

CABINET

TUESDAY, 4 OCTOBER 2011

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of Cabinet held on Tuesday, 4 October 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 (tel extn 1027).

6. ESTABLISHMENT AND GOVERNANCE OF THE [Appendix D](#) LOCAL AUTHORITY TRADING COMPANY

RESOLVED: (i) That approval be given for:

- a) the establishment of the local authority company (called City of York Trading, or CYT Limited)
- b) the Business Case at Annex 5 to the report and
- c) the general principles of governance and operation as set out in the report, including the appointment of the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services as a non-executive director to act as Chairman of the Board.

REASON: To allow the company to be established.

(ii) That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services to approve the final Articles of Association.

REASON: So that the detailed Articles of Association can be formally agreed.

(iii) That authority be delegated to the Leader of the Council to formally agree and sign off the Shareholder Agreement.

REASON: To enable the establishment of a Shareholder Committee that will regularly review the activities of CYT Ltd and monitor its performance.

(iv) That a Shareholder Committee be established, comprising the Leader of the Council (who will chair the committee) and two other Council Members, as chosen by the Leader.

REASON: In order properly to exercise the Council's powers and responsibilities as the sole shareholder of the LATC.

(v) That the Director of CBSS prepare proposals on which *current* activities provided to external organisations should be considered for trading through CYT Ltd.; all such instances to be subject to business case approval by the Council Management Team, the Board of Directors and the Shareholder Committee.

REASON: To allow a mechanism for existing trading activity with external organisations to move into the company.

7. **ESTABLISHING YORK'S HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD (LISTED ON THE FORWARD PLAN AS 'LOCAL IMPLICATIONS TO CHANGES IN THE NHS')**

Appendix F

RESOLVED: That the arrangements set out in the report for the establishment of a shadow Health and Wellbeing Board (H&WB) for York be approved; in particular:

- the proposed membership in paragraph 18
- the draft constitution at Annex C
- the principle that, from April 2012, meetings of the H&WB should be held in public.

REASON: To discharge the Council's new obligations under the Health and Social Care Bill 2011 (expected to receive Royal Assent shortly) and to further the Council's corporate

objectives.

**8. ACCESS TO CUSTOMER RECEPTION
SERVICE IN ACOMB**

Appendix H

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That Option 2 be approved and that customer access to services be provided more locally in a community setting, with a view to ensuring that alternative face to face facilities are in place prior to vacating the Acomb Office.

 - (ii) That approval be given to:
 - a) use the venture fund reserve to fund 25% of the dilapidation / relocation costs attributable to the general fund;
 - b) use the existing general fund budget of £28k no longer required at Acomb Office to fund community based services to a maximum of £15k;
 - c) use the remaining balance on the general fund budget, after funding alternative community based services, to repay the venture fund and then contribute to the overall savings of the administrative accommodation project;
 - d) use the existing HRA budget no longer required for Acomb Office accommodation to fund the 75% dilapidation / relocation costs;

 - (iii) That the Director of City Strategy be authorised to serve the lease Break Clause and to negotiate the dilapidations settlement with the Landlord up to the maximum amount listed in exempt Annex C.

REASON: To ensure that services continue to be delivered locally to customers and to secure cost savings related costs through the vacation of the back office.

9. REVIEW OF SEVERE WEATHER RESPONSE AND THE WINTER MAINTENANCE POLICY **Appendix I**

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That the improvements made to service delivery, the introduction of the Snow Warden scheme and the equipment trial be noted.
 - (ii) That a report back on these changes be brought to Cabinet during the summer of 2012.

REASON: To ensure that the proposed equipment is capable of meeting expectations, that the effectiveness of the Snow Wardens is reviewed and that the response to heavy snow is effective.

10. CITY OF SANCTUARY **Appendix J**

- RESOLVED: That Cabinet, on behalf of the City of York Council, pledges its support for the City of Sanctuary initiative and in doing so:
- Recognises the contribution of refugees, asylum seekers, migrants and all seeking sanctuary in York;
 - Resolves to welcome and include them in our activities;
 - Supports York in seeking recognised status as a City of Sanctuary;
 - Agrees to support the kind of practical initiatives set out in paragraph 10 of the report.

REASON: So that York may become a City of Sanctuary.

12. CHANGES TO THE WELFARE SYSTEM AND THEIR IMPACT ON CITY OF YORK COUNCIL **Appendix G**

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That the cumulative impact of these changes on the City of York Council and the need to make best use of existing resources to support those affected, be noted.
 - (ii) That the Council lobby government

as part of a regional response, and also write to York's local MPs to express opposition to the proposed changes.

(iii) That the response to the DWP consultation document on proposals to amend Housing Benefit for supported housing, as set out in Annex D to the report, be endorsed.

REASON: In order to respond to government changes to welfare legislation.

**13. CITY OF YORK COUNCIL: COMMENTS ON THE [Appendix E](#)
DRAFT NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY
FRAMEWORK**

RECOMMENDED: (i) That Council approve the attached response to the consultation on the National Planning Policy Framework, as amended by the changes recommended by the LDF Working Group at their meeting on 3 October 2011, for submission to the Department of Communities & Local Government.

(ii) That Council delegate to the Director of City Strategy, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for City Strategy, authority to make any changes to the submission that are necessary as a result of the above recommendation.

REASON: So that representations on the NPPF can be made within an appropriate timescale.