

Meeting	Decision Session - Executive Member for Finance and Performance
Date	13 September 2021
Present	Councillor Ayre (Executive Member)

31. Declarations of Interest

The Executive Member was asked to declare, at this point in the meeting, any personal interests, not included on the Register of Interests, or any prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interests that he might have had in respect of business on the agenda. He confirmed he had none.

32. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the Decision Session held on 21 July be approved as a correct record and signed by the Executive Member.

33. Public Participation

It was reported that there had been no registrations to speak at the meeting under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

34. Application for Community Right to Bid under the Localism Act 2011

The Executive Member considered a report detailing an application from Campaign for Real Ale (York Branch) to list The Spread Eagle Public House, Walmgate, York as an Asset of Community Value (ACV).

The Asset Manager reported that officers had been contacted by the owners of the Spread Eagle premises at a late stage with information that needed further consideration. Officers had discussed this with their legal team who had advised that the decision on the application. The Asset Manager requested that the application be postponed for decision at a future decision session.

Resolved: That the application to list the Spread Eagle Public House, Walmgate, York as an Asset of Community Value (ACV) be postponed.

Reason: In order to consider the application at a later date.

35. Health & Safety Update Report

The Executive Member considered a report that detailed the Health & Safety (H&S) 2020/2021 outturn report from the Head of Health & Safety; an update on the action being taken to address the risks raised in the report; key areas of work for 2021; and client overview of the performance of Health & Safety (H&S) shared service formed by North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) and City of York Council (CYC) which operates under a partnership agreement.

The Head of Human Resources (HR) and Organisational Development (OD) was in attendance to present the report. She highlighted that in response to the areas of concern raised, the council's Joint Health & Safety Committee (including the attendance of Trade Union representatives), received reports back from Directorate representatives (normally at Chief Officer level) on action being taken to review risks and learning from accidents and incidents. She added that the B-safe H&S system had been introduced and was operational.

The Head of Human Resources noted that the team dealing with COVID had been working with premises managers across the city. She also noted the top five H&S incidents noted that more people had been reporting near misses (which included damage to property). She noted the progress of the Fire Safety Act 2021.

The Executive Member thanked officers for their work, noting the concerns regarding the impact of child aggression on children's social care colleagues, which continued to be one of the highest causes of incident reported. He then;

Resolved: That;

- a) The report covering the 12 month period including the council's response to managing and responding to significant H&S risks including those relating to the pandemic be noted.
- b) The performance of the Shared H&S Service noted.

c) Consideration be given to areas of H&S risk management for further reporting at future decision sessions.

Reason: To ensure the Executive Member and residents are assured that H&S services are appropriately managed and resilient and the council has proper arrangements in place for managing and responding to H&S risks.

Cllr N Ayre, Executive Member

[The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 10.07 am].