

Policy Prospectus 2008/9

Review on Commercial Property Portfolio

- Initial scoping has commenced with the council's existing investment consultants who were able to give a overview of investment options
- Report back from the commercial review approved last November by EMAP and Exec. Draft report prepared, which will be updated to introduce Members to the wider options available
- Due to be reported at Corporate Services EMAP on 10th June and Executive in Autumn following member consultation

Consideration of the recommendations of the Traffic Congestion Scrutiny Committee and review of their implementation

Review report on public transport options in the City

- This would include any reaction to the Transport Bill (Act) but also look at how we can refresh our internal processes, our external partnerships and maximise the effectiveness of our investment in both services - such as dial and ride - and infrastructure improvements (e.g. bus priority measures).

Review relating to subsidised and community transport

- Scope to be consulted on with members in the next couple of months
- Collection of data for the subsidised bus services initiated
- A review has been completed on the Dial a Ride Service and a number of its recommendations are currently being implemented through the Collaborative Transport Project
- Final report expected early autumn with a view to informing the budget process for the following year.

To address the adequacy of cycling/ pedestrian access at York station

- Carried over from previous Policy Prospectus - GNER withdrew from project to improve access - DfT and CYC capital match funding halted.
- Intend to progress with National Express in 2008 as part of wider negotiations about the station's future development, including in the context of York North West and through Cycle City

Review of Leisure and Cultural Services

- Scope agreed to identify options to deliver higher quality and more effective leisure and culture services at lower cost to the taxpayer

- Desktop work and short-listing of projects following consultation with the Leaders' group – phase 1 May to June
- End of the first phase, June 08, informal report back to Group Leaders
- Interim findings to be fed into the budget process for 2009/10
- Full report back on detailed reviews to Executive in December

Review of services that the council should strategically procure or 'share'

Review of potential benefits to be derived from the merging of LCCS IT (schools) with City of York Council's corporate IT&T department

Review of the council's affordable housing policy

Develop an Organisational Effectiveness Programme

- A Single Improvement Plan is due to developed which draws all the council's improvement activity, including the OEP, together in one place. This plan will be used to strengthen and develop the council's Business Model.

Corporate Strategy progression (Priorities, Imperatives and Vision elements)

Public Engagement, Neighbourhood Actions Plans and Neighbourhood Management

Roll out of recycling collections for all properties following pilot in The Groves

Explore the possibility of Council acting as a green energy broker both for homeowners and for Council tenants.

- This project will consider the council's potential to act as a negotiator for getting a good deal for residents with any energy company offering a 'green energy' package before promoting this to its citizens with the expectation that a sizeable number will take-up the option if the deal is sufficiently advantageous. The Council purchases nothing, merely acts as a broker.