

**EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES AND
ADVISORY PANEL**

THURSDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER 2008

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Executive Member for Children & Young People's Services and Advisory Panel held on Thursday, 4 September 2008. 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 key 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 Simon Copley.

**5. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN
2009-2012: CONSULTATION**

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member be advised:

- (i) That it be agreed that the following issues raised in relation to the Children and Young People's Plan 2009 – 2012 be fed into the consultation process:
 - a) The need to prioritise improving the attainment of children from less advantaged backgrounds;
 - b) The need to increase the number of schools with a good or excellent performance rating;
 - c) The need to remove barriers to young people accessing facilities, including costs, perceptions, accessibility, numbers and geographical spread of facilities;
 - d) The need to provide appropriate innovative and entrepreneurial skills for the job market;
 - e) The need for young people to learn to manage risk;
 - f) That references to "schools" should be changed to "schools and colleges";
 - g) That questions in the consultation document should be targeted at key issues;
 - h) That the consultation document should be available in a

more accessible format and some of the language condensed;

- i) That consultation could take place through YorCity and the Ward Committees;
- j) That child obesity was a major concern;
- k) That there should be an emphasis on supporting disabled children and young people;
- l) That dealing with the misuse of alcohol should be a priority and that this needed to be seen in the context of the wider binge drinking culture;
- m) That looked after children should achieve the same educational outcomes as other children and that the consultation document should not ask the question whether lower outcomes were inevitable;
- n) That the discussion about banning the Mosquito device, which disperses young people by emitting a whining sound that only they can hear, was welcome.

Decision of the Executive Member

RESOLVED: That the advice of the Advisory Panel be accepted and endorsed.

REASON: To ensure the new Children and Young People's Plan reflects the views and priorities of Members.

6. LOCAL AUTHORITY (LA) SCHOOL GOVERNORS

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member be advised:

- (i) That LA Governors be appointed, or re-appointed, to fill vacant seats as proposed in Annex 1 of the report.

Decision of the Executive Member

RESOLVED: That the advice of the Advisory Panel be accepted and endorsed.

REASON: To ensure that local authority places on school governing bodies continue to be effectively filled.

7. SURE START CHILDREN'S CENTRES PROGRAMME: PHASE 3

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member be advised:

- (i) That the proposals made in the report for revising and extending the reach areas of the eight existing children's centres, together with the establishment of a high quality ninth children's centre in South Bank/Knavesmire area and satellite centres in two areas of the City, subject to them all meeting national standards, being consistent with the level of provision across the city and to a suitable site being identified, be endorsed.

Decision of the Executive Member

RESOLVED: That the advice of the Advisory Panel be accepted and endorsed.

REASON: To ensure City of York Council makes timely and well-founded decisions about Phase 3 of the national Children's Centre Programme.

8. EMERGING OPTIONS FOR A "MYPLACE" BID

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member be advised:

- (i) That the views of the young people who had been working on the project be noted;
- (ii) That the submission of a bid to secure "*myplace*" monies to develop centrally-based facilities for young people in York be supported in principle;
- (iii) That the site options available be noted and the young people's preference for the city centre site be supported;
- (iv) That further officer-led work through the rest of the month be supported, to establish the detailed site and partnership options, so as to enable final appraisal nearer the deadline as to the relative merits of submitting a bid now, or deferring it until a further bidding round;
- (v) That Members be kept informed of progress with this work.

Decision of the Executive Member

RESOLVED: That the advice of the Advisory Panel be accepted and endorsed.

REASON: To secure additional investment in youth facilities in the city in line with corporate priorities, and the views of residents and young people themselves.

9. SERVICE PLAN PERFORMANCE 1ST QUARTER 2008/09 - CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member be advised:

- (i) That the performance of services within the directorate funded through the Children & Young People's Services budget be noted;
- (ii) That the budget virements set out at Table 1 be agreed;
- (iii) That the Executive be requested to agree to release the following amounts currently contained within the Corporate Contingency Budget:
 - £80k for Children's Social Care Fostering;
 - £70k for Children's Social Care Legal Fees;
 - £72k for increased Legal Fee Charges from the Justice's Department;
 - £40k for Music Service income shortfall.

Decision of the Executive Member

RESOLVED: That the advice of the Advisory Panel be accepted and endorsed.

REASON: In order to ensure appropriate performance management arrangements are in place for the work of the directorate and that revenue budgets are monitored and controlled effectively.

**10. CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING 2008/09
- MONITOR 1**

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member be advised:

- (i) That the capital programme forecast outturn for 2008/09, as shown in Annex A of the report, be noted;
- (ii) That the additions and amendments to the capital programme outlined in the report and summarised in Annex A be approved;
- (iii) That the scheme reprofiling and slippage outlined in the report and summarised in Annex A be approved;
- (iv) That the revised capital programme, as shown in Annex A of the report, be agreed, subject to the approval of the Executive.

Decision of the Executive Member

RESOLVED: That the advice of the Advisory Panel be accepted and endorsed.

REASON: To enable the effective management and monitoring

of the capital programme.

11. YORK HIGH ICT PROCUREMENT

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member be advised:

- (i) That the contract for ICT procurement at York High School be awarded to Equanet using the Dell solution (Tender C in Annex A of the report).

Decision of the Executive Member

RESOLVED: That the advice of the Advisory Panel be accepted and endorsed.

REASON: On the basis that the solution provides the best value for the school.

