



## MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024, 18:00-20:00

Events Centre, Principal Hotel York

### MINUTES

CONFIDENTIAL TO BID BOARD MEMBERS

<b>Directors in Attendance:</b>	M. Hjort (MH) – Chair S. Czarnecki (SC) R. Layton (RL) A. Graham (AG) A. Wardale (AW)	<b>Also in Attendance:</b>	A. Lawson (AL) C. Alsop (CA) C. Bush (CB) M. Douce (MD) E. Richardson (ER) D. Skaith (DS) A. Cook (AC)
<b>Apologies:</b>	R. Onyett (RO) S. Loftus (SL) N. Sanderson (NS) D. Winter (DW) W. Zhuang (WZ)		

ITEM No.	ITEM NOTE
1	MH, Chair of York BID Board of Directors welcomed attendees and opened the AGM.  <a href="#">Presentation slides can be viewed here.</a>
1.1	<b>Welcome, David Skaith</b>  DS highlighted the newly created Business Board, open to businesses across York and North Yorkshire, working with small & large businesses and organisations such as the FSB. He also highlighted the upcoming High Street Fund, targeted at driving investment and supporting the region's high streets. A key focus is developing skills the future workforce will need, through connecting training providers with businesses and industries.
2	City Centre Performance, Andrew Lawson

	<p>AL reviewed how York city centre has performed over the last 12 months, drawing on data from a variety of sources, such as visitor numbers, in store spend on debit cards, and shop vacancy rates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Businesses reported 2024 as a 'strange' year so far due to unpredictable trade, poor weather, and inflation concerns but many hope post-election certainty will lead to confidence in 2024</li> <li>• Highlighted the growing importance of the experience economy and getting appearance right in terms of infrastructure &amp; street furniture upkeep</li> <li>• Key issues for businesses include local housing plan, transport &amp; connectivity, and sustainable tourism</li> <li>• Importance of ambition and talking up York</li> </ul>
<p>3</p>	<p><b>York Central Development, Allan Cook</b></p> <p>AC, Managing Director of Arlington Real Estate, updated on the York Central Development as the Strategic Developer, in partnership with McLaren Property.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arlington Real Estate is a North East based property development business that has delivered a number of significant regeneration projects including DurhamGate and Freemans Reach in Durham</li> <li>• York Central is one of the largest city centre regeneration schemes in the UK, creating a new city quarter</li> <li>• Principles governing the development include People, Place, Planet, Partnership, and Prosperity</li> <li>• The development includes 2,500 new homes, 1million+ square feet of commercial &amp; retail space, 2 civic squares, 17 acres of park land, 30 acres of public realm, the National Railway Museum, 6,500 new jobs created, £1.16billion value added, and £135million infrastructure investment underway</li> </ul>
<p>4</p>	<p><b>Key Projects, Carl Alsop</b></p> <p>CA outlined some of the key projects the BID has delivered over the last year of operations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physical improvements to the city, including creation of College Green, summer seating &amp; planters, the York Mural Trail featuring six BID-commissioned pieces of public art, and Rejuvenation Days, which saw nearly 100 volunteers refresh 450 pieces of individual infrastructure over six days in January and March.</li> <li>• Street Cleaners cleaned 6,600 biohazards and jet-washed 233,000 m<sup>2</sup> of city centre pathways</li> <li>• Business Support programmes continue to offer return on levy investment with Skills School saving businesses £45,000 total, York Restaurant Week delivering an economic benefit of nearly £1.5 million for York's hospitality sector total, and £260,000+ worth of York Gift Cards being sold</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reignite was created in partnership with Aesthetica and Viridian FX to celebrate York being one of only 25 UNESCO Cities of Media Arts</li> <li>• Colour &amp; Light February 2024 at York Art Gallery saw 35,000 viewers</li> <li>• Winter Lights have grown to include 160,000 bulbs covering 60 streets and 17km</li> <li>• As well as chairing safety partnership meetings and providing Taxi &amp; Riverside Marshals, the BID now coordinates Purple Flag and is driving forward new safety-based initiatives such as Choose Respects, Not Regrets campaign, Best Bar None, and the Snickelways Rejuvenation Project</li> <li>• Street Rangers recovered £82,000 of stolen stock and detained/deterred 307 cases of ASB in the last year</li> </ul>
<p>5</p> <p>5.1</p>	<p><b>Formal Business, Chris Bush</b></p> <p>CB, York BID has invested over £7.5million into improving the trading environment of York city centre and leveraged over £1million of additional funding from external sources and partner organisations for projects and services. CB highlighted the financial reports showing details of income and expenditure incurred during the previous 12 months, which are available to view on the BID website.</p> <p><b>Resolution Item 1. Ratification of newly elected or re-elected director appointments</b></p> <p>CB explained that York BID is governed by a Board of 14 directors and 3 advisors. Each position is voluntary and representative of a different business sector within the BID area. The primary role of the Board is to oversee and scrutinise the delivery of the BID’s business plan.</p> <p>Board Directors are expected to serve for a maximum period of 2 years before standing for re-election or retiring. Only registered members of the company may apply to become a Board Director.</p> <p>This year, 5 directors are standing for re-election. Members voted to ratify the following positions:</p> <p>A. Michael Hjort (Walmgate Ale House), to be re-elected as a director of the company, representing Hospitality (1 of 2). 100% of votes counted in favour and is hereby approved.</p> <p>B. Adam Wardale (Middletons Hotel), to be re-elected as a director of the company, representing Hospitality (2 of 2). 100% of votes counted in favour and is hereby approved.</p> <p>C. Sarah Czarnecki (York St John University Business School), to be re-elected as a director of the company, representing Education/Culture Representative. 100% of votes counted in favour and is hereby approved.</p> <p>D. Doug Winter (Isotoma), to be re-elected as a director of the company, representing Professional Services. 100% of votes counted in favour and is hereby approved.</p>

	E. Will Zhuang (Orchid Vegan Restaurant), to be re-elected as a director of the company, representing Independent Hospitality. 100% of votes counted in favour and is hereby approved.
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The meeting closed at 20:06