

## EXECUTIVE MEMBERS FOR CITY STRATEGY AND ADVISORY PANEL

MONDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2007

### DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Executive Member for City Strategy and Advisory Panel held on Monday, 10 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 key 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 Sarah Kingston.

#### **4. 2007/08 FIRST MONITORING REPORT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICE - FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE**

##### Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Leader be advised to :

- (i) approve the financial and performance position of the portfolio;
- (ii) recommend to the Executive an additional one-off contribution of £2.5k to the York Citizen Advice Bureau.

##### Decision of the Executive Leader

RESOLVED: That the advice of the Advisory Panel be accepted and endorsed.

REASON: In accordance with budgetary and performance monitoring procedures.

#### **5. YORK'S VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE SERVICE: FUTURE OPTIONS**

##### Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Leader be advised to

- (i) approve that the principles identified in paragraph 5 of this report regarding the future aspirations of the York city centre Visitor Information Centre be adopted;
- (ii) accept the analysis of the two alternative options currently

identified (in paragraphs 10-12);

- (iii) seek the support of the Administrative Accommodation Project Board to pursue the Blake Street option, as put forward in paragraph 13.
- (iv) approve that a further report on the sale of the Blake Street property, including a business plan, will be reported back to this meeting.
- (v) ask officers to investigate the possibility of including a changing room size disabled toilet in the new Visitor Information Centre.

Decision of the Executive Leader

RESOLVED: That the advice of the Advisory Panel be accepted and endorsed.

- REASONS:
- (i) These principles confirm the importance of the service to the city, and set the key fundamental principles for any proposals to relocate the service.
  - (ii) This enables officers to progress a single option for the future delivery of this service.
  - (iii) This is the most appropriate and sustainable solution to VIC provision in the city.
  - (iv) To report to members the successful conclusion of negotiations and to confirm that an enhanced VIC service for residents and visitors in York has been secured.

**6. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S MONITOR 1 FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE REPORT 2007/08**

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Leader be advised to

- (i) note the performance and financial outturn position for 2007/08.

Decision of the Executive Leader

RESOLVED: That the advice of the Advisory Panel be accepted and endorsed.

REASON: To inform the Executive Leader on progress made against service plan targets and budget.

**7. REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS, POLLING PLACES AND POLLING STATIONS**

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Leader be advised to note the contents of this report.

Decision of the Executive Leader

RESOLVED: That the advice of the Advisory Panel be accepted and endorsed.

REASON: In order to comply with statutory requirements.

**8. 2007/08 CITY STRATEGY FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE MONITOR 1 REPORT**

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member for City Strategy be advised to

- (i) note the financial and performance position of the portfolio.
- (ii) recommend to the Executive to release a contingency sum of £400k to support pressure on Concessionary Fares and Planning budgets.
- (iii) write to the Government to express concern about the under funding of the Concessionary Fares scheme.

Decision of the Executive Member for City Strategy

RESOLVED: That the advice of the Advisory Panel be accepted and endorsed.

REASON: In accordance with budgetary and performance monitoring procedures.

**9. 2007/08 CITY STRATEGY CAPITAL PROGRAMME: MONITOR 1 REPORT**

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member for City Strategy be advised to approve the adjustments set out in Annexes 1 and 2.

Decision of the Executive Member for City Strategy

RESOLVED: That the advice of the Advisory Panel be accepted and endorsed.

REASON: To manage the Capital Programme efficiently.

**10. HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE LICENCES (TAXI LICENCES)**

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member for City Strategy be advised to make the following recommendations to the Licensing and Regulatory Committee:-

- (i) That a rank queue survey be conducted and repeated at least every two years in order to monitor the level of unmet demand
- (ii) Approve Option d), i.e. to issue a limited number of new hackney carriage vehicle licenses each year until market demand regulates the number of licenses issued but subject to a review after 2 years on the effects of any increase in numbers.
- (iii) That officers be asked to investigate the availability of taxi vehicles which both meet Euro 4/5 standards and which also achieve low greenhouse gas emission levels
- (iv) That any new plates which may be made available are allocated to vehicles which allow side access for wheelchair users
- (v) That officers investigate and report back on options for extending the availability of taxi rank space with particular reference to the City centre.
- (vi) That the officers be asked to investigate and report on how the Council can ensure that plates are retained by local residents and that any rental income which may be charged by plate owners is ploughed back into improving the quality of the taxi service in York

Decision of the Executive Member for City Strategy

RESOLVED: That the advice of the Advisory Panel be accepted and endorsed.

REASON: This represents the least disruptive and controlled route to achieving deregulation. It will permit market forces to regulate the number of taxis viable in the city in the same way as any other business.

**11. PETITION FOR RESIDENTS PARKING - MALTON AVENUE AND IRWIN AVENUE**

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member for City Strategy be advised to

- (i) Include this area on the residents parking request list and begin investigations and consultation once it reaches the top of the list.
- (ii) Inform the lead petitioner of the outcome of this report.

Decision of the Executive Member for City Strategy

RESOLVED: That the advice of the Advisory Panel be accepted

and endorsed.

REASON: To facilitate parking for residents and their visitors as requested and to reduce congestion

**12. PETITION FROM RESIDENTS OF RUFFORTH REQUESTING A CYCLE ROUTE BETWEEN THEIR VILLAGE AND ACOMB**

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member for City Strategy be advised to

- (i) Note the content of the petition, and ask officers to continue to provide support to the steering group;
- (ii) Reply to the lead petitioner.

Decision of the Executive Member for City Strategy

RESOLVED: That the advice of the Advisory Panel be accepted and endorsed.

REASONS: (i) To enable the proposed scheme to be properly assessed and for accurate costs to be calculated to enable it to be prioritised against other potential cycle schemes for potential capital programme funds. Also to provide advice on alternative sources of funding to the steering group to better the chances of implementation.  
(ii) To inform them of the panel's decision.

**13. YORK STATION ACCESS RAMP**

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member for City Strategy be advised to

- (i) Note the reasons for the delay in implementing the York Station Access Ramp scheme;
- (ii) Ask officers to continue to liaise with Network Rail and National Express to establish a workable scheme agreed by all and that future funding be bid for from the DfT.

Decision of the Executive Member for City Strategy

RESOLVED: That the advice of the Advisory Panel be accepted and endorsed.

REASON: To update the Executive Member on the issues surrounding the construction of the proposed new access ramp into York Station.

**14. WINTER MAINTENANCE SERVICE 2007/08**

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member for City Strategy be advised to

- (i) Note the report and approve Option 1, namely to reduce the number of self help salt bins which were disturbed around the network for the general use of the public;
- (ii) Recirculate the self help salt bin list, including those identified for removal, to members and Neighbourhood Management Officers to allow Ward Committees to consider salt bin provision in their wards.
- (iii) Not pursue Option 3 at this time.

Decision of the Executive Member for City Strategy

RESOLVED: That the advice of the Advisory Panel be accepted and endorsed.

REASON: To ensure the current Council winter maintenance policy is robust whilst ensuring the budget is expended in the most cost effective way based on the Council's assessed priorities.

