

Council

19th June, 2025

PRESENT:-

Councillor Payne, Lord Mayor, in the Chair.
 Councillor Coward, Deputy Lord Mayor (D. C.);
 Councillors Beeson, Belcher, Bridges, Burton, Byrne, Cahill, Chambers, A. Collinson, M. Collinson, Conner, Dad, Dearing, Dolman, Drake-Davis, Fudge, Gardiner, Grozav, Haines, Hale, Healand, Henry, Herrera-Richmond, Hofman, Ieronimo, Jepmond, Kassim, Keal, Kemp, Kennett, Matthews, McCobb, McMurray, K. Neal, T. Neal, Nicola, North, Pantelakis, Preston, Pritchard, Quinn, Randall, Robinson, Ross, Singh, Smith, A. Thompson, D. Thompson, Tock, Wareing and Wilkinson.

APOLOGIES:-

Councillors Harper, Harrison, Hatcher, Petrini and Wood.

Minute No.	Description/Decision	Action By/Deadline
PROCEDURAL ITEMS		
	<p>STEPHEN TURNER</p> <p>The Lord Mayor explained that Stephen Turner, a lawyer employed by the City Council, had suddenly and unexpectedly passed away on 15th May, 2025. She passed on the Chamber's condolences to his family and friends.</p> <p>The Lord Mayor read a statement celebrating his life and, in particular, his work for Hull City Council.</p> <p>Those present then stood in silent tribute.</p>	
19	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>Councillor Wareing declared a personal interest in minute 24, insofar as he was a former train driver.</p> <p>Councillor Grozav declared a personal interest in minute 28, insofar as he was employed as a taxi driver.</p>	Director of Legal Services and Partnerships
20	<p>MINUTES</p> <p>Agreed – That the minutes of the Meeting of the City Council, held on 15th May, 2025, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and</p>	Director of Legal Services and Partnerships

	correctly recorded and be signed by the Lord Mayor.	
21	<p>COMPOSITION OF POLITICAL GROUPS</p> <p>The Assistant Director of Legal Services and Governance reported that Councillor Bridges had resigned from the Labour Group and was now sitting on the Council as an Independent, but not part of the Independent Group.</p> <p>Agreed – That the report be noted.</p>	
22	<p>MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES, JOINT COMMITTEES AND EXTERNAL BODIES</p> <p>Moved by Councillor Dolman and seconded by Councillor Herrera-Richmond:</p> <p>Councillor Dad as a member of Health and Wellbeing Board, not Councillor Pritchard, along with Councillors Chambers and Tock.</p> <p>Councillor Tock will not be the Deputy Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board, this will be the NHS Place Director for Hull.</p> <p>Councillor Belcher to replace Councillor Conner on the Communities Overview and Scrutiny Commission.</p> <p>Councillor Wareing to replace Councillor Conner on the Health and Well-being Board.</p> <p>Councillor Wood to be appointed to a Labour vacancy on the Audit Committee.</p> <p>Councillor Pritchard to be appointed to the vacancy on the Freetown Special Projects Trust.</p> <p>Only one Councillor T. Neal on the Amy Johnson Cup for Courage. Repetition to be deleted.</p> <p>Councillor Henry resigned from the Charterhouse Board of Trustees. Honorary Alderman Fareham to remain as a Council appointee to that Board.</p> <p>Councillor Henry to replace Councillor Randall on the Nuclear Free Local Authorities National Steering</p>	Director of Legal Services and Partnerships

<p>Committee. Records need to be updated accordingly.</p> <p>Councillor Conner to replace Councillor Healand on the Pickering and Ferens Homes Trust.</p> <p>Councillor Conner resigned from Hull Aid in Sickness Trust.</p> <p>Councillor Quinn replaced Councillor Pritchard on Trans-Pennine Trail Steering Group at the Council AGM. Records need to be updated accordingly.</p> <p>Councillor Pritchard resigned from Humberside Playing Fields Association.</p> <p>Councillor Pritchard resigned from the East Riding of Yorkshire and Kingston upon Hull Joint Local Access Forum.</p> <p>Delegation of “fairtrade” to sit with Councillor Quinn.</p> <p>To confirm that Councillor K. Neal sits on the Frances and Cyril Bibby Bequest Trust.</p> <p>Industrial Relations, and Health and Safety, to sit as delegations to Councillor Drake-Davis.</p> <p>To confirm Portfolio title changes for Councillor Pritchard to be “Culture, Leisure and Customer Services”; Councillor Drake-Davis to be “Economic Renewal, Housing and Organisational Development; Councillor Ieronimo to be “Transport and Infrastructure”; Councillor Haines to be “Communications and Policy Delivery”, and for all records to be updated accordingly.</p> <p>Councillor McCobb to be appointed to the vacancy on the Kinston Upon Hull William Wilberforce Lecture Trust.</p> <p>That the vacancy on the Charterhouse Board of Trustees, created by Councillor Henry’s resignation, be noted.</p> <p>That the vacancy on the East Riding of Yorkshire and Kingston Upon Hull Joint Local Access Forum, created by Councillor Pritchard’s resignation, be noted.</p>	
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	<p>That the vacancy on the Humberside Playing Fields Association, created by Councillor Pritchard's resignation, be noted.</p> <p>That the vacancy on the Hull Aid in Sickness Trust, created by Councillor Connor's resignation, be noted.</p> <p>Councillor McMurray to be the Labour Group's representative on both Hull Culture and Leisure and Kingstown Works Limited, when those positions become available.</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>	
NON-EXEMPT ITEMS		
23	<p>PETITIONS</p> <p>The Assistant Director of Legal Services and Governance reported that she had not received any petitions that needed to be considered by the City Council.</p> <p>Agreed – That the report be noted.</p>	
24	<p>LEADER'S STATEMENT</p> <p>(Councillor Wareing declared a personal interest in minute 24, insofar as he was a former train driver.)</p> <p>Councillor Ross, the Leader of the City Council, began his statement and commented on Hull Kingston Rover's victory in the Challenge Cup Final; Councillor Smith's (nee Raspin) recent marriage; the Cabinet's plan for the City's bridges; the Government's recent Spending Review; the ongoing situation in the Middle East; the Casey Review; the events that took place during the recent Business Week, and the Hessle Road Network's recent receipt of the National Youth Agency's 'Quality Mark' at Outstanding Level.</p> <p>Councillor Hale replied to the Leader's statement, and commented on Hull Kingston Rover's victory in the Challenge Cup Final; Councillor Smith's (nee Raspin) recent marriage, and the proposed closure of the Boothferry Road footbridge.</p>	

