

## **Executive**

**Thursday, 23 July 2020**

### **Decisions**

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the Executive meeting held on Thursday, 23 July 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.

*Note: the recommendation to Council at Item 14 has been included for completeness but cannot be called in.*

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

#### **5. York Central Update**

- Resolved:
- (i) That further funding of £1.96m be committed to cover City of York Council (CYC) project team and consultancy support costs, undertake further essential survey works, and fund an early enabling infrastructure works contract to April / May 2021.
  - (ii) That authority be delegated:
    - a) to the Interim Head of Pail Service, in consultation with the Executive Leader, to take such steps as are necessary to deliver the package of early site enabling works and
    - b) to the Director of Economy & Place, in consultation with the Director of Governance, to taken such steps as are necessary to enter into the resulting funding agreement.
  - (iii) That authority be delegated to the Interim Head of Paid Service, in consultation with the Executive Leader, to take such steps as are necessary to agree the grant terms with MHCLG for

£77.1m of infrastructure funding and to enter into the resulting funding agreement.

(iv) That approval be given to procure the further project support consultancy services necessary to for the delivery phase, and that the authority to take such steps as are necessary to procure, award and enter into the resulting contracts be delegated to the Director of Economy & Place, in consultation with the Director of Governance.

Reason: To ensure that appropriate progress can be made on project development, focusing on delivery readiness for the first phase of the York Central enabling infrastructure.

(v) That approval be given to dispose of the land at Alliance House / Chancery Rise to Network Rail (NR), to facilitate the relocation of rail infrastructure maintenance facilities from the York Central site, with NR to reimburse the council for expenditure incurred by the council in connection with its ownership since 2016, totalling £426,967; the disposal price to be £1 (the same price for which it was purchased by the council from NR in 2016), and to include a restrictive covenant to limit the future use of the land to the purpose agreed in this disposal.

Reason: To ensure that York Central is cleared of operational rail activity and made available for redevelopment.

## **6. Outbreak Control Plan**

Resolved: That the York Outbreak Control Plan be received.

Reason: To enable the national requirement for producing a local Outbreak Control Plan to be met.

## **7. City of York Council Recovery and Renewal Strategy - Update**

Resolved: (i) That the development of a '10-year City Recovery Plan' with city partners, to build on the

work outlined in the council's recent 1-year Recovery and Renewal Strategy, be noted.

(ii) That the recommendations set out in Annex 1 (the COVID-19 Economic Recovery Plan) be approved; specifically, to:

- a) note the likely scale and range of impacts on the York economy;
- b) endorse the Economic Recovery Strategy set out in the report;
- c) make a long-term commitment to facilitate the continuation of the business liaison activity that has been established in response to Covid-19, in order to co-ordinate the city's response to emerging economic challenges;
- d) approve the council's commitment to facilitate the establishment of a York City Skills Board, to oversee the development of the adult education and skills plan;
- e) request that the Executive Member for Economy & Strategic Planning engage with Corporate Scrutiny to seek views on the COVID-19 Economic Recovery Plan, as outlined in Annex 1;
- f) endorse, in response to the scale of the emerging economic challenge and new financial context for the council, a corporate lobbying effort, led by the Leader of the Council and working with partners in the region, to request additional funding to support local businesses, cultural institutions and residents facing financial hardship, invest in infrastructure, and demonstrate what York can achieve in the 10-year strategy with funding support from central government.

(iii) That the actions to keep children safe, outlined in Annex 5, be noted.

Reason: In order to respond to the impacts of the coronavirus pandemic over the long term, and build back better.

**8. Reporting of Agreeing of the 'asks' to submit to Government for consideration of a Devolution Deal for York and North Yorkshire**

Resolved: (i) That the submission to Government be approved, subject to the inclusion in the 'asks' of specific references to workforce skills in relation to adult social care and children's services and to rail technology and associated jobs in York.

(ii) That authority be delegated to the Head of Paid Service, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to make any necessary amendments resulting from each constituent authority's feedback in submitting the proposals.

Reason: In order to continue the negotiation process, enabling Government to consider the proposals and present a formal offer for a Devolution Deal back to the authorities.

**9. Library Lawn Lease**

Resolved: (i) That approval be given to grant a lease of Library Lawn and the St Leonard's Hospital Ruins (Store) to Explore York and Archives Mutual Limited (Explore) until 31 March 2034, under the terms set out in the report, to enable them to deliver cultural activities (subject to consideration by Executive at a later date of any comments or objections receive from the public in response to the Section 123 open space notice regarding Library Lawn referred to in (ii) below).

Reason: To allow Explore to use the space in connection with the operation of York Explore Library and sub-lease to third parties to generate income.

(ii) That approval be given to publish a notice in the local newspaper advertising the proposal to grant a lease, as Library Lawn is 'open space' land used by the public for recreation.

Reason: This is a statutory requirement under Section 123 of the Local Government Act 1972 before a lease or

other disposal of open space land can be granted by a local authority.

**10. Finance and Performance Outturn 2019-20**

Resolved: (i) That the year end underspend of £128k be noted and approval given to transfer the underspend to the 2020/21 contingency.

(ii) That the finance and performance information be noted.

(iii) That the use of Brexit funding, as outlined in paragraphs 13-14 of the report, be noted.

Reason: To ensure that significant financial issues can be dealt with appropriately.

**11. Capital Programme Outturn 2019/20 and Revisions to the 2020/21- 2024/25 Programme**

Resolved: (i) That the 2019/20 capital out-turn position of £85.707m be noted, and the requests for re-profiling from the 2019/20 programme to future years, totalling £38.892m, be approved.

(ii) That the adjustments to schemes, increasing expenditure in 2019/20 by a net £3.143m, be noted.

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

**12. Treasury Management Annual Report and Review of Prudential Indicators 2019/20**

Resolved: That the 2019/20 performance of treasury management activity and prudential indicators outlined in Annex A to the report be noted.

Reason: To ensure that the continued performance of the treasury management function can be monitored, and to comply with statutory requirements.

**13. Reporting of Decisions Made using the Urgent Decision Making Guidance**

Resolved: That the decisions made between 8 April 2020 and 8 July 2020 under the urgent decision making guidance be noted.

Reason: In accordance with the requirements of the council's Constitution.

**14. Capital Programme Outturn 2019/20 and Revisions to the 2020/21 - 2024/25 Programme**

Recommended: That Council approve the re-stated 2020/21 to 2024/25 programme of £600.615m, as summarised in Table 3 in paragraph 92 of the report and detailed in Annex A.

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