

Executive

Thursday, 29 August 2019

Decisions

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the Executive meeting held on Thursday, 29 August 2019. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

Members are reminded that, should they wish to call in a decision, notice must be given to Democracy Support Group no later than 4pm on the second working day after this meeting. Please note that the recommendation to Council at Item 14 on the list cannot be called in.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Fiona Young.

6. Responding to The Council's Climate Change Motion

Resolved: (i) That the significant activities and commitments already made in respect of the Climate Emergency agenda be noted.

Reason: To confirm that the Executive is aware of work carried out against this commitment of the Council.

(ii) That the following activities be requested, as set out in paragraph 35 of the report:

- a) The Climate Change Policy & Scrutiny Committee to consider York refreshing its engagement with the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy;
- b) Officers to investigate the potential for York's participation in the developing network of UK Climate Emergency cities;
- c) Officers to investigate how to engage with the newly established Local Government Association Climate Emergency Task and Finish Group, which will make recommendations on how the government can support councils in achieving climate emergency targets;

- d) A further report to be developed regarding the emerging Carbon Reduction Plan, the timing of which will be determined by the Leader.
- e) Reports in relation to the following investments made in the Emergency Budget to be brought to the Executive / Executive Member for Economy & Strategic Planning, as indicated below:
 - To Executive:
 - The Northern Forest, with this initiative to be signed up to by the council
 - Building Insulation Programme
 - Electric Charging Points.
 - To the Executive Member:
 - Additional capacity to speed up the production of Supplementary Planning Documents to support the Local Plan.

Reason: To allow the work in response to the Climate Emergency declaration to be progressed.

7. My City Centre Project – Establishing a Strategic Vision for York City Centre

Resolved: (i) That the aims and outcomes for the My City Centre project be approved.

Reason: To provide a strategic vision for the city centre that reflects stakeholder and public views and can guide development, regeneration and investment decisions.

(ii) That the approach, scope and governance for the My City Centre project be approved.

Reason: To ensure that the aims and objectives of the My City Centre project are delivered.

(iii) That the proposed spend of the £100k previously allocated to the project be approved.

Reason: To provide the resources required to deliver the My City Centre project.

(iv) That approval be given to procure a contract for the identified public engagement support required to deliver the project and that authority be delegated to the Assistant Director for Regeneration and Asset Management, in consultation with the Assistant Director of Legal and Governance or his/her delegated officers, to take such steps as are necessary to award and enter into the resulting contract.

Reason: To provide the necessary external support to deliver the public engagement that will sit at the heart of shaping the strategic vision.

8. City Centre Access Experimental Traffic Order Conclusion and Phase 1 Proposals

Resolved: (i) That the update provided in the report and its annexes, including the traffic monitoring and findings from stakeholder engagement events and the objections to making the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order permanent, be noted.

(ii) That, following consideration of the objections, approval be given to make permanent the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order, whereby the city centre will be closed to all traffic, except emergency vehicles and those with essential permission, during the footstreet hours, which currently are normally 10:30 am to 5:00 pm.

(iii) That officers be authorised to progress the process of advertising and changing the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) exemptions to create a new permit for emergency and essential permissions to the city centre under a single heading of permit holders.

(iv) That the findings from the various disabled groups, as indicated in Annex B to the report (with further details of the engagement process and results in Annex F), be implemented, and that further reviews be undertaken as to any improvements to disabled access and disabled parking between city

centre car parks and the footstreets area that would further mitigate the impact of implementing the TRO.

(v) That the design of the new bollard following consultation with conservation groups, as shown in Annex G, be noted.

(vi) That authority be delegated to the Assistant Director of Transport, Highways and Environment to carry out the procurement and installation of non-moving bollards at the end of Parliament Street at the earliest opportunity.

(vii) That the council work with the Counter Terrorism Unit to review the temporary measures for Christmas 2019.

(viii) That officers be requested to commence a procurement exercise for a supplier to procure and install the hostile vehicle rated measures in the city centre.

(ix) That officers be requested to commence the procurement of permanent measures at the Racecourse Road / Knavesmire Road junction, these to be in conjunction with measures to be implemented and operated by York Racecourse to manage access on race days.

(x) That details of the cost of the installation, operation and maintenance of the permanent measures be brought back to the Executive.

(xi) That the council work with the Police, consultants and other blue light services to finalise the operational protocols for providing emergency vehicular access to the city centre during the footstreets hours.

(xii) That the council continue to work with York Minster to review security arrangements and use the opportunity offered by their Neighbourhood Plan to propose alternatives to the current temporary hostile vehicle mitigation measures around the Minster area, known as Phase 2.

