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| MEETING | DECISION SESSION - EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR LEISURE CULTURE & SOCIAL INCLUSION |
| DATE | 8 DECEMBER 2009 |
| PRESENT | COUNCILLORS AYRE (EXECUTIVE MEMBER) |

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were invited to declare at this point in the meeting any personal or prejudicial interests they might have in the business on the agenda. None were declared.

6. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Decision Session – Executive Member for Leisure, Culture and Social Inclusion meeting held on 9 June 2009 be signed and approved as a correct record by the Chair.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - DECISION SESSION

It was reported that there had been one registration to speak at the meeting under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

Councillor Crisp expressed her appreciation to officers for the work they had done on this report. She discussed the government funding for the Playbuilder scheme and commended officers on the speed of their work on this project. She also stated that officers should continue to work with the schools and assist with the improvements needed to get the community involved in using the schools outdoor sports facilities.

8. IMPROVING YORK'S GREEN SPACES: RESPONSE TO THE POLICY PLANNING GUIDANCE 17 OPEN SPACE SPORT AND RECREATION STUDY

The Executive Member considered a report which informed him of the response to the Open Space Sport and Recreation Study undertaken as part of the Local Development Framework process and was asked to:

- note the current actions
- agree the future actions in paragraph 36
- agree any additional projects and priorities possible

Officers gave a brief update on the current situation and stated that the 'Playbuilder' programme had been discussed at the Learning, Culture and Overview Scrutiny Committee.

The Executive Member thanked officers for the report and noted the excellent work that had been achieved. The Executive Member agreed to receive an update from officers in 6 months time.¹

RESOLVED: That the Executive Member:

- (i) Notes the work currently being undertaken
- (ii) Agrees the proposed actions in paragraph 36 of the report with the following additions:
 - Paragraph 11 – To draw up a specific development plan for St George’s Field.
 - Paragraph 15 – Further work to establish opportunities and resources to deliver improvements at the remaining sites.
 - Paragraph 19 – To draw up development plans for North Street Gardens and Monk Bridge Gardens and to further pursue how amenity green space can be increased in those areas of the city currently deficient.
 - Paragraph 23 – Note that this report does not address provision for the age range over 13 and to examine opportunities to address a shortfall in this area.
- (iii) Agrees any additional projects and priorities

REASON: To develop sufficient high quality open space that meets the needs of the City’s residents and visitors.

Action Required

Officers to give an update on Improving York's Green Spaces in 6 months time. SB

Cllr Ayr, Chair

[The meeting started at 4.20 pm and finished at 5.00 pm].