations and collaborations to ensure diverse community needs are met and strategies align with broader efforts.
- Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities - Reducing inequality within and among countries.
Relevance: Ensures active travel infrastructure is accessible to all, addressing inequalities.
- Goal 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure - Building resilient infrastructure, promoting inclusive and sustainable industrialization and fostering innovation.
Relevance: Integrates active travel routes with public transport to encourage efficient, multimodal travel.
- Goal 16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions - Promoting peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, providing access to justice for all, and building effective, accountable, and inclusive institutions at all levels.
Relevance: Establishes measurable goals and regular reviews to ensure transparency and accountability.

Proposer: Councillor Hannah Gostlow

Seconder: Councillor Bryn Griffiths

The motion was moved and seconded and referred to the Scrutiny Board to determine the most appropriate overview and scrutiny committee.

Update on progress with Motions referred to Overview and Scrutiny

The following motion that was referred to Scrutiny from Full Council on 15 May 2024 will be brought back to a meeting of Full Council in February 2025. It has been agreed with the proposer and seconder of this motion that further time be allowed to consider all of the issues arising from this proposal.

- Treating care experience as a protective characteristic – Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The following motion that was referred to Scrutiny from Full Council on 21 February 2024 will be brought back to a meeting of Full Council in February 2025. It has been agreed with the proposer and seconder of this motion that further time be allowed to consider all of the issues arising from this proposal.

- To reduce the budget for mowing and spraying by at least £100k a year and to cease all purchases of any products containing glyphosate or neonicotinoids – Scrutiny of Health Committee

118 Motion on Residents right to grow referred from Council on 15 May 2024 - Recommendation from the Corporate and Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Council were requested to consider the recommendation of the Corporate and Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee following consideration of a Notice of Motion which had been referred to it by Council at its meeting held on 15 May 2024. The recommendations of the Committee were set out in the report of that Committee at page 40 of the agenda and were that:

- i. The 'Right to Grow' Motion as written not be upheld due to the implications of the approach on council priorities and resources.
- ii. Additional time be given to officers to develop a responsive approach to community grow within the context of current capacity and cross-cutting strategic priorities.
- iii. Consideration for the provision of allotment land as part of new housing developments be a policy provision within the new Local Plan.

The original motion that was to be debated is as detailed below:

This Council notes:

- Its own commitment to conserving biodiversity in order to help mitigate climate change by increasing capture and storage of carbon in ecosystems, and support adaptation to climate impacts.
- That trees and green space in urban environments can help prevent floods, cool streets, sequester carbon emissions, filter air pollution, and provide an important habitat for insect and plant-life.
- The increasing need to put the health and well-being of residents at the heart of our Council strategies.
- The powerful evidence which demonstrates the link between people's health and wellbeing and the availability of fresh locally produced food.
- That the cost-of-living crisis is creating real hunger reinforcing the need for healthy fresh food at an affordable price.
- That communities coming together to grow can radically reduce costs to NHS and social care budgets by reducing loneliness and providing healthy food.
- That there is plenty of under-used publicly owned land which could be used for community food growing while also improving the public realm.

This Council agrees:

- Identify and produce a map of all Council owned land suitable for community cultivation that is publicly available at no cost to residents, and actively promoted across all wards.
- Land should be considered suitable for cultivation for food or biodiversity unless containing proven hazards or unless development is due within 24 months.
- Make this land available for cultivation by a simple license to community organisations at no cost.
- Ensure the license does not contain conditions that present a significant barrier to residents in terms of financial or practical requirements.
- Ensure that where community groups cultivating on public realm land for food growing or wildlife spaces, the groups are given an opportunity to bid for the land should it be tendered to sale.
- Allow the necessary infrastructure such as access to water and/or for water harvesting to enable sustainable cultivation for all.
- Ensure that allotment provision adheres to the 1969 Thorpe Report which recommends a minimum provision equivalent to 15 plots per 1,000 households. In the 2011 census, 256,594 households were recorded in North Yorkshire.'

Proposer Cllr Hannah Gostlow
Secunder Cllr Steve Mason

The motion was moved by Councillor Hannah Gostlow and seconded by Councillor Steve Mason.

In moving the motion Councillor Hannah Gostlow proposed amendments to the original motion and the recommendations of the Corporate and Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee as detailed below, and these amendments were seconded by Councillor Steve Mason.

