

EXECUTIVE

THURSDAY, 9 FEBRUARY 2017

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the Executive meeting held on Thursday, 9 February 2017. 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 Monday 13 February 2017. Please note that recommendations to Council are not subject to the call-in provisions.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Carol Tague (01904) 552094 or carol.tague@york.gov.uk.

5. CITY OF YORK COUNCIL RESPONSE TO THE INDEPENDENT FLOOD INQUIRY

Resolved: That the Executive agree:

- (i) That the Inquiry has achieved the aims of the Terms of Reference as laid down in Annex 1 of this report.
- (ii) That City of York Council accepts the output of the report as set out in the recommendations detailed in Annex 2 of this report.
- (iii) That City of York Council will continue to deliver a range of actions following flood debrief sessions, recommendations from the inquiry have been mapped across to these as detailed in Annex 3 of this report. Further work will be carried out to identify wider actions that may be needed to deliver all agreed recommendations.

- (iv) To allocate one off funding to assess and deliver the agreed recommendations from the inquiry report.
- (v) That City of York Council will continue to commit to close working with the Environment Agency and other partners to deliver the Five Year Plan and the emerging catchment wide solutions work. Annex 4 details the recommended approach to deliver the localised defence improvement work and further work will be brought in a later report to detail the approach to progress catchment wide solutions. It is recommended that the Flood Risk and Asset Manager acts as the council Senior User and the Executive Member for the Environment sits on the Executive Steering Group for this project

Reason: To formally accept the findings of the City of York Council commissioned York Flood Inquiry and identify the approach to develop agreed recommendations from the report. To approve the governance approach for the delivery of the Environment Agency led flood risk management investment programmes.

6. STEPS TOWARDS A SINGLE HEALTH & SAFETY ORGANISATION

Resolved: That having considered the options contained within the body of the report and Annex A, supporting the adoption and implementation of a sustainable shared YorSafety service, the Executive agree to:-

- (i) Approve Option 1 as being the most effective at achieving the aim of creating a resilient and sustainable service in the future.
- (ii) Delegate to the Executive Member for the Environment the final arrangements for

transfer including sharing agreements for any surplus made by YorSafety.

Reason: To ensure the Executive and residents are informed of the City of York Council / North Yorkshire County Council approach to ensuring both Health and Safety services are resilient and are better able to support the two organisations.

7. FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2017/18 TO 2021/22

Resolved: That Executive approve:

- (i) The average rent decrease of 1.0% to be applied to all 'social housing rents' for 2017/18, as required by legislation. This is shown in table 13 and described in paragraph 146 of the report.
- (ii) The average rent increase of 2.0% to be applied to all rents which fall outside the definition on 'social housing rents' for 2017/18, as described in paragraph 148 of the report.
- (iii) That any changes resulting from the Final Local Government Finance Settlement be reflected in the Budget report to Council on 23 February 2017 with the balance of any change being reflected in a change in the Contingency Budget.

Reason: To ensure the ongoing financial stability of the HRA and allow work on improving the quality of the council's affordable housing to continue.

8. CAPITAL PROGRAMME - MONITOR 3 2016/17

Resolved: That Executive agree to:

- (i) Note the 2016/17 revised budget of £52.428m as set out in paragraph 6 and Table 1.

- (ii) Note the restated capital programme for 2016/17 – 2020/21 as set out in paragraph 53, Table 2 and detailed in Annex A.
- (iii) Approve the use of £270k from Capital contingency to the Mansion House scheme as set out in paragraph 50.

Reason: To enable the effective management and monitoring of the Council's capital programme.

9. 2016/17 FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE MONITOR 3

Resolved: That the Executive note the current finance and performance information.

Reason: To ensure expenditure is kept within the approved budget and to ensure continued performance management.

10. NORTH AND HUMBER REGIONAL ADOPTION AGENCY OPTIONS

Resolved: That the Executive agree in principle:

- (i) To the establishment of a North and Humber Regional Adoption Agency (to be known as One Adoption North and Humber) formed from the amalgamation of the adoption services of East Riding, North Yorkshire, North East Lincolnshire, North Lincolnshire, Hull and York councils.
- (ii) That the delivery model be the integration of the six Local Authority adoption agencies into a single Regional Adoption Agency led by a host Local Authority.
- (iii) That the North and Humber Regional Adoption Agency is hosted by City of York; that it is a shared service and that the name of the Agency is One Adoption North and Humber.

Reason: The recommendations outline a pro-active response to Government requirements, in a cost effective way that offers York the opportunity to take on a regional leadership role, with the potential for future expansion into other areas of regional provision.