	<p>Councillor Wareing replied to the Leader's statement, and commented on Hull Kingston Rover's victory in the Challenge Cup Final; that JBCD Allstars would be sending three teams to the World Cheerleading Championships in Florida; the jobs under threat at Vivago Fuels; the Government's recent u-turns; the ongoing strikes at Hull Trains; the 10 millionth visitor at the Deep; the first meeting of the Hull and East Yorkshire Combined Authority; the electrification of the trainline between Selby and Hull, and the recent award of monies from the Neighbourhood Fund to Orchard Park.</p> <p>Agreed – That the Leader's Statement, and the responses to that statement, be noted.</p>	
25	<p>QUESTIONS (WITH WRITTEN NOTICE) TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL, MEMBERS OF THE CABINET, CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES AND OTHERS</p> <p>Councillor Keal asked if the Leader of the City Council could explain what the Labour Government's U-turn on the Winter Fuel Allowance would mean for pensioners in Hull?</p> <p>The Leader of the City Council replied that the first thing he would say about the U-turn was it was a long time coming. It had to be done but was incredibly frustrating that it took so long. Tens of thousands of pensioners here in Hull missed out on their Winter Fuel allowance payments last Winter. The Liberal Democrat Administration allocated over £375,000 to help pensioners in Hull who had lost out on the payment. The loss of the payment to residents was something the Council and the Liberal Democrats nationally had clearly said was wrong and needed to be reversed. It was good to see that the Labour Government had made a U-turn on this issue, albeit later in the day. He hoped they would do so on their planned devastating changes to other welfare payments. He hoped that this was the end of this matter for pensioners here in Hull. However, given the chaos that seemed to be happening in number 10 and the lack of clear plans, he didn't know what to expect next. The Council was still waiting for clarity from the Government about the impact of that change and what other changes may occur.</p>	

Councillor Wareing asked if the Leader of the City Council would give a commitment that the additional £20m for the Orchard Park Ward would see proper consultation with residents; those already working on the Ward to provide community services, and the local elected Ward Members, when determining how the funding was to be spent, in order to maximise the benefit for Ward residents in the long-term?

The Leader of the City Council replied that this Administration welcomed the Government's recognition of the need for investment in Hull and the £20m for Orchard Park. As Councillor Wareing had said, there was currently a lack of detail. However, one detail that was available was that the £20m was over ten years, so it could not all be spent now. The Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government had written to the Chief Executive stating that more details on the programme and how the funding could be used would be set out in due course. The Council wasn't informed beforehand what this money was for or indeed that the announcement was even coming. The Administration would, of course, expect and demand significant engagement with local residents, community groups and Ward Members on how the funding was used, within any constraints set by the national Government. When the Council received any sort of information from the Government, he would, of course, let everyone know.

Councillor Hale asked if the Leader of the City Council would provide Members with a verbal summary of the inaugural meeting of the Hull and East Yorkshire Combined Authority today, and in future provide a written report prior to each meeting of Full Council so that Members of Hull City Council could ask questions relating to Hull and East Yorkshire Combined Authority business?

The Leader of the City Council replied that the first Mayoral Combined Authority meeting with the Mayor present took place a couple of week ago. He was happy that the business was agreed in line with what he would have wanted. A highlight was around the Great British Energy Scheme. It was good to see all those that had voted, voting in favour of a

range of Net Zero schemes, which he thought may have been a surprise to some. It was good to see it take place in that manner. With regard to Councillor Wareing's second point, he would provide a written report on this issue prior to each Council meeting.

Councillor Randall asked the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Infrastructure, what plans were there to provide more ecofriendly bus shelters in Hull?

The Portfolio Holder for Transport and Infrastructure replied that over the course of the next nine months there would be 30 new environmentally friendly bus shelters across the City. Those would be in line with ones the Administration had brought in over the last few years. They would have a canopy which would support plants that helped insects and pollinators survive. The locations for those shelters were being reviewed at the moment. They would be in line with the standards given out by the Campaign for Better Transport. Once the assessments had been completed, he would share the outcome with each Ward. That was just one of the moves the Administration was making to provide Hull with more environmentally friendly public transport.

Councillor Nicola asked if the Leader of the Majority Opposition Group welcomed the announcement last week in the Spending Review, of £20 Million for the Orchard Park Ward in Hull and what did he think that would result in?

The Leader of the Majority Opposition Group replied that you had to acknowledge that this was changed thinking in relation to Orchard Park. A previously announced decision of Homes England was to effectively end the subsidy on Council housing. Councillor Ross and I wrote to Homes England. There was a review of that investment decision, which might be followed by the removal of the Boris Johnson appointed boss of Homes England. That showed what the previous Government thought of Orchard Park. It was the typical London centric Green Book application of process which had left behind entire communities in the North, deprived areas like Orchard Park. Hopefully this marked the beginning of a changed view about investing in areas of the North and this City, which included

some of the poorest Wards anywhere in the country. It was imperative that the lessons from previous investment policies were learnt, like the New Deal for Communities on Preston Road. He was sure, in a sense, that money would go into local communities, investing in jobs and the community. It would not be a travelling circus of people coming from outside, earning big salaries, and leaving when the money went, as had been the case in many investment projects up and down the land. That money needed to make a meaningful; tangible, and long term differences for the community on Orchard Park. Residents needed to be at the centre of decision making alongside local Orchard Park Councillors. The decisions should be taken at the lowest possible level, closer to the communities they represented. The Council needed to ensure it received the full £20m and it wasn't all backloaded, and that there were meaningful plans worked up by this Council to spend it. He hoped this was the first of many investment schemes for the many deprived areas in the City.

Councillor Coward asked the Portfolio Holder for Culture, Leisure and Customer Services, while she and her Ward colleagues welcomed the long-overdue investment into the Costello Stadium running track, would the Portfolio Holder update the Chamber on the works to the track and the wider programme for the site?

