

Executive

Tuesday, 11 March 2025

Decisions

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the Executive meeting held on Tuesday, 11 March 2025. 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 Services no later than 4pm on the Tuesday 18 March 2025.

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

6. Fostering Framework

Resolved:

- i. To introduce the proposed new skills and fee levels for Foster Carers in York.

Reason: To deliver a framework that is fair and equitable across all foster carers and support children and young people in care.

7. Residential Retrofit – grant funding opportunities to accelerate delivery

Resolved:

- i. Delegated authority to the Director of Housing and Communities in consultation with the Director of Finance, and Director of Governance, to accept funding offered by the Department of Energy Security and Net Zero for the Warm Homes: Local Grant programme and to sign the memorandum of understanding to enable delivery of the works;
- ii. Delegated authority to the Director of Housing and Communities in consultation with the Director of Finance, and the Director of Governance, to procure

- a partner to the deliver the Warm Home: Local Grant programme, including entering into the delivery contract with the successfully procured new partner for April 2025 to March 2028 or March 2030 if funding is provided beyond 31 March 2028;
- iii. Delegated authority to the Director of Housing and Communities in consultation with the Director of Finance, and the Director of Governance, to accept funding offered by the Department of Energy Security and Net Zero for the Warm Homes: Social Housing Fund programme and to sign the memorandum of understanding to enable delivery of the works;
 - iv. Delegated authority to the Director of Housing and Communities in consultation with the Director of Finance, and the Director of Governance, to procure a partner to the deliver the Warm Home: Social Housing Fund project, including entering into the delivery contract with the successfully procured new partner for April 2025 to March 2028.

Reason: To deliver the council's ambitions for minimising the energy bills of those residents facing financial challenges, supporting health and wellbeing, building the local green economy, and retrofit supply chains, and reducing carbon emissions in the city and to ensure the provisions of the Subsidy Control Act 2022 are complied with.

8. Adoption and implementation of the York Poverty Truth Commission's Charter for Organisation Standards

Resolved:

- i. Noted the work of the York Poverty Truth Commission and the council to date in promoting and implementing the Organisational Standards;
- ii. Formally adopted the Charter for Organisational Standards developed by the York Poverty Truth Commission; and
- iii. Approved a published six-monthly monitoring report for the Executive Member for Finance, Performance, Major Projects, Human Rights, Equality and Inclusion.

Reason: To commit to and promote the work of the PTC and secure ongoing delivery and monitoring of the work into the future.

9. Review of the City of York Council Scrutiny Function

Resolved:

- i. To endorse the proposed actions as set out in Annex B in respect of Scrutiny Review Report recommendations 1-2, 4-7 and 9-12, noting that a cross-party working group will be established to lead on and oversee the work;
- ii. To recommend that, in respect of recommendation 8 of the Scrutiny Review Report, Full Council resolves to implement a revised Scrutiny structure, comprising an overarching Scrutiny Committee (including calling-in functions) with nine seats, a Place Committee with nine seats, and a People Committee (to include Housing) with nine seats. These changes to take effect at the 2025 Annual General Meeting and will be reviewed in 12 months;
- iii. To recommend to Council that Recommendation 3 of the Scrutiny Review Report is not adopted.

Reason: To seek Full Council's approval for changes to how Scrutiny operates at the Council.