

EXECUTIVE

THURSDAY, 11 FEBRUARY 2016

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Executive held on Thursday, 11 February 2016. 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 Monday 15 February 2016, please note that recommendations to Council are not subject to the call-in provisions.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Jill Pickering (01904) 552061 or jill.pickering@york.gov.uk.

5. Additional Primary School Places for Southbank

Resolved: That the Executive agree to:

- (i) Undertake further informal public consultation to examine all available options prior to undertaking formal public consultation on the options for the provision of school places in the Southbank area lasting four week;
- (ii) Identify option (b) as the council's current preferred option, for the purposes of that consultation;
- (iii) Ask the Director of Children's Services, Education and Skills to bring a report to a future meeting of the Executive describing the outcome of that consultation and making a recommendation for a proposal to be subject to statutory consultation.

Reason: This will fulfil the LA's legal obligation to ensure there is appropriate consultation that allows for the most effective solution to be identified.

6. E-Democracy Scrutiny Review Final Report

Resolved: That the Executive approve the recommendations of the E-Democracy Scrutiny Review Task Group as set out at paragraph 9 of the report.

Reason: To conclude the Scrutiny Review in line with City of York Council Scrutiny procedures and protocols.

7. Developing On-Line Access To Council Services

Resolved: That the Executive agree to:

- (i) The principles driving the design of the new customer digital platform;
- (ii) Endorse the plans in relation to the project for the delivery and expansion of on-line services to residents and other service users; and
- (iii) The response to the recommendations from the Corporate and Scrutiny Management Policy & Scrutiny Committee (CSMC) E-Democracy Scrutiny Review.

Reason: To ensure Executive members have enough information in leading the agenda for digitalisation of services and improved access to services, with associated benefits for residents as well as the efficiencies generated.

8. 2015/16 Finance and Performance Monitor 3

Resolved: That Executive agree to:

- (i) Note the current finance and performance information;
- (ii) Present performance reports to the Council's scrutiny committees.

Reason: (i) To ensure expenditure is kept within the approved budget

- (ii) To ensure performance reporting and framework is in line with models of good practice across local authorities.

9. Capital Programme - Monitor 3 2015/16

Resolved: That Executive agree to:

- (i) Note the 2015/16 revised budget of £51.538m as set out in paragraph 6 and Table 1 of the report.
- (ii) Note the restated capital programme for 2015/16 – 2019/20 as set out in paragraph 43, Table 2 and detailed in Annex A of the report.

Reason: To enable the effective management and monitoring of the Council's capital programme.

10. Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Prudential Indicators for 2016/17 to 2020/21

Recommended: That Council approve:

- (i) The proposed Treasury Management Strategy for 2016/17 including the annual investment strategy and the minimum revenue provision policy statement;
- (ii) The Prudential Indicators for 2016/17 to 2020/21 in the main body of the report;
- (iii) The Specified and Non-Specified Investments schedule (Annex B) of the report;
- (iv) The Scheme of Delegation and the Role of the Section 151 Officer (Annex D) of the report;
- (v) The Council's entry into the Framework Agreement and its accompanying schedules for the Municipal Bonds

Agency, including the joint and several guarantee;

- (vi) Delegation of authority to the Director of Customer and Business Support Services as Section 151 Officer and the Assistant Director for Governance and ICT as Monitoring Officer to sign those documents, as appropriate, on behalf of the Council;
- (vii) Granting the Section 151 Officer delegated authority to agree amendments to the Framework Agreement as appropriate.

Reason: To enable the continued effective operation of the Treasury Management function and ensure that all Council borrowing is prudent, affordable and sustainable.

11. Financial Strategy 2016/17 to 2020/21

Resolved: That Executive approve:

- (i) The average rent decrease of 1.0% to be applied to all 'social housing rents' for 2016/17, as required by legislation. This is shown in table 13 and described in paragraphs 110 to 112 of the report.
- (ii) The average rent increase of 0.9% to be applied to all rents which fall outside the definition on 'social housing rents' for 2016/17, as described in paragraph 113 of the report.

Reason: To ensure the ongoing financial stability of the Housing Revenue Account and allow work on improving the quality of the council's affordable housing to continue.

