

CABINET

TUESDAY, 15 MAY 2012

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Cabinet held on Tuesday, 15 May 2012. 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 Support Group no later than 4.00pm on Thursday 17 May 2012.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Jill Pickering, 01904 552061.

6. SECONDARY EDUCATION PROVISION ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE CITY AND THE FUTURE OF BURNHOLME COMMUNITY COLLEGE

RESOLVED: That Cabinet agrees to:

- i) Publish Public Notices in accordance with Section 15(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006, to discontinue Burnholme Community College from 31 August 2014. This to be followed by a six week statutory representation period, after which the LA must consider any further observations and comments received and decide whether to proceed with the proposals summarised below:
 - It is proposed that Burnholme Community College will remain open until 2014 when students on the roll at the school in the current Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11 have completed their secondary education;

- It is proposed that current Year 8 students will continue their education at the Burnholme Community College until the summer of 2013, and will then transfer to other schools. This means that they will be in their new schools for their year 10 and 11. For students currently on roll at Burnholme Community College in Year 7, it is proposed that they will stay at the school until the summer of 2014, and will then transfer to other schools for their Year 10 and 11. Detailed transition arrangements will be agreed between schools and in consultation with parents;
 - For students currently on roll at Burnholme Community College in Year 7 and Year 8, transport assistance will be provided if their new school is over two miles from their home residence once they have transferred in 2014 and 2013, respectively;
 - For families of transferring students to receive assistance at the transferring stages with the purchase of new school uniform as required at the receiving school;
 - With the agreement of the governing body of Archbishop Holgate's CE School, it is proposed that the existing catchment area of Burnholme Community College will be merged with the catchment area of Archbishop Holgate's CE School. Those seeking a non faith based school will be offered an alternative secular school.
- ii) Note that the LA will work closely with the governing body of Burnholme Community College and other schools to develop a comprehensive package of support for the

school, and a detailed transition plan for students and staff, that seeks to ensure the best possible education throughout the phased closure.

- iii) Note that the LA will work with Applefields School and other secondary schools in order to relocate the satellite class that has been successfully established at Burnholme Community College.
- iv) Note that the LA, with the York Education Partnership, will continue to develop further proposals that address the projected demand for school places across the city over the next decade, arising from predicted housing development and from the increase in the birth-rate.
- v) Initiate a further specific consultation focussing upon the potential future use of the Burnholme site in the event of the closure of the school. The recent consultation on the future of Burnholme Community College has highlighted particular concerns about the future of highly valued community services that are based at the College, including the Kids Club, the Burnholme Day Nursery, and Sports Provision including sports fields and MUGA. The authority will wish to explore options that make best use of the site whilst maintaining community facilities wherever possible. It is recognised that these important issues and possible options will require wide consultation and detailed debate and consideration.

REASON: It has been concluded that the educational interests of the children and young people in the city would be best served by a phased closure of Burnholme Community College.

7. IMPLEMENTING THE REVIEW OF THE CITY OF YORK COUNCIL'S RESIDENTIAL CARE HOMES FOR OLDER PEOPLE

- RESOLVED: i) That Cabinet agree in principle to Option 4, to provide the care on the Fordlands and Haxby Hall developments only, with care on the Lowfield site being provided by an independent operator (subject to further financial consideration and Full Council approval), that is:
- a) That the Council fund and operate the new residential care home to be built on the Fordlands Road site by engaging a design team and then entering a formal tender process to procure a builder.
 - b) That the Council states its intention to operate the new residential care home to be built on the site of the existing CYC care home at Haxby subject to financial affordability in Autumn 2013 when a firm decision on that particular home is required.
 - c) That the Council seeks to procure a partner through a tendering process to fund, build and operate a 'community village for older people' (including 90 residential care beds) on the Lowfield site in Acomb. The council's own in-house service will be able to compete for this work.

- ii) That Cabinet receive further reports outlining the outcome of the tenders for both the Fordlands and Lowfield village developments, with updated financial implications on all areas, to assess the affordability of the proposals.

REASON: The Council's review of its existing elderly persons homes highlighted the need for changes to the current provision and how the homes could be replaced by modern facilities. There was overwhelming support in the consultation of the need for change and the vision of the new facilities in the city. After conducting a detailed analysis of a number of options both practical and financial along with considering the outcome of the public consultation Option 4 offers the best fit solution with least risk to the Council to create these modern facilities.

8. OLIVER HOUSE ELDERLY PERSONS HOME - OPTIONS FOR THE FUTURE USE OF THE PROPERTY

RESOLVED: That Cabinet approve the granting of a 20 year lease to a Voluntary Sector Management Group, at a commercial rental to be confirmed through a formal valuation, and to be reviewed every 5 years. This would cover the cost of prudential borrowing in lieu of a capital receipt, with a subsequent review of selling the property. The lease will be on full repairing and insuring terms. It will also be contracted out of the security of tenure provisions of the Landlord and Tenant Act.

REASON: This option will achieve the income stream required to cover the increased revenue

cost of the Elderly Persons Homes review, and contribute to the priorities set out in the Council plan whilst retaining the asset in the long term.

9. EXPLORING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE FUTURE OF THE GUILDHALL

RESOLVED: That Cabinet agree option 1 as set out in the report, to proceed with an RIBA Open Ideas Competition.

REASON: To facilitate the exploration of options for the future of the Guildhall in an innovative and cost effective way – that will generate publicity for the City and the site; facilitate a level of consultation and with the potential for securing interest in progressing a solution.

10. DEVELOPING A THRIVING VOLUNTARY SECTOR IN THE CITY OF YORK

RESOLVED: That Cabinet approve:

- The outcomes set out in paragraph 9 of the report as the basis for further work on developing the Voluntary Sector Strategy.
- The outline criteria set out in paragraph 13 of the report, as the basis for developing detailed funding criteria for the combined voluntary sector funding pot.
- 3 year funding agreements for York CVS, York CAB and the Welfare Benefits Unit as set out in paragraph 15 of the report.

REASON: To strengthen the fabric of the voluntary

sector in the city.

11. POLICE REFORM AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY
ACT 2011 - POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER -
UPDATE

RESOLVED:

That Cabinet approve:

- i) Option 3, to work with the Community Safety Partnerships in North Yorkshire in advance of the elections to develop an options paper setting out a framework for delivery of community safety in York and North Yorkshire that can be presented to the Police and Crime Commissioner post November 2012.
- ii) Determination of who the two CYC appointments to the Police & Crime Panel should be and recommend to Annual Council for appointment.

REASON:

To ensure that Safer York Partnership's experience and reputation as a successful Community Safety Partnership is not lost in the process of change to establishment of structures for the force area of York and North Yorkshire.