

EXECUTIVE

TUESDAY, 13 MARCH 2007

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Executive held on Tuesday, 13 March 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 Fiona Young.

6. MINUTES OF THE SOCIAL INCLUSION WORKING GROUP **Appendix C**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Social Inclusion Working Group meeting held on 17 January 2007 be noted.

REASON: To fulfil the requirements of the Council's Constitution in relation to the role of Working Groups.

7. DECIDING AND DELIVERING COUNCIL PRIORITIES – AUDIT COMMISSION REPORT **Appendix D**

RESOLVED: That the report be noted and that further development work be undertaken to develop the Council's prioritisation processes.

REASON: To note the progress already made in improving prioritisation arrangements and support work on further improvements.

8. SCRUTINY REPORT - GUIDANCE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT **Appendix E**

RESOLVED: (i) That **Recommendations 1, 2 and 7** in the Scrutiny report be referred for consideration by the LDF Working Group in the light of public consultation results and emerging national and regional guidance.

(ii) That **Recommendation 6** be referred for consideration by the LDF Working Group in the light of public consultation results and emerging national and regional guidance, and that it be noted that this proposal is included in the draft SPG that is currently being consulted on.

(iii) That, in respect of **Recommendation 8**:
a. The Executive's support for the establishment of new woodland be recorded and the Director

of City Strategy be requested to develop options for achieving this and for sustaining existing tree cover in the City.

- b. This recommendation be referred to the LDF Working Group with a request that they consider and advise on establishing a policy that would increase the percentage of tree cover in the City, and
- (iv) That **Recommendations 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16 and 17** be referred for consideration by the LDF Working Group.
- (v) That, in respect of **Recommendation 11**, the Executive has reservations about whether this form of boundary treatment would be appropriate in every case and requests the LDF Working Group to consider carefully the implications of adopting such a blanket policy of this nature.
- (vi) That, in respect of **Recommendation 14**:
- a. The Executive recognises merits in the general approach of the recommendation but in the absence of agreed definitions finds it impossible to understand the practicality of implementing the suggestion, and
 - b. The recommendation be referred to Officers for further information and to incorporate the views of the LDF Working Group.
- (vii) That Officers report back on the operational, workload and financial implications of **Recommendations 18, 19, 20 and 21**, following consideration of these proposals by the LDF Working Group.
- (viii) That Officers be asked to report back on the financial implications of **Recommendation 22** as part of the budget build exercise for next year and, in the meantime, that such information as is readily and economically available be posted on the existing Council website.
- (ix) That Officers be asked to report back on the implications of **Recommendation 23**.
- (x) That **Recommendation 24** be referred for consideration by the LDF Working Group in the light of public consultation results and emerging national and regional guidance, and that Officers report back on the financial and practical implications of adopting a blanket policy of this sort, but that the attention of the Working Group dealing with the new City Hall project be drawn to

this important issue.

(xi) That Officers be asked to provide additional information about **Recommendation 25**, in the light of existing regional and emerging national policies and, in respect of ITT applications, resource, capacity and financing issues.

REASON: To ensure that the recommendations of the Scrutiny Sub-Committee are considered for incorporation into the Local Development Framework, subject to further investigation of their implications, where appropriate.

9. PROPOSED SALE OF HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT LAND FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING AT DANE AVENUE, MORRITT CLOSE AND CHAPELFIELDS ROAD **Appendix F**

RESOLVED: (i) That Option 1 be approved, and the long leasehold sale of all or some of the three sites to housing associations be supported, on the basis outlined in the report and subject to:

- a) Satisfactory planning permissions being obtained for development of the sites as affordable housing.
- b) An alternative playground, plus dedicated public open space being provided to serve the Chapelfields community.
- c) Officers giving consideration, in developing the proposals further, to the requests of the Shadow Executive, that is:
 - that there should be a more comprehensive redevelopment scheme for the wider area in relation to Morritt Close, “as there are two other derelict sites that could be used for affordable housing” (and possibly incorporating improvements to the 68 Club);
 - provision of a communal garden area for the use of existing Morritt Close area residents;
 - designing the scheme to avoid potential overlooking problems in relation to the Dane Avenue proposals.

REASONS: a) To increase the stock of affordable family housing in York, to which the Council will have nomination rights, thus helping to meet the housing needs of York residents who are unable to access the private housing market;
b) To respond to the concerns of the Shadow Executive and Ward Members in respect of the proposed developments, and to ensure that a co-ordinated area approach is taken to the developments.

(ii) That approval of the precise boundaries, and the net capital receipt received for the sites, be delegated to the Head of Housing Services and the Corporate

Landlord.

REASON: To avoid unnecessary delay in progressing the sale.

(iii) That the method of calculating discretionary payments to tenants for the loss of use of part of their gardens, as detailed in paragraph 17 of the report, be approved as policy.

REASON: This will provide a consistent basis for the calculation of such sums should any similar circumstances arise in the future.

Note: Cllrs Sue Galloway, Macdonald and Reid left the room during consideration of the above item and took no part in the discussions or decisions thereon.

