

CABINET

TUESDAY, 19 JULY 2011

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Decision Session Executive Member for Leisure, Culture and Social Inclusion held on Tuesday, 19 July 2011. 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 key 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.

5. TAKING FORWARD THE 2011/12 BUDGET PRIORITIES **Appendix D**

RESOLVED: That approval be given to develop a Council Plan and Delivery Plan, for submission to Full Council.

REASON: To ensure that the Council delivers the priorities set out in the report.

6. PETITION TO COUNCIL ON SUPPORT FOR VULNERABLE PEOPLE **Appendix E**

RESOLVED: (i) That the Cabinet also write to MPs in the terms outlined in the petition.

(ii) That the petition and report be referred to the Fairness Commission for consideration.

REASON: To ensure that the concerns raised in the petition with regard to support for vulnerable people are properly addressed.

7. A REVIEW OF CITY OF YORK COUNCIL'S ELDERLY PERSONS HOMES (EPHS) **Appendix F**

RESOLVED: (i) That a full and meaningful consultation be carried out on the review and its options for the future re-provision of the Council's nine elderly persons' residential care homes.

(ii) That the consultation should last for a period of three months and involve residents, day care and respite care service users, as well as relatives, staff, trade unions, elected Members, health colleagues, older people's groups and any other interested parties (as set out in the consultation plan at Annex E).

(iii) That a further report to Members, outlining the result of the consultation and recommendations for action, be received in November 2011.

REASON: To ensure that all interested parties are fully involved in the changes necessary to cater for the growing population of older people in the City for the foreseeable future.

8. HOMELESS REVIEW 2010/11 **Appendix G**

RESOLVED: (i) That the contents of the report be noted.

(ii) That the priorities for 2011/12, as set out in paragraph 50 of the report, together with the targets and the forthcoming plan, be agreed.

(iii) That an update on the effectiveness of the strategy be brought to Cabinet in due course.

(iv) That Cabinet also receive a report detailing the cumulative effect on homelessness in York of the government's changes to the housing benefit system.

REASON: To ensure that the Council continues to meet its statutory responsibilities and supports the most vulnerable in society.

9. APPROVAL OF THE HOMELESS STRATEGY (REVIEW) 2011 TO 2013 **Appendix H**

RESOLVED: (i) That the contents of the Homeless Strategy Action Plan that will cover the period 2011 to 2013 be approved.

(ii) That approval be given to re-name the document 'Housing Options and Homeless Strategy Action Plan'.

REASON: In accordance with the legal requirement for the Council to have a Homeless Strategy and the undertaking given in the 2008-13 strategy action plan to update and re-publish it in 2011.

10. STRENGTHENING THE CAPABILITY AND CAPACITY OF YORK'S VOLUNTARY SECTOR **Appendix I**

RESOLVED: That approval be given to allocate an additional £100k funding to support the voluntary sector in the City, specifically focused around building the capacity and capability of local voluntary bodies to diversify income streams and deliver joined up services at a neighbourhood and City-wide level, and extending the opening hours and provision of the City Volunteering Centre.

REASON: To increase the scope and build the capacity of York CVS to strengthen the fabric of the voluntary sector in the City.

11. HIGH SPEED RAIL CONSULTATION - THE COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO THE GOVERNMENT'S CONSULTATION **Appendix J**

RESOLVED: (i) That the contents of the report be noted.

(ii) That the draft response be amended to address the issues of:

- the interim position after the construction of phase 1
- rail links to the Midland main line and electrification of the line through to York.

(ii) That, subject to those amendments, the draft response be submitted as the Council's response to the Government's consultation on a high speed rail network.

REASON: To enable a response reflecting Members' views to be submitted before the closing date of 29 July 2011.

12. FINANCIAL OUT-TURN 2010/11 **Appendix K**

RESOLVED: (i) That the provisional underspend of £369k and the current level of the General Fund reserve be noted.

REASON: In order to inform future financial decision making.

(ii) That the requests for the carry forward of budgets into 2010-12, as detailed in paragraph 28 of the report and totalling £168k, be approved.

REASON: So that resources can be directed into those areas that meet corporate priorities.

13. CAPITAL PROGRAMME OUT-TURN 2010/11 AND REVISIONS TO THE 2011/12-2015/16 PROGRAMME

[See also under Part B minutes]

RESOLVED: (i) That the 2010/11 capital out-turn position be noted and the requests for slippage from the 2010/11 programme to the 2011/12 programme, totalling £9.721m, be approved.

REASON: to allow the continued effective financial management of the capital programme.

14. TREASURY MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REPORT AND REVIEW OF PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS **Appendix M**

RESOLVED: (i) That the 2010/11 performance of the Council's Treasury Management activity be noted.

(ii) That the movements of the Prudential Indicators, as set out in Annex A to the report, be noted.

REASON: In accordance with statutory requirements.

(iii) That Cabinet formally record their thanks to Officers for their success in managing the Council's debt payments.

15. URGENT BUSINESS - WATER END FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEME

RESOLVED: (i) That approval be given to sign the financial contribution agreement with the Environment Agency (EA) confirming the Council's contribution of £1m in 2012/13 towards the Water End Flood Alleviation Scheme.

REASON: To enable the EA to progress the scheme, as detailed in paragraph 3 of the report.

(ii) That the contribution towards the Clementhorpe scheme be noted and an agreement signed with the EA in due course.

REASON: To enable the EA to commence a feasibility study into a flood protection scheme at Clementhorpe in 2012/13.

16. 2012/14 BUDGET PROCESS Appendix N

RESOLVED: (i) That the financial position outlined in the report be noted.

(ii) That the proposed budget timetable set out in Annex 1, and the plans to commence budget consultation in September, be agreed.

REASON: To ensure the development and approval of a robust budget within the statutory timeline.

17. CAPITAL PROGRAMME OUT-TURN 2010/11 AND REVISIONS TO THE 2011/12-2015/16 PROGRAMME Appendix L

[See also under Part A minutes]

RECOMMENDED: (i) That Council approve the re-stated 2011/12 to 2015/16 capital programme, as summarised in Table 4 at paragraph 37 of the report and detailed in Annex 1.

(ii) That Council approve the use of additional resources in the form of prudential borrowing at a value of £65k, to fund the overspend on Clements Hall.

REASON: To allow the continued effective financial management of the capital programme from 2011/12 to 2015/16.