



## Notice of meeting of

### Executive Member For Neighbourhood Services and Advisory Panel

**To:** Councillors Lancelott (Chair), Hall, Potter, Waller (Executive Member) and B Watson

**Date:** Wednesday, 18 October 2006

**Time:** 5.00 pm

**Venue:** The Guildhall, York

## AGENDA

### Notice to Members - Calling In:

Members are reminded that, should they wish to call in any item on this agenda, notice must be given to Democracy Support Group by:

**10:00 am on Tuesday 17 October 2006**, if an item is called in *before* a decision is taken, *or*

**4:00 pm on Friday 20 October 2006**, if an item is called in *after* a decision has been taken.

Items called in will be considered by the Scrutiny Management Committee.

### 1. **Declarations of Interest**

At this point Members are asked to declare any personal or prejudicial interests they may have in the business on this agenda.

**2. Minutes (Pages 1 - 4)**

To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 7 September 2006.

**3. Public Participation**

At this point in the meeting members of the public who have registered their wish to speak regarding an item on the agenda or an issue within the Panel's remit can do so. Anyone who wishes to register or requires further information is requested to contact the Democracy Officer on the contact details listed at the foot of this agenda. The deadline for registering is Tuesday 17 October at 10 am.

**4. Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 - Fixed Penalty Notices (Pages 5 - 14)**

The purpose of this report is to ask Members whether they wish to implement the standard default level for the Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN's); whether to implement the standard default level and offer a reduction for early payment (within 10 days), (in line with local authorities in the North Yorkshire region); or to specify the amount of the FPN's from within the ranges set out in the Environmental Offences (Fixed Penalties) (Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2006 (regulation 2). Members are also asked to approve a proposed communication and awareness strategy, and the commencement date of the 20<sup>th</sup> November 2006 for implementation of FPN enforcement.

**5. Contaminated Land Investigation Funding (Pages 15 - 20)**

On 9 February 2005, in compliance with the City of York Council 'Contaminated Land Strategy', and the statutory requirements of the Environmental Protection Act 1990, the Executive Member approved a report which included a proposal for initial ("preliminary") investigation by Environmental Protection Unit (EPU) of three areas of land which historically had been used for domestic and / or commercial waste tipping ("landfilling"). Later that year, the council's EPU in accordance with the decision by the Executive Member, conducted preliminary contaminated land investigations of the following council-owned land, Nun Ings (off Butcher Terrace) in Micklegate ward, King George's Playing Field in Heworth ward, and Tang Hall Primary School Playing Field (at the junction of Eighth

Avenue and Fifth Avenue) in Heworth ward. In March 2006 as a result of preliminary investigations an application was made to the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) for grant funding to support more detailed investigation of these areas. In July 2006 Defra replied to say they approved the requested funding (£33,150). A decision is therefore requested from members to accept the grant offered and conduct the detailed investigations.

**6. Any other business which the Chair considers urgent under the Local Government Act 1972**

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