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Thank you, York

The coming months will see decisions made that will shape our city's future and bring together months and years of work.

Perhaps the most high-profile of these is the Government's decision on where to bring the new Great British Railways Headquarters (GBR HQ). We were delighted to make the shortlist, and we're making the case for York and urging everyone to back our bid to bring rail home! As *Our City* goes to print we are yet to hear whether York's rightful status as the natural home of Great British Railways has been recognised.

Of even greater significance is a potential devolution deal for York and North Yorkshire. Earlier this month the Government announced the proposed deal (read more on page 12), which could see tens of millions of pounds annually invested in our city and region to boost growth, invest in local manufacturing and innovation, and

allow for more influence on things which affect local people.

We also continue to work to meet the challenges of sustainability, transport, and economic property in a post-covid world, and a city rich in history, heritage and opportunity.

All the above relates in some way to our commitment to meet the challenges of climate change locally, regionally and nationally. In 2019, we were among the first councils to announce a Climate Emergency, and we have since set an ambition to be a net-zero carbon city by 2030.

Our devolution deal focuses on our ambition to become England's first carbon negative region, removing more harmful carbon dioxide from the atmosphere than

we add to it. We're also making the case to Government for more investment in sustainable skills and technology across York and the region.

Active Travel England is already located in York, and our bid for GBR is about helping the UK find sustainable ways to move people and goods, while also being able to provide an economic boost to nearly 700 of the country's most deprived communities within an hour of York.

With these opportunities and challenges in mind, much of this edition of *Our City* is about Climate Change and sustainability, showcasing work that we, our partners, and people across York's communities are doing to make York greener, cleaner and more sustainable.



Work to build the Council's first Passivhaus homes at Duncombe Barracks begins this summer



Climate Change Action for York

Recent record-breaking hot weather has highlighted the urgency of action to limit our carbon emissions.

City of York Council published its climate change action update earlier this year. It tells residents about the work already underway to tackle, at a local level, the causes, and impacts of climate change.

In 2019, the Council declared a climate emergency and set its ambition for York to become a net-zero carbon city by 2030. Since then, over £345 million of investment has led to work to turn this ambition into a reality.

You can find examples of this investment on **page 4-5**

Buildings

The buildings across our city produce nearly 62 per cent of our total emissions, split evenly between homes and commercial buildings.

- The Council is making improvements to the energy efficiency of homes through the Home Upgrade Grant.
- Our Housing Delivery Programme will see around 400 new homes built to Passivhaus standard in the city, at least 40 per cent of which will be affordable (read more on page 7).
- The Guildhall reopened this year, following extensive refurbishment, becoming one of the most sustainable historic buildings in the UK by significantly reducing its carbon emissions through use of innovative new solutions (read more on page 14).



Transport

Transport contributes 27 per cent of the city's carbon emissions. We're working to make it easier for people to get about without contributing to the city's carbon emissions.

- 2020:** York became the first, and only, city in the country to voluntarily introduce a clean air zone for buses. Aimed at reducing exhaust emissions, this has led to one of the biggest all-electric park and ride services in the country.
Tier began a trial in York, providing e-scooters and e-bikes across the city, with an average of 20,000 trips a month.
- March 2022:** £8.4 million was awarded to the Council to support the purchase of an additional 44 electric buses to add to the 33 in service on the Park and Ride network. On top of this, another £17 million was awarded for the development of key bus schemes and initiatives across the city over the next three years.
- July 2022:** Nine new taxi licences were issued to wheelchair accessible vehicles, which are also fully electric or plug-in electric hybrid.
- 2022:** More than £3 million will be used to support active travel in York including, new cycle lanes, cycling lessons and more bike storage.



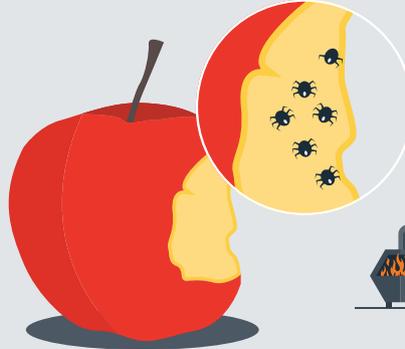
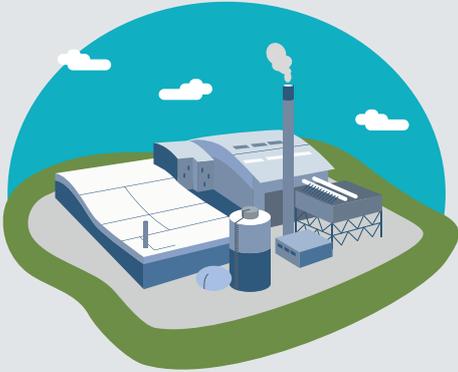
Environment

The York Community Woodland will become home to over 50,000 trees by 2023 and 210,000 in the next 10 years – one for every resident.