The Portfolio Holder for Culture, Leisure and Customer Services replied that the Costello track was currently closed as it was about to undergo a major upgrade. Something he knew Councillor Coward had been pushing for, for a number of years. He was glad to be able to help Councillor Coward to deliver that improvement. There were plans to enhance the existing playing fields at Costello to include a purpose-built changing facility and 3G pitch, which were currently subject to Planning approval. The scheme would also provide a new track; additional parking; CCTV, and electric vehicle charging on site. Once the Planning application had been determined the Authority's contractors would mobilise to commence the works. This was, of course, in addition to the works which were planned on Costello fields to provide state of the art sports pitches and other facilities. That would all mean a great new sports and leisure area in the

West of Hull.

Councillor Wilkinson asked if the Leader of the Majority Opposition Group would join him in welcoming the decision by Labour's Local Transport Minister, Simon Lightwood, to provide £3.9m to Hull for an additional 42 new electric buses, and acknowledge the assistance this would give the City in reaching its Net Zero targets?

The Leader of the Majority Opposition Group replied that he did. He thought that sometimes the Council needed to be a bit less disingenuous when welcoming money from the Government. There was a lot of criticism of the Government in this Chamber. Sometimes quite rightly so, over certain policies, but when the Government did right, you should recognise it, like the Labour Party did with the last Tory Government. The Labour Party had been pushing the previous Government for a long time on electric buses, and putting their money where their mouth was with regard to Net Zero targets. Money was not forthcoming. Under the Labour Party it was forthcoming. It was not just the capital money, there was a huge amount of revenue monies. He thought, from memory, some £800,000 last year towards bus revenue support. This year it was millions of pounds. He had to say, the other thing that would not be lost on the Liberal Democrats opposite, was for the electrification there had to be a willingness to electrify the bus garages such as the one on Beverley Road. It made it all the more bizarre with the proposal for a bus depot at the Park and Ride on Orchard Park, as you wouldn't spend all that money on Anlaby Road and then move the depot somewhere else. In fact Councillor Nicola had raised those concerns at the time. This was really good news. He hoped those electric buses would soon be seen running around the City. The Government also needed to work with all Local Authorities around charging points in cities. You needed to be far bolder and have a meaningful plan to roll out charging points across the City, not just in car parks, but residential streets as well. There was no way, even if residents could afford a car, they could afford an electric car, plus there was nowhere to charge it. It was imperative, as well as supporting the infrastructure for buses to be electric, you also needed to support the infrastructure for electric

vehicles.

Councillor Byrne asked if the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Infrastructure would inform the Chamber of the plans this Council had to improve Freetown Way?

The Portfolio Holder for Transport and Infrastructure replied that the scheme would provide for the reinstatement of two lanes of traffic between the Beverley Road/Freetown Way junction and the Witham junction. Cyclists and pedestrians would each have segregated off-road paths adjacent to the road, but crucially not using a traffic lane. The junctions along Freetown Way would remain signalised and cyclist and pedestrian movements separated from vehicles, making it safer to cross the road or to make turning movements. That was a major undertaking as it had relied on partners working together to manage all the utilities underground as well as key users of the route. The key thing to note was that the route would remain open and running as much as possible throughout the works being carried out. That would mean reduced impact on the users of that vital route.

Councillor Matthews asked if the Leader of the City Council would give a guarantee that the £20m from the Labour Government in the Spending Review for the Orchard Park Ward in the City would be used as additional funding and investment to improve cohesion and lifestyles on the Ward, and not offset funding already in place or planned?

The Leader of the City Council replied that he had answered a question from Councillor Matthews' Ward colleague on this matter. To add in terms of Councillor Matthews' question, at this point it was difficult to outline exactly what this would be spent on in the absence of the guidance from the Government. He hoped it would be additional funding, something the Council had called for from the Government. However, the Council had to wait until further information was received from the Government on how the money could be spent.

Councillor Preston asked if the Deputy Leader of the City Council could inform the Chamber of what the Household Support Fund was being

used for in the City?

The Deputy Leader of the City Council replied that in this latest last-minute extension of the Household Support Fund, the Administration was able to offer a range of support to the City. Due to the late notice of the extension and the lack of detail from the Government, it took a lot of last-minute work by the Council to put the necessary paperwork in place. The Fund provided vital support for the City's most vulnerable; children; those experiencing hardship through the cost of living crisis; pensioners who missed out on Winter Fuel Payment; energy costs; keeping homes warm, and those in need of one off financial support. However, some headlines to give the Chamber were that the Administration was putting over £2.6m into free school meal programmes during school holidays. That would ensure that children and young people could have access to good, healthy meals when schools were closed. That would work well with the £56,000 the Administration was putting in to help with school uniform costs. The Administration was also ring fencing hundreds of thousands of pounds for pensioners who have lost out on the Winter Fuel Allowance last year, providing them with advice about how to access welfare and support. That was approved at last month's Cabinet meeting. The Administration continued to help the residents of Hull. In the Spending Review the Government announced the creation of a Crisis and Resilience Fund. Although she welcomed that news, as with other Government announcements, the Council awaited clarity; the amount, and details of the qualifying criteria. The Council was still awaiting the criteria for Winter Fuel Payments; the schools meals programme, and the increase on the Warm Homes payments. She hoped the Crisis and Resilience Fund would provide sustainable funding. Should it move into core spending, then what needs were being met from the Household Support Fund needed to be sustained.

Councillor Hale asked the Deputy Leader of the City Council, at the inaugural meeting of the Hull and East Yorkshire Combined Authority, the East Riding of Yorkshire Council made a successful bid for funding to bridge the cut to their share of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, which was 48%, why did the Deputy Leader not

seek similar funding to bridge the 19% cut to Hull City Council?

The Deputy Leader of the City Council replied there had been a much steeper cut from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund for the East Riding of Yorkshire Council than there was for Hull. That would have put a number of jobs at risk, including those held by Hull residents. The decision was taken to be pragmatic on that to help safeguard those jobs. The decision taken at the Combined Authority meeting should not be seen as preventing similar decisions to benefit Hull being taken in the future. Indeed, Councillor Ross made that point very clearly in the meeting.

Councillor Robinson asked if the Leader of the City Council would be able to update the Chamber on the first meeting of the Hull and East Yorkshire Combined Authority since the election?

