



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 11th July 2024, 6:00pm

Events Centre, Principal York Hotel, Station Road, York, YO24 1AA

AGENDA

TIME	ITEM
6.00pm	Registration & Refreshments
6:30pm	Welcome from David Skaith, Mayor for York and North Yorkshire <i>An overview of his early days in office and ambitions for supporting high streets across York & North Yorkshire.</i>
6:40pm	Andrew Lawson, Executive Director of York BID <i>A health check for the high street. How York is performing economically compared to the rest of the country.</i>
6:55pm	Guest Speak, Allan Cook, Founder of Arlington Real Estate. <i>An update on progress for the York Central development, ambitions for the site, and how businesses can get involved.</i>
7:15pm	York BID Team <i>Key projects delivered by the BID during the last year of operations (2023/24).</i>
7.30pm	Audience Q&A
7.45pm	Formal Business: 1. Financial Accounts 2023-24 2. Board Director Appointments 3. Any Other Business
8:00pm	Networking & Drinks <i>Guests are invited to join us in the hotel bar for drinks and networking.</i>
9:00pm	Event Closes

FORMAL BUSINESS

1. Financial Accounts 2023-24

- A. The company financial accounts for the 12-month period ending 31st March 2024 will be published in the annual review and will be made available in advance of the date of the meeting date.
- B. Full company accounts are prepared by HPH Chartered Accountants and made available in advance of the date of the meeting via the York BID website:
www.theyorkbid.com/downloads/.

2. Ordinary Resolution: Ratification of director appointments

A. Michael Hjort (Walmgate Ale House) – Hospitality Representative (1 of 2)

That Michael Hjort having consented, be re-elected as a director of the company, representing the hospitality sector.

Born and raised in York, Michael is a passionate advocate of the city and is a local high-profile chef and restaurateur who runs two firmly established, award-winning restaurants in the city. Michael is the owner of local hospitality businesses the Chopping Block and Walmgate Ale House, he also directs and manages the York Food and Drink Festival which focuses on the promotion of Yorkshire food and culinary education and remains passionate about sourcing local produce. He has served as Director for Visit York Board and as Chairman and Secretary of York Hospitality Association.

B. Adam Wardale (Middletons Hotel) - Hospitality Representative (2 of 2)

That Adam Wardale, having consented, be re-elected as a director of the company, representing the hospitality sector.

Adam began working for Daniel Thwaites 10 years ago at the age of 22, whilst finishing his degree in Hospitality Management. His career progressed quickly, as he took up his first general manager role in York at the age of 28. Adam has served as General Manager of Middletons Hotel and Emperors Gym (the largest gym within the city centre) for the last four years. As well as concentrating on property development and improving the guest experience, he has worked to integrate the business to be involved in a host of city-wide events. Adam recently took on the role of Chair for Hospitality Association York (HAY) and is working closely with other hoteliers across the city.

C. Sarah Czarnecki (York St John University Business School) – Education/Culture Representative

That Sarah Czarnecki, having consented, be newly elected as a director of the company, representing the education and cultural sectors.

Sarah was appointed President of York and North Yorkshire Chamber of Commerce in September 2023 and recently started a new position at York St John University Business School as Director of the Business Clinic; an initiative providing consultancy advice to support local businesses. For 8 years Sarah worked as Strategic Partner at the prestigious Grays Court Hotel, where she remains Non-Executive Director, and she served as Deputy Chair of Hospitality Association York for 4 years. Sarah has been a director on the York BID Board since 2020.

D. Doug Winter (Isotoma) – Professional Services Representative

That Doug Winter, having consented, be re-elected as a director of the company, representing the professional services sector.

Doug is a founding partners of Isotoma, a cloud consultancy and application developer, established in York over 14 years ago. He is a highly experienced and dedicated software and systems architect specialising in cloud technologies who provides advice and software architecture for the company's larger and more complicated projects. Doug is heavily invested in the ongoing success of the city, recognising that this has an impact on the success of our business, as well as the personal lives of himself and his staff.

E. Will Zhuang (Orchid Vegan Restaurant) – Independent Retail/Hospitality Representative

That Will Zhang, having consented, be re-elected as a director of the company, representing independent retail and hospitality businesses.

Will is director of Orchid Vegan Restaurant and Café Feva at the Red House Antique Centre, two independent businesses based within the BID area. He is also a well-known figure within the local Chinese community, currently standing as President of the York Chinese Association as well as actively working local retailers, hotels and restaurants in the international market. Will is passionate about York's success as an international destination and has several ties to the city, as a voluntary trustee of York Theatre Royal and Treasurer of the Bootham School Association.

MEETING CONDUCT

We kindly ask that members and visitors to the meeting adhere to the following conduct. If a member or visitor fails to conform to acceptable standards of conduct, they may be asked to leave the meeting.

- The purpose of the meeting is to benefit BID Members generally and not specific individuals.
- If you wish to speak during the meeting, raise a hand and wait to be invited by the Chair. Contributions should be relevant to the agenda topic and kept concise.
- Respect the views of others and their right to speak. Be courteous to others/do not use offensive, provocative or discriminatory language.
- The Chair's ruling on who may or may not speak and on other 'points of order' will be final.

Voting procedure:

- Members of York BID will be invited to vote on formal business items during the AGM. Voting will be conducted by a show of hands with each member present shall be allocated one vote.
- Any individuals representing a current levy-paying business is eligible to register as a member. If you haven't already, those wishing to vote should complete the online membership registration form: <https://uk.surveymonkey.com/r/yorkbidmembershipreg>.
- If the registered member is unable to attend, they may nominate a proxy to vote in their place. If you wish to nominate a proxy, please inform the BID team via email at info@theyorkbid.com by Tuesday 9th July 2024.
- The Chair will declare a resolution as either carried or lost, based on the majority number of votes cast for and/or against.

Declaration of interest

- All members and visitors to the meeting must disclose any interest, whether personal or on behalf of any other group they belong to, which might possibly affect or influence their approach to the matter under discussion.
- All members and visitors to the meeting must offer to withdraw from the meeting and/or refrain from participating in voting on resolutions where a conflict of interest is clear and substantial.