

## **Notice of Decisions taken at the Executive meeting held on Tuesday, 14 April 2026**

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the Executive meeting held on Tuesday, 14 April 2026. 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 any decisions made on items\*, notice must be given to Democratic Services no later than 4.00pm on Tuesday, 21 April 2026.

\*With the exception of matters that have been the subject of a previous call-in, require Full Council approval or are urgent, which are not subject to the call-in provisions. Any called-in items will be considered by the Corporate Scrutiny Committee.

If you have any queries about matters referred to in this decision sheet then please contact Guy Close, Democratic Services Manager by e-mailing [guy.close@york.gov.uk](mailto:guy.close@york.gov.uk)

### **6. York Christmas Market Operating Hours and Economic Impact**

**Resolved (unanimously):** That the item be deferred to enable the proper consideration of further information and advice received from North Yorkshire Police on 14 April 2026.

### **7. York Carers Strategy 2026-2032**

**Resolved (unanimously):** That Executive approves the York Carers Strategy 2026-2032.

**Reason:** To provide a clear, co-produced framework for improving support to carers, aligned with statutory duties, corporate priorities and the Council's improvement work following the CQC assessment.

### **8. Plan-making activity and Local Plan Review**

**Resolved (unanimously):**

That Executive

- i) Approves and publishes the Plan-Making Activity Schedule, inclusive of the Local Plan Timetable (Annex A of the report);
- ii) Approves formal notification of plan-making by June 2026 with delegated authority to the Director of City Development to issue the notification;
- iii) Approves the Statement of Community Involvement (Annex C of the report);

**Reason:** To enable the Council to benefit from government funding for local planning authorities that commit to start their local plans by 30 June 2026 and complete Gateway 1 by 31 October 2026 in accordance with the requirements of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) Regulations 2026 and legislative framework.

- iv) Delegates authority to the Director of City Development, in consultation with the Member for Housing, Planning and Safer Communities:
  - a) To approve and update, when necessary, a Local Plan Consultation and Engagement Strategy;
  - b) To approve updates to the Local Plan timetable, when necessary;
  - c) To approve and publish the statutory 'scoping stage' consultation;
  - d) To approve, publish and submit the required documents and statements for statutory Gateways 1, 2 and 3;
  - e) To approve all evidence documents, reports and supporting data and analysis for publication;
  - f) To formally submit the proposed City of York Local Plan for Independent Examination once Gateway 3 is successfully completed.

**Reason:** To ensure the efficient delivery of the local plan programme and timely decision-making during the 30 months preparation period and its submission following completion of the formal stages of preparation.

- v) Authorises Officers to prepare a work programme for discussing Local Plan preparation at Planning Policy Advisory Group.
- vi) Instructs Officers to report to Executive for approval on the proposed Local Plan content and evidence for statutory consultations during the 30-month preparation period.

**Reason:** To ensure detailed political oversight and consideration at key stages of the local plan programme.

- vii) Delegates approval of consultation strategies for non-statutory guidance to the Director of City Development.

**Reason:** To continue effective implementation of the adopted Local Plan (2025)

## 9. **Housing Delivery Programme Delivery Strategy**

**Resolved (unanimously):**

That Executive

- a) Approves the Delivery Strategy for the HDP, including an initial phase of five sites (Ordnance Lane, Castle Mills, Willow House, Lowfield Plot A and Manor School), via the appointment of a long-term Strategic Delivery Partner and client-side multidisciplinary professional team.
- b) Agrees that the Delivery Strategy, subject to future Executive approvals, may be used to support the delivery of additional sites in the HDP, as well as strategic sites that may come forward through the Council's wider asset programmes and One Public Estate partnership work, including major public-sector land opportunities and significant brownfield regeneration schemes.
- c) Approves that prior to entering into any major construction contract in the HDP, a business case will be brought back to Executive for approval.
- d) Agrees to delegate authority to the Director of Housing and Communities and/or the Director of City Development (as appropriate based on the site) (in consultation with the Director of Finance and the Director of Governance) to take such steps that are necessary to procure and appoint the Strategic Delivery Partner, multidisciplinary professional team, and demolition of buildings at Willow House, and to determine the provisions of and enter into the resulting contracts (including any and all partnership agreements, pre-construction services agreements and early / minor / enabling / demolition works contracts) and any other necessary legal documentation (including any and all planning agreements and/or highways/land agreements as required; however, for the sake of clarity

this delegation is not for any requirements of either the Local Planning and/or Highways Authority), and the provisions of any subsequent modifications and/or extensions thereto, in accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations set out in Appendices 10 and 10a of the Constitution (the "Finance Regs"), the Contract Procedure Rules set out in Appendix 11 of the Constitution (the "CPRs") and (where applicable) the Procurement Act 2023 (the "Procurement Act") and the Public Contract Regulations 2015 (the "PCRs"), within approved budgets and subject to the availability of funding.