The Leader of the City Council replied that he had covered some of this matter in response to an earlier question. Despite the election result, it was still significant that the Combined Authority was up and running. The fact that decisions were taken at that meeting, rather than outside of the region, was significant. Other issues that came through the Combined Authority meeting, included the Adult Skills Fund. That was a real opportunity that needed to be grasped. To get decisions taken locally working alongside the skills providers; the business community, and the young people, to make sure it got things right in the region, rather than having decisions imposed upon the region. Being able to take decisions locally was good for the region.

Councillor Herrera-Richmond asked the Portfolio Holder for Culture, Leisure and Customer Services, whilst he was pleased to see the water feature in Victoria Square now working, it was distinctly underwhelming compared to what it was. So, was the Portfolio Holder pleased with the way the fountain was working and was there a commitment to returning it to working in the way it was designed to?

The Portfolio Holder for Culture, Leisure and Customer Services replied that the amendments

made to the fountain had not altered how the fountain operated above ground. Everything was exactly the same as last year.

Councillor Beeson asked if the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Infrastructure could update the Chamber on the micro-surfacing programme and other road investments in the Avenue Ward?

The Portfolio Holder for Transport and Infrastructure replied that the micro-surfacing scheme had delivered a phenomenal amount of work across the City and the Avenue Ward which Councillor Beeson represented. In that Ward, the Council had delivered improvements to Maple Street, Duesbury Street, Cave Street, Park Grove and Wellington Lane. In addition, the Council had delivered major upgrades to the Queens Road Roundabout, something he knew the Area Team there had long campaigned for. He thanked residents for their patience while some of those works that involved road closures were carried out.

Councillor Hofman asked the Leader of the Majority Opposition Group, two months into the financial year, and the Leader of the Council had announced that no further Capital/Revenue swaps could be agreed from the Leader's Contingency Fund because it was not topped up as part of his budget setting. As a former Council Leader, would the Leader of the Majority Opposition Group give his views on this?

The Leader of the Majority Opposition Group replied that he was incredulous, as he had taken for granted that budgets would be upgraded every year, as they always were. The Leader of the Council needed to tell Officers that the Leader's Contingency Fund needed topping up. The Labour Group would fully support the Leader in doing that. If the Leader proposed a virement at Cabinet, there would be no opposition from the Labour Group. It was absolutely nonsensical that the Leader of a Council that spent tens of millions of pounds can't have a few tens of thousands of pounds in a Contingency Fund. However, there was a broader issue here. The Labour Group had asked that the Council's Revenue Budget be improved and added to as one of Labour's budget amendments, but that

was voted down. Had every Ward got more revenue, there wouldn't have been a need for so many Wards to go to the Leader and argue for revenue/capital swaps. The reason the Wards needed more revenue, almost to a Ward, was to pay for 'Bring Out Your Rubbish' days. It was probably only the bigger Wards that could afford to pay for those days out of their revenue allocation. Firstly, that begged the question, why did the Liberal Democrats vote against increases to revenue budgets for every Ward? Secondly, had the Liberal Democrats voted for Labour's proposals regarding 'Bring Out Your Rubbish' days for every Ward, people wouldn't be scratching around for money, because every Ward would have had one. He urged people to put the politics aside, and bring forward proposals for 'Bring Out Your Rubbish' days citywide as it would be eminently sensible, and all Wards would benefit from it. In the meantime, he urged the Leader to top up his own fund, tell the Officers that was what he was going to do, and the Labour Group would support him 100%.

Councillor Burton asked if the Portfolio Holder for Children's Services would update the Chamber on the Connexions Service and its recent retention of its accreditation and what that meant for young people in the City?

The Portfolio Holder for Children's Services replied that the announcement that the City's Connexions Service had retained its Matrix accreditation of the quality of its information, advice and information for the City's young people and adults was excellent news. Connexions offered support for getting young people and adults, up to the age of 25, into employment, education and training. The inspection took place over a two day period. It involved the Assessor examining a portfolio of evidence along with holding individual interviews; meetings with staff, key partners like schools and colleges and training providers, and interviewing groups of young people who received support from the service. Highlights from the Assessor's report included: that the service was a key component of Hull City Council's strategy to improve youth participation in employment, education and training, in which Connexions played a key role. It also highlighted and was complementary to the professional delivery of IAG staff who were considered personable and

engaging, offering support which often went beyond the future career needs of individuals. Barriers such as mental health, offending, family issues, experience of care and Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) were identified. Highly competent and experienced staff supported clients to develop strategies to manage those issues, often in collaboration with other services. The Assessor's report identified many strengths within the Connexions Service: that the Service worked collaboratively with all parties across the City to provide the best possible outcomes for clients; a strategic approach was taken to working with schools to provide the most effective and appropriate service to young people, and staff were highly qualified and experienced in their roles. She was sure Members would join with her in congratulating the Connexions Managers and staff who should feel proud of the services they provide and the recognition given by the Assessor.

Councillor Grozav asked if the Leader of the Majority Opposition Group shared his disappointment at Liberal Democrat plans to demolish Boothferry Road footbridge, especially given the fact that the Portfolio Holder seemed so unapologetic when he was found to have broken the Members' Code of Conduct by incorrectly implying that Officers had advised problems with the bridge were because of Labour inaction?

The Leader of the Majority Opposition Group replied that there was a report to be considered by the Liberal Democrat Cabinet on this matter. He urged the Liberal Democrat Cabinet to reject those proposals to demolish Boothferry Road Footbridge. If the Cabinet did that, the Labour Group would publicly say that it was the correct decision, and commend them for making it. He asked the Cabinet not to go along with those proposals to demolish the bridge. Demolition would be against the wishes of the public, as the Labour Group had evidenced previously. If the Liberal Democrat Administration didn't believe that, it could survey the public again, and ask them what they wanted. There was an opportunity here to be the listening and consulting Council that we are told we are by the Administration. Councillor Ieronimo did play politics on this and the Members' Code of Conduct found

against him for doing just that as there was no evidence to back up what was in a leaflet about the Labour Party. Let's do the right thing and draw a line under this. He had listened to the last answer about commending the Connexions Service that the Liberal Democrats had scrapped in 2007. Labour had reinstated it when they had returned to power. The Liberal Democrats should commend their own decision making on the Boothferry Road Footbridge by overturning the Officer recommendations, and do the right thing and save that bridge. He was sure the Administration would get the support of the Labour Group and others in the City who wanted the bridge to be kept.

Councillor Healand asked the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Infrastructure, he had seen that the Moorsbus service was up and running, so would the Portfolio Holder inform the Chamber of what that service offered and whether you could use your bus pass on it?