Amendments to the original motion:

This Council agrees:

- ~~Identify and produce a map of all Council owned land suitable for community cultivation that is publicly available at no cost to residents, and actively promoted across all wards.~~
- *Work towards an approach where Council owned land suitable for community cultivation is proactively identified, mapped and made publicly available to communities, and in the meantime, where community groups come forward and have identified land, then in principle there would be no objection to assisting them.*
- Land should be considered suitable for cultivation for food or biodiversity unless containing proven hazards or unless development is due within 24 months.
- Make this land available for cultivation by a simple license to community organisations at no cost.
- Ensure the license does not contain conditions that present a significant barrier to residents in terms of financial or practical requirements.
- Ensure that where community groups cultivating on public realm land for food growing or wildlife spaces, the groups are given an opportunity to bid for the land should it be tendered to sale.
- Allow the necessary infrastructure such as access to water and/or for water harvesting to enable sustainable cultivation for all.
- ~~Ensure that allotment provision adheres to the 1969 Thorpe Report which recommends a minimum provision equivalent to 15 plots per 1,000 households. In the 2011 census, 256,594 households were recorded in North Yorkshire.~~
- *Accept the 1969 Thorpe Report which recommends a minimum provision equivalent to 15 plots per 1,000 households, and ensure consideration for the provision of allotment land as part of new housing developments be a policy provision within the new Local Plan.*

(Additional wording in italics)

Amendments to the recommendations of the Corporate and Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

- i. The 'Right to Grow' Motion as written is not upheld due to the significantly increased resource implications of the proposed approach on council resources.
- ii. Instead, some priority time will be allocated to officers to develop a responsive approach to community grow schemes, within the context of current capacity and the council's cross-cutting sustainable development goals.
- iii. Consideration is to be given to the provision of allotment land, as an integral part of significant new housing developments within policy provision within the new Local Plan.
- iv. Where community groups come forward and have identified council owned land, then pro-active assistance will be provided by officers to support these groups.

Councillor Andrew Williams, Chair of the Corporate and Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee, moved the original recommendations of that Committee as an amendment and this was seconded by Councillor Gareth Dadd.

The amendment was then debated.

On a vote being taken on the amendment 42 Members voted for the amendment, 34 voted against and there was one abstention.

The recommendations of the Corporate and Partnership Committee were then voted on as the substantive motion and it was resolved that:

- i. The 'Right to Grow' Motion as written not be upheld due to the implications of the approach on council priorities and resources.
- ii. Additional time be given to officers to develop a responsive approach to community grow within the context of current capacity and cross-cutting strategic priorities.
- iii. Consideration for the provision of allotment land as part of new housing developments be a policy provision within the new Local Plan.

(43 Members voted for the motion, 34 voted against and there were no abstentions)

119 To consider the report and recommendations of the Executive and make decisions on them

The Executive had recommended five matters to Council for a decision, there were:

- Report and recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Member Allowances for 2025/2026
- Adoption of North Yorkshire Housing Assistance and Disabled Facilities Grant Policy
- North Yorkshire Cultural Strategy
- Neighbourhood Planning – Making of the Malton and Norton Neighbourhood Development Plan
- Neighbourhood Planning – Making of the Pannal and Burn Bridge Neighbourhood Development Plan

All five decisions were considered separately at the meeting at Minutes 121 to 125.

120 Appointments to Committees and Outside Bodies

The recommendations at page 45 of the agenda pack (page 2178 of the Minute Book) were moved and seconded.

Resolved –

- (a) Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Councillor Steve Mason to come off the committee and Councillor Monika Slater to be appointed.

Mrs Yvonne Methley to replace Mr Andrew Smith as the Church of England, co-opted and voting representative on the committee.

Mr Stephen Jennings to replace Mr Stephen Maltby as the Primary Teacher representation, co-opted and non-voting representative on the committee.

- (b) Transport, Economy, Environment and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Councillor Arnold Warneken to step down from the committee and Councillor David Noland to be appointed in his place.

- (c) Harrogate and Knaresborough Area Planning Committee
Councillor Paul Haslam to be appointed to the North Yorkshire Independent vacancy on the Committee as an unaffiliated independent.

- (d) North Yorkshire Health and Wellbeing Board
Ali Jan Haider to step down as the representative of the Bradford District and Craven Health and Care Partnership (part of NHS West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board).

Shaun Jones to step down as the representative of the NHS England and NHS Improvement (North East and Yorkshire).

Richard Flinton to step down as one of the five local authority officer representatives.

- (e) Statutory Licensing Committee
Councillor Mike Jordan to be appointed to the vacant North Yorkshire Independent seat on this committee.

