

CABINET

TUESDAY, 10 JANUARY 2012

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Cabinet held on Tuesday, 10 January 2012. 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 **4.00pm on Thursday 12 January 2012**.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Jill Pickering 01904 552061.

5. ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER 2010/11 - AUDIT COMMISSION

RESOLVED: That the Annual Audit letter 2010/11, as set out at Annex A of the report, be received and noted.

REASON: To comply with the statutory requirements for the external audit of the council.

6. MINUTES OF WORKING GROUPS

RESOLVED: (i) That the minutes at Annexes A and B to the report be noted.

(ii) That the specific recommendations of the LDF Working Group made at their meeting on 5 December 2011, as set out in paragraph 5 of the report, be approved.

REASON: To fulfil the requirements of the council's Constitution in relation to the role of Working Groups.

7. REVISION TO THE COUNCIL'S ADMINISTRATIVE ACCOMMODATION STRATEGY

RESOLVED: That the Cabinet make the following in principle decisions, pending consideration by the Scrutiny Management (Calling In) Committee on 30 January 2012:

- i) That the status of the Guildhall and St Anthony's House in relation to the Administrative Accommodation Strategy is revised in line with this report.
- ii) That further work is progressed to develop future use and development options in relation to the Guildhall site in line with the finalised Conservation and Heritage Plan for the site, bearing in mind the requirement for continued use of the Council Chamber.
- iii) That work is undertaken to assess the requirements of the political groups in relation to space and accommodation needs in West Offices.
- iv) That the Director of City Strategy be authorised to commence initial discussions with third parties regarding possible property options to support the long term use, custodianship or ownership, viability and maintenance of both the Guildhall and St Anthony's House

REASON: To manage the Council's property assets in an economic and efficient manner in line with corporate objectives.

8. CONTROLLING THE CONCENTRATION OF HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

- RESOLVED
- i) That approval be given to the draft Supplementary Planning Document (Controlling Houses in Multiple Occupation) as set out at Annex A of the report for consultation purposes in accordance with Option 1; and
 - ii) That the Director of City Strategy be delegated authority to make of any changes to the SPD that are necessary as a result of the recommendations of the LDF Working Group.

REASON: So that the SPD can be consulted on, and amended accordingly ahead of it being used for Development Management purposes to support the emerging LDF Core Strategy and the Article 4 Direction which comes into force on 20 April 2012.

9. PROPOSED EXPANSION OF VERITAU LIMITED

RESOLVED: That approval be given to the expansion of Veritau through the creation of a subsidiary company, Veritau – North Yorkshire so as to enable internal audit services to be provided to the North Yorkshire district councils from 1 April 2012.

REASON: As shareholders in Veritau, to consider the expansion of the company so as to enable the provision of services to other local authorities in the region.

10. THE REVIEW OF CITY OF YORK COUNCIL'S ELDERLY PERSONS HOMES

RESOLVED: That Cabinet agree to:

- i) The closure of Oliver House and Fordlands residential care homes and that residents' moves to their new

homes are carefully planned and managed in line with the “Moving Homes Safely” protocol.

- ii) The implementation of the overall programme of development for the modernisation of the Council’s residential care homes
- iii) Receive a more detailed business case in April 2012 for the development of a new residential care home on the Fordlands site which shows the possible build and operating options
- iv) Officers undertaking a soft market testing exercise for the development of the Lowfield site and report back to Cabinet with the outcome along with a financial model of the operating and design options in April 2012.

REASON:

The review highlighted the need for changes to the current provision and proposed options for consultation on how it could be replaced by modern facilities. There was overwhelming support in the consultation of the need for change and the vision of the new facilities in the city. These recommendations form the next steps toward implementing that vision.