

DECISION SESSION - EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR CITY STRATEGY

TUESDAY, 1 MARCH 2011

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the Executive Member for City Strategy Decision Session held on Tuesday, 1 March 2011. 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 4.00pm on Thursday 3 March 2011.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Jill Pickering, Democracy Officer (01904) 552061.

4. LOW POPPLETON LANE ROAD CLOSURE PETITION

RESOLVED: That the Executive Member for City Strategy confirms that the current provision for the No. 10 bus service on Low Poppleton Lane should remain in place.

REASON: Because the automatic bollard improves the public transport provision in the area.

5. EVENING AND SUNDAY BUS SERVICES TO RAWCLIFFE AND SKELTON

RESOLVED: That the Executive Member for City Strategy agrees:

- i) That the level of service proposed to the affected areas following the review of the York Tendered Bus Network best matches the potential demand, whilst remaining affordable.
- ii) To take no further action, beyond the approval given in December 2010, accepting that the proposed network of subsidised services is the best that can be provided within the existing budgetary restrictions.

REASON: The Council has undertaken a thorough review of frequencies, routeings and demand for the existing procured bus network in York prior to a re-tendering exercise currently taking place as a result of the expiry of the existing contracts. Whilst some

routes will change and frequencies reduce slightly in the evenings and on Sundays, we have managed to maintain a level of service to all areas currently served within the context of a greatly reduced ability to provide funding.

6. A19 FULFORD ROAD CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS - REQUEST FOR 20 MPH SPEED LIMIT FRONTING FISHERGATE AND ST GEORGE'S SCHOOLS

RESOLVED: That the Executive Member for City Strategy agrees to:

- i) Option 1 to implement the 20mph speed limit as proposed and as detailed in the Officer report;
- ii) Request that monitoring of the effects of the new speed limit take place with any issues being reported to a future Executive Member Decision Session.

REASON: To address safety issues and improve conditions on this part of the Fulford Road Corridor.

7. TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS AT YORK RAILWAY STATION

RESOLVED: That the Executive Member for City Strategy agrees to:

- i) Note the outcome of the discussions with East Coast and Network Rail that there is currently no funding in place to allow any changes to the highway layout to improve the traffic situation in the area of the Railway Station Frontage.

REASON: To note that there are no short term improvements which can be made to the situation.

- ii) Instruct officers to continue the discussions with East Coast and Network Rail in order to develop medium and long term aspirations for a revised highway layout in order to improve the traffic situation in the area of the Railway Station Frontage, such that these can be considered when the next rail franchise is developed and to enhance

the route between the station and the Minster through the City Centre Area Action Plan.

REASON: To seek to progress over the medium and long term transport improvements in front of the Railway Station and improve pedestrian and public transport linkages and access within the city centre.

- iii) Note that, without significant changes to the layout of Tea Room Square, it would not be possible to improve the right turn out onto Station Road.

REASON: In response to a request in the Motion to Full Council.

- iv) Instruct officers to carry out minor changes to the road markings, as shown in Annex C of the officer report, to improve the traffic flow around the Ftr stop.

REASON: To improve cycle facilities and traffic movement around the rear end of the Ftr.

- v) Instruct officers to advise the Lead Members of the Motion to Full Council and the representatives of the Taxi organisations of the outcome of these investigations.

REASON: To complete the feedback on consultation.

- vi) Instruct officers to continue discussions with East Coast to develop a signing regime to advise bus passengers leaving the Railway Station as to the best route to their bus stop and to put forward for consideration for funding in the Capital Programme for 2011/12.

REASON: To improve integrated travel arrangements at the Railway Station.

- vii) Instruct officers to consider ways in which those private vehicle drivers, dropping off and picking up passengers, do so from the station rear entrance.

REASON: In an effort to improve travel arrangements at the Railway Station.

- viii) Note the outcome of the coach trials

undertaken to deliver passengers directly to the railway platform and instruct officers to continue to work with the rail and transport operators to see if this can be implemented on a more permanent basis.

REASON: To improve integrated travel arrangements at the Railway Station.

8. LOCAL SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT FUND

RESOLVED: That the Executive Member for City Strategy agrees to:

- i) Request officers to pursue the tranche 1 bid option for up to £5m;
- ii) The integrated transport and area based approach as outlined in the officers report;
- iii) The investment themes as outlined in the report together with those discussed at the meeting;
- iv) Delegate the final approval of York's LSTF bid to the Director of City Strategy and to pursue any subsequent partnership bids.

REASON: To enable an early bid to be made for Local Sustainable Transport Fund funding to take York further forward in developing a more sustainable city.

9. CITY STRATEGY CAPITAL PROGRAMME - 2011/12 BUDGET REPORT

RESOLVED: That the Executive Member for City Strategy approves the scheme allocations detailed in Annex 1 to the officer report.

REASON: To implement the council's transport strategy identified in York's third Local Transport Plan (LTP) and deliver schemes identified in the council's Capital Programme.

10. URGENT ITEM: SUNDAY BUS SERVICES TO FULFORD AND NABURN

RESOLVED: That the Executive Member for City Strategy

agrees:

- i) To request Officers to seek an emergency short term tender to provide a replacement bus service to Fulford Broadway and Naburn.
- ii) That a new, Sundays only, bus route linking Naburn Village with York City Centre via Fulford Broadway being incorporated in the package of routes about to be offered for tender, for inception from 28 August 2011.
- iii) To a review of funding to support the Sunday evening service on route 10 to offset the additional costs to the Council in obtaining a replacement for routes 42 and 415, but requests officers to ensure that the service is sustained at least until the August tendering process has been completed.
- iv) To request officers, during the review period for the number 10 evening bus service, to work with the operators, Parish Councils and local Ward members to try and increase the use of the number 10 service with the aim of it being registered as a commercial service.
- v) Whilst the loss of the early morning and evening weekday journeys to Fulford Broadway and Naburn are regrettable, the low level of usage demonstrated makes it uneconomic for the Council to seek replacement facilities.

REASON:

The Council has obtained from Arriva detailed loadings and revenue figures in respect of the affected journeys and undertaken its own surveys since being informed of the changes. The data suggests that whilst the usage does not justify the provision of individual bus services to each area, a single route serving both would meet the Council's criteria for revenue support.