
Meeting	Decision Session - Leader (incorporating Finance and Performance)
Date	20 October 2015
Present	Councillor Steward
In Attendance	Councillor Warters

10. Declarations of Interest

The Executive Leader was asked to declare any personal interests not included on the Register of Interests, any prejudicial interests or any disclosable pecuniary interests that he may have in the business on the agenda. None were declared.

11. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the Decision Session held on 22 July 2015 be approved and signed as a correct record.

12. Public Participation

It was reported that there had been one registration to speak at the meeting under the Council's Public Participation Scheme and that one Member of Council had registered to speak at the meeting.

Mr Paul Crossman, landlord of the Swan Public House, spoke in respect of agenda item 4 – Applications for Community Right to Bid. He advised that The Swan was the epitome of a community pub and that he had run the pub for many years. Nationwide there was a loss of 30 pubs per week, particularly pubs which belong to national chains, such as The Swan, which is why he felt it was worth nominating The Swan as an asset of community value.

Councillor Warters spoke in respect of agenda item 4 – Applications for Community Right to Bid in relation to the Derwent Arms Public House. He advised that the whole site was

of value as a community asset and he believed that the field should also be included in the application.

13. Applications for Community Right to Bid under the Localism Act

The Executive Leader considered a report which presented applications to list the following assets as Assets of Community Value (ACV):

- The Derwent Arms Public House, 39 Osbaldwick Village, Osbaldwick, York YO10 3NP
- The Swan Public House, 16 Bishopgate Street, York YO23 1JH

The comments made by the registered speakers under Public Participation were noted. In relation to the field at The Derwent Arms, the Executive Member was happy to include the field in the application.

- Resolved:
- (i) That the application to list the Derwent Arms Public House as an Asset of Community Value (ACV) be agreed, as the criteria have been met for the reasons set out in the report.
 - (ii) That, in respect of the adjacent field included within this application, the Executive Member decided that the usage specified in the application did constitute a principal use and hence the field did come under the statutory definition of “land of community value” and should be listed as an ACV.
 - (iii) That the application to list The Swan Public House as an Asset of Community Value be agreed, as the criteria have been met for the reasons set out in the report.

Reason: To ensure the Council meets its legislative requirements of the Localism Act 2011 and promotes community access to community facilities.

14. Aviator Court, Units A and E - Application to remove restrictive covenant

The Executive Leader considered a report which detailed an application to lift the restrictive covenant of an office site on Aviator Court at Clifton Moor for low-cost residential development. The application was in accordance with the Asset Management Policy on lifting restrictive covenants on Clifton Moor and a capital receipt had been agreed in accordance with the policy.

The Executive Leader noted the options detailed in paragraphs 8 and 9 of the report.

Resolved: That the request to remove the restrictive covenant in return for the capital sum of £75,000 be approved.

Reason: To enable the provision of apartments at reasonable cost in an area of surplus office accommodation.

15. Land at Piccadilly and Bouthwaite Drive

The Executive Leader considered a report that asked him to agree the purchase of an area of land immediately adjoining the former Reynard's Garage site at 17-21 Piccadilly and the disposal of an area of land at Bouthwaite Drive, Holgate.

The Executive Leader considered the options detailed in paragraph 12 of the report.

Resolved: That the purchase of the land at Piccadilly for £38,000 and the disposal of the land at Bouthwaite Drive for £38,000 be approved.

Reason: To consolidate the council's interest strategically at 17-21 Piccadilly as a development site to facilitate improvement of the area as part of the Southern Gateway Project. Also in the Holgate area to promote the provision by a Housing Association of affordable homes in the city in support of the council's housing policy.

Councillor Steward, Chair

[The meeting started at 4.45 pm and finished at 4.55 pm].