We have committed to increase the city-wide tree canopy, which will see 4,000 extra trees on top of existing targets planted by 2050. To support this, we've secured a £25,000 grant from the White Rose Forest to assess and digitally map new urban tree planting opportunities.

Waste and recycling

In 2021, two zero-emissions electric waste vehicles (eCollects) were introduced for trade waste collections. The vehicles, locally known as ThunderTrucks, operate six days a week. Being fully electric, they create less noise and air pollution within our city centre.



Since 2014 we've worked with Allerton Waste Recovery Park (AWRP) to process all our non-recycled waste.

At AWRP the waste is separated, and food waste is processed through an anaerobic digester, which works like a giant compost heap. Microscopic bugs break down the waste to help create renewable energy.

Any remaining items are burned at a minimum of 850C. The burning of waste at AWRP generates enough electricity to power 40,000 homes.

Energy supply

We're working with North Yorkshire County Council to improve the sustainability of York and North Yorkshire's energy system. A new Local Area Energy Plan will integrate heat, power, and transport. This will provide enough information to help build a business case for any future change.

We are also supporting 'Solar for Schools' project, inviting schools to access free solar panel installations, reduce their energy bills and carbon emissions. Several schools are already taking part in the scheme, and more schools are exploring the offer. If you are interested in taking this up, please contact

carbon.reduction@york.gov.uk



What will York look like in 2032?

Recently, the Government published the Levelling Up White Paper, which sets out the ambition to see the devolution deal for York and North Yorkshire progress, leading to the establishment of a Mayoral Combined Authority. Health and care reforms also set out how new Integrated Care Systems and partnerships will better support the wellbeing of residents.

To prepare for these major changes, it is important that York's challenges and opportunities are recognised.

To support this, the council is developing a 10-year strategy, informed by existing and emerging policies. Work is ongoing to develop three interdependent 10-year strategies on economy, climate change and health and wellbeing, based on the priorities set.

The draft 10-year strategies are based on the views and opinions collected from over 2000

participants, focus groups, round table discussions, joint scrutiny committees and public surveys.

The strategies will set the direction for our city in the decade ahead. The Council will work closely with partners, residents, and communities to develop policies and plans to meet the ambitions set out in these long-term strategies.

The Executive will consider whether to approve the 10-year strategies in October.

Engagement

Through the Our Big Conversation Strategies survey in 2021, we heard from approximately 2,000 residents and businesses about their views on carbon reduction, transport, and the economy.

In 2022, the Council carried out a second, more focussed phase of engagement on these same topics, reaching out to under-represented audiences and carrying out focus groups to help inform key strategies and their implementation.

Earlier this summer we carried out a city-wide consultation. The public's views will be taken to a public Council Executive meeting to inform approval of the strategy on 6 October.

By 2030 York will be

- A greener, thriving economy driven by good business
- A healthier, fairer city
- Net-zero

Find out more

www.york.gov.uk/OurBigConversation



A view of some of the 165 homes on Lowfield Green, looking across the children's play area

Work starting on zero-carbon homes

Work is ramping up to deliver hundreds of new and sustainable homes across the city.

The 34 homes at Duncombe Barracks are being built to certified Passivhaus standards, having been co-designed by residents alongside the Council's Stirling Prize-winning architect Mikhail Riches. Much of the construction of the homes will take place off-site, so neighbours will find less on-site activity than on conventional builds. Residents were recently invited to meet building contractor Caddick to find out more about the construction plans.

At our Burnholme site in Heworth, 78 Passivhaus homes will be built, and work will begin later this year.

60% of the homes at both these sites will be affordable, three times what planning policy requires.

Planning permission has also been granted to build a further 85 super energy-efficient, zero-carbon homes at the Hospital Fields Road/Ordnance Lane

site in Fishergate. The Victorian 'Married Quarters' building will be kept and retrofitted to very high thermal comfort standards before being converted into intergenerational apartments with community space.

At least 40 per cent of all these homes will be for social rent and shared ownership.

All houses and apartments are designed to generous space standards, each will have private outdoor space and there will be new public green spaces for the community.

At Lowfield Green, where the programme's first homes were built with photovoltaic panels and high levels of insulation, over half are already occupied. The final phase will be released for social rent, shared ownership, and market sale later this year via Shape Homes, interest can be registered at:

www.shapehomesyork.com

The Council's programme to build affordable, super low energy homes has won five design awards.

The national Planning Awards 2022 recognised our Housing Delivery Programme as the country's Best Housing Scheme (fewer than 500 homes), and highly commended it for the Design Excellence award.

The Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) Yorkshire awarded it Excellence in Plan-Making.

The first phase of our Housing Delivery Programme at Lowfield Green won The Lord Mayor's award and the residential multiple dwellings category at the York Design Awards.

Our programme also won the 2022 Housing category for outstanding practice and setting extremely high standards at the Local Government Chronicle annual awards.



Ring road plans move forward

A planning application to improve the city's highway network through the York Outer Ring Road scheme has taken a step forward, as all the relevant planning documents have been completed. The scheme will reduce congestion, move car journeys out of the city centre and improve active travel facilities for pedestrians and cyclists.

The proposed plans include upgrades to six sections of the northern York Outer Ring Road from the A19 Shipton Road to the A1036 Little Hopgrove, including five roundabouts at:

- Clifton Moor
- Wigginton Road
- Haxby Road
- Strensall Road
- Monks Cross

The existing single-carriageway ring road will be widened to dual-carriageway in both directions.

In keeping with the council's ambition to be net-zero by 2040,

the plans also include improved active travel facilities to help pedestrians and cyclists cross the route at the junctions. If approved by planning, significant investment will support active travel, improved crossing facilities and the provision of an orbital pedestrian and cycle network. This will offer greater connectivity to work, leisure and retail destinations in the area and add over 6km to York's walking and cycling network.

Find out more at

www.york.gov.uk/YORR

York's Local Plan progress

York's Local Plan, a framework to guide development and protect the quality of the city's unique historic, natural, and built environment, is taking another step towards adoption.

The next phase of sessions with the independent inspectors is scheduled to take place in September, with a decision on adopting the plan expected in early 2023.

The Local Plan sets strategic priorities for the whole city and forms the basis for planning decisions. The Council will continue to work proactively with the inspectors to progress the plan.

www.york.gov.uk/localplanexamination



York Outer Ring Road improvements - Strensall Road Junction



York's HyperHub opens

The future of Electric Vehicle (EV) charging is here as York's new HyperHub opens.

The HyperHub is located next to the Park and Ride site at Monks Cross and is one of the largest charging hubs in Northern England. Poppleton HyperHub is set to open later this summer.

Both HyperHub sites will contain four ultra-rapid (150kW) and four rapid (50kW) vehicle chargers, helping to support the uptake of modern EVs that have larger battery capacities and are capable of ultra-rapid charging.

Monks Cross features four 175kW ultra-rapid chargers (which can be upgraded to 350kW when vehicle charging rates make that worthwhile), four 50kW rapid chargers, with an adjacent area having 30 7kW chargers for Park and Ride users.

The HyperHub also has a solar canopy which allows the site to generate its own renewable energy which can be stored in the Tesla Powerpack batteries at the charging hub, helping to reinforce the grid.

The ultra-rapid and rapid chargers are user-friendly for EV drivers and offer contactless payment methods.

Cars and vans can access the chargers, and the facility has been designed with no kerbs for better accessibility. Protection from the weather is provided by the solar canopy and all the electricity supplied from the National Grid will be generated by renewable sources.

The unique project is the result of a partnership between the council and EvoEnergy.

Rapid and ultra-rapid chargers cost 25 pence per kWh. This makes York one of the cheapest places in the UK for rapid and ultra-rapid charging.

After 90 minutes an overstay fee will be applied. The average stay for most customers is expected to be around 30 minutes.



If you're interested in learning more about the latest updates on climate change sign up to our monthly climate change newsletter at

york.gov.uk/form/EmailUpdates

Find out more

www.york.gov.uk/HyperHubs

On track for York's GBR Bid

Last month, the Department for Transport announced that York is one of the six locations to have been shortlisted to be home to the new Great British Railways (GBR) headquarters.

We've been home to the railways for over 150 years, and today, York is home to leading rail tech and data automation, making the city the perfect location for the future of the rail industry. With our rich rail heritage and growing rail sector and skills based in the city, York is the obvious choice for GBR.

Last month (25 July) we hosted a visit from Wendy Morton MP, the Rail Minister. She met with people and partners from across York and Yorkshire to hear why York is the natural home for GBR HQ.

To support York's bid use the hashtags #DestinationGBR, #YorkGBRHQ and #Yes2York.

For more information on York's bid visit www.york.gov.uk/DestinationGBR

Arrive in style at York Railway station

Work to improve the arrival experience at York's famous railway station are continuing. The station has been serving the city since 1877 and work is now taking place to modernise the entrance and improve the surrounding areas.

The ambitious scheme will completely transform the station frontage, providing an improved transport interchange, as well as revamping the public space around the station. In keeping with the Council's ambition to be net zero by 2030, the scheme aims to encourage more people to walk, cycle and use public transport to access the station, as well as creating a more welcoming and inclusive environment around the front of the railway station. It will also create an improved setting for the City Walls and other heritage buildings in the area.

