

Shadow Executive Comments on Executive Business for 28th April

Declaration of interests:

Item 9 (LAA Delivery Fund) : Coun. Gunnell: employee of York CVS. CVS currently has two bids in for LAA money.

Agenda Item 4 – Executive Forward Plan

No officers required to attend the next Shadow Executive on Executive items.

Agenda Item 5 – Community Engagement Strategy

Shadow Executive:

Remains concerned that there is no provision within the strategy for telling residents what level of influence to expect from feeding their views back to the council.

We have remarked countless times in the past, without success, that there needs to be some kind of categorisation of consultations, so that, for example, residents know the council is doing one of the following:

- a. Telling them something only
- b. Telling them something and would be interested to hear their views but unlikely to have a major influence over final decision
- c. Giving them information and their views will actually have some influence on the final decision

Disappointed to see this has again been missed and therefore has the potential to turn residents off giving their views in the future.

Agenda Item 6 – Barbican Auditorium

The Shadow Executive:

Concerned that the Drivers Jonas report was not finalised and not available for councillors to aid decision-making.

Remind Executive to approach this holistically with the community stadium in mind

Would reject and oppose any plans for change of use for the Barbican

Note with concern that we have been advised by officers there is no legal recourse to recover damages from those that caused the damage to the building. No thought given or precautions taken for preservation of a council asset.

Note with concern there appears to be no recourse against Absolute Leisure in relation to dilapidation over the period it was in charge of the building.

Executive should identify who is responsible for these failings.

If option 2 is chosen the Barbican will not be open to residents this year. We remind the Executive it is 4 months since the council took back the keys to the Barbican. Option 2 will mean over £250k will be spent and the building will remain closed.

The Executive is requested to make a decision so residents know where it stands.

Agenda Item 7 – Community Stadium

Noted.

The Shadow Executive:

Remains concerned that the business case needs to be robust and that this stadium must not compete against the Barbican.

A community stadium is vital for the professional teams in York and that there be ownership of the process by the community.

Agenda Item 8 – Access York Phase 1 Park and Ride Development

Noted.

Agenda Item 9 – Local Area Agreement

Noted.

Item 10 – Petition from Sovereign Park Residents

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Item 11 – Code of Corporate Governance

Noted

Item 12 – Refuse Vehicle Procurement

Noted.

Disappointed that highways have not been consulted as part of proposal, and that no local or regional procurement has been achieved.

Would ask that in future procurement there be coordination in purchasing with other organisations eg. Fire Authority

So that there are more tailor made vehicles that cause less damage to roads, gullies and verges in York streets.