

EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES AND ADVISORY PANEL

THURSDAY, 6 DECEMBER 2007

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services & Advisory Panel held on Thursday, 6 December 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. 2007/08 SECOND MONITORING REPORT - FINANCE & PERFORMANCE

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member be advised:

- (i) That the financial and performance position of the portfolio be approved;
- (ii) That letters be sent to North Yorkshire Police, the Safer York Partnership and the Night Safe Group thanking them for their work contributing to the reduction in violent crime.

Decision of the Executive Member

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

REASON: In accordance with budgetary and performance monitoring procedures.

6. YORK NEIGHBOURHOOD PRIDE UPDATE

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member be advised:

- (i) That Option 1 (to agree the proposed programme of campaigns for the next 18 months) be approved.

Decision of the Executive Member

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

REASON: To support the Council's tackling of environmental crime issues as part of the delivery of the local environment corporate priority.

7. COLD CALLING CONTROLLED ZONES

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member be advised:

- (i) That requests from residents, the police and other interested parties to set up additional zones be responded to by Trading Standards officers, and the existing work programme and assessment of the impact of the initial zones on doorstep crime be taken into account in further expansion of the scheme;
- (ii) That a further report be brought to Members within 6 months with a review of the scheme.

Decision of the Executive Member

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

REASON: This option enables officers to develop the zones in response to demand, in a prioritised and controlled manner within the existing work programme. Additional Cold Calling Controlled Zones will be extended once the impact of doorstep crime and residents' concerns about doorstep crime has been assessed.

8. HOME INFORMATION PACKS

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member be advised:

- (i) That Option 1 (to issue fixed penalty notices where appropriate) be approved in relation to the enforcement of HIP legislation.

Decision of the Executive Member

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

REASON: This approach ensures that the Council meets its duties under The Housing Act 2004, and that any breaches are dealt with proportionately in accordance with the enforcement policy adopted by Members in September 2005.

9. THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A FOOD HYGIENE 'SCORES ON THE DOORS' SCHEME

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member be advised:

- (i) That the contents of the report be noted, the implementation of a 'scores on the doors' scheme be approved and Council officers consult with the York Hospitality Association to set up the wording of the web site to help explain the system in a way that the public will be better informed.

Decision of the Executive Member

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

REASON: To empower consumers, whilst also improving levels of compliance with food safety legislation in a cost effective and efficient manner.

10. NEIGHBOURHOOD & COMMUNITY SAFETY GROUP LEGAL ACTIONS

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member be advised:

- (i) That the contents of the report be noted.

Decision of the Executive Member

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

REASON: So that the Executive Member is updated on formal enforcement activity undertaken by the Neighbourhoods and Community Safety Group.

11. CARBON MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME - NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member be advised:

- (i) That the contents of the report be noted.

Decision of the Executive Member

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

REASON: To update Members on work carried out by Neighbourhood Services in support of the environmental sustainability elements of the corporate strategy.

