

## **EXECUTIVE**

**TUESDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 2007**

### **DECISIONS**

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Executive held on Tuesday, 20 November 2007. 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 Fiona Young (tel. 01904 551027).

#### **6. IT DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2008-09**

RESOLVED: (i) That the order of priorities recommended by the CITSG be agreed in principle, subject to the allocation of resources as part of the 2008/09 budget process.

REASON: In order to allocate the IT Development Plan funding for 2008/09 to priority projects, to support the delivery of the Council's corporate priorities.

(ii) That consideration also be given during the budget build process to the appropriate provision to be made in the Medium Term Financial Strategy for spend on the IT Development Plan in 2009/10.

REASON: To ensure that sufficient resources are identified for future years' IT Development within the Council's forward plan, subject to the overall budget position.

(iii) That Officers be asked to refine the proposals further, to identify more specifically the revenue savings that each will deliver over the lifetime of the investment.

REASON: In order to inform the budget build process.

#### **7. COMPREHENSIVE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT INSPECTION - SELF ASSESSMENT**

RESOLVED: That the content of the self assessment be endorsed, noting that it may be subject to editorial changes by the Chief Executive.

REASON: To enable the self assessment to be sent to the Audit Commission according to their required timetable.

**8. YORK RACECOURSE – APPLICATION FOR LEASE EXTENSION AND AMENDMENTS**

- RESOLVED: (i) That Option A be approved, that is:
- a) to surrender the existing lease for the Racecourse in favour of a new 99 year lease, from 2008;
  - b) to include the remaining 3 acres of the West Enclosure in the lease, subject to the results of advertising under Section 123 of the Local Government Act 1972;
  - c) to increase the number of permitted Race Days as of right to 20, with any others to be subject to approval by the Head of Parks and Open Spaces, in consultation with Officers in City Strategy;
  - d) to add the 'Ascot Bend' to the race track, in exchange for land on the Tadcaster Road straight;
  - e) to allow up to 10 days for the erection of hospitality marquees and 4 days for removal, instead of the current 'Race Week', subject to the approval of the Head of Parks and Open Spaces.

REASON: To ensure that York Racecourse maintains its position amongst the top courses in the country, whilst at the same time continuing to be a valued local amenity that plays a valuable role in the economic development of the City and brings benefits in a manner that is acceptable to the residents of York.

- (ii) That Officers be asked to investigate further options for providing a set of temporary toilets, including bringing back into use the existing toilet block on Knavesmire Road, on major Race Days.

REASON: In order to address Ward Members' suggestions in this regard and in view of the fact that the Race Committee are not willing to provide toilets in the Scarcroft Hill area and that there is no budget provision for the estimated £8k cost of providing and servicing toilets for the main race meetings.

- (iii) That the other issues raised by Members be kept under review and addressed as part of any proposed changes to licensing arrangements and planning permissions and / or during traffic management reviews.

REASON: To ensure that these matters are dealt with in an appropriate context.

- (iv) That any further refinement of the 'off course' race management arrangements - which may involve

additional cost - be submitted as a revenue growth bid as part of the annual budget build process.

REASON: To ensure that adequate funding arrangements are in place before any changes are agreed.

**9. REVIEW & STRATEGY FOR THE COMMERCIAL PROPERTY PORTFOLIO**

RESOLVED: (i) That the performance of the Council's operational and non-operational portfolios be noted.

(ii) That the recommendations summarised in paragraph 10 of Annex A to the report be approved.

(iii) That recommendation (d) in paragraph 10 be considered further by the Corporate Asset Management Group and a report brought back to the Executive Member for Corporate Services outlining the investment strategy.

REASONS: To provide Members' input to the Commercial Property Review, set targets for future performance and identify actions on individual properties.

