

Meeting	Decision Session - Executive Member for Environment and Climate Change
Date	7 April 2021
Present	Councillor Widdowson

24. Declarations of Interest

The Executive Member was asked to declare, at this point in the meeting, any personal interests not included on the Register of Interests or any prejudicial or discloseable pecuniary interest that he might have in respect of the business on the agenda. None were declared.

25. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the Decision Session held on 3 March 2021 be approved and signed by the Executive Member at a later date.

26. Public Participation

It was reported that there had been no registrations to speak at the session under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

27. Friends of St Nicholas Fields – Service Level Agreement

The Executive Member considered a report which provided information on the Friends of St Nicholas Fields Service Level Agreement and sought approval for a three year funding agreement from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2024 for Friends of St Nicholas Fields.

The Operations Manager, Public Realm and the Corporate Director for Economy and place were in attendance to present the report and respond to questions.

Officers emphasised the Council's long standing beneficial relationship of 20 years with the Friends of St Nicholas Fields. The organisation's track

record of generating capital for environmental improvements in the city was noted, as well as the work underway to improve the beck in Hull Road Park and others across the Foss catchment area which is important to the city's climate change and flood resilience measures.

The Executive Member noted the positive work of the Friends of St Nicholas Fields and identified them as a close partner of the City of York Council. She thanked officers for their participation and report.

Resolved:

- i. The Executive Member approved the funding award set out in paragraph 6 and the associated service level agreement (SLA) set out in Annex 1.

Reason: To increase the wellbeing and quality of life of York residents.

Cllr. P. Widdowson, Executive Member
[The meeting started at 3.00 pm and finished at 3.03 pm].