

**EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR HOUSING & ADULT SOCIAL SERVICES
ADVISORY PANEL**

MONDAY, 2 JUNE 2008

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Housing and Adult Social Service EMAP held on Monday, 2 June 2008. 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 – that is, Wednesday 4 June 2008.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Fiona Young (tel extn 1027)

**4. HOUSING AND ADULT SOCIAL SERVICES
2007/08 SERVICE PLAN OUTTURNS**

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member be advised to:

- (i) Note the contents of the report;
- (ii) Agree the carry forwards set out in paragraph 19 of the report, to be forwarded to the Executive for approval;
- (iii) Approve the virements over £100k outlined in paragraph 12.

Decision of the Executive Member

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

REASON: For information and in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution and Financial Regulations.

**5. OUTCOME OF THE CONSULTATION ON THE
FUTURE CHALLENGES FOR SOCIAL CARE**

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member be advised to agree that:

- (i) Any opportunities to lobby Government regarding the funding requirements for older people's services should be used (*Option 1*);
- (ii) Work to develop new low level and preventative services to increase health and well being should continue through the joint project with the Primary Care Trust (*Option 2*);
- (iii) Work to develop personalised budgets for older people should be undertaken as part of the Transforming Social Care agenda (*Option 2*);

- (iv) Any consideration of further savings targets within home care services will be undertaken only within the context of the review process of the current 3-year contracts and Service Level Agreements (currently December 2009) (*Option 3*);
- (v) An option appraisal be undertaken to explore the opportunities to develop more appropriate specialist residential care and housing choices for older people, in partnership with other providers, and to consider the options for the development of Council run homes to provide more specialist care (*Option 3*).

Decision of the Executive Member

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

REASON: So that the Council can begin to address the challenges that face social care services for older people, taking into account the feedback received from the consultation process.

6. HOUSING AND SOCIAL SERVICES CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2007/08 OUTTURN

Advice of Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member be advised to:

- (i) Note the out-turn position of the Housing and Adult Social Services Capital Programme, as set out in the report;
- (ii) Refer the slippage of £165k on Housing and £77k on Social Services to the Executive for approval.

Decision of Executive Member

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

REASON: For information, and in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution and Financial Regulations.

7. SOCIAL CARE REFORM GRANT

Advice of Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member be advised to:

- (i) Note the priorities for action to deliver the transformational change that Government requires;
- (ii) Note the proposed principles for use of the grant to deliver these priorities;
- (iii) Note the proposed investment plan for the grant in 2008/09;
- (iv) Receive further reports on the delivery of personalisation and early intervention, once the impact on current service delivery models is clear.

Decision of Executive Member

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

REASON: For information, and on the basis that the proposals will ensure that the Social Grant can be used effectively to meet the challenges that transformational change will bring, and support the delivery of personalisation of services and early intervention.

8. STRATEGY FOR THE COMMISSIONING OF SUPPORT TO PEOPLE WITH PHYSICAL AND/OR SENSORY IMPAIRMENT

Advice of Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member be advised to:

- (i) Note the attached draft of the first chapters of the Strategy;
- (ii) Approve completion of the Strategy after further consultation;
- (iii) Endorse the proposal to establish a Partnership Board framework for the consideration of further developments that will support people with a physical and / or a sensory impairment within York.

Decision of Executive Member

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

REASON: To support the continuing development of the Strategy and the development of a Centre for Independent Living.

9. REVIEW OF GRANTS POLICY

Advice of Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member be advised to:

- (i) Note the contents of the report, and that a letter has been sent to Government Office expressing the Council's concern over the budget allocation;
- (ii) Approve the revision to the existing policy in line with this interim review, including:
 - a. The change to the eligibility criteria for the energy efficiency grant
 - b. The briefing on proposed changes to the DFG (noting the short term and long term impact of the changes on the delivery of the disabled facilities grant programme)
 - c. Endorsement of the Council's adaptation programme across all tenures (noting the potential financial implications) and continued support for this area of work.

Decision of Executive Member

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

REASON: To respond to changes in national policy and to assist vulnerable residents of the City of York.

10. HOMELESS STRATEGY 2008-13

Advice of Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member be advised to endorse the draft Homeless Strategy and recommend it to the Executive for approval.

Decision of Executive Member

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

REASON: In accordance with the legal requirement for the Council to have a Homeless Strategy.

