

# **Decision Session - Executive Member for Environment and Climate Emergency**

**Tuesday, 18 March 2025**

## **Decisions**

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Decision Session Executive Member for Environment held on Tuesday, 18 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 Democratic Services no later than 4pm on the fifth working day after this meeting.

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

### **5. CONSULTATION ON A YORK WIDE SMOKE CONTROL AREA**

Resolved:

That the Executive Member approved:

- i. A statutory consultation on the revocation of City of York Council's (CYC's) existing SCAs (made by way of order on or after 13 November 1980) and the making of a new order to designate the whole of CYC's administrative area a SCA.
- ii. To delegate authority to the Director of Transport, Environment and Planning, in consultation with the Director of Governance to make an order to revoke the existing Smoke Control orders made before 13 November 1980 which will be processed in accordance with the statutory procedure for publication and confirmation of an order as set out in Schedule 5 of the Clean Air Act 1993.

Reasons:

- i. This would provide a mechanism to control the burning of the most polluting solid fuels and the appliances they are burnt in.
- ii. This would ensure consistency across CYC's administrative area, and that all future development sites are subject to SCA requirements.
- iii. This would assist in reducing fine particulate PM2.5 levels in York, and would align with national priorities for reducing pollution from domestic solid fuel burning as outlined in the Air Quality Strategy for England.
- iv. This approach is considered proportionate and would demonstrate that CYC is actively taking steps to reduce particulate emissions within its area for the protection of public health.