

1 Because of the intervention of the election period, there have been only 2 meetings of the  
2 Executive since the last ordinary meeting of the Council on 12<sup>th</sup> April.

3 **Yearsley Swimming Pool** – The Executive has agreed plans which will see the Yearsley pool  
4 renovated later this summer. A shortlist of essential works had been drawn up. These works were  
5 required on either structural, operational, or health and safety grounds, in order to extend the life of  
6 the pool.

7 The works include:

- 8 • Roof - Remove roofing and wall cladding, Blast clean, repair and paint steelwork,  
9 Reclad roof and walls with composite sheeting, Relay flat roofing over changing rooms
- 10 • Ventilation - Air handling plant, ductwork and controls, Asbestos removal,
- 11 • Plant room - Asbestos remediation, Replace filters and pumps
- 12 • Pool hall - Drainage channels and tiling, Pool grouting
- 13 • Showers - Retiling
- 14 • Front Entrance - Gates, Kerbs, Tarmac, drainage, cycle parking, bin store

15 It is proposed to use part of the contingency provision from within the swimming pools programme  
16 to fund additional capital expenditure which had been identified, in addition to the indicative sum of  
17 £500k plus fees which were set out in the Leisure Facilities Strategy in February 2006.

18 The closure period will result in an estimated one-off revenue cost of £80k. A revised series of  
19 costings, a schedule of energy and carbon savings and a comparison of energy efficiency had  
20 been circulated to Members for consideration before the decision was confirmed.

21 Officers confirm that the refurbishment work would have an expected life of at least 25 years.

22 **School bus service – safety issues.** The Executive considered and broadly supported the  
23 conclusions reached in the final report of the Education Scrutiny Committee regarding home to  
24 school transport contracts for primary schools in York. The Executive was concerned to note that  
25 the issue of safety on school buses has not led central government to stipulate minimum standards  
26 for school bus design or to ensure that the costs of providing safe transport are recognised in the  
27 grant entitlement of local authorities. In the absence of such standards, and adequate funding, the  
28 Council could be placed in the invidious position of having to reduce serviced standards elsewhere  
29 in the education service in order to pay for seat belts and other improvements. The Council has  
30 already instructed officers to undertake a comprehensive review of its transport procurement  
31 policies and this is now being undertaken by consultants. It is anticipated that economies will be  
32 found and these may offer a possible option for meeting part of the costs of improving school bus  
33 services.

34 **Decision making processes** - Following considerable debate, an agreement was reached, among  
35 the four Groups represented on the Council, about how the Councils decision taking processes  
36 would be managed over the next 12 months. The Executive has endorsed this agreement and  
37 asked officers to put in hand changes to some constitutional arrangements and to timetable and  
38 prepare a series of policy reviews

39 **Former Lendal Bridge Sub-Station - Secure Cycle Park** - The Executive has agreed to lease  
40 the former Lendal Bridge sub station to “Bike Rescue” for use as a cycle park, workshop and café.

41 **Other matters** - The Executive authorised a Compulsory Purchase Order for part of the **Hungate**  
42 site, considered and agreed the release of 3 parcels of land for the provision of 20 **affordable**  
43 **homes** in the City and authorised the commencement of public consultation on whether York  
44 should seek designation as a **World Heritage Site**.

45 Steve Galloway