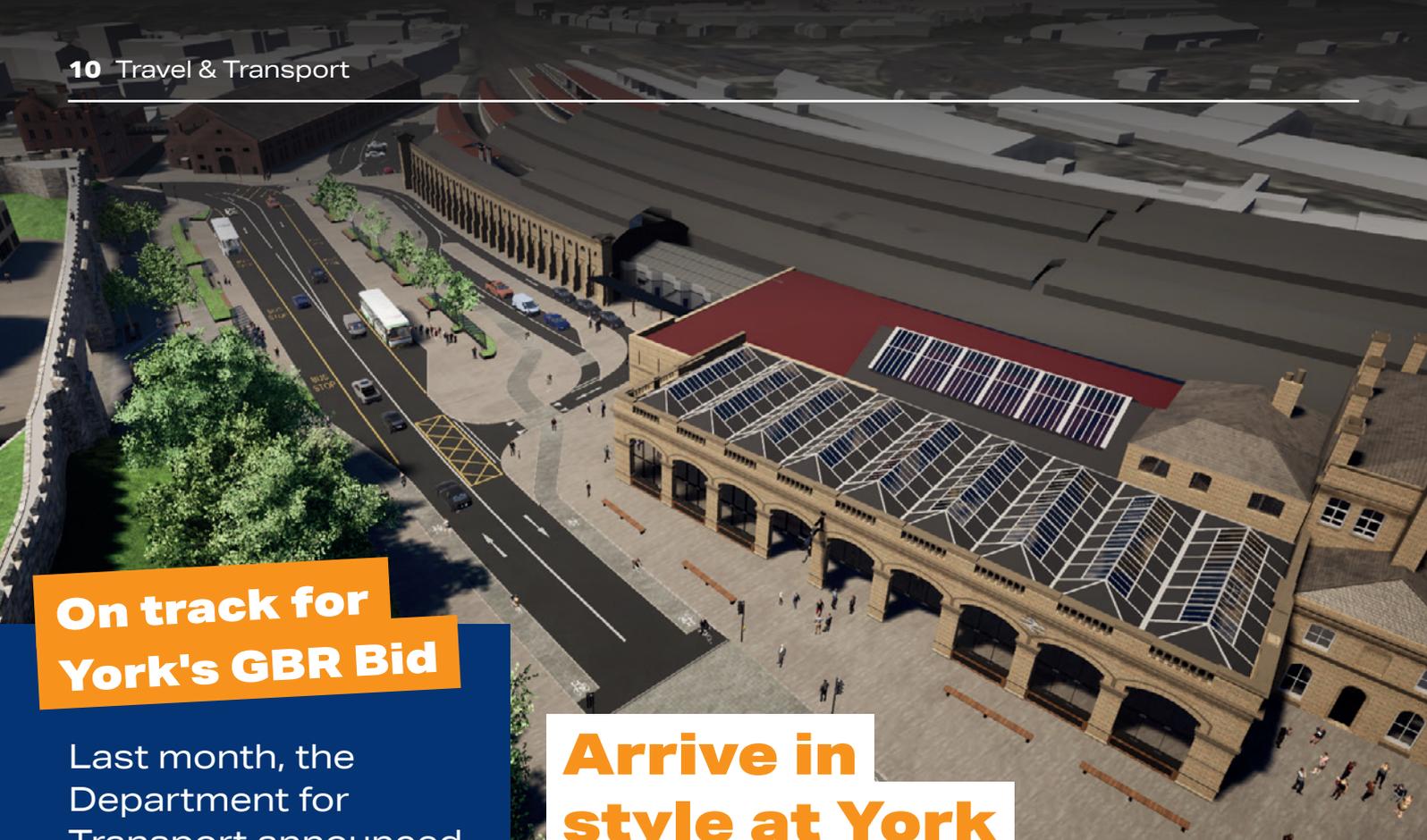
The full project, which is valued at over £25 million, is funded by

the West Yorkshire-Plus Transport Fund and the Leeds City Region Transforming Cities Fund.

Initial works to divert the utilities from Queen Street Bridge are well underway and later in the year a contractor will be appointed to carry out the main highway and public realm works, including the removal of the bridge.

The Council is working closely with project partners Network Rail, LNER, and West Yorkshire Combined Authority on this project.

Find out more at www.york.gov.uk/StationFront



Popular Terry Avenue cycle path reopens after flood works completed

A popular riverside cycle route has reopened, following completion of a scheme to protect more than 130 properties. The £7.7 million works at Clementhorpe, which form part of the £45 million York Flood Alleviation Scheme, has been underway since March 2021.

