

## **EXECUTIVE**

**TUESDAY, 23 JUNE 2009**

### **DECISIONS**

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Executive held on Tuesday, 23 June 2009. 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 25 June 2009.

Please note that the decisions at nos. 11 and 12 are recommendations to Council and therefore cannot be called in.

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

#### **6. COMMUNITY STADIUM - OUTLINE BUSINESS CASE**

RESOLVED: (i) That the findings of the report be noted and approval given to pursue the project to the next key stage; that is, to undertake a detailed feasibility study that will develop a full business case for a robust and deliverable community stadium in York and to report back to the Executive in two key stages:

- a) findings from site selection and initial feasibility (November 2009, to align with the LDF process);
- b) final findings (between April and July 2010).

(ii) That the following strands of work be undertaken as part of the feasibility study, to enable the development of a business case for a preferred option:

- a) Confirm the specific requirements of York City, York City Knights, the Athletics Club and other sporting and community interests in the City. This could be formalised in some form of Memorandum of Understanding in relation to potential capital contributions, governance, operating arrangements and facility usage.
- b) Undertake an audit of the current activities taking place at the Huntington Stadium, together with a recommendation as to how those activities could be sustained in the future.
- c) Pursue detailed discussions / negotiations with

- relevant education and health sector partners to exhaust options for a well being / education hub. Exhaust the opportunities for other public sector stakeholders and partners and develop a business plan for how the uses could effectively co-habit a community stadium.
- d) Undertake a detailed financial and economic assessment. Initiate discussions with potential funding agencies. Undertake a detailed examination of development and procurement options as part of the wider financial appraisal.
  - e) Initiate the site selection process for a preferred site or sites and begin the preparation of a high level planning case. Examine the scope for enabling development linked to the funding / financial appraisal.
  - f) Undertake master planning / design work to assist the site selection process, identify land take requirements. Provide schematics to enable the feasibility work and specific stadium / partner requirements.
  - g) Develop a high level business case for developing an eco-stadium that maximises the potential of environmental sustainability and green energy sources / technologies. This will cover a range of options, benefits, capital / revenue costs / savings, CO<sub>2</sub> savings and funding potential.
  - h) Identify Officer time from key corporate disciplines (in particular finance, legal, property, leisure and planning) to work as part of an internal team to support the feasibility work and ensure that the interests of the Council are secured at all stages as the project proceeds.

REASON: In order to provide the best opportunity to deliver a shared use stadium for the City of York which will be economically viable in the long term.

## **7. IMPROVED DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS WITH RESIDENTS**

RESOLVED: That Option 3, the production of an A3, 4-page full colour publication printed on recycled newsprint and delivered six times per year as a solo distribution (by Firm 2, as detailed in the exempt annex), be approved

REASON: To ensure the most effective and timely method of improving direct communication.

**8. YEAR-END PERFORMANCE AND FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2008/09**

RESOLVED: (i) That the performance issues identified in the report be noted.

REASON: So that corrective action on these issues can be taken by Corporate Management team and directorates and key areas for improvement fed into future corporate planning.

(ii) That the out-turn position be noted.

REASON: So that consideration can be given to areas that are over or under spending.

(iii) That the transfer of the net receipt of £1,817k to the general revenue reserve, following the Fleming VAT case, as set out in paragraph 8 of the report, be approved.

REASON: To ensure that, over the lifetime of the Council's Financial Plan, reserves are maintained at an acceptable level.

(iv) That the transfer of £120k from the Council's insurance reserve to the general fund reserve in 2008/09 and a further £400k in 2009/10, as set out in paragraph 10, be approved.

REASON: To ensure that, over the lifetime of the Council's Financial Plan, reserves are maintained at an acceptable level.

(v) That the transfer of the balance on the trading activity reserve to the general fund reserve with effect from 1 April 2009, as set out in paragraph 10, be approved.

REASON: To reflect the fact that this reserve is no longer required as the service is now part of the general fund.

(vi) That the requests to carry forward into 2009/10 funds totalling £472k for general fund services, as detailed in paragraphs 44, 54, 59, 65 and 67 and summarised in paragraphs 74 to 78 be approved, subject to the table below:

<b>Portfolio</b>	<b>Out-turn variance (£'000)</b>	<b>Bids to Carry Budgets into 2009/10</b>	<b>Executive comments</b>	<b>Net (£'000)</b>
<b>Children's Services</b>	+759	-		+759

York High School Fire	+120	-	<b>Approve</b> Executive Member to receive update from officers detailing items which could not be recovered from insurance claim	+120
<b>Leisure and Culture</b>	-28	100	<b>Approve</b> There is an exceptional claim for £100k as this is related to a partnership project to convert York Central Library to an Explore Centre, and the “Learn and Thrive” campaign which will help to respond to the economic downturn.	+72
<b>Economic Development</b>	-2	-		-2
<b>City Strategy</b>	+277	31	<b>Approve</b>	+308
<b>Neighbourhood Services</b>	-210	205	<b>Approve</b> For Community Engagement, completion of target hardening proposals, ward committee budget for schemes that	-5

			are already committed, noise patrol budget, and waste minimisation. (awaiting information on uncommitted Ward Committee Schemes for £4k)	
<b>Chief Executive's Department</b>	-27	22	<b>Approve</b> For Scrutiny Board traffic consultation survey	-5
<b>Property</b>	+77	14	<b>Approve</b> For river banks survey	-5
<b>Resources</b>	-634	100	<b>Approve</b> Relates to specific 'invest to save' items.	-534
<b>Housing General Fund</b>	-19	-		-19
<b>Adult Social Services</b>	+33	-		+33
	+346	+472		+718

REASON: So that resources can be directed into those areas that meet corporate priorities.

(vii) That the request to carry forward unspent budget of £35k within the housing revenue account, as detailed in paragraph 50 and summarised in paragraph 74, be approved.

REASON: So that resources can be directed into those areas that meet corporate priorities.

**9. BUDGET PROCESS AND RESOURCE ALIGNMENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2010/11**

RESOLVED: (i) That the proposed budget planning process, as outlined in the body of the report, be approved.

REASON: To ensure that robust financial management arrangements are in place to support the preparation of the 2009/10 budget and the Medium Term Financial Strategy.

**10. EQUAL PAY UPDATE**

RESOLVED: That recommendations (i) to (iv), as set out in paragraph 14 of the report, be approved.

REASON: In order to agree an appropriate approach to the handling of Equal Pay claims.

**11. COMMUNITY STADIUM - OUTLINE BUSINESS CASE**

RECOMMENDED: That Council endorse the approach set out in the report and allocate £100k from general reserves in 2009/10 to provide funds for the delivery of this work, which will include specialist external advice to ensure delivery within the next 12 months.

REASON: To enable the project to be progressed.

**12. EQUAL PAY UPDATE**

RECOMMENDED: That Council approve recommendation (v), as set out in paragraph 41 of the report.

REASON: In order to ensure appropriate legal representation at the hearing.

