

EXECUTIVE

TUESDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 2008

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Executive held on Tuesday, 18 November 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, Thursday 20 November 2008.

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

5. MINUTES OF WORKING GROUPS

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Social Inclusion Working Group and the LDF Working Group, attached as Annexes A and B to the report, be noted.

REASON: In accordance with the Constitutional role of Working Groups as advisory bodies to the Executive.

6. LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 2006-2011, MID-TERM REPORT

RESOLVED: That the draft LTP2 Mid-Term report be approved for submission to the Government Officer for Yorkshire and the Humber (GOYH) in December 2008 and that authority be delegated to the Director of City Strategy and the Executive Member to approve the final report.

REASON: To ensure that the report can be submitted by the deadline set by GOYH.

7. FINAL REPORT OF THE BARBICAN AD-HOC SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ON THE SALE OF THE BARBICAN

RESOLVED: (i) That the contents of the final report of the Barbican Ad-Hoc Scrutiny Committee on their review of the sale of the Barbican be noted.

(ii) That the following be agreed as a summary of the Executive's response to the recommendations arising from the review, detailed in paragraphs 5 and 6 of the covering report:

Recommendation of Scrutiny Committee	Comment from Executive	Recommendation of Executive
Commission an officer report which sets out a corporate approach for the Council when working with pressure groups.	It is not clear what this would achieve. Where there are protest groups aligned to groups within the Guildhall there is already ample opportunity for comment and input to the democratic process.	Accept recommendation
Ensure that all future projects have a robust system of risk management which is regularly reviewed and updated throughout the period of each project.	Good project management will already include assessment of the risks and regular updating.	Approve the revised wording from the new Head of Audit and Risk Management.
Ensure that all future projects have a formal documented system of risk management which details key actions and controls, is regularly reviewed and updated throughout the period of each project.	This recommendation has been improved by the application of the Quality Control Group	Approve the revised wording from the new Head of Audit and Risk Management.

REASON: To enable the introduction of appropriate measures in response the Scrutiny Committee's findings and recommendations.

8. FINAL REPORT OF THE EDUCATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - SCHOOL GOVERNORS

RESOLVED: (i) That the contents of the final report of the Education Scrutiny Committee on their review of School Governors be noted.

(ii) That the following be agreed as the Executive's response to the recommendations arising from the

review:

Recommendation	Comment from Executive
Acknowledge the significant voluntary contribution of school governors and thanks them all for their years of service to York's schools	Agree
Notes the School Governor Support and Development Service Team for their support for the scrutiny review and notes the resulting benefit to the service area as detailed in Annex F.	Thanks the School Governor Support and Development Service Team for their support for the scrutiny review and notes the resulting benefit to the service area as detailed in Annex F.
Continue to develop improved methods of advertising vacancies, to attract a diverse mix of applicants, which will be recorded and monitored (ongoing)	Agree
Create an information guide to aid recruitment and distribute it to all schools	Agree action and ask that officers complete within this academic year, to distribute by the end of the summer term
Continue the use of the exit questionnaire as governors leave post to understand better their reasons for so doing	Agree
Regularly maintain, update and develop the database	Agree
Share information on best practice with all York's schools	Agree
Consider the best methods for training governors to maximise skills both for whole governing bodies or on-line.	Agree and ask for a report back to the Executive Member by Easter 2009

REASON: To enable the introduction of appropriate measures in response the Scrutiny Committee's findings and recommendations.

(iii) That the report be referred to the Social Inclusion Working Group for discussion.

REASON: In the interests of broadening the pool of potential school governors and increasing the number of applicants from minority groups.

**9. GOLDEN TRIANGLE PARTNERSHIP –
MORTGAGE RESCUE SCHEME**

RESOLVED: (i) That the development and launch of the Golden Triangle Partnership Mortgage Rescue Scheme be noted.

(ii) That the delegation of the administration of the Mortgage Rescue Scheme to Leeds City Council, which will include LCC acting as banker for the Scheme, be approved.

(iii) That authority be delegated to the Head of Civic, Democratic and Legal Services to approve and sign off the delegation arrangements and contract documentation for the Mortgage Rescue Scheme and any further scheme on behalf of the Council, where the scheme has been approved by the Golden Triangle Partnership Board.

REASON: In order to give support to a scheme which will assist home owners during a difficult financial time and to ensure that York receives a share of the allocated funding.

**10. AMENDMENTS TO OFFICER SCHEME OF
DELEGATION TO PROVIDE FOR AN OFFICER
TO ACT IN THE ABSENCE OF THE CHIEF
EXECUTIVE**

RESOLVED: (i) That approval be given to amend the officer scheme of delegation, in so far as it relates to Executive functions, to enable a member of the board of Directors of the authority, designated by the Chief Executive to exercise all the powers and functions of the Chief Executive when they are absent from the authority.

(ii) That the Monitoring Officer be authorised to make the necessary amendments to the scheme of delegation to give effect to the above resolution.

REASON: To ensure that the Council is not left without a deputy when the Chief Executive is on scheduled leave or other business.

**11. AMENDMENTS TO OFFICER SCHEME OF
DELEGATION TO PROVIDE FOR AN OFFICER
TO ACT IN THE ABSENCE OF THE CHIEF
EXECUTIVE**

RECOMMENDED: (i) That Council approve the amendment of the officer scheme of delegation, in so far as it relates to Council functions, to enable a member of the board of Directors of the authority, designated by the Chief Executive when they are absent from the authority.

(ii) That Council authorise the Monitoring Officer to make the necessary amendments to the scheme of delegation to give effect to the above recommendation.

REASON: To ensure that the Council is not left without a deputy when the Chief Executive is on scheduled leave or other business.

