

## EXECUTIVE

TUESDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 2007

### DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Executive held on Tuesday, 11 September 2007. 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 4pm on the second working day after this meeting.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Simon Copley.

#### 5. MINUTES OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORKING GROUP

RESOLVED: (i) That the minutes of the Young People's Working Group meeting held on 12 July 2007 be noted;

(ii) That any proposals for changing any constitutional arrangements be referred in the first instance to a Group Leaders' Meeting.

REASON: To fulfil the requirements of the Council's Constitution in relation to the role of Working Groups.

#### 6. AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION

RESOLVED: That the amendments implemented to the Constitution be noted.

REASON: To ensure the Constitution is effectively revised and monitored and that appropriate corporate governance arrangements are in place.

#### 7. ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN TOWARDS A CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY FOR THE CITY

RESOLVED: (i) That the Environmental Sustainability and Action Plan towards a Climate Change Strategy and the Environmental Policy statement be endorsed as a useful basis on which to develop a further report which should address the following issues:

- a) required actions;
- b) possible milestones;
- c) practicality;
- d) costs and resourcing streams;

(ii) That, in producing a refined strategy, officers be

requested to show clearly the following:

- a) enablers indicating the percentage of the total target that each will achieve;
- b) further detail on the "City" (Local Strategic Partnership) component of the strategy;
- c) a consultation, resident education and public engagement programme.

REASON: To provide a basis for future action in environmental sustainability for the Council and for its Environmental Management System (EMS).

**8. EFFICIENCY AND STRATEGIC PROCUREMENT PROGRAMME**

- RESOLVED: (i) That the Efficiency Programme set out in Annex A of the report be approved;
- (ii) That the Strategic Procurement Programme set out in Annex B of the report be approved;
- (iii) That the position on shared services and further work planned in this area be noted.

REASON: In order to move the Council forward in terms of its approach to the identification and achievement of efficiency savings.

**9. FINANCE STRATEGY 2008/09 TO 2010/11 AND POLICY PROSPECTUS RESPONSE ON THE FUTURE OF A FAIR GRANT FOR YORK**

- RESOLVED: a) That the attached financial strategy be endorsed, whilst it be noted that:
- (i) The revised calculation base for the MTFF currently excludes requests for funding expenditure on Council priorities and service aspirations;
  - (ii) The initial funding gap (excluding priority and aspirational growth) of £10.484m;
- b) That the proposed approach to balancing the budget be formally adopted and the relevant savings targets be noted:
- (i) 2.5% per service;
  - (ii) plus 2.5% per director;
  - (iii) plus a 5% yield on income budgets (including an analysis of the options available to extend the Council's trading activities);
- c) That the proposed response to the Policy Prospectus request for proposals to influence current and future funding decisions at a national level be supported;

- d) That the Head of Finance be requested to develop a response to the extant consultation on potential changes to the grant distribution formula with a particular focus on:
  - (i) Delivering changes to the Area Cost Adjustment for York,
  - (ii) Ensuring that new arrangements for concessionary fares are funded either as a specific grant or are excluded from formula damping calculations,
  - (iii) Opposing the proposed changes to the day visitor funding calculation;
- e) That the Chief Executive be requested to table proposals for public consultation based on techniques exemplified in paragraphs 22b, c and d of the report.

- REASON:
- a) & b) To enable the commencement of formal budget planning for 2008/09;
  - c) To maximise the Council's potential influence on national funding policy and decisions;
  - d) To ensure that York's views are reflected in any final decision on national funding changes;
  - e) To ensure a full consultation exercise takes place.

**10. DEVELOPING THE YORK COMPACT: NEW CODES OF GOOD PRACTICE**

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That the new and revised York Compact codes of practice be endorsed in full;
  - (ii) That the Council's continued participation in the York Compact be supported;
  - (iii) That all Directorates be advised of the terms of the Compact and be asked to monitor any costs and benefits arising out of implementing the processes contained therein.

- REASON:
- (i) So that the Council can build on its positive engagement with the voluntary and community sector in the city, with the aim of improving services for people in the city;
  - (ii) So that the Council can play its part in implementing the new codes of good practice.