The Portfolio Holder for Transport and Infrastructure replied yes, Councillor Healand's and all other National Concessionary Travel Passes were accepted on the service. This new service would allow residents of Hull to access the North York Moors by public transport. The journey on the M1 from Hull would take you to Pickering where you could swap to the M3 to continue your journey. These services were operated by the Moorsbus Community Interest Company, with a double-decker for the M1 service being provided by East Yorkshire Buses. While single and return fares would vary, depending on the start and return point of your journey, a Moors Rover adult ticket cost £10, and a child's £3. Those without cars, and those who didn't want to use their own vehicles, would no longer be excluded from the stunning sightseeing and walking amongst the moors, dales, towns, villages, castles, churches, cafes, pubs and countless other attractions offered by their nearest National Park.

Councillor Herrera-Richmond asked the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Infrastructure when were the strengthening works on Drypool Bridge going to begin, and what was the Traffic Management Plan when they did?

The Portfolio Holder for Transport and Infrastructure

replied that the Council was awaiting approval of licences from the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) before dates for the work could be confirmed and publicised. The Council had proactively chased this up with the MMO to get a quicker response and were having conversations at a very senior level. A plan to improve the traffic lights sequence to optimise traffic flow on several junctions would be implemented. Additional parking provision on Holderness Road, adjacent to high frequency bus routes, was planned alongside a simplified bus route map and information on ticketing. This would help people park their cars. Scale Lane Bridge had been reopened to ensure a shorter route for pedestrians and cyclists was available. He would also be working with Teams across the Council to ensure that all communication channels were used so residents could make the most informed decisions they could about travel to the City Centre.

Councillor M. Collinson asked if the Leader of the City Council could update the Chamber on the opening of the Victoria Square fountains?

The Leader of the City Council replied that the fountain was now open to the public. It had undergone adaptations and amendments to the mechanical equipment. This was followed with a series of water quality tests to ensure public safety. The fountain was now operational and open for all to enjoy, and received weekly water sampling. He was glad the Administration was able to get this fixed' and thanked all those in the Council who were involved.

Councillor Kassim asked the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Infrastructure when were the remodelling works on Freetown Way going to begin; what was the Traffic Management Plan for when they did begin, and how long would the disruption on this major road last?

The Portfolio Holder for Transport and Infrastructure replied that one of the lasting legacies of the previous Labour Administration was its failure to listen to residents. Freetown Way would remain a symbol of that forever in people's minds. Thanks to work from the Liberal Democrat Council, the works would be tendered very soon with the aim to start on site in September/October time. As part of that

process the Council would work with the agreed contractor to set out a clear and phased plan and timeline to minimise the disruption. The works were being coordinated with other larger schemes, such as Drypool Bridge, to ensure that works on the main Freetown Way junctions did not take place at the same time as other significant road closures on the network. It was a shame that the Liberal Democrat Administration had had to fix this, but it was a top priority for it, and it was going to get done.

Councillor Kemp asked if the Portfolio Holder for Culture, Leisure and Customer Services could inform the Chamber about the recent event at Chelsea Flower Show and what was happening to the garden, now the Show had finished?

The Portfolio Holder for Culture, Leisure and Customer Services replied that this was a joint effort with Giving Back and Neighbourhood Network. Visit Hull and East Yorkshire (VHEY) and Hull City Council backed the project through communications; public relations, and HEY! (Hull and East Yorkshire) Volunteers. Eight volunteers travelled to London to support the garden at the Royal Horticultural Society's Chelsea Flower Show (20th to 21st May, 2025). They chatted to over 10,000 visitors about the plants, promoting Hull, and sharing plans for the garden's future. The story was featured on BBC's One Show and Gardeners' World and other outlets, doing their bit to put Hull on the map. The garden has since been relocated to the Alf Marshall Community Centre in Bransholme with Neighbourhood Network's support. HEY! Volunteers helped replant it and would continue to maintain it. A public opening was being planned for around 16th July, 2025. That initiative empowered communities to create safer, healthier spaces, boosting wellbeing, one garden at a time. He thanked all of those who had put so much time and effort into this fantastic project.

Councillor Smith asked if the Leader of the Majority Opposition Group would join her in welcoming the changes made to the qualifying criteria for Winter Fuel Payments by this Labour Government?

The Leader of the Majority Opposition Group replied that this Chamber a few months ago was not

	<p>supportive of the changes to the Winter Fuel Allowance. He was pleased that the Government had actually listened. It had got something wrong and put it right. That was a sign of strength not weakness. He was pleased that the Government had made that change and nine million pensioners would receive that allowance next year. Most people would think it was probably right that people on a pension earning over £35,000 a year probably didn't warrant that. He had always been a critic of revisionism. The Winter Fuel Allowance was first promised in 1987, but didn't come in for 10 years, because there wasn't a Labour Government for 10 years. So, to hear the Tories and other parties warble on, when none of them promoted or supported the initiative, it rather stuck in his craw. He hoped in August when the Poverty Review was talked about, there would be similar action on the two child benefit cap. He would not take lessons from the likes of Nigel Farage, who championed the original decision to bring it in, and now, all of a sudden, was against it. No one in the Chamber would believe that. He thought most in the Chamber shared his views, and hoped that there would be changes in August. It was a move in the right direction on Winter Fuel payments, which this Chamber had been calling for, and therefore welcomed it.</p> <p>Agreed – That the questions and answers be received.</p>	
26	<p>HULL'S CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN 2025/30</p> <p>The Director of Children, Young People and Family Services submitted a report which sought approval for the Hull Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP). The CYPP was a Policy Framework document which outlined how the Local Authority and its partners would work together to improve the lives and outcomes of the children and young people in Hull over the five years to 2030. The report described how the Plan was created and what the next steps would be.</p> <p>Moved by Councillor Tock and seconded by Councillor Ross:</p>	Director of Children, Young People and Family Services

