

EXECUTIVE

TUESDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 2006

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Cabinet held on Tuesday, 26 September 2006. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

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

TRANSFER OF THE FREEDOM OF ENTRY TO THE CITY

Members considered a report which sought to transfer the Freedom of Entry to the City to the newly formed Yorkshire Regiment. The report provided information on the formation of the regiment and gave details of a letter received by the Lord Mayor, in which the Regimental Secretary had requested that the transfer take place to continue the tradition and historic link with the City.

RESOLVED: That the Freedom of Entry to the City be transferred to the new Yorkshire Regiment.

REASON: To uphold tradition and continue to foster links with the former battalions

YORKSHIRE PLAY

Members considered a report asking the Executive to agree to the participation of the Council in a Company Limited by Guarantee to be known as Yorkshire Play, which would promote and support the provision of quality play environments and the development of a qualified workforce across Yorkshire and the Humber.

The report informed Members of the Company's intention to seek charitable status in order to attract a wider range of appropriate funding opportunities and detailed how it intended to benefit the inhabitants of the Yorkshire and Humber region.

It was noted that through participation the Council would have a strong influence on the direction Yorkshire Play took and the types of projects it became involved with, and the report asked the Executive to nominate an officer to be a Director.

RESOLVED: That the Council would participate in the Company Limited by Guarantee known as Yorkshire Play by becoming a member of the Company, and would nominate a relevant officer as a Director in due course.

REASON: To state the council's commitment to the Company and in order to benefit from its objectives.

BUS SERVICE FARES (FIRST YORK)

Members considered a report detailing the fares charged on bus services provided in the City by First York Ltd in response to a motion by Cllr D'Agorne at Full Council in which he raised concern about the significant fare increases since 1 January 2006.

Members noted the comments made earlier by Cllr D'Agorne and his request that the item be deferred until a further officer report could be presented which responded to the motion as a whole.

It was also noted that the report did not refer to Quality Contracts and therefore it was agreed that the amended report should also include analysis of their advantages and disadvantages.

RESOLVED: That the item be deferred until a more extensive officer report can be produced.

REASON: To allow the Executive to make an informed decision.

FULL COUNCIL MOTION - FTR CONCERNS

Members considered a report published in response to a motion at Full Council on 29 June 2006, concerning the partnership agreement between City of York Council and First York with regard to the ftr.

Members expressed concern about the difficulties with purchasing tickets for the ftr which had been highly publicised, and the negative impact that would have had on the level of use.

It was noted that First York expected to see radical improvement in that area with the introduction of on street ticketing machines allowing passengers to purchase tickets using cash, together with a wider range of tickets tailored to suit individual needs. First were also committed to introducing a mobile phone 'M' barcode ticket which would be heavily promoted amongst the student community.

RESOLVED: That the explanations detailed within the report be noted.

REASON: In line with constitutional requirements to report back from Council.

YORK'S LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT (LAA) - FIRST DRAFT

Members considered a report that outlined York's progress in developing its Local Area Agreement (LAA) for 2007-2010.

Members commented that the final document should be produced in a simple format with sharper indicators to ensure it was suitable for public consumption as well as being clear and focused for presentation to the Government.

It was noted that the draft LAA had been praised by Government Office as being one of the best in the region and Members thanked officers for all their hard work.

RESOLVED: That the first draft of the LAA be endorsed for submission to GOYH by end of September 2006, and that the presentation of the final document be improved as stated above, prior to the submission to Government Office .

REASON: To inform the decision of the LSP Board, to support the submission of the first draft of the LAA to GOYH and to ensure that the final draft meets the expectations of the Executive.

