

Decision Session - Executive Member for Environment

Monday, 10 December 2018 (*postponed from 3 December*)

Decisions

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Decision Session of the Executive Member for Environment held on Monday, 10 December 2018. 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 second working day after this meeting.

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

4. York 5 Year Flood Plan Update

Resolved: (i) That the updated report, and the information presented at the session by the Environment Agency (EA), be noted.

Reason: To confirm that the Executive Member is aware of the current position regarding progress on the 5 Year Flood Plan.

(ii) That the EA recognise the concerns of residents to develop schemes to the point of delivery and detail the steps it has taken to improve speed of delivery through design, supply chain and the planning process.

(iii) That an ongoing approach be developed for engagement and resilience building across the city.

(iv) That the comments from councillors attending this Decision Session be noted.

(v) That future reports include regular updates on the outline business case for the whole scheme, presented in a clear and concise manner.

Reason: To maintain clear communication with residents and enable the Flood Plan to be properly monitored to ensure that it is delivered within budget and on time.

5. Health and Safety Interim Report

Resolved: (i) That the Interim Report, including the work of the Shared H&S Service, be noted.

(ii) That the ongoing work to refresh the arrangements relating to the Safety Advisory Group (SAG) be noted, and that a report be taken to Executive on the work being undertaken with partner agencies to clarify roles and ensure the work of the SAG is well supported and follows best practice.

(iii) That the Corporate Health & Safety Policy be endorsed, noting that the previously supported position that verbal aggressive behaviour towards council staff and contractors working on the council's behalf will not be tolerated is now included within the Statement of Intent.

(iv) That details of the outcome of revised arrangements for asbestos management, water hygiene and substance misuse, as highlighted in paragraph 11 of the report, be reported to future decision sessions.

Reason: So that the Executive Member and residents can be assured that H&S services are resilient and the council has proper arrangements in place for managing and responding to H&S risks.

6. Waste Resilience Update

Resolved: (i) That the update provided in the report be noted.

(ii) That Option B, to develop a driver apprentice scheme, be approved.

(iii) That officers be requested to develop proposals for a more generic, multi-functional, workforce.

(iv) That officers be requested to develop a plan for a future fleet which will help to deliver a more reliable service that also takes into account air quality issues, considers electric vehicles, especially within the Clean Air Zone, and considers access issues, to increase the number of streets from which collections can be made, while maintaining segregation of recycling.

Reason: To improve the reliability of the service to residents, in accordance with the key themes of the Council Plan, and to improve air quality and recycling rates.

7. Update on the York Community Recycling Fund

Resolved: (i) That the update on the York Recycling Fund and the other initiatives to reduce fly tipping be noted.

(ii) That officers be requested to prepare a report on the roll out of mobile CCTV to help enforcement to prevent fly tipping.

(iii) That approval be given for a pilot of free boxes for recycling, to include home delivery by the council in the absence of a suitable partner for the provision of free boxes on a collection only basis.

Reason: In order to capture any lessons that can be learnt and to improve waste prevention and recycling in York.

8. Evaluation of the pilot of the Better Decision Making Tool

Resolved: (i) That the findings of the review be noted.

(ii) That approval be given to create a Project Officer post to support officers delivering capital projects and to lead key delivery projects.

(iii) That authority to make any further amendments to the tool be delegated to the Head of Corporate Strategy and City Partnerships and the Head of Programmes in the Economy and Place Directorate.

Reason: To ensure that there is capacity to deliver key projects around the One Planet agenda and to ensure that the usability of the tool continues to be improved and its impact maximised.

9. Government Consultation on Compulsory Community Pre-application Consultation for Shale Gas Development

Resolved: (i) That the government consultation on compulsory community pre-application consultation for shale gas development be noted.

(ii) That Option 1 be approved and the views set out in the 'Suggested Authority Response', including the appendix, which align with the council's submitted Joint Waste and Minerals Plan sections of the report, be endorsed and submitted to the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government and Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, as relevant.

Reason: To allow officers to respond to the consultation prior to the deadline of 7 January 2018.