

**Decision Session - Executive Member For Finance And
Performance in consultation with Executive Member for Housing
and Safer Neighbourhoods (for agenda item 4, Citizen's Advice
York Service Level Agreement)**

Monday, 9 March 2020

Decisions

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Decision Session - Executive Member For Finance And Performance in consultation with Executive Member for Housing and Safer Neighbourhoods (for agenda item 4, Citizen's Advice York Service Level Agreement) held on Monday, 9 March 2020. 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 the second working day after this meeting.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Angela Bielby.

4. Citizen's Advice York Service Level Agreement Renewal

Resolved: That the Citizen's Advice York Service Level Agreement (as set out at Annex B to the report) be approved, including the following:

- (a) the 4 year period of funding;
- (b) the financial decision to reflect:
 - (i) the increase in funding to cover a contribution towards the staffing costs associated with providing a debt advice service, which is additional to the core service provided; and
 - (ii) the absorption by CYC of future accommodation charge increases.

Reasons:

- 1) To demonstrate the delivery of expected outputs of and accountability for public expenditure.

2) To meet Council priorities around financial inclusion activities.

5. Business Rates – Retail Discount Scheme Amendment and Pub Relief 2020/21

Resolved: That the following items be approved:

- a) City of York Council's scheme for applying the retail discount and pub relief in line with central government guidance (as set out at Annex A of the report);
- b) that properties not listed in the Government's guidance (and at Annex A of the report) that may meet the qualifying criteria be considered on a case by case basis and awards made if deemed to meet the qualifying criteria by the Business Rates Team (as set out at Paragraph 9 of the report);
- c) that properties not listed in the Government's guidance and at Annex A and are considered not to meet the stated qualifying criteria can be considered on a case by case basis and be declined by the Business Rates Team (as set out in Paragraphs 10 & 11 of the report); and
- d) that the council automatically awards this discount to all the businesses it identifies as meeting the qualifying criteria (as set out at Para 19 of the report).

Reason: To support local business in York protect employment and grow the local economy.