Works have been completed within the city centre and key schemes at Clifton Ings and Strensall is under construction. Our focus is now on upstream measures across the Rivers Swale, Ure and Nidd catchments, which are being developed by a partnership led by City of York Council funded via Defra innovation funds.

Nature-based solutions will make our river catchments more resilient to future events and slow the flow of water into the city supporting our improved flood defences. Further development of flood storage areas in the catchment will be reviewed by the Environment Agency to compliment this work.

The works included the construction of a 240-metre-long semi-permeable underground barrier beneath Terry Avenue. This barrier is intended to limit the amount of flood water that can pass under the overground flood defences and flood low-lying areas behind the defences. The project has also involved the installation of a new flood gate on Clementhorpe, at the junction with Terry Avenue as well as:

- The construction of a flood wall in front of Waterfront House
- The building of a new flood wall and raising of the road level at Dukes Wharf
- The construction of a new flood wall to link into the newly improved defences, completed by Roomzzz Hotel, on Lower Ebor Street
- Raising the corners of the existing boundary walls at Postern Close and installing new flood defences between Postern Close and Postern House.



Picture of the newly completed flood gate on Terry Avenue, courtesy of the Environment Agency

City and regional partners join (from L to R) Cllr Carl Les, Leader of North Yorkshire County Council, Greg Clarke, Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, and Cllr Keith Aspden



Next step towards devolution for York and North Yorkshire

This year's Yorkshire Day was one to remember, as the Government announced their proposed Devolution Deal for York and North Yorkshire, a major milestone towards securing devolution for York and North Yorkshire.

The deal, which was signed by Cllr Keith Aspden, Leader of City of York Council, Greg Clarke MP, Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, and Cllr Carl Les, Leader of North Yorkshire Council, would be worth £750 million to York

and North Yorkshire if it's agreed by the respective Councils. The proposal includes an elected mayor leading a new mayoral combined authority, which would receive devolved funding for transport, education and business support.

What happens next?

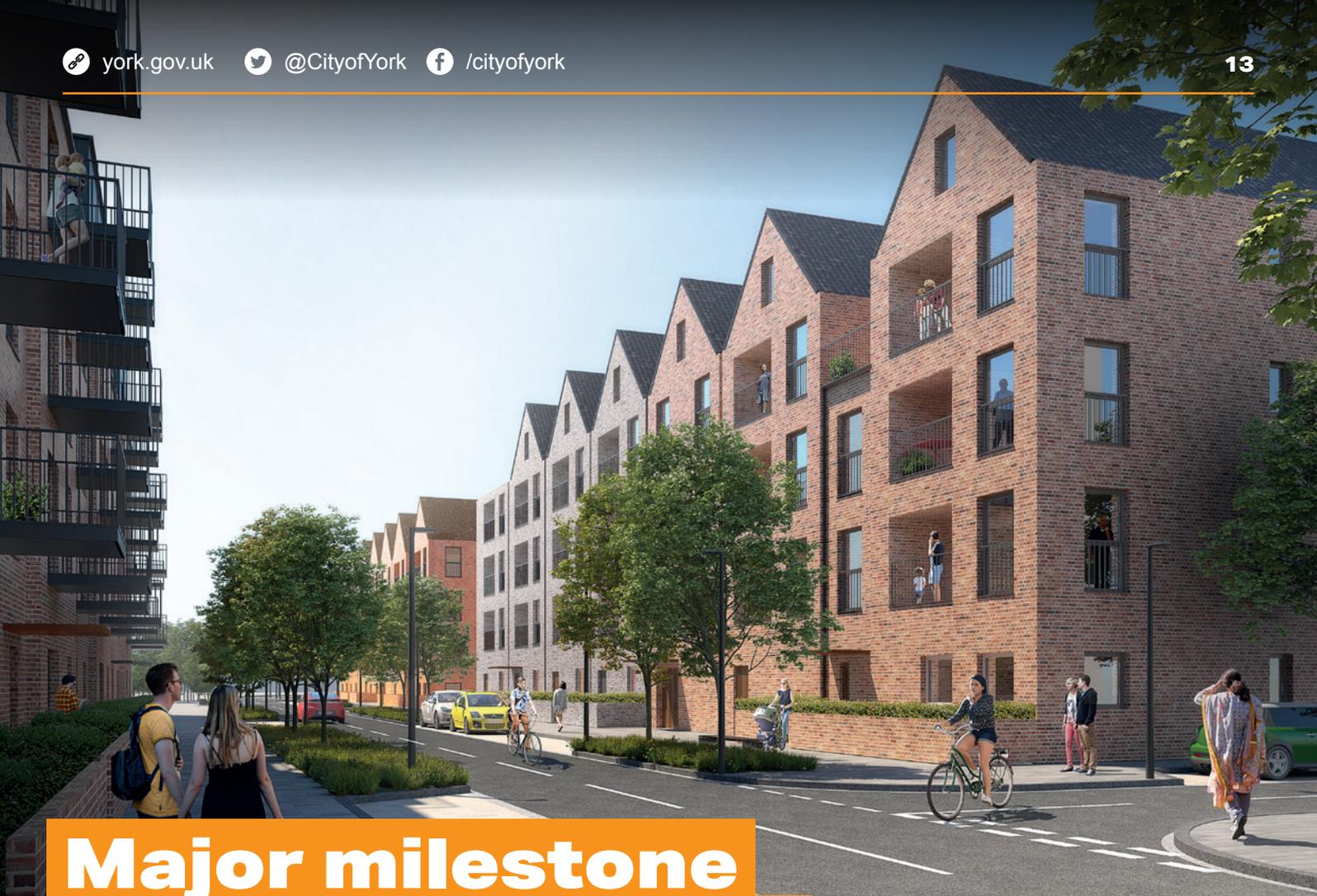
The proposed deal is available to view online over the summer. It will be considered by city councillors at a meeting of Full Council this Autumn, and, if agreed, a public consultation could take place later this year. After the consultation ends, councillors would be asked to consider the feedback and decide whether to agree the deal at a future public meeting.

