

EXECUTIVE

TUESDAY, 24 APRIL 2007

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Executive held on Tuesday, 24 April 2007. 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.

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

5. EDUCATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - FINAL REPORT ON HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT CONTRACTS IN YORK

RESOLVED: That the Scrutiny Committee be thanked for their work and their recommendations be dealt with as outlined in the table below:

No.	Recommendation in Full	Executive Response
1	Council officers to be instructed to negotiate with the transport provider for St Mary's School, Askham Richard in order for seat belts to be provided on all vehicles. If this is not possible at a reasonable cost then they will re-let the contract from September 2007.	The Executive endorses the Scrutiny Committee recommendation and instructs officers to address this issue as part of any proposals arising out of the current Kendric Ash review of the Councils transport contracts
2	The Council will ensure that minimum standards for all future home to school transport buses include: a) Lap seatbelts to be fitted to all vehicles, with the long term aim of these being 3 point seatbelts. b) CCTV to be installed in all vehicles and functioning at all times	The Executive endorses the Scrutiny Committee recommendation and instructs officers to address this issue as part of any proposal arising out of the current Kendric Ash review of the Councils transport contracts. The Executive accepts that it may be necessary to phase in these new contract requirements over a period of time to allow for any

	<p>c) Contractors to ensure that all drivers have had a CRB check within the last three years before commencing this work and thereafter in line with current Council policy.</p> <p>EU2 emission standards or greater to be required on all contract vehicles</p>	<p>necessary conversions to be undertaken and for funding sources to be found.</p>
3	<p>The council will ensure that where possible contracts are to be let for more than 5 years, ideally 8 - 10 years in order to allow contractors to invest in higher quality vehicles</p>	<p>The Executive notes the Scrutiny Committee recommendation and asks officers to report back on the advantages and any possible disadvantages of letting longer transport contracts</p>
4	<p>The council will recognise good practice in other local authorities and encourage schools and contractors to use measures such as good behaviour contracts (see paragraph 32), designated seats and the use of bus prefects to discourage unruly behaviour by pupils.</p>	<p>The Executive endorses the Scrutiny Committee recommendation</p>
5	<p>The Council will endeavour to ensure that the same high standards are in place for bus contracts covering all educational establishments.</p>	<p>The Executive endorses the Scrutiny Committee recommendation and instructs officers to address this issue as part of any proposals arising out of the current Kendric Ash review of the Councils transport contracts</p>

REASON: To improve safety and introduce higher quality buses.

6. HUNGATE - YORK BEDDING COMPANY CPO

RESOLVED: That a Compulsory Purchase Order pursuant to Section 226 (1) (a) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 be made on the York Bedding site at Hungate, York and officers be authorised to take all necessary steps to prepare the CPO.

REASON: In order to acquire the outstanding parcel of land necessary to enable development to proceed, with all

the Council's costs incurred by the developer of Hungate.

7. SHOULD YORK BE A WORLD HERITAGE SITE?

RESOLVED: (i) That the Lord Mayor be thanked for the work carried out by her and her York World Heritage Working Group and that Option C be adopted;

(ii) That any public consultation be undertaken by the City of York Council and should include both the local business and residential communities in order to improve public awareness and support for the proposal, and a clearer explanation of the implications for development in the proposed area be provided, together with a review of whether the full city walls area was the most appropriate boundary for a World Heritage Site.

REASON: It would be appropriate to consult the community and await the publication of guidance from DCMS on this issue and then to receive a further report and make a decision on whether to pursue World Heritage status once this additional information is available.

8. RESPONSES TO STATUTORY NOTICES PLACED PROPOSING DEVELOPMENT OF LAND FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSES AT DANE AVENUE, MORRITT CLOSE AND CHAPELFIELDS ROAD

RESOLVED: (i) That Option 1 be approved;

(ii) That officers be requested to contact the signatories on the Morritt Close petition and explain what is being done to address their concerns (and in particular to highlight the actions agreed by the Executive at its previous meeting);

(iii) That officers be requested to ensure that the road layout design for the Chapelfields development accommodates local residents wishes to have a rear access to their properties.

REASON: To confirm approval for the development of the three sites for affordable housing on the terms and conditions agreed at the Executive meeting on 13th March, and to respond to the views and comments of local residents.