	<p>That the Children and Young People's Plan 2025/30, be approved.</p> <p>Councillors Smith, Kennett and Payne also spoke on the motion.</p> <p>Councillor Tock then exercised her right of reply on the motion.</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>	
27	<p>PROCEDURAL MOTION</p> <p>Moved by Councillor Herrera-Richmond and seconded by Councillor Dolman:</p> <p>That paragraphs 17.3 and 17.4 of the Council Procedure Rules be suspended to allow consideration of the urgent motion at minute 28 below.</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>	
28	<p>URGENT MOTION</p> <p>(Councillor Grozav declared a personal interest in minute 28, insofar as he was employed as a taxi driver.)</p> <p>Moved by Councillor Hale and seconded by Councillor Dolman:</p> <p>Council notes the Casey Review into child sexual exploitation (National Audit on Group-based Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse) which was published on Monday, 16th June, 2025.</p> <p>Council further notes that the UK Government Decision to have a national enquiry and to seek to implement the recommendations of the Review in full. One such recommendation references the issue of Taxi Licensing.</p> <p>Council believes it is a loop-hole and a travesty that Wolverhampton Council can license Taxis in Hull and many other Cities, and believes this function must form a mandatory requirement of the immediate locality or Combined Authority Area, and that Hull Councillors have raised this formally this</p>	Chief Executive/ Director of Public Health

	<p>week with the Local Government Association Boards.</p> <p>Council recognises the concerns nationally about this licensing practice, and the concerns being raised within the City by BAME representatives such as Karen Okra, and also many taxi drivers whom have raised issues with this process.</p> <p>Council recommends that:</p> <p>As the publication of the Local Government Bill is imminent that this Council formally urgently raises these concerns to ensure they are addressed in the detail of the legislation.</p> <p>That Council writes to the Minister, Jim McMahon, raising these concerns on behalf of Hull City Council and asking for this matter to be addressed in the legislation, so this loop-hole is immediately closed.</p> <p>That the Chief Executive writes to the three Hull MPs and the Transport for the North Body informing them of this call for urgent action.</p> <p>Sources:-</p> <p>Casey Review: National Audit on Group-based Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse . Monday 16.06.2025</p> <p>LGA City Regions Board discussion 18.06.25</p> <p>Councillor Singh also spoke on the motion.</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>	
29	<p>PROCEDURAL MOTION</p> <p>Moved by Councillor Herrera-Richmond and seconded by Councillor Dolman:</p> <p>That under paragraph 10.1.2 of the Council Procedure Rules, Councillor North's motion concerning 'Lyla's Law', be taken as next business.</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>	
30	<p>NOTICE OF MOTION</p>	Director of Public Health

	<p>Moved by Councillor North and seconded by Councillor Matthews:</p> <p>Council notes the tragic and untimely death of two-year-old Lyla Story, who lived with her family in Orchard Park Ward in Hull. Lyla was taken to see her GP on the 2nd May this year by her mother, Emma, who reported symptoms including Lyla's increased thirst, increased wet nappies and overnight weight loss. Despite this, she was diagnosed with tonsillitis, and no further tests were deemed necessary. Lyla passed away less than 24 hours later in her sleep, due to complications related to undiagnosed type 1 diabetes which led to Acute Diabetic Ketoacidosis.</p> <p>Council resolves to support Lyla's family's campaign to establish 'Lyla's Law', which calls for the introduction of routine testing for type 1 diabetes in babies and infants at the point of access.</p> <p>Council further resolves to write to the Secretary of State for Health, the Right Honourable Wes Streeting and the Prime Minister, the Right Honourable Keir Starmer to ask that the Government progress the implementation of 'Lyla's Law'.</p> <p>Sources:</p> <p>https://allevents.in/kingston-upon-hull/family-fun-day-campaign-in-support-of-lyla-story/200028279872101</p> <p>Councillors Nicola, Dearing, Ross and Payne also spoke on the motion.</p> <p>Councillor North then exercised his right of reply on the motion.</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>	
	<p>ADJOURNMENT</p> <p>The meeting stood adjourned at 11.50 a.m. and reconvened at 12.20 p.m.</p>	
31	NOTICE OF MOTION	Chief Executive

Moved by Councillor Wareing and seconded by Councillor Bridges as an amended motion:

Council recognises the University of Hull is a leading institution in identifying and combating breaches of international law by investigating state crimes via ISCI, and developing teaching legal doctrine in international Justice and Humanitarian Law.

Council further recognises there are residents in the City who have personal, family, or cultural ties to Gaza or Israel and may be suffering distress.

Council:

1. expresses its outrage at proposals by the Israeli Government to indefinitely occupy Gaza;
2. condemns the plans for the further forced displacement of Palestinians;
3. affirms its belief that, if realised, these would constitute clear breaches of international law;
4. notes with immense concern that these proposals will only make it more difficult to ensure the remaining Israeli hostages in Hamas' captivity will return to Israel safely, and
5. believes that these measures will not bring more long-term security to Israel.

Council therefore requests the Chief Executive to write to the Prime Minister, Keir Starmer, outlining the contents of this Motion, and urging the Government to:

1. Commit to banning the export of all UK arms to Israel to ensure no UK weapons can be used to perpetrate human rights abuses in the Occupied Palestinian Territories;
2. immediately recognise the State of Palestine, as a way of giving hope to millions of Palestinians and affirming their right to self-determination with Hamas having no role in any future governance, and
3. use the UK's diplomatic powers to encourage the Israeli Government to achieve a bilateral ceasefire including the immediate release of all hostages.

	<p>Sources:</p> <p>https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_State_Crime_Initiative</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cwy04km1zk0o</p> <p>https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2025/03/gaza-deep-concerns-about-forced-displacement-palestinians</p> <p>https://commonslibrary.parliament.uk/research-briefings/cbp-9964/</p> <p>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Itamar_Ben-Gvir</p> <p>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bezalel_Smotrich</p> <p>https://www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2025/05/israel-policy-smotrich-bengvir-palestine/682986/</p> <p>Britain sanctions Israeli far-right ministers over Gaza comments Reuters</p> <p>Councillors Robinson, Kassim, Hale, Pantelakis, Ross, Conner and McMurray also spoke on the motion.</p> <p>Councillor Wareing then exercised his right of reply on the motion.</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>	
32	<p>NOTICE OF MOTION</p> <p>Moved by Councillor Wareing and seconded by Councillor Burton:</p> <p>Council notes that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Supreme Court, in the case of <i>For Women Scotland v the Scottish Ministers</i>, ruled that the terms “man”, “woman” and “sex” in the Equality Act, 2010, refer to ‘biological sex’, and that the Scottish Government’s effort to increase women’s representation on public boards therefore did not entail representation by trans women with 	Councillor Ross/ Chief Executive/ Director of Legal Services and Partnerships