Find out more

www.ynydevolution.com

What does the proposed deal include?

- £18 million per year, over 30 years, to invest in local priorities;
- up to £50 million to support the York Central brownfield regeneration scheme;
- £7 million towards becoming a carbon negative region;
- up to £2.65 million for affordable, low carbon homes;
- £13 million for new homes on brownfield land;
- supporting the development of BioYorkshire;
- new powers to drive regeneration and build more affordable homes;
- new transport powers to improve and integrate the regional transport network.



Major milestone as work begins at York Central

Homes England has contracted John Sisk and Son Ltd to deliver over £100m of vital infrastructure at York Central. Works have begun to unlock the city-centre brownfield site, which has been stalled for more than forty years.

York Central is one of the UK's largest regeneration sites. Situated at the heart of the city adjacent to York Station, the 45-hectare site offers a unique opportunity to transform underused brownfield land into a vibrant and distinctive new mixed-use neighbourhood – complete with residential, cultural, recreational, commercial and outdoor amenity spaces. Key infrastructure needed to enable

this transformation will be put in place over the next three years, making further development possible.

New roads and routes for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles through the York Central site will be in place before any existing routes are changed. These will feature attractive landscaping, improved pavement widths, lighting and greater segregation from cars in most places.



The long-term York Central project will provide up to 2,500 homes, 20% of which will be affordable, and over 1 million sq. ft. of commercial space for offices, retail and leisure, providing a significant boost for the local economy. It will also see improved connectivity and access, as well as significant high quality public realm and open spaces, including an urban park.

For more information on York Central visit:

- www.yorkcentral.info
- [facebook.com/YorkCentral01](https://www.facebook.com/YorkCentral01)
- [@YRKcentral](https://twitter.com/YRKcentral)

A new era for the historic Guildhall



Images courtesy of Vinci Construction



York's Guildhall has been opened after substantial refurbishment and redevelopment works.

As well as resuming its place at the heart of local democracy and events, it is providing a boost to York's economy. Businesses have already moved into the new office spaces, and the refurbished Guildhall could result in over 200 jobs being created - a £100 million boost to the city's economy in the next five years.

The once-in-a-generation project follows a long period where only reactive repairs were carried out; and represents the most significant investment since extensive rebuilding works after the bombing in 1942.

The redevelopment of the historic buildings has seen modern elements incorporated around the historic core of the Guildhall to secure the long-term future of the site: high quality offices, shared business space and meeting rooms (which are available for community use), a café, new riverside restaurant, and new external areas with better access for local residents. The Guildhall will be sustainable too, with a river source heat pump heating the historic building.

The building is leased to York Science Park (YSPL), a subsidiary

of the University of York, which specialises in operating business facilities and offers support for entrepreneurs and start-ups looking to grow. To help achieve our net-zero ambitions, the Guildhall will be sustainable too with a river source heat pump, meaning green technology will heat the building.

Find out more

www.york.gov.uk/Guildhall
www.yorksciencepark.co.uk



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We're here for everyone

The Health Trainers team celebrate their anniversary



Free help to get healthy

The Health Trainer service has just celebrated its first anniversary, after helping over 600 residents gain access to free health and wellbeing support.

Residents aged 16 years and over have benefited from the free service, including around 400 York residents getting support on how to quit smoking, and approximately 200 asking for advice on how to eat more healthily or fit more physical activity into their daily routines.