- (f) Pension Fund Committee
Councillor John Cattanach to step down from the committee and Councillor Mike Jordan to be appointed.

- (g) Pension Board
Mr Eddie Brass to be appointed to the current vacant position for a Scheme Member representative on the Board.

Mr John Fletcher to be appointed to the current vacant position for a UNISON representative on the Board.

- (h) Housing and Leisure Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Councillor Steve Mason to come off and Councillor Matt Walker to be appointed

- (i) General Licensing and Registration Committee
Councillor Felicity Cunliffe-Lister to come off and Councillor Andrew Timothy to be appointed

- (j) York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority – Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Councillor Arnold Warneken to step down from the committee and Councillor Kevin Foster to be appointed

Councillor Steve Shaw-Wright to step down from the committee and Councillor Bob Packham to be appointed.

121 Report and recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Member Allowances for 2025-26

The recommendations at page 47 of the agenda pack (page 2181 of the Minute Book) were moved and seconded. In moving the motion Councillor Carl Les, Leader of the Council, noted concerns expressed by Members in relation to the recommendations of the Panel and asked the Panel to note these concerns.

The following amendment was moved by Councillor Dan Sladden and seconded by Councillor Peter Lacey.

The Independent Remuneration Panel's report is accepted, subject to the proviso that the increase in Members' Basic Allowance should be the lower of 2% and the lowest increase in salary granted to any council employee for 2025/26.

Proposed Cllr Dan Sladden
Seconded Cllr Peter Lacey

A vote was taken on the amendment 13 members voted for, 72 voted against and there were 2 abstentions. The amendment therefore fell.

On a vote being taken on the substantive motion 68 Members voted for the motion, 5 voted against and there were 14 abstentions.

Resolved –

- i. The Basic Allowance (BA) paid to each councillor should increase to £17,340, a 2% inflationary increase over the 2024-25 allowance of £17,000.
- ii. There should be no general increase in the Special Responsibility Allowances (SRAs) paid to those councillors who take on additional duties and responsibilities.
- iii. New SRAs are recommended for the Vice-Chairs of the six Area Committees and the new Development Plan Committee, as detailed in Appendix 1.
- iv. The SRA paid to the Chair of the Licensing Sub-Committees should be amended so that it is apportioned between the Chair and other members hearing appeals.
- v. The SRAs paid to the councillor members of the North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel should be reduced, as detailed in Appendix 1.
- vi. The remuneration received by councillor directors of Yorwaste Ltd., a company owned by North Yorkshire Council (the Council), should be reduced, as detailed in Appendix 1.

At 12:56 pm the Chair adjourned the meeting for lunch.

The meeting was re-convened at 1:50 pm.

122 Adoption of North Yorkshire Housing Assistance and Disabled Facilities Grant Policy

The recommendations at page 65 of the agenda pack (page 2198 of the Minute Book) were moved and seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion was declared carried unanimously.

Resolved –

That Council adopt the North Yorkshire Housing Assistance and Disabled Facilities Grant Policy Housing Strategy as recommended by Executive following consideration of the report 'Adoption of a North Yorkshire Housing Assistance and Disabled Facilities Grant Policy' at their meeting on 17 September 2024.

123 Cultural Strategy for North Yorkshire

The recommendations at page 95 of the agenda pack (page 2228 of the Minute Book) were moved and seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion was declared carried unanimously.

Resolved –

That the Council adopt the North Yorkshire Cultural Strategy, including the shared objectives relating to collaborative working with City of York and the Mayoral Combined Authority.

124 Neighbourhood Planning – Making of the Malton & Norton Neighbourhood Development Plan

The recommendations at page 127 of the agenda pack (page 2260 of the Minute Book) were moved and seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion was declared carried unanimously.

Resolved –

- i. That Council make the Malton and Norton on Derwent Neighbourhood Plan 2020-2027 7.1.2; and
- ii. That Council approve the Regulation 19 Decision Statement set out at Appendix A to this report. As recommended by Executive following consideration of the Malton & Norton on Derwent Neighbourhood Development Plan Referendum results, the Regulation 19 Decision Statement and the requirements of North Yorkshire Council as the Local Planning Authority to formally 'make' or adopt the Malton & Norton Neighbourhood Development Plan, at their meeting on 5 November 2024.

125 Neighbourhood Planning – Making of the Pannal & Burn Bridge Neighbourhood Development Plan

The recommendations at page 131 of the agenda pack (page 2264 of the Minute Book) were moved and seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion was declared carried unanimously.