	<p>a Gender Recognition Certificate as it had intended.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Interim guidance published by the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) has suggested that trans women should not be permitted to use women’s facilities, and trans men should not be permitted to use men’s facilities, in workplaces and services open to the public. 3. The Supreme Court judgement, and following interim guidance from the EHRC, has caused great anxiety, uncertainty, and fear for the trans community. 4. Law requiring respect for trans rights has not changed, for instance the provisions of the Equality Act, 2010, on protected characteristics and associated case law, and the Supreme Court reaffirmed that trans people’s rights must be respected under the law. 5. A recent Galop survey found that two-thirds of LGBT+ respondents had experienced anti-LGBT+ violence or abuse, and abuse is particularly severe for trans people. 6. The LGBT+ community are more likely to experience disproportionately poor health outcomes, workplace conflict, homeless, and difficulties accessing public services. <p>Council believes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Trans women are women, trans men are men, and non-binary people are non-binary. 2. Everyone should be safe and free to be themselves, without fear of hostility or violence, and the erosion of trans rights threatens everyone’s rights. 3. Nobody’s life chances should be limited or determined because of their sexual orientation or gender identity. 4. The trans community deserve clarity and reassurance on how their rights will be 	
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protected.

5. Parliament must act to clarify how Gender Recognition Certificates interact with the Equality Act, 2010, ensuring that Gender Recognition Certificates recognise trans people's gender identities for all purposes under the law.

Council resolves to:

1. Affirm our support for trans, non-binary, and gender-diverse residents and our commitment to defending their rights and dignity.
2. Ask the Chief Executive and Leader of the Council to write to the Minister for Women and Equalities to make clear the position of this Council and to ask:
 - For guidance on how existing legislation will protect the rights of trans people;
 - what new legislation is envisaged, and
 - seek legal advice before altering guidance for staff or the provision of services in light of the Supreme Court judgement.
3. Where it is appropriate and practical to do so, provide gender-neutral bathrooms and changing room facilities, separate to and including similar facilities for disabled people.
4. Commit to ensuring that the City of Hull is welcoming and inclusive to the LGBT+ community, embracing difference and ensuring action to ensure the safety of all residents.

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33	<p>NOTICE OF MOTION</p> <p>Moved by Councillor Wilkinson and seconded by Councillor Nicola as an amended motion:</p> <p>Council notes Mr. Luke Campbell's victory in the recent Hull and East Yorkshire Combined Authority Mayoral Election which took place on 1st May, 2025, and the impact that the new Mayor will have on the development of Kingston upon Hull's Local Transport Plan and strategies, housing and planning, economic investment, learning and skills agenda and overall image.</p> <p>Council resolves that the Leader, Chief Executive and Lord Mayor write to Mr. Luke Campbell inviting him to attend the July, 2025, meeting and every subsequent meeting of the Full Council (except the Annual General Meeting and February Budget setting meeting).</p> <p>Council resolves that that no less than 30 minutes be made available at the beginning of each Full Council meeting, and the Mayor should be invited</p>	Councillor Ross/ Councillor Payne/ Chief Executive

	<p>for scrutiny at the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee and/or Commissions where the Chair thinks attendance is appropriate, to provide Members with the opportunity to question the Hull and East Yorkshire Combined Authority Mayor about his work, when it directly relates to the area of that Scrutiny.</p> <p>Sources:</p> <p>Results of the Hull and East Yorkshire Combined Authority Mayoral Election – HullCC News</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>	
34	<p>NOTICE OF MOTION</p> <p>Moved by Councillor Bridges and seconded by Councillor Herrera-Richmond:</p> <p>Council believes that the election last year showed that people are looking for an alternative to more than a decade of austerity and unfairness, where hard working people have continually been hit by poor fiscal decision making, while wealthy people have benefited and grown richer.</p> <p>Council also believes that continuing in the same vein as the previous, failed and calamitous Conservative Governments has caused disillusionment in politics at all levels and has fuelled the simplistic and divisive politics of populism, which in reality cannot solve any of the challenges facing the nation.</p> <p>Council calls on the Labour Government to pause and reflect on the approach taken to balance the nations finances and instead adopt alternative proposals for raising revenue, including measures to raise taxes on the wealthiest in our society and also to pro-actively recover the public money squandered by the previous Conservative Governments during the COVID pandemic and hold to account those who allowed such disgraceful waste to happen.</p> <p>Council resolves to request that the Chief Executive write to the Prime Minister and Chancellor expressing this call and that all Group Leaders back this call and sign the letter.</p>	Councillor Ross/ Councillor Hale/ Councillor Wareing/ Chief Executive

	<p>Sources:</p> <p>“Johnson at 10 – the inside story”, (2023), Raymond Newell & Anthony Seldon. Maldon Books.</p> <p>“How They Broke Britain”, (2024), James O’Brien, Ebury Publishing.</p> <p>“Depraved New World”, (2023), John Crace, Guardian Faber Publishing.</p> <p>Councillor Bridges exercised her right of reply on the motion.</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>	
35	<p>NOTICE OF MOTION</p> <p>Moved by Councillor A. Collinson and seconded by Councillor Dolman:</p> <p>Council notes that the Labour Government committed to reducing “gambling-related harm” in their 2024 manifesto. That in October, 2024, the Government replied to a question saying that it was “considering the best available evidence from a wide range of sources” to inform decisions on how to fulfil its manifesto commitment and they would provide further updates soon. It was noted in a House of Lords committee meeting that the gambling industry spends in excess of £1.5bn on advertising, and that the industry wouldn’t spend this sum unless it was going to return a profit.</p> <p>Council further notes that local authorities play a vital role in helping those affected by gambling (the individual, family and friends). That the effects of gambling are wide reaching including mental ill-health, financial difficulties, loss of job, homes and relationships. That the marketing of gambling plays a key role in the number of people taking part and the way they engage with gambling.</p> <p>Council welcomes and thanks officers for building the “Gambling Among Young People” report, but notes that there appears to be no local knowledge due to the lack of data and recording. That this appears to be the case across the country, not just</p>	Councillor Ross/ Councillor Chambers

an issue in Hull. An issue that needs a national approach to recording data, so Local Authorities can have a data informed approach.