Skilled health trainers offer free confidential one-to-one support and guidance on:

- healthy eating advice and weight management
- finding new ways to be more active
- quitting smoking
- reducing alcohol intake
- helping people find groups and activities to get back out in the community.

Signing up is simple

Just visit: www.york.gov.uk/CYHealthTrainers and complete the online referral form, call 01904 553377 or email cyhealthtrainers@york.gov.uk

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Help with rising cost of living

We recognise the impact of the hike in the cost of living. Whether it's fuel bills or the weekly food shop, prices have risen sharply.

The council has invested £1.3million to support residents facing rising costs through the York Financial Assistance scheme (YFAS) since the start of the pandemic and has provided targeted support and advice to those in most need.

If you're struggling, there are a number of ways to get help for your household:

Fuel and food vouchers are being sent by us direct to people who are referred by support workers.

Council Tax Support (CTS) is a 'means-tested' discount off the council tax bill of residents on a low income.

If you're on welfare benefits, or claiming Universal Credit or Pension Credit, please check if you are eligible for CTS.

Household Support Fund (HSF) is support for financially vulnerable families with food, energy, and water bills. While eligible households known to the council have been paid directly, others can apply or be referred.

Council Tax Energy Rebate is a one-off £150 payment or Council Tax credit for all households living in Council Tax Band A-D.

A discretionary scheme is also open for those in Band E-H.

Don't get hooked by a loan shark

A new school year can be an expensive time of year for parents. With many household budgets already stretched, loan sharks will be looking for any opportunity to exploit those most in need. Make sure you know the signs and how to protect yourself at

www.stoploansharks.co.uk

If you're looking for a loan, consider using a credit union or get advice from www.york.gov.uk/benefits tel 01904 552044.

Know the signs of adult abuse

York residents are being asked to 'Know the Signs' and help prevent and stop the abuse of adults.

Whether domestic, emotional, financial, modern slavery, physical, sexual or discriminatory or organisational, abuse can have devastating and long-lasting effects.

Find out more and report your concerns at safeguardingadultsyork.org.uk or call 01904 551111.

Is your home cold?

Is your home is cold and your household income is £30,000 or below? If so, you could be eligible for up to £10,000 of free energy-saving measures to make your home more comfortable, and lower your energy bills. Find out more and apply at eenergy.com/ghg or call 0333 202 4820 Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm.

Find out more

For more information on these and other kinds of support,

www.york.gov.uk/benefits

benefits@york.gov.uk

01904 551556

www.livewellyork.co.uk/talkmoney

yorkenergyadvice.org.uk

info@yorkenergyadvice.org.uk

01904 922249.

What's happening in your community



(L to R) Sarah Garbacz, Explore York Libraries and Archives and Pat Wilford, Haxby & Wigginton Youth and Community Association

Libraries:

Work to bring a much-needed new library to the local community is taking shape in Haxby and Wigginton, with work also progressing to create a new and improved library for Clifton.

The council, Explore Libraries and Haxby & Wigginton Youth and Community Association are working together to co-locate a new library at Oaken Grove Community Centre. It will be open six days a week with a new reading café.

£5 million is being invested in the new Clifton library to create a state-of-the-art facility, holding 15,000 books, space for events, a reading café, a children's library, and a community partner area.

explore.york.gov.uk/future-libraries

York Sports Awards:

An Olympian and Paralympian led the 46 awards winners at the 9th York Sports Awards ceremony at the University of York.

Shot putter Scott Lincoln and Boccia athlete Beth Moulam were awarded Sportsman and Disability Sportsperson of the year. Rower Lucy Edmunds, who is now based in the US and a Great Britain Under 23 rower, was voted Sportswoman of the year.

Sport grants:

City of York Council's Sport and Active Leisure grant scheme has shared a total £12,737 among 26 sports and activity clubs. The grants will help make the clubs more accessible, offer more sports options and further improve their safety and wellbeing standards.

To support club members, all successful applicants are required to complete mental health awareness training.

york.gov.uk/SportsClubsFunding

York Pride:

This summer York Pride returned to the city with the first parade since 2019. On Saturday 18 June, council staff, councillors, schools and volunteers joined the Pride Parade from York Minster to the Knavesmire.

The Council was present all day with its 'council on a couch' initiative.



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York Welcomes new Lord Mayor

At May's Annual Council and Mayor Making meeting, Councillor David Carr was appointed the Right Honourable Lord Mayor of York.

For the first time since 2019, the meeting took place at York's 15th Century Guildhall (read more about it on page 14) and was followed by a procession through the city, ending at the Assembly Rooms.