- e) Agrees to delegate authority to the Director of Housing and Communities and/or the Director of City Development (as appropriate based on the site) (in consultation with the Directors of Governance and Finance) to agree and enter into any land assembly, access, highways, easement, wayleave, title regularisation, or minor freehold/leasehold disposal necessary to deliver individual schemes (and the provisions of any subsequent modifications and/or extensions thereto), where consistent with an Executive-approved business case and statutory requirements.
- f) Agrees to delegate authority to the Director of Housing and Communities and/or the Director of City Development (as appropriate based on the site) to negotiate and enter into any Section 106, Section 278, Section 38, utilities, adoption, estate management, collaboration or development agreements required to implement schemes (and the provisions of any subsequent modifications and/or extensions thereto), following Executive approval of the relevant business case.
- g) Agrees to delegate authority to the Director of Housing and Communities and/or the Director of City Development (as appropriate based on the site) (in consultation with the Director of Finance and the Director of Governance) to undertake feasibility and due diligence work on additional sites in the pipeline, and to bring forward scheme-specific business cases to Executive for decision on inclusion in the Partnership.
- h) Agrees to delegate authority to the Director of Housing and Communities and/or the Director of City Development (as appropriate based on the site) (in consultation with the Director of Finance and the Director of Governance) to determine the provisions of and enter into any resulting

grant funding agreements and/or Memorandums of Understanding with any external funders, and the provisions of any subsequent modifications and/or extensions thereto, to ensure compliance with the Subsidy Control Act 2022, the Finance Regs and the CPRs.

- i) Approved the change from the Passivhaus-certification requirement for new homes to the adoption of the core requirements within the Homes England Healthy Homes Standard, and Future Homes Standard, as well as consideration of enhancements.
- j) Notes the availability of Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) powers, and to receive further reports (should they be required) in respect of any potential CPOs which may be required to facilitate the delivery of the schemes.

### **Reasons:**

- To ensure any works and/or services are procured in compliance with the Finance Regs, the CPRs, and (where applicable) our statutory duties under the Procurement Act 2023 and the Public Contract Regulations 2015.
- To ensure that any grant funding arrangements are entered into in compliance with the Subsidy Control Act 2022, the Finance Regs and the CPRs.
- To approve the Delivery Strategy and associated appointments, providing a single, programme-based route to secure capacity, continuity and best value through a Strategic Delivery Partner and client-side multidisciplinary team.
- To confirm the inclusion of the first phase of sites within the Partnership, ensuring a clear and sequenced pipeline that can be managed efficiently on a programme basis.
- To enable early feasibility work on wider strategic development opportunities, including sites emerging through One Public Estate and major brownfield regeneration schemes, and to ensure that any proposal to include such sites in the Partnership is supported by a business case brought to Executive for decision.
- To endorse site-by-site contract awards and programme phasing, preserving CYC control and flexibility to respond to market conditions and affordability while maintaining delivery pace.
- To require updated scheme-specific business cases for Executive approval prior to entering major construction

contracts in the HDP, strengthening governance, affordability and risk management at each gateway.

- To enable the Council to assemble and manage land, infrastructure and property interests necessary for scheme delivery, ensuring legal, planning and operational readiness.
- To allow the Council to enter into grant funding, infrastructure, highways, utilities and development agreements needed to implement individual schemes efficiently and in accordance with statutory requirements.
- To support timely and coordinated delivery of the HDP by providing appropriate delegations to progress activity.
- To ensure that schemes can be delivered in line with Executive approved business cases, the Council Plan, and the wider objectives for affordable housing, regeneration, social value, economic inclusion and climate action.
- To adopt the Homes England Healthy Homes Standard and Future Homes Standard to maintain high-quality, low carbon design while ensuring schemes remain deliverable and financially sustainable.

## 10. **2026/27 Ward Funding Allocation**

### **Resolved (unanimously):**

That Executive approves

- a) Model D (7) for implementation for the next financial year.
- b) Enhancement of the ward funding arrangements as outlined in paragraph 30 of the report:
  - Structured ward funding bid programmes held on a quarterly basis followed by City Wide Funding releases.
  - Flexibility to carry forward projects and funding at year end:
    - 1) To continue to allow approved projects not yet started to be carried forward into the new financial year (this has been in place since 2024/25); and
    - 2) To allow 20% of the year's budget to be carried over at the end of the financial year so if there is insufficient funding for an application at year end, it can be topped up from the following year.

- 3) Publication of all ward funding decisions on ward web pages to demonstrate to residents how the money had been spent each year.

**Reason:** To ensure that ward allocations meet Council Plan priorities and methodologies around allocations and delivery are transparent to residents and stakeholders.