
MEETING	DECISION SESSION - EXECUTIVE LEADER
DATE	1 FEBRUARY 2011
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS WALLER (EXECUTIVE LEADER)

21. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Executive Leader was invited to declare at this point in the meeting any personal or prejudicial interest he might have in the business on the agenda.

He declared a personal non prejudicial interest as he is:

- a Board Member of Welcome to Yorkshire and Sustainability for Yorkshire.
- a Member of Leeds City Region Local Enterprise Partnership.
- the Chairman of Leeds City Region Homes & Communities Agency Board.

22. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the last meeting of the Decision Session of the Executive Leader, held on 7 December 2010 be approved and signed by the Executive Leader as a correct record.

23. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

It had been reported that there had been no registrations to speak but a written representation was received on items 4 and 5 from Unison which was noted by the Executive Leader.

24. REVENUE BUDGET ESTIMATES 2011/12 - OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The Executive Leader considered a report that presented the 2011/12 budget proposals for The Office of the Chief Executive, which included:

- the national context regarding local government funding and the implications for City of York Council.
- the approach that had been adopted to develop budget proposals.
- the outcomes of the customer budget consultation.
- the revenue budget for 2010/11 (Annex 1 of the report) to show the existing budgets.

- the budget adjusted and rolled forward from 2010/11 into 2011/12.
- the cost of pay and price increases and increments for the portfolio.
- proposals for service pressure costs and saving options for the portfolio area (Annexes 2 and 3 of the report).

The report also included saving proposals related to Strategic Housing which was part of Communities & Neighbourhoods Directorate but was the Executive Leader's responsibility.

Officers gave an update and stated that although the Holocaust Memorial Day budget had been reduced the Council would continue to support this event.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That it be confirmed that the budget proposals are in line with the Council's priorities.
- (ii) That the report be referred to the Budget Executive for consideration.

REASON:

As part of the 2011-12 budget consultation.

25. REVENUE BUDGET ESTIMATES 2011/12 - ECONOMY & ASSET MANAGEMENT

The Executive Leader considered a report that presented the 2011/12 budget proposals for Economy and Asset Management, which included:

- the national context regarding local government funding and the implications for City of York Council.
- the approach that had been adopted to develop budget proposals.
- the outcomes of the customer budget consultation.
- the revenue budget for 2010/11 (Annex 1 of the report) to show the existing budgets.
- the budget adjusted and rolled forward from 2010/11 into 2011/12.
- the cost of pay and price increases and increments for the portfolio.
- proposals for service pressure costs and saving options for the portfolio area (Annexes 2 and 3 of the report).
- proposals for fees and charges (annex 4 of the report).

Officers gave an update and the Executive Leader commented on the proposed funding cuts to Welcome to Yorkshire the regional tourist

agency. Officers agreed to discuss the proposed deductions and the footfall figures from the York Food and Drink Festivals with the Chief Executive of Welcome to Yorkshire.¹

RESOLVED:

- (i) That it be confirmed that the budget proposals are in line with the Council's priorities.
- (ii) That the report be referred to the Budget Executive for consideration.
- (iii) That the proposed cuts to Welcome to Yorkshire and the footfall figures from the York Food and Drink Festivals be discussed with their Chief Executive.

REASON:

As part of the 2011-12 budget consultation.

Action Required

1. Budget discussions with Welcome to Yorkshire and send them the footfall figures for the York Food and Drink Festival. RR

26. UPDATE ON GREEN JOBS

The Executive Leader considered a report that provided an update on actions taken following the report produced by the Green Jobs taskforce. The report had a good strategic fit with the long term aspirations of the city in relation to all these within the Sustainable Community Strategy, particularly those in relation to Thriving City and Sustainable City but also with respect to Inclusion City and Learning City.

Officers gave an update and stated that North Selby Mine were currently progressing with their proposals and an update would be issued at a later stage.

The Leader commended the research work that was undertaken into the scale and prospects for green jobs in York and suggested officers circulate the results.¹

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the progress made in taking action in line with the recommendations of the Green Jobs taskforce be noted.
- (ii) That the research undertaken on the scale and prospects for green jobs in York be circulated and a copy be sent to the Economic Partnership Board.

- (iii) That a follow up meeting be arranged with the Green Jobs Task Group and the Executive Leader.²

REASON:

To support the strategic objective of the Sustainable Community Strategy and Corporate Strategy.

Action Required

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| 1. That the research on the scale and prospects for green jobs in York be circulated and sent to the Economic Partnership Board | RR |
| 2. To arrange a meeting between the Green Jobs Task Group and the Executive Leader | RR |

Councillor Waller, Executive Leader, Chair
[The meeting started at 3.45 pm and finished at 4.10 pm].