

Executive

Thursday, 28 November 2019

Decisions

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the Executive meeting held on Thursday, 28 November 2019. 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. Please note that the recommendation to Council at no. 13 on the list cannot be called in.

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

6. Refreshing The Council's Approach to Equalities

Resolved: (i) That the progress made against the council's equality objectives be noted and agreement given for the current objectives to remain in place.

(ii) That the action plan set out in Annex A to the report be approved.

(iii) That the key elements of York's equalities system, as set out in paragraph 31 of the report, be endorsed.

(iv) That the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance working definition of antisemitism set out in Annex B be adopted.

Reason: To strengthen the council's approach to equalities.

7. The York Narrative

Resolved: That the York Narrative be adopted on behalf of the city.

Reason: To endorse the implementation of the York Narrative.

8. Parking Update

Resolved: (i) That the progress made in streamlining the process of extending the existing residents' parking zones be noted.

Reason: To confirm that the implementation of residents' parking schemes is being expedited, in line with the recommendations in the scrutiny report.

(ii) That officers be asked to implement options that allow residents to purchase shorter term permits, or develop pay-monthly options.

Reason: To help customers to spread the cost of permits, in line with the scrutiny recommendations.

(iii) That the progress made in recruiting additional staff to process applications for new residents' parking zones be noted.

Reason: To confirm that the implementation of residents' parking schemes is being expedited, in line with the recommendations in the scrutiny report.

(iv) That the procurement of a new parking system that will introduce online self-service for customers, to become the principal channel for online application and payment for parking permits and visitor vouchers, for same-day online payment for parking tickets, and to automate the requirement for evidence, be noted.

Reason: To confirm that the customer experience is being improved, in line with the scrutiny recommendations.

(v) That approval be given to implement paperless virtual parking permits, starting with residents' parking permits, season tickets and visitor permits and rolling out across all permits over time, supported by a compliant checking system to allow residents to see whether a vehicle is authorised to

park in a residents' parking zone, and with each implementation to be subject to a separate decision by the Executive Member for Transport.

Reason: To improve the efficiency of the parking service, in line with the scrutiny recommendations.

- (vi) That approval be given to move towards cashless parking by:
- a) rolling out the Pay By App/Phone Service to on-street parking machines to allow customers to pay for their parking by phone;
 - b) in line with corporate policy, no longer accepting cash in council offices for parking permits and requiring all penalty charge notice (PCN) cash payments to be made through an external service (the same as for Council Tax, where the resident does not pay more for this service);
 - c) piloting the provision of a cashless system in Marygate car park, subject to the integration of permits (e.g. Minster Badge and season tickets) into the Pay on Exit technology;
 - d) reporting back to the Executive Member for Transport in one year's time, with a view to rolling out cashless parking across the parking estate.

Reason: To respond positively to the March 2019 scrutiny report and its recommendations around efficiency.

9. Millthorpe School - Enhanced Resource Provision

Resolved: That the allocation of £410,000 from the SEND Facilities Expansion Scheme, to create a specialist secondary ERP comprising two permanent classrooms at Millthorpe School for use by pupils of Applefields School, be approved.

Reason: To meet the increasing demand across the city for additional specialist secondary education provision for pupils with special educational needs.

10. Treasury Management and Prudential Indicators Mid Year Review

Resolved: (i) That the Treasury Management activities to date during 2019/20 be noted.

(ii) That the Prudential Indicators set out in Annex A, and the compliance with all indicators, be noted.

Reason: To ensure the continued performance of the council's Treasury Management function.

11. Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation

Resolved: (i) That the proposed transaction be supported.

(ii) That financial backing for the transaction be confirmed and approval be given to underwrite a loan through entering into a supplemental agreement, with authority being delegated to the Chief Executive to approve the supplemental agreement set out in Appendix 4 to the report, subject to:

- a) At least 10 of the 13 founder members remaining as founder members and agreeing to enter into the supplemental agreement;
- b) The satisfactory completion of legal and financial due diligence on the proposal giving confidence to process; and
- c) A resolution of the YPO Management Committee to enter into the transaction.

Reason: To enable YPO to continue to provide benefits to its members in the long term.

12. Establishing an Investment Budget for a Strategic Commercial Property Acquisition

Resolved: That authority be delegated to the Director of Economy & Place to complete the purchase once all due diligence has been satisfactorily conducted on the property.

Reason: To ensure the ongoing economic vibrancy of the city centre, whilst increasing the income from the council's commercial portfolio in line with budget targets.

13. Establishing an Investment Budget for a Strategic Commercial Property Acquisition

Recommended: That a capital budget of £2.85 million be established, to fund the acquisition of the freehold interest in a York city centre asset, as set out in the exempt annex to the report.

Reason: To ensure the ongoing economic vibrancy of the city centre, whilst increasing the income from the council's commercial portfolio in line with budget targets.