

## **CABINET**

**TUESDAY, 6 MARCH 2012**

### **DECISIONS**

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Cabinet held on Tuesday, 6 March 2012. 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 Jayne Carr.

#### **6. MINUTES OF WORKING GROUPS**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes at Annexes A and B to the report be noted.

**REASON:** To fulfil the requirements of the Council's Constitution in relation to the role of Working Groups.

#### **7. NEIGHBOURHOOD WORKING - A NEW APPROACH**

- RESOLVED:**
- (i) That the model of Neighbourhood Working be adopted, including the arrangements for:
    - i. Community Contracts, as set out in paragraphs 9 and 10 of the report
    - ii. Ward funding, as set out in paragraph 11 of the report
    - iii. A new remit for the Neighbourhood Management and Equalities Teams, as set out in paragraph 14 of the report
  - (ii) That it be recommended to Council that there be a change in the

Council's constitution in respect of ward committee arrangements, as set out in the Annex to the report.

- (iii) That the Director of Communities and Neighbourhoods, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Leisure, Culture and Social Inclusion, be instructed to:
  - i. Carry out a restructure of the Neighbourhood Management Unit and Equalities Team under the Council's Scheme of Delegation in order to deliver the new model.
  - ii. Deliver the new "Love where you Live" approach.
  - iii. Procure a third sector management organisation to undertake the administration of the voluntary sector funding pot.

REASON: To deliver better services for York's communities.

## **8. THE COMMUNITY STADIUM: BUSINESS CASE**

RESOLVED: That Cabinet recommend Council to:

- (i) Approve the business case as presented noting the financial risks and potential resultant liabilities that may arise as a result of proceeding with the scheme.
- (ii) Approve its submission to the Planning Committee in support of the outline planning application submitted by Oakgate Group plc.
- (iii) Approve the inclusion in the Capital

Programme of the Community Stadium scheme at the value of £19.2m to be funded from £14.85m of S106 Contribution, £4m of Prudential Borrowing (£200k 11/12 and £3.8m 12/13) and £350k York City FC.

Members should note that the funding from York City Football Club could be higher than a £350k contribution and this would result in a reduction of the Council's contribution.

- (iv) Approve the release of the balance of the Council's £3.8m Prudential Borrowing as shown in the capital programme in 12/13 in order to progress the Community Stadium project.
- (v) Approve, that as part of the release of the £3.8m capital funding available, that £2m be allocated for the new athletics facility with York University and commit to the delivery of the project. Note the risks outlined in paragraph 50 of the report that if the stadium scheme does not proceed that £2m of CYC Prudential Borrowing will be spent on delivering athletics provision for the City.
- (vi) To note, and accept, the risks set out in the risk management section of the report, and the financial implications section.

REASON: To enable plans for the community stadium project to be developed and progressed.

## 9. PRE APPLICATION ADVICE SERVICE REVIEW

RESOLVED: (i) That, subject to minor amendment in respect of bullet point 3 to clarify that where detailed or complex specialist

input is required, a specified additional charge may be levied at the outset, option (c) as set out in the report be approved i.e.:-

- Refinement and enhancement of the service combined with modest increase of the fees to recover more of the costs of provision as required in the budget
- Removal of second charge for follow up queries and add listed building advice category
- Introduction of fees for ongoing schemes where no charge has been made for the last 12 months; establishment of “retainer”; fees for regular developers and organisations in the city, and provision for additional charges to be levied where significant detailed or complex specialist input becomes necessary.

(ii) That the schedule of fees, as set out in Annex 6 of the report, be approved.

REASON: In order to continue to provide a consistent and structured approach to enquiries, within the required timeframe.

## **10. COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT BRIEFING PAPER**

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That the report and the implication of the Government’s proposal to reduce council tax benefit and localise its administration be noted.
  - (ii) That a further paper be presented to Cabinet once the technical details have been provided by the Government (Spring 2012) setting out more detailed proposals and options for delivering a scheme in York.
  - (iii) That, when further consideration is given to the issue, account also be

taken of the regional view.

- REASONS:
- (i) To make Members aware of the financial impact on customers of the Government's changes to the Council Tax Benefit scheme.
  - (ii) To keep Members informed of the more detailed technical changes to be outlined in the Government's technical paper due in the Spring of 2012 and the ongoing work to develop local schemes.