11. SALE OF LAND AT FORDLANDS ROAD AS PART OF THE OLDER PERSONS' ACCOMMODATION PROGRAMME

Resolved: That the Executive agree to accept the offer for the purchase of the freehold ownership of the Fordlands Road site by Octopus Healthcare who propose to develop a new residential and nursing care home (subject to obtaining planning permission and any other necessary statutory consents on terms acceptable to them) as part of the Older Persons' Accommodation Programme.

Reason: To receive a capital receipt for use by the Older Persons' Accommodation Programme and with the intention to also deliver much needed new residential and nursing care accommodation for older people, including those with dementia and other complex care needs.

12. CAPITAL STRATEGY 2017/18 TO 2021/22

Recommended: That Council:

- Agree to the revised capital programme of £215.036m that reflects a net overall increase of £36.140m (as set out in paragraph 54 table 9 and in Annex B). Key elements of this include:-
 - Extension of prudential borrowing funded Rolling Programme schemes totalling £8.240m as set out in table 3 and summarised in table 9;
 - New schemes totalling £11.024m including an increase in prudential borrowing of £11.024m as set out in tables 4 & 5 and summarised in table 9;

- Extension of externally funded Rolling Programme schemes totalling £6.764m as set out in table 5 and summarised in table 9;
 - An increase in HRA funded schemes totalling £10.112m funded from a combination HRA balances/Right to Buy receipts as set out in table 6 and summarised in table 9
- Approve the full restated programme as summarised in Annex A totalling £215.036 cover financial years 2017/18 to 2021/22 as set out in table 10 and Annex A
 - Approve the proposal to allow wards, if required to bring forward their share of the 2018/19 Highways Resurfacing allocation (£250k in total per annum) to allow the potential for higher impact schemes as set out at paragraph 31.

Reason: To set a balanced capital programme as required by the Local Government Act 2003

13. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS FOR 2017/18 TO 2021/22

Recommended: That Council approve:

- (i) The proposed Treasury Management Strategy for 2017/18 including the annual investment strategy and the minimum revenue provision policy statement.
- (ii) The prudential indicators for 2017/18 to 2021/22 in the main body of the report.
- (iii) The specified and non-specified investments schedule (Annex B).
- (iv) The Scheme of Delegation and the role of the Section 151 Officer (Annex D).

Reason: To enable the continued effective operation of the treasury management function and ensure that all Council borrowing is prudent, affordable and sustainable.

14. FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2017/18 TO 2021/22

Resolved: That the Executive having considered:

- Expenditure pressures facing the council as set out in the report
- Impacts of savings proposals set out in annex 2
- Medium term financial factors facing the council as outlined in the report
- Projected levels of reserves as set out in the report
- Statutory advice from the Deputy Chief Executive/Director of Customer and Corporate Services

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Recommended: That Council approve the budget proposals as outlined in this report, and in particular;

- The net revenue expenditure requirement of £119.659m
- A council tax requirement of £81.630m
- The revenue growth proposals as outlined in the body of the report
- The 2017/18 revenue savings proposals as outlined in annex 2
- The fees and charges proposals as outlined in annex 4

- The Housing Revenue Account (HRA) budget set out in annex 5 and the HRA savings proposals set out in annex 6
- The dedicated schools grant proposals outlined in paragraphs 149 to 156
- The use of £147k New Homes Bonus funding to fund one off investment, as outlined in paragraph 73
- The use of £156k funding from the Leeds City Region Business Rates Pool to support cultural and sporting events, including cycling, as outlined in the report in paragraph 104, which will be subject to a report to the Executive during the year
- The use of £750k from the Waste Reserve to fund additional one off waste disposal costs in 2017/18, prior to the planned full operation of the Allerton Waste Recovery Park facility in February 2018, as described in paragraph 108.
- The use of £676k from the Lendal Bridge Reserve to fund transport improvements, including investigating options for cycling improvements and a cycle hire scheme, pothole repairs, and footway repairs, as described in paragraph 110, which will be subject to a further report to the Executive
- The use of £630k from the York Financial Assistance Scheme (YFAS) Reserve to support financial inclusion and investment in mental health, which will be subject to further reports to the Executive or the Executive Member as described in paragraph 111.

Reason: To ensure a legally balanced budget is set.

15. CAPITAL PROGRAMME - MONITOR 3 2016/17

Recommended: That Council agree to the decrease in the 2016/17 programme of £18.638m as detailed in the report and contained in Annex A.

Reason: To enable the effective management and monitoring of the Council's capital programme.