

York's Economy

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Unlocking York's potential post Covid-19

Vision

York Labour want a response to York's economic crisis which puts the health and wellbeing of everyone in York first. It's just not right that we carry on with the way things were before the crisis as the Lib Dem/Green council want to. Every business, family and worker in York has made huge sacrifices to keep our communities safe. They deserve a better York to call home.

This turbulent time has shown just how much we rely on each other. We have seen the vital role of people all across York, from our health and care workers, to shop workers and delivery drivers, to local businesses. Despite the city being pushed to the brink, we've all come together to be a lifeline to help one another weather the storm.

Now is the time to continue to get this right - to keep looking out for one another and strive for the best for our communities, families and friends. Out of the Coronavirus crisis we can rebuild York together as a city that is designed for each and every one of us.

A city that is safer, cleaner and greener.

A city that has more secure, innovative jobs to unlock our potential.

A city that prides itself on putting compassion and justice at its heart by increasing affordable housing and creating spaces for our children to play and explore safely.

Together, we can redesign a fairer city economy that works for us all and helps us withstand the storms of the future.

This document sets out our three priority areas to unlock York's potential.

SAFE YORK

It's important that as our city recovers, we all feel safe enough to use our local and city centre shopping streets, to move around the city and to return to work and school. We need a city-wide collaborative approach to this, making sure the council follows the scientific data and expert medical advice.

Residents from all our communities should be included in deciding how this happens and encouraging all our local businesses, employers and education providers to sign up to York's Coronavirus Safety Pledge.

Coronavirus safety pledge

Reassuring everybody that businesses have taken measures to keep people safe.



Make it easier

For businesses to use more outdoor space for trading and to allow people to move safely around the city.



A safer city for us all

Opening up space to social distance, and investing in cycle lanes, new transport links and disability access.



A Coronavirus Safety Pledge

A Coronavirus Safety Pledge for residents, workers and visitors to ensure everyone who lives in or visits York feels safe and confident in the measures in place in the city centre. With support and advice from City of York Council for traders to become COVID-19 safe.

Making it easier

Making it easier for businesses to expand the use of outdoor space for trading and providing safe space for shoppers or visitors to move around.

A safer city for us all

During lockdown we have enjoyed the benefits of a quieter city centre, which gave families the opportunity to increase their time outdoors safely. We want this to become the new normal in our city centre. All of us should have the same opportunities to be healthy and active, no matter where we live. We want to make York a safe space for us all to enjoy, while investing in cycle lanes, new transport links and disability access to ensure nobody is left behind in our city.

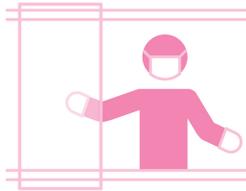
UNLOCKING YORK

York is a fantastic city in which to live. It has vibrant and supportive communities with well-established and thriving businesses and shopping streets. We can help our city to recover following the COVID-19 lockdown and unleash its potential. York's council can support our local businesses by helping them buy the equipment they need to safely

re-open their shops, restaurants and pubs. It can encourage large businesses to buy goods and services from local suppliers, and for our neighbours, family and friends to spend their money in York. Labour wants the council to work with our city's universities, colleges and training providers to support our residents, to re-train them to find new, better paid and more stable jobs.

CYC Restart funding

Offering council grants for businesses to access equipment and adaptations to meet Safe York standards.



City of York Council Re-start funding

A grant scheme for small business for equipment and adaptations to achieve Safe York standards. With City of York Council to use powers to purchase COVID-19 equipment for local traders and businesses to access.

Reskill our city

Unlocking the potential of York's work force by offering opportunities for retraining with local education providers.



Re-skill our City

We want to unlock the potential of York's workers by giving them the opportunity to retrain through a network of education and training providers so no worker is left behind by changes in our economy

Buy local, shop local

Keeping local businesses at the heart of our community: when you spend local, more money stays local.



Buy Local, Shop Local

Local businesses are at the heart of our city and our community. For them to thrive we will encourage people and businesses to buy and shop local. The more we do this, the more money stays in the city, and we will all be better off. We will support businesses to work together more effectively to change local trading measures, and to increase the use of online technology to breathe new life into our much-loved high streets and ensure no business feels shut out from the new online opportunities.

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Residents and community groups across York have done a fantastic job of supporting us over the past difficult months. We want to see this tremendous community spirit and support continue.

It's not right that not all of our city's residents have the access to the support services, social networks, computer

equipment, internet and safe walking and cycle lanes they need. We want everyone to feel connected whether to their community, to job and education opportunities on the internet or to other parts of the city by healthy, affordable and active transport.

Active York, healthy York

Encouraging everyone to be healthy and active when moving around the city using safe walking and cycle lanes.



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Getting everyone online

Unlocking education and job opportunities by improving access to devices and the internet across our city.



Getting everyone online

It's simply not right that, in an increasingly online world, some in our city don't have access to the internet or the devices needed to get online. They are locked-out from the opportunities that exist online for jobs and education. We are calling for improved access to devices and the internet across our city so we can unlock online opportunities for all York's citizens.

Strengthening our communities

After COVID-19 it is vital that our communities which came together, stay together, in funded local hubs.



Strengthening our Communities

COVID-19 has shown us all the vital role communities play in keeping us afloat in stormy waters. All across York, businesses, workers and families have come together to help those in need. In future, we must strengthen these communities by funding local hubs to harness the skills, support and expertise of people living nearby. This way, we can strengthen the systems that support us all when times are tough.

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