Council believes that the Government needs to move more quickly on bringing forward changes to the laws regulating gambling and marketing of gambling.

Council believes that there should be a national solution to this problem. That the solution should involve regulations such as restricting gambling advertising; implementing effective affordability checks; establishing a gambling ombudsman; introduce a compulsory levy on gambling companies to fund research, prevention and treatment, and taking tough action against black market gambling.

Council requests that the Leader and Portfolio Holder for Adult Services and Public Health write to the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport detailing this motion and requesting that the Government's plan to reduce gambling related harm and better regulate gambling marketing rules, be presented as soon as possible.

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Councillors Grozav, Hale, Wilkinson, Cahill, McMurray and Jepmond also spoke on the motion.

	<p>Moved by Councillor McCobb and seconded by Councillor Dolman as a procedural motion:</p> <p>That under paragraph 24 of the Council Procedure Rules, the duration of the meeting be extended to allow all the business on the agenda to be dealt with.</p> <p>Procedural motion carried.</p> <p>On the completion of the above vote, consideration of the original motion continued.</p> <p>Councillor A. Collinson then exercised her right of reply on the motion.</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>	
36	<p>NOTICE OF MOTION</p> <p>Moved by Councillor Ieronimo and seconded by Councillor Drake-Davis:</p> <p>Council notes that the Government has announced £15bn in funding for public transport projects across England. Despite Hull and East Yorkshire now being a mayoral authority, it has not received any funding from this allocation. Council also notes that in part this is because the announcement on 4th June, 2025, was in fact a reannouncement of previously announced funding.</p> <p>The Treasury's Green Book rules, which historically favoured London and the Southeast, were revised to ensure fairer regional investment, yet under this announcement Hull was again overlooked. The electrification of the Hull to Selby railway line has long been a priority for Transport for the North, yet it was excluded from the funding announcement on 4th June, 2025. Council notes that Hull City Council has previously called for this electrification project to be fast-tracked, citing its economic and environmental benefits, including improved connectivity and support for Hull's growing green energy sector.</p> <p>Council believes the Government has made clear that major infrastructure funding is now contingent on having a Mayor, making the position of Mayor</p>	

vital for Hull to receive investment. Council further believes that the electrification of the Hull to Selby line is a critical transport priority that must be included in future funding allocations. Council also believes that the upcoming 'Spending Review' is an opportunity for the Government to set out what transport funding will be made available for the City.

Council calls on the Government to set out why it did not provide funding for the City and Region as part of the announcement on 4th June, 2025. Council also calls upon the Mayor, working alongside the Leaders of Hull and the East Riding of Yorkshire Councils, to engage with the Government in light of the 'Spending Review' and the implications it has upon this region. As part of this effort, the electrification of the Hull to Selby rail line should remain a key priority.

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Moved by Councillor Hale and seconded by Councillor Wilkinson as an amendment:

The motion with the following amendment:

3rd paragraph delete - “Council further believes that the electrification of the Hull to Selby line is a critical transport priority that must be included in future funding allocations”.

And insert - “Council reaffirms the previous calls from the Labour Administration that the electrification of the Hull to Selby line is a critical transport priority that must be included in future funding allocations. Council welcomes the letters to the Chancellor / Secretary of State by the Leader of the Labour Group in support of this upgrade”.

We are aware that Government Departments have agreed their new budgets for the forthcoming financial period with the Treasury. We believe the business case for this electrification, miniscule in the context of overall rail funding projects, is part of active considerations and we urge the Government to make an announcement on this project after 14 years of missed opportunity.

Council supports a joint letter from the three Group Leaders at Hull City Council showing common consensus from the City of Hull’s political groups on this issue.

4th paragraph delete - “Council calls on the Government to set out why it did not provide funding for the City and Region as part of the announcement on 4th June, 2025”.

and insert – “Council welcomes the allocation of up to £20,000,000 of funding to the Orchard Park Ward in the city as part of the new ‘Trail Blazer’ initiative announced by the Chancellor as part of the Spending Review. Council also calls upon the Hull and East Yorkshire Mayor, working alongside the City’s MPs and Leaders of Hull City Council and the Leader of East Riding of Yorkshire Council, to engage with the Government in light of the ‘Spending Review’ and the implications it has upon this region. As part of this effort, the electrification of the Hull to Selby rail line should remain a key priority.

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Letter dated 18th June 2025 from Councillor D. Hale to Rt Hon Rachel Reeves MP

Moved by Councillor McCobb and seconded by Councillor Ross as a procedural motion:

That under paragraph 19.10.3 of the Council Procedure Rules, the voting on the amendment be taken in parts.

Procedural motion carried.

On the completion of the above vote, the voting on the original amendment and motion took place.

That the addition of the 4th and 6th paragraphs of the amendment on to the end of the motion was carried.

The remaining parts of the amendment were lost.

Moved by Councillor Hale and seconded by

Councillor Wilkinson as the substantive motion:

Council notes that the Government has announced £15bn in funding for public transport projects across England. Despite Hull and East Yorkshire now being a mayoral authority, it has not received any funding from this allocation. Council also notes that in part this is because the announcement on 4th June, 2025, was in fact a reannouncement of previously announced funding.

The Treasury's Green Book rules, which historically favoured London and the Southeast, were revised to ensure fairer regional investment, yet under this announcement Hull was again overlooked. The electrification of the Hull to Selby railway line has long been a priority for Transport for the North, yet it was excluded from the funding announcement on 4th June, 2025. Council notes that Hull City Council has previously called for this electrification project to be fast-tracked, citing its economic and environmental benefits, including improved connectivity and support for Hull's growing green energy sector.

Council believes the Government has made clear that major infrastructure funding is now contingent on having a Mayor, making the position of Mayor vital for Hull to receive investment. Council further believes that the electrification of the Hull to Selby line is a critical transport priority that must be included in future funding allocations. Council also believes that the upcoming 'Spending Review' is an opportunity for the Government to set out what transport funding will be made available for the City.

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<p><u>.within%20two%20hours%20of%20Hull.</u></p> <p><u>https://news.hull.gov.uk/05/02/2024/devolution-transport-and-rail-electrification/</u></p> <p><u>https://www.thehullstory.com/allarticles/rail-electrification-row</u></p> <p>Substantive motion carried.</p>	
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Start: 10.00 a.m.

Finish: 2.45 p.m.