- (xiii) That it be noted that:
- a) the Counter Terrorism Unit will continue to advise the council;
 - b) the council will need to introduce essential measures and review them on a regular basis;
 - c) the My City Centre consultation, which is the subject of the previous item on this agenda, will give residents the opportunity to comment on future use of the city centre, including the security and accessibility of any future proposals that come forward.

- Reasons:
- (i) To respond to the advice given by North Yorkshire Police and the Counter Terrorism Unit to protect York's areas of high footfall against the 'vehicle as a weapon' (VAW) threat, through the provision of Hostile Vehicle Mitigation measures.
 - (ii) To ensure that measures are implemented to mitigate as best as possible the effect of the Hostile Vehicle Mitigation measures on blue badge holders, in view of the outcome of disabled group workshops and direct correspondence.

9. Refresh of Ward Committees

- Resolved:
- (i) That the following be approved:
 - a) The criteria for the Safer Communities Fund set out in paragraph 6 of the report;
 - b) The proposal for member development set out in paragraph 9;
 - c) The allocation for highways funding and the draft updated process for identification of schemes set out in paragraph 12;
 - d) The revised basis for allocation of ward funding set out in paragraph 17;
 - e) The updated process for Housing Environment Improvement Programme (HEIP) schemes set out in paragraph 18.
 - (ii) That the Social Value Engine be endorsed as a method for evaluating ward schemes.

(iii) That the proposals for resident engagement and the use of 'Planning for Real' set out in paragraph 25 onwards be endorsed.

(iv) That the proposals for Parish Liaison be endorsed.

(v) That the ideas for future development set out in paragraph 38 onwards be noted.

Reason: To support the Council's commitment to working with local communities and devolving power and budgets to residents.

10. The Danesgate Community - Academy Conversion

Resolved: (i) That the following areas of land (as marked on Appendix C to the report) be excluded from the 125 year lease to the Multi Academy Trust:

- a) Area 1 - Road next to Triangle (grassed area)
- b) Area 2 - Triangle (grassed area) of land

(ii) That, in respect of Area 3 (Road to south of the site) approval be given to split the road area, with the car parking area on the northern edge to remain education land and therefore included in the 125 year lease to the Multi Academy Trust (reserving a right of way over this land in favour of the council), and the remaining area of road excluded from the 125 year lease and designated a Public Right of Way.

(iii) That in respect of Area 4 (Walled Garden) approval be given to lease this area to the South York Multi Academy Trust as part of the 125 year lease, excluding the storage facility which is currently leased to the York Museums Trust.

(iv) That authority be delegated to officers to:
a) where appropriate, obtain approval under Schedule 1 of the Academies Act 2010 and Section 77 of the School Standards & Framework Act to allow the transfer of land around this conversion to take place;

- b) agree future budgets when consents are obtained; and
- c) report back to Members in due course on the Public Right of Way application and process.

(v) That, in the event that the academisation of Danesgate does not take place or is delayed, Areas 1 and 2 no longer be designated as land currently used for educational purposes and therefore be removed from being part of the site and be adopted by the council.

Reason: In order to resolve outstanding land issues to enable the Danesgate Community to convert to academy status, in accordance with the requirement of the Academies Act not to disadvantage a school when so converting and taking into account the interests of other current users of the land.

11. Future of Centaurs

Resolved: That approval be given to accession the two Centaurs sculptures into the council's museum collection (Option 1).

Reason: In order to resolve the issue of ownership of the sculptures and ensure that they can be put on public display for the benefit of York residents.

12. 2019/20 Finance and Performance Monitor 1

Resolved: (i) That the finance and performance information in the report be noted.

(ii) That the use of grant funding outlined in paragraphs 29-32 of the report be approved.

(iii) That the council tax charging proposals for long term empty properties outlined in paragraph 33 be approved.

Reason: To ensure that expenditure is kept within the approved budget.

13. Capital Programme - Monitor 1 2019/20

Resolved: (i) That the 2019/20 revised budget of £205.478, as set out in Table 1 at paragraph 6 of the report, be noted.

(ii) That the re-stated capital programme for 2019/20 – 2023/24, as set out in Table 2 at paragraph 17 and detailed in Annex A, be noted.

(iii) That approval be given to increase the gross budget for the Assistance to Older & Disabled People programme by £200k, funded by a revenue contribution from the Housing Revenue Account (HRA), as detailed in paragraph 25.

(iv) That the contract award outlined in paragraphs 57 to 62 be approved.

Reason: To enable the effective management and monitoring of the council's capital programme.

14. Capital Programme - Monitor 1 2019/20

Recommended: That Council approve the adjustments resulting in a decrease of £65.816m in the 2019/20 budget, as detailed in the report and contained in Annex A.

Reason: To enable the effective management and monitoring of the council's capital programme.