Councillor Carr described his appointment as a privilege and an honour, saying he was looking forward with great pride to representing the people of York to the world.

The 2022/23 Civic Party is:

- The Rt Hon the Lord Mayor of York, Councillor David Carr (4 in the picture above)

- Lady Mayoress, Mrs Lynda Carr (3 in the picture above)
- Sheriff of York, Mrs Suzie Mercer (2 in the picture above)
- Sheriff's Consort, Mrs Rebecca Murphy (1 in the picture above)

The Lord Mayor's fundraising committee will organise support for charities chosen by the Civic Party, aided by Two Ridings Community Foundation, which makes grants and supports hundreds of community organisations.

New map of city centre facilities

We've provided a map with the following helpful information included:

- public toilets with disabled access (via RADAR key)
- Park & Ride sites and bus stops
- Blue Badge on-street parking bays
- dedicated disabled bays
- car parks with dedicated disabled bays
- footstreets and access restrictions

Find the map at

 york.gov.uk/DisabledAccess



York Supporting Ukraine

York is continuing to work together to support those fleeing the war in Ukraine.

227 Ukrainian guests are being supported in York, with 150 generous residents registered as hosts.

If you're a landlord able to offer housing please get in touch with:

City of Sanctuary
contact@yorkcos.org.uk

YorHome
yorhome@york.gov.uk
01904 555700

The city's first migrant hub ('Our City Hub') run by local residents has been launched - in partnership with York Explore and other organisations – offering multi-language signposting services and opportunities to engage with the local community.

Our City Hub, run by and for refugees at York Explore, is open every Saturday morning. The community-led cultural workshops offer a warm welcome to asylum seekers, refugees and migrants by delivering support, basic advice and referrals, and an interpretation and translation service.

This and other support comes from groups including the council, City of Sanctuary, Refugee Action York, York CVS and York Racial Equality Network (YREN), York City Church and the Gateway Centre.



Photo courtesy of Jasmin Paige Photography

City of Sanctuary are also supporting both guests and sponsors as well as coordinating volunteers and advising those thinking of becoming sponsors. Many other organisations have provided help with English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), offers of employment or other help in kind.

As expected, some refugees are now ready to find longer-term homes of their own and potential landlords are asked to get in touch with YorHome or City of Sanctuary.

Find out more

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Apply for bus passes and concessionary travel at  www.york.gov.uk/travelpasses

Keep informed about waste collections and issues at  www.york.gov.uk/waste

Report problems with roads, pavements or streets at  www.york.gov.uk/roads

Congratulations to York City

In May, York City Football Club won the National League North playoff final against Boston, earning a well-deserved promotion to the next National League next season.

The match had a record turnout with around 7,5000 fans flocking to the LNER Community Stadium to watch the match and cheer on city.

The York City women's team also celebrated great success this year as they were crowned County Cup champions and League champions in May.

For more information please call: 01904 551550

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 www.york.gov.uk/ReportProblems

Register for regular council updates by email at:

 www.york.gov.uk/form/EmailUpdates



What's on in York



York Environment Week

York Environment Week, which runs alongside the national Great Big Green Week, will host a wide range of events for all ages! From workshops on saving energy and other ways to improve your environmental impact, to eco fairs, local walks and children's activities around the city, from 24 September to 2 October.

York 50+ Festival

From 24 September to 2 October York will be hosting the 17th annual 50+ festival. The festival gives older people a chance to celebrate with younger people, to share events and skills, meet people with similar interests and take up new hobbies.

Find out more at

www.yorkassembly.org.uk/50-festival-22

Ghosts in the garden

Cementing York's reputation as one of the most haunted cities around, Ghosts in the Garden returns for another year.

This year's display promises to be bigger and better with extra locations for 2022. York BID (Business Improvement District) has again partnered with York design agency Unconventional Design to create the eerie sculptures, including ghostly monks and Vikings, and even a spectral squirrel.

Ghosts in the Gardens runs in Museum Gardens from 23 September until 7 November 2022 from 10:30am to 6pm every day. Opening time for other venues vary – check online at www.theyorkbid.com/event/ghosts-in-the-gardens/

For more information about what's on in York go to:

www.visit-york.org/whats-on

www.livewellyork.co.uk

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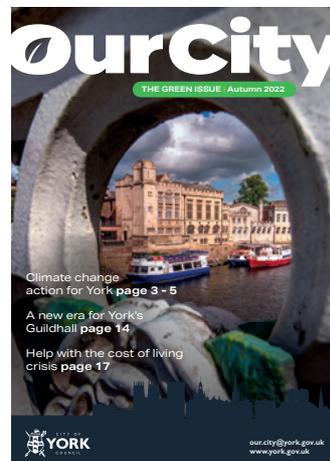
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