

Joint Administration Agreement (Governance)

This is an agreement between the Conservative and Liberal Democrat Groups, to establish a joint administration for City of York Council from May 21st 2015. This agreement covers the following: Governance, Budget and Appointments:

1. Governance

1.1 Leader - We agree that the Conservative Cllr Chris Steward will take the role of the Leader of the Council and Liberal Democrat Cllr Keith Aspden will take the role of Deputy Leader of the Council.

1.2 Cabinet - will be renamed the Executive and will consist of 4 Conservative representatives and 4 Liberal Democrat representatives as follows:

- Finance and Performance
- Economic Development and Community Engagement
- Environment
- Transport and Planning
- Culture, Leisure and Tourism
- Adult Social Care and Health
- Education, Children and Young People
- Housing and Safer Neighbourhoods

The leaders of the Labour and Green Group will be invited to attend and speak at Executive meetings.

The 8 Executive Members will take a pro-rata reduction in SRAs to be no more than the current 6.

1.3 – In order to ensure that decision-making is done in public with transparency and cross-party input a revised governance system will be put in place.

This will be based on a model with 5 Policy and Scrutiny Committees, appointed to make recommendations to the Executive, scrutinise executive decisions and assist in the development of policy in the following areas:

- Corporate and Scrutiny Management
- Learning and Culture
- Adult Social Care and Health

- Communities and Environment
- Economic Development and Transport

2. Budget

2.1 - Both parties agree to carry out a review of finances and as part of that will prepare and deliver a joint emergency budget in July 2015. We agree to deliver a joint budget for 2016/17 in February 2016.

3. Appointments

3.1 – Both parties agree to make the necessary appointments to both committees and outside bodies.

4. Good Governance

4.1 – Both parties agree to bring forward within 3 months a policy review to improve Governance, Transparency and Public Engagement.