

EXECUTIVE

TUESDAY, 24 OCTOBER 2006

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Executive held on Tuesday, 24 October 2006. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

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

6. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMS (ITT) DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2007/08

Appendix C

RESOLVED: (i) That Option 3 (to fund fewer proposals than recommended by the CITSG) be supported, with the deletion of scheme no. O7HHASS02 – extension of the SX3 Mobile Working pilot in Housing and a reduction in the allocation to scheme no. O7CEX02 – replacement IT equipment for Members.

REASON: In the light of the continuing financial pressures on the Council and on the assumption that the corporate scheme 07COR03 will be able to deliver the required functionality in respect of mobile technology and that a phased approach will be taken to replacement IT equipment for Members.

(ii) That Option 2 also be supported, to the extent that it adds scheme no. 07LCCS03 – Mobile Library Connection – to the list of proposals to be funded.

REASON: In view of the importance of this scheme, which will link the Mobile Library to the main library management system and also provide web access.

(iii) That Officers be asked in future to include in the main body of the report a summary of each proposed programme item, together with a clear statement of the financial benefit to the authority of each item.

REASON: To improve the clarity and accessibility of the information provided, upon which the Executive will base their decision.

7. REVIEW OF THE CYC ITT STRATEGY 2002- 2007

Appendix D

RESOLVED: (i) That the excellent progress made during the lifetime of the present IT Strategy for 2002-2007, as set out in paragraphs 2-22 of the report, be noted.

REASON: To recognise the achievements of the past five years.

(ii) That the Strategy for 2007 to 2012 be developed, including the following six key themes:

1 A rigorous cost benefit analysis to be presented for each change to the system or addition of service.

2 Continuation of the present high standards of service achieved by the ITT infrastructure, by continuing to update the system as required throughout the lifetime of the strategy.

3 Proposals for the implementation of new technology to be supported by a review of the business process involved to ensure that efficiency gains are maximised.

4 Partnership working with other agencies to be high on the agenda. Links between the Council's IT strategy and its partners' IT strategies will need to be developed to ensure effective service delivery.

5 The government's new t-government agenda (transforming government) to be addressed through the application of the council's ITT systems to support the new Admin. Accommodation Project, the [easy@york](#) project, the Corporate Effectiveness programme and the efficiency agenda, and as a result transform all aspects of service delivery.

6 Making full use of viable emerging technologies and systems to improve service delivery, e.g. mobile working, home working, wireless networks.

REASON: In order to build upon the success of the previous Strategy and address the key requirements of t-government and partnership working.

(iii) That the Executive confirms that projects promoting greater efficiency, and demonstrable expenditure savings, must have the highest priority in the use of resources in the future and looks forward to the development of a system which allows the success of projects to be monitored in these terms.

REASON: In view of the Council's current financial situation.

8. **HEALTH & SAFETY RESOURCES** **Appendix E**

RESOLVED: (i) That approval be given to the appointment of an additional Health & Safety Adviser at grade PO 3-6, on a permanent basis, to address Health and Safety issues in the Council, with funding to be provided from the contingency provision.

REASON: To improve performance and meet statutory requirements in this area.

(ii) That consideration of the post of Assistant Health & Safety Adviser be deferred to enable it to be looked at as part of the 2007/08 budget build process.

REASON: So that the implications, in terms of reduced service provision elsewhere, can be clear.

(iii) that Officers be asked to review the structure of the Health and Safety team in the Council and recommend any changes that may be necessary to ensure that outcomes are more clearly evaluated in financial terms.

REASON: To ensure the cost effectiveness of work in this area.

9. **FINAL REPORT OF THE RECYCLING AND REUSE SCRUTINY SUB COMMITTEE:** **Appendix F**
RECYCLING AND REUSE – REMOVING BULKY ITEMS FROM THE WASTE STREAM

RESOLVED: (i) That the report from the Scrutiny Board be noted with thanks.

(ii) That Officers prepare a report for the next Executive meeting detailing the proposed roll out arrangements for the cardboard collection service to the remaining 40,000 properties on alternate weekly collection, to ensure that this system maximises the diversion from landfill, which can then be re-invested into the service for expansion to new areas.

(iii) That Officers prepare a report for the next Executive meeting detailing the communication strategy for the Winter Collection System and examining ways in which this can be done to reduce costs which can in turn be invested into the recycling service.

(iv) That the Recycling Team continue to co-ordinate applications for funding which can be utilised corporately from external sources.

(v) That Officers develop ways for improved working with the Bicycle Recovery Project at the Household Waste Recycling Centres.

(vi) That Officers look at ways in which bulky item collection can be integrated with schemes like the Community Furniture Store.

(vii) That Officers work with the Equalities Officer to devise test schemes for box collection schemes in the City.

REASON: In order to respond appropriately to the recommendations

of the Scrutiny Committee, in the context of current work in this area and the review of Neighbourhood Services.

**10. LENDAL BRIDGE SUB-STATION SECURE [Appendix G](#)
CYCLE PARK FEASIBILITY STUDY OUTCOME**

RESOLVED: That no decision be taken on this item today but that the Executive confirms its willingness to review any new information or offers, relevant to the use of the building, that may be tabled before its next meeting.

REASON: So that all options can be considered before a final decision is taken.

**11. URGENT BUSINESS - CONSULTATION ON THE
POLICY FRAMEWORK FOR NEW NUCLEAR
BUILD**

RESOLVED: That the draft letter attached as Annex A to the report be agreed as the City of York Council's response to the DTI consultation paper.

REASON: To provide an appropriate response to the consultation paper, as requested by Council, and so that the response can reach the DTI before the closing date for comments (31 October 2006).

