

Meeting	Decision Session - Executive Member for Finance and Performance
Date	11 April 2022
Present	Councillor Ayre

16. 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.

17. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the Decision Session held on 16 March 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Executive Member.

18. Council Tax Energy Rebate discretionary scheme

The Executive Member considered a report that detailed the discretionary council tax energy rebate scheme for approval. The Head of Customer and Exchequer Services outlined the energy rebate scheme noting that where residents did not pay by direct debit, a direct payment would be made to them in May.

The Executive Member asked about customer contact levels about the scheme and the Head of Customer and Exchequer Services advised that levels were fine at the moment and the council would make sure that all eligible for the scheme would receive their payment. He was also asked and confirmed that communications about the scheme would be issued after the meeting and the Executive Member suggested that this could be followed up with further communications about the scheme at the end of May. The Executive Member welcomed the scheme and;

Resolved: That the council's discretionary council tax energy rebate scheme as set out at paragraph 6 – 10 of the report and Annex A be approved.

Reason: To provide financial support in respect of the increasing utility costs to the city's financially vulnerable residents.

19. Application for Community Right to Bid under the Localism Act 2011 – Derwent Arms Public House

The Executive Member considered a report detailing the application to renew the listing of the Derwent Arms, Osbaldwick, York as an Asset of Community Value (ACV), for consideration by the Council. The application had been received from Osbaldwick Parish Council. The Asset Manager outlined the application noting that legal services had confirmed that the application met requirements. He added that Heineken was the owner of the premises and no representations on the application had been received. In response to a question from the Executive Member, the Asset Manager confirmed that the land attached to the Derwent Arms had been used for occasional caravan club events, but was not a registered caravan site.

Resolved: That approval be given to the renewal of the listing of Derwent Arms, Osbaldwick, York, as an Asset of Community Value (ACV) for the reasons outlined within this report.

Reason: To ensure the Council meets its legislative requirements of the Localism Act 2011 and promotes community access to community facilities.

Cllr N Ayre, Chair

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