

## **Executive**

**Thursday, 22 October 2020**

### **Decisions**

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the Executive meeting held on Thursday, 22 October 2020. 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.

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

**5. City of York Council Recovery and Renewal Strategy - October Update**

Resolved: That the contents of the report, and the further information provided at the meeting, be noted.

**6. Phase 2 of the Housing Delivery Programme**

Resolved: (i) That approval be given to use existing project management resources to procure a construction contractor and related support services (in compliance with all relevant procurement legislation) for the residential development, associated infrastructure and public space works at the Duncombe Barracks and Burnholme sites, in accordance with any future planning permission granted for the development of those sites, and that authority be delegated to the Interim Director of Place, in consultation with the Director of Governance, to take such steps as are necessary to award and enter into the resulting contract.

(ii) That the allocation of £32.1m from the Housing Delivery Programme capital budget to deliver the projects referred to in (i) above be approved.

(iii) That approval be given to dispose of 8 small sites (as set out in Table 7 in the report) for the purpose of self-build housing, supporting the council's ambition to enable residents to provide their own housing solutions.

(iv) That approval be given to use existing resources in the Housing Delivery Programme capital budget to support any professional advice and minor works needed to enable the sale of these self-build sites, with plots to be marketed based on an independent valuation and authority delegated to the Interim Director of Place to accept the best offer.

Reason: To progress with the construction, rental and sale of much-needed homes in York, set within healthy and sustainable neighbourhoods.

## **7. Huntington Neighbourhood Plan - Examiner's Report and Proposed Modifications**

Resolved: (i) That the proposed additional modifications set out in Annex C to the report be approved for consultation purposes.

Reason: To allow public consultation on the proposed additional modifications.

(ii) That approval be given for a Neighbourhood Plan (Regulation 17A(2)) consultation on the proposed additional modifications to the Huntington Neighbourhood Plan set out in Annex C.

Reason: So that interested parties can comment on the proposed modifications to the approach to the Green Belt policies.

(iii) That responsibility for the proposed additional modifications and consultation strategy be delegated to the Assistant Director for Planning & Public Protection, in consultation with the Executive Member for Economy & Strategic Planning.

Reason: To allow public consultation on the proposed additional modifications.

(iv) That consideration of the Examiner's report at Annex A and the proposed modifications strategy at Annex B be deferred until the consultation on the proposed additional modifications in Annex C has taken place.

Reason: To enable Members to make a decision on how to proceed with the Neighbourhood Plan in relation to all proposed modifications with consideration for the responses received to the Neighbourhood Plan (Regulation 17A(2) consultation on Annex C.

## **8. Temporary Amendments to the Council's Statement of Community Involvement**

Resolved: (i) That the recommended temporary revisions to the council's adopted SCI set out in Annex A, as revised to incorporate the changes requested by the Local Plan Working Group, and reflecting the specific requirements arising from national guidance and procedures on dealing with coronavirus implications, be approved.

(ii) That officers be authorised to publish the covering note to the adopted SCI on the council's website.

(iii) That authority be delegated to the Corporate Director of Economy & Place, in consultation with the Executive Member for Economy & Strategic Planning, to approve the implementation of the revisions for a period of up to 6 months and, should the revisions remain in place after 6 months, to ask the Local Plan Working Group to consider whether to recommend a further period of implementation.

Reason: To ensure that consultation and engagement in the planning process remain effective at a time when restrictions have been placed on face to face social interactions to help combat the spread of coronavirus, and to provide some certainty as to the duration of the temporary amendments.

**9. Proposed Lease of Library Lawn to Explore York Libraries and Archives Mutual Limited**

Resolved: (i) That approval be given to grant a lease of Library Lawn and the St Leonards Hospital Ruins (Store) to Explore York and Archives Mutual Limited (Explore) until 31 March 2034, under the terms set out in the report to Executive on 23 July 2020, to enable Explore to deliver cultural activities.

Reason: To allow Explore to use the space in connection with the operation of York Explore library and to sub-lease to third parties in order to generate income.

**10. Urgent Business: Devolution for York and North Yorkshire and Unitarisation - Update**

Recommended: That Council:

- (i) Note the letter from the Secretary of State and the issues as set out in the report.
- (ii) Approve the submission to Government of a case for City of York Council remaining a unitary on its existing footprint.
- (iii) Delegate authority to the Interim Head of Paid Service to make a submission, in line with the decision above, within the Government's timescales.
- (iv) Approve the submission of a Strategic Partnership Agreement with North Yorkshire, which proposes areas of potential joint working between City of York Council and a new North Yorkshire unitary council to support efficient local government in the region.
- (v) Approve the submission of Devolution 'Asks' (as approved by Executive in July 2020) alongside the unitary submission,

subject to the permissibility within this process, in order to progress devolution discussions with Government as quickly as possible.

Reason: To ensure that an appropriate response, which benefits York, is submitted to Government within the required timescales.