NOTICE OF EXCEPTION TO KEY DECISION PROCEDURES

Notice of General Exception
Notice is hereby given that the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority intends to make a Key Decision which has not been included in the Forward Plan for at least 28 clear days prior to the decision being made.

This notice is published in accordance with Article 12 (General Exception) of the Combined Authorities (Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Access to Information and Audit Committees) Order 2017 and paragraph 16, Section B (Access to Information Procedure Rules) of the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority Constitution.

Decision Title
Acceptance of the Government's Proposed Business Rates Retention Arrangements for Mayoral Strategic Authorities from April 2027.

Decision Maker
Proposed Decision Maker: The Combined Authority Cabinet, or if delegated authority is exercised, the Chief Executive acting in accordance with Section E, Paragraph 3.3 of the Constitution (Scheme of Delegation).

Proposed Date of Decision
The decision must be made by Friday 13th November 2026.

Subject Matter
The York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority is asked to determine whether they should participate in the Government's proposed fiscal devolution arrangements from 2027/28, under which Mayoral Strategic Authorities would receive a 20% share of locally generated business rates revenue. This share would be funded from business rates currently returned to HM Treasury and would not reduce the share retained by the two Constituent Authorities. The deadline for response is no later than Friday 13th November 2026, with the letter dated 20th October 2026.

Nature of the Key Decision
The proposed decision is a Key Decision because it is likely to result in expenditure above the threshold set out in the Constitution and is likely to have a significant effect on communities living or working in two or more local authority areas within the Combined Authority area.

Reason why Compliance with the Forward Plan Requirements is Impracticable
The decision cannot reasonably be deferred in order to comply with the requirement for 28 clear days' notice because the Government has requested a response by Friday 13th November 2026 and the letter was received during the evening of 20th October 2026.

Reason for Urgency
In order to notify the Government of the Combined Authority's decision within the required deadline. If a decision is not communicated to the Government by the specified date then any introduction of Business Rates Retention would be delayed and there would be no mechanism to deliver through the 2027/28 Local Government Finance Settlement.

Consequences of Delay
Failure to take the decision within the required timescale would result in financial consequences, which in turn could lead to economic and strategic consequences and also operational consequences.

Notice to the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee
The Chair and Vice Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee have been informed of the intention to make the decision under the General Exception provisions.

Chair:	Cllr Steve Watson
Vice Chair:	Cllr Paul Haslam
Date Informed:	Thursday 29 October 2026

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