

## EXECUTIVE

TUESDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 2008

### DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Executive held on Tuesday, 26 February 2008. 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 4:00 pm on the second working day after this meeting – that is, **Thursday, 28 February 2008**. Please note that the decisions listed under items 9 and 10 below cannot be called in, as they are recommendations to Council.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Fiona Young (tel. extn 1027).

#### 5. MINUTES OF WORKING GROUPS

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Working Groups be noted.

REASON: In accordance with the requirements of the Council's Constitution regarding the role of Working Groups.

#### 6. NEIGHBOURHOOD MANAGEMENT REVIEW

*[See also under Part B minutes]*

RESOLVED: (i) That the content of the report, and in particular the potential opportunities available to strengthen neighbourhood delivery and communications, consultation and involvement of local people in local decisions, be welcomed.

(ii) That, in respect of **Issue A**, a refreshed model of neighbourhood management broadly in line with **Model 1** – increased democracy and participation – be approved, as exemplified in Annex 1 to the report.

(iii) That, in respect of **Issue B, Option 1** - the continuation of a devolution model around delivery via ward committees, as existing, be approved, to support and facilitate engagement at a local level.

(iv) That the development of Neighbourhood Action Plans (NAPs) be approved as a vehicle for delivering the adopted neighbourhood model and tying together the strategic vision of the City and the local vision (**Issue C, Annex 2**).

(v) That the production of a citywide Consultation and

Engagement Strategy be approved to support the refreshed neighbourhood model and consistent consultation across the Council (**Issue D, Annex 3**).

(vi) That the successful delivery of ward committee local improvement schemes in York, via a participatory budgeting process be noted and that it be recognised that the continuation of this approach will assist the local authority as it continues to inform, consult and involve the local public in local decisions (**Issue E, Annex 4**).

(vii) That, in respect of **Issue F, Option 3** be approved and the Neighbourhood Management Unit (NMU) be requested to work with the Economic Development Unit on options for tackling deprivation in ward based communities.

(viii) That it be noted that it may not be possible to provide additional support for building based community facilities from existing resources within the NMU, but it is anticipated that the demand for additional devolution of this sort will be limited in York (**Issue G, Annex 6**).

(ix) That it be noted that the Councillor Call for Action (CcfA) will be implemented from April 2008 (**Issue H, Annex 7**)

(x) That, in respect of **Issue I**, a review of working arrangements, with those parish councils that request it be approved, in line with **Option 2** detailed in Annex 8 to the report, provided that any revised processes are cost neutral.

(xi) That Officers be advised that additional resources are unlikely to be available to the NMU, but that any restructuring proposals considered to be essential can be the subject of a further report to the Executive at a later date.

(xii) That the notice of motion referred to in paragraph 2 be referred to Council together with the recommendations of the Executive on the report.

REASON: To respond to the issues raised within the Members' Policy Prospectus on 23 May 2007 and the notice of motion to Council and to provide guidance on options for the future delivery of Neighbourhood Management.

## **7. REVIEW OF SUB-NATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND FUTURE WORKING WITHIN THE LEEDS CITY REGION**

RESOLVED: That the actions set out in paragraph 9 of the report and

summarised below be approved, in order to maximise the benefits to York of the SNR and the LCR, while noting the potential pitfalls of such a move, some of which are mentioned in paragraph 10 of the report:

- a) Ensure appropriate representation on key thematic Panels within the LCR, where these are relevant to the initiatives identified in paragraph 8.
- b) Ensure that York's Business Panel representative is fully briefed on York related issues.
- c) Work with contiguous LCR partners who may have similar aspirations, namely Harrogate, Selby and Ryedale.
- d) Within the above, begin to consider how the LSP and partnership working might interlock with the aspirations and ambitions of these neighbouring authorities.
- e) Work with Leeds business representatives through York Professionals, Visit York and Science City York.
- f) Ensure that dialogue is taking place to build the relationship with Yorkshire Forward at a senior level and work with Yorkshire Forward to seek their direct investment in York to support economic development priorities.
- g) Ensure that appropriate officers are involved in developing a Multi-Area Agreement for the LCR.
- h) Ensure that York's case for the designation of York North West as one of the Government's New Growth Points is articulated within the LCR endorsement process.

REASON: To help shape the effectiveness of future action.

#### **8. USE OF RESOURCES CPA (UOR CPA) 2007**

RESOLVED: (i) That the final scores for the 2007 UOR CPA assessment and the successful step back up to an overall 3 in 2007 from 2 in 2006 be noted.

(ii) That the report of the District Auditor attached as Annex A be noted.

REASON: So that Members are informed on the moderated score for national publication by the Audit Commission and on the detailed findings and conclusions of the District Auditor.

#### **9. BUSINESSES IN CITY CENTRE PERIPHERAL STREETS**

RECOMMENDED: That Council re-consider the motion on businesses in the City Centre peripheral streets that was referred to the Executive on 4 October 2007, together with this report, and agree the following actions (including the actions detailed in paragraph

- 6 of the report) as their response to the motion:
- a) Working with retailers, traders and other businesses on the peripheral streets to offer advice and encouragement.
  - b) Working with Visit York to examine the scope for further publications to attract additional visitors to the peripheral streets.
  - c) Examining the scope for extending the range of festivals and market events beyond the main City Centre area.
  - d) Developing further initiatives to promote the evening economy, taking account of the role of peripheral streets.
  - e) Maintaining progress with developing the City Centre Area Action Plan and ensuring that this is focused on supporting the gateways and fringe streets.
  - f) Considering the extent of the footstreets review initiative, through consultation during this review.
  - g) Carrying out further work to examine the scope for bringing empty property in peripheral streets back into use.
  - h) Officers to examine how action might be taken to stimulate footfall in Micklegate by the use of advertising and / or automated announcements on the Park and Ride buses, both in the short term and in the long term once the new bus fleet comes into use.

REASON: In accordance with the procedures set out in Standing Orders and to help shape the effectiveness of future action.

## **10. NEIGHBOURHOOD MANAGEMENT REVIEW**

*[See also under Part A minutes]*

RECOMMENDED: That Council consider the notice of motion on Community Leadership and Neighbourhood Management, together with the decisions of the Executive in respect of the recommendations in the report (*see under Part A minutes, Minute 170*).

REASON: In accordance with the procedures set out in Standing Orders.

