Meeting Decision Session - Executive Member for

Culture, Leisure & Tourism

Date 13 March 2017

Present Councillor Ayre (Executive Member)

In Attendance Councillor K Myers

# 28. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

At this point in the meeting, the Executive Member was asked to declare any personal, prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interests not included on the Register of Interests that he might have had in the business on the agenda. He declared that he had none.

## 29. MINUTES

Resolved: That the minutes of the Decision Session held on 16 January 2017 be approved and then signed by the

Executive Member as a correct record.

#### 30. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

It was reported that one Member of the Council had requested to speak in respect of Item 4 (Haxby and Wigginton Library).

Councillor Richardson, Ward Member for Haxby and Wiggington, spoke in support of the Memorial Hall project and the need to provide an up to date and easily accessible facility, which met the needs of the community, at the earliest opportunity.

It was noted that a written representation had also been received from Councillor Ian Cuthbertson regarding the same item, in support of Option A as described under Options and Analysis of Options on pages 5-7 of the report.

## 31. HAXBY AND WIGGINTON LIBRARY

The Executive Member considered a report which set out options for investment in a replacement library for Haxby and Wigginton and asked the Executive Member to approve the use of the Council's capital funding to invest in the Memorial Hall project and to co locate a new library in their premises.

Resolved: That the Executive Member approves:

- The use of the Council's capital funding to invest in the Memorial Hall project and to colocate a new library in their premises.
- b) The terms of the funding and the timescales for delivery as set out in the report.
- c) Delegated authority to the Director of Economy and Place to agree the lease duration and other terms with the Memorial Hall trustees to ensure value for money is obtained.

Reason:

To establish an in-principle commitment and proposed timescale for a new library that will improve the quality of the library service for Haxby and Wigginton residents.

#### 32. AN APPROVED TRADER SCHEME

The Executive Member considered a report which recommended the strengthening of the partnership between City of York Council and Age UK and support for their Home Services Directory and a partnership with Checkatrade to form a new Trading Standards Approved scheme for local traders in the York area.

It was confirmed that in addition to being able to obtain approved traders' information via a website and mobile app, a printed directory would be delivered to homes and businesses, to ensure that those without access to the internet were not excluded from the scheme. Resolved: That the Executive Member:

- a) Notes the contents of the report.
- b) Agrees to strengthen the partnership with Age UK.
- c) Agrees a new partnership between City of York Council Trading Standards (part of Public Protection) and Checkatrade

Reason: To support the council's priorities to create jobs and grow the economy, to build stronger communities and to protect vulnerable people.

Councillor Ayre, Chair [The meeting started at 4.30 pm and finished at 4.55 pm].