

Shadow Executive Comments on Executive Agenda for 17 March 2009

Agenda Item 4 – Executive Forward Plan

Request the attendance of officer's for:-

- Corporate Strategy Refresh
- 2009/10 City Strategy Capital Programme
- LAA refresh

Agenda Item 5 – 2007/08 Comprehensive Performance Assessment Result for City of York Council

Note with disappointment that this Lib Dem administration has moved from a 3 star authority to a 2 star

Note with concern the "direction of travel" has also declined.

Shadow expresses its concern that the report does not set out what is changing. Call upon the Leader and the Chief Exec to set out a plan for sustainable improvement.

Agenda Item 6 - Progress on York and possible World Heritage Status

We support the principle that York should be a World Heritage Site.

Agree with Option 3 for the boundaries of the "site".

Note that the tenor of the report suggests that York's application is unlikely to be successful. Recommend that the Executive takes careful note of the prospects and assess whether significant amounts of council taxpayers' money should be spent if there is not a reasonable prospect of success.

Agenda Item 7- Terry's Development – Proposed new Link Road

Thank the officers for a thorough report

Support the recommendation in relation to the link road

Refers the Executive to the traffic consequences that the Terry's site redevelopment poses. Recommends that officers continue to pursue measures to minimise, and mitigate against, the traffic implications. Ask officers to pursue better public transport alternatives, together with cycling and walking options.

Recommend that the planning brief take the above considerations into account.

Agenda Item 8 – Shared Service – Staffing Implications

Note the report

Express concerns that paragraph 7 does not properly address the risk of equal pay claims and the impact on the newly implemented pay and re-grading.

Advises the Executive that paragraph 8 does not answer the concerns expressed by Unison. If employees do not wish to transfer to the new company, will this council allow those employees who do wish to move to the new company to stay within CYC?

Express concerns that the new company should not duplicate services currently offered within CYC such as administrative, legal and HR advice and support.

Agenda Item 9 – Proposed Big Wheel in St George's Field Car Park

Support a temporary licence subject to:-

- addressing concerns of residents
- addressing concerns of businesses
- finding a suitable and safe location on St Georges Field
- not affecting the visiting fair ground
- potential safety issue
- potential flooding issues
- There be a proper evaluation of its success and issues that might have arisen in the temporary 3 month period before any extension is agreed