12. **Capital Strategy 2016/17 to 2020/21**

Recommended: That Council:

- Agree to the revised capital programme of £180.206m that reflects a net overall increase of £28.451m (as set out in paragraph 54 table 10 and in Annex B). Key elements of this include
 - Extension of prudential borrowing funded Rolling Programme schemes totalling £4.921m as set out in table 3 and summarised in table 10;
 - New schemes totalling £2.415m including an increase in prudential borrowing of £643k as set out in tables 4 & 5 and summarised in table 10;
 - Extension of externally funded Rolling Programme schemes totalling £9.878m as set out in table 6 and summarised in table 10;
 - An increase in Housing Revenue Account funded schemes totalling £12.009m funded from a combination HRA balances/Right to Buy receipts of £12.009m as set out in table 7 and summarised in table 10

- Approve the full restated programme as summarised in Annex A totalling £180.206m cover financial years 2016/17 to 2020/21 as set out in table 11 and Annex A

- Approve the appropriation of the Housing Revenue Account shops into the General Fund as set out at paragraph 5 in the report.

Reason: To set a balanced capital programme as required by the Local Government Act 2003

13. **Review Housing Revenue Account Business Plan 2015 to 2045**

Resolved: That Executive agree Option One to adopt the Housing Revenue Business Plan and finance projection as set out in Annex's A and B of the report.

Reason: The plan sets out the priorities for the housing revenue account for the next 5 years and gives clear

messages as to the commitment to continue to invest in the council's existing stock, the local communities and, if still viable, to build new much needed social rented housing.

14. Housing Revenue Account - Strategic Asset Plan

Resolved: That Executive agree Option One to adopt the Housing Revenue Account Strategic Asset Plan.

Reason: The HRA Strategic Asset Plan enables the council to objectively assess the quality of all HRA assets to guide future investment and development decisions within the housing stock in support of the aims of the HRA Business Plan.

15. Parking Review

Resolved: That the Executive agree to:

- (i) The development of a City wide Parking Management Plan and priorities to be the subject of approval by a further report to Executive.
- (ii) Continue the Marygate Pay on Exit provision and approve the principle of procuring a partner to develop proposals for the development and implementation of the Parking Management Plan in respect of off street parking. This would be subject to a further Executive report.
- (iii) Approve the transfer of parking enforcement operations from the Community and Neighbourhoods Directorate to City and Environmental Services.

Reason: (i) To start the development of a parking policy context and Parking Management Plan for the provision of off street in the future.

- (ii) To bring more commercial expertise and acumen to bear on the Councils car parking estate.
- (iii) To seek to better align the City's car parking provision within the Councils policy ambitions.
- (iv) To start to consolidate the management of parking operations within the council.

16. Financial Strategy 2016/17 to 2020/21

- Resolved: That Executive, having considered;
- Expenditure pressures facing the council as set out in the report
 - Impacts of savings proposals set out in annex 2
 - Medium term financial factors facing the council as outlined in the report
 - Projected levels of reserves as set out in the report
 - Statutory advice from the Director of Customer and Business Support Services

It be

- Recommended: (i) That Council approve the budget proposals as outlined in the report, and in particular;
- The net revenue expenditure requirement of £117.900m
 - A council tax requirement of £77.072m
 - The revenue growth proposals as outlined in the body of the report
 - The 2016/17 revenue savings proposals as outlined in annex 2
 - The fees and charges proposals as outlined in annex 4

- The Housing Revenue Account (HRA) budget set out in annex 5 and the HRA savings proposals set out in annex 6
 - The dedicated schools grant proposals outlined in paragraphs 114 to 122
- (ii) To note the effect of approving the income and expenditure proposals included in the recommendations would result in a 3% increase in the City of York element of the council tax, 2% of which would relate to the social care precept.
- (iii) To note receipt of an additional £781k transitional grant.

Reason: To ensure a legally balanced budget is set.

17. Capital Programme - Monitor 3 2015/16

Recommended: That Council agree a decrease in the 2015/16 programme of £40.654m as detailed in the report and contained in Annex A.

Reason: To enable the effective management and monitoring of the Council's capital programme.