Resolved –

- i. That Council make the Pannal & Burn Bridge NDP on or before the 29 November 2024.

- ii. That Council approve the Regulation 19 Decision Statement set out at Appendix A to this report as recommended by Executive following consideration of the Pannal & Burn Bridge Referendum results, the Regulation 19 Decision Statement and the requirements of North Yorkshire Council as the Local Planning Authority to formally 'make' or adopt the Pannal & Burn Bridge Neighbourhood Development Plan, at their meeting on 5 November 2024.

126 Community Governance Review Kirby Grindalythe and Duggleby Parish Council

The recommendations at page 135 of the agenda pack (page 2269 of the Minute Book) were moved and seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion was declared carried unanimously.

Resolved –

That:

- i. the Terms of Reference for the Review and Consultation Programme attached at Appendix 1 be approved.
- ii. the request for a CGR of Kirby Grindalythe & Duggleby Parish Council is supported.
- iii. a working group comprising of three members of the Standards and Governance Committee be convened to oversee the review.

127 Harrogate and Scarborough Town Councils - Anticipation of Budget and Precepts for 2025/2026

The recommendations at page 145 of the agenda pack (page 2279 of the Minute Book) were moved and seconded.

On a vote being taken 81 Members voted for the motion, one against and there were no abstentions.

For: Councillors Chris Aldred, Joy Andrews, Karl Arthur, Alyson Baker, Philip Barrett, Philip Broadbank, Eric Broadbent, Barbara Brodigan, Andy Brown, Nick Brown, David Chance, Liz Colling, Mark Crane, Sam Cross, Felicity Cunliffe-Lister, Gareth Dadd, Melanie Davies, Caroline Dickinson, Stephanie Duckett, Keane Duncan, Kevin Foster, Sam Gibbs, Caroline Dickinson, Hannah Gostlow, Bryn Griffiths, Tim Grogan, Michael Harrison, Paul Haslam, Robert Heseltine, David Hugill, Nathan Hull, George Jabbour, David Jeffels, Janet Jefferson, Mike Jordan, Nigel Knapton, Peter Lacey, Carl Les OBE, Cliff Lunn, John Mann, Steve Mason, John McCartney, Heather Moorhouse, Andrew Murday, Simon Myers, Bob Packham, Andy Paraskos, Stuart Parsons, Yvonne Peacock, Clive Person, Heather Philips, Jack Proud, Tony Randerson, John Ritchie, Janet Sanderson, Mike Schofield, Karin Sedgwick, Subash Sharma, Steve Shaw-Wright, Dan Sladden, Monika Slater, Andy Solloway, David Staveley, Neil Swannick, Roberta Swiers, Malcolm Taylor, Angus Thompson, Andrew Timothy, Matt Walker, Arnold Warneken, Steve Watson, David Webster, John Weighell OBE, Greg White, Anabel Wilkinson, Andrew Williams and Robert Windass.

Against: Councillor Rich Maw

Abstentions: none

Resolved –

That Council approves the following budgets and precepts for 2025/26:
Harrogate Town Council £362,000
Scarborough Town Council £384,000

128 To consider the Annual Report and recommendations of the Audit Committee

The Annual Report of the Audit Committee was considered. The recommendation at paragraph 16.1 (page 2287 of the Minute Book) that Council note the report as set out at Appendix A was moved and seconded.

As Council were asked to note the report no vote was taken.

129 To consider the Annual Report and recommendations of the Pension Board

The Annual Report of the Pension Board was considered and the recommendation at paragraph 3.1 (page 2291 of the Minute Book) was moved and seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion was declared carried unanimously.

Resolved –

The Annual Report of the Pension Board, as set out in Appendix A, be noted.

130 Statements of Executive Members and Chairmen of Overview and Scrutiny Committees

Statements of Executive Members, in the order set out below, followed by the Statements of the Chairmen of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

**130 Executive Member for Finance and Resources - Councillor Gareth Dadd
(a)**

Councillor Gareth Dadd, Executive Member for Finance and Resources, made a statement and answered questions. A summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appeared at pages 193 - 194 of the agenda pack and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 2325 to 2326).

**130 Executive Member for Open to Business - Councillor Mark Crane
(b)**

Councillor Mark Crane, Executive Member for Open to Business, made a statement and answered questions. A summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appeared at pages 195 to 198 of the agenda pack and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 2327 to 2330).

**130 Executive Member for Corporate Services - Councillor Heather Phillips
(c)**

Councillor Heather Phillips, Executive Member for Corporate Services, made a statement and answered questions. A summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appeared at pages 199 to 204 of the agenda pack and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 2331 to 2336).

130 (d) Executive Member for Highways and Transportation - Councillor Keane Duncan

Councillor Keane Duncan, Executive Member for Highways and Transportation, made a statement and answered questions. A summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appeared at pages 205 to 206 of the agenda pack and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 2337 to 2338).

130 (e) Executive Member for Adult Services - Councillor Michael Harrison

Councillor Michael Harrison, Executive Member for Health and Adult Services, made a statement and answered questions. A summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appeared at pages 207 to 208 of the agenda pack and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 2339 to 2340).

130 (f) Executive Member for Culture, Arts and Housing - Councillor Simon Myers

Councillor Simon Myers, Executive Member for Culture, Arts and Housing, made a statement and answered questions. A summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appeared at pages 209 to 214 of the agenda pack and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 2341 to 2345).

130 (g) Executive Member for Children and Families - Councillor Janet Sanderson

Councillor Janet Sanderson, Executive Member for Children and Families, made a statement and answered questions. A summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appeared at pages 215 to 218 of the agenda pack and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 2347 to 2349).

130 (h) Executive Member for Managing our Environment - Councillor Greg White

Councillor Greg White, Executive Member for Managing our Environment, made a statement and answered questions. A summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appeared at pages 219 to 224 of the agenda pack and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 2351 to 2355).

130 (i) Executive Member for Education, Learning and Skills - Councillor Annabel Wilkinson

Councillor Annabel Wilkinson, Executive Member for Education, Learning and Skills, made a statement and answered questions. A summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appeared at pages 225 to 228 of the agenda pack and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 2357 to 2360).

130 (j) Scrutiny Board (Chair: Councillor Karin Sedgwick)

The written statement of Councillor Karin Sedgwick having previously been circulated and which appeared at pages 229 to 230 of the agenda pack and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 2361 to 2362), was noted. The Chair of the Scrutiny Board then answered questions.

130 Scrutiny of Health (Chair: Councillor Andrew Lee)
(k)

The written statement of Councillor Andrew Lee having previously been circulated and which appeared at pages 231 to 232 of the agenda pack and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 2363 to 2364), was noted. The Chair of the Scrutiny of Health Committee then answered questions.

130 Transport, Economy, Environment and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee
(l) (Chair: Councillor David Staveley)

The written statement of Councillor David Staveley having previously been circulated and which appeared at pages 233 to 234 of the agenda pack and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 2365 to 2366), was noted. The Chair of the Transport, Economy, Environment and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee then answered questions.

130 Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Chair: Councillor Barbara Brodigan)
(m)

The written statement of Councillor Barbara Brodigan having previously been circulated and which appeared at pages 235 to 236 of the agenda pack and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 2367 to 2368), was noted.

130 Housing and Leisure Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Chair: Councillor Malcolm Taylor)
(n)

The written statement of Councillor Malcolm Taylor having previously been circulated and which appeared at pages 237 to 238 of the agenda pack and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 2369 to 2370), was noted.

130 Care and Independence Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Chair: Councillor Karin Sedgwick)
(o)

The written statement of Councillor Karin Sedgwick having previously been circulated and which appeared at pages 239 to 240 of the agenda pack and which appears in the Minute Book (page 2371), was noted.

130 Corporate and Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Chair: Councillor Andrew Williams)
(p)

The written statement of Councillor Andrew Williams having previously been circulated and which appeared at pages 241 to 242 of the agenda pack and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 2373 to 2374), was noted. The Chair of the Corporate and Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee then responded to questions.

131 Corporate Calendar 2025/2026

The Corporate Calendar of committee meetings for 2025/26 was considered. The recommendation at paragraph 10.1 (page 2376 of the Minute Book) that Council note the dates and times of committee meetings as set out at Appendix A was moved and seconded.

As Council were asked to note the report no vote was taken.

132 Use of special urgency procedures since the last meeting of Council - Report of the Leader

The report on the Use of Special Urgency Procedures since the last meeting of the Council on 24 July 2024 was considered and the recommendation at page 272 of the agenda pack (page 2404 of the Minute Book) was moved and seconded.

Resolved –

That Council receives and notes the report.

133 Council Procedure Rule 10 Questions

There were no Council Procedure Rule 10 questions.

The meeting concluded at 3.57 pm.