
MEETING	DECISION SESSION - EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR NEIGHBOURHOODS
DATE	18 MAY 2010
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS REID (EXECUTIVE MEMBER)
APOLOGIES	COUNCILLORS

46. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Executive Member was asked to declare any personal or prejudicial interests in the business on the agenda. None were declared.

47. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Decision Session held on 24 March 2010 were approved and signed as a correct record by the Executive Member.

48. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - DECISION SESSION

The Executive Member was invited to declare any personal or prejudicial interests in the business on the Agenda. None were declared

49. MAJOR CARRIAGEWAY PATCHING REPAIRS OF THE DAMAGE TO THE HIGHWAY CAUSED BY THE EXTREME WINTER WEATHER OF DECEMBER 2009 AND JANUARY 2010.

The Executive Member considered a report which informed on the progress made in repairing the damage to the highway caused by the extreme winter weather conditions during the winter 2009/10 and how the additional Department of Transport and City of York Council capital funding is proposed to be used.

Officers outlined the report and advised that £404, 800 had been allocated for major carriageway patching. It is proposed that the increased number of gangs working on pothole repairs will be extended until the end of May, by which point it is anticipated the level of repairs would be back to normal levels. The total additional cost of repairing the pot holes would be £80,000. In addition major patching work will be required to maintain the integrity of the carriageway surface and to catch up with the backlog of less urgent repairs. The remaining budget allocation of £324, 800 would cover this. The list of identified major patching works was attached at Annex A to the report, and the list may have additions following the annual survey that is proposed to start in May.

The Executive Member advised that she had been made aware of the poor condition of the road at Bramham Road, in particular its junctions and Back Lane in Wigginton and asked Officers to add these to the list at Annex A. With these amendments the recommendations were approved.

- RESOLVED: (i) That the Executive Member approved the proposals to extend the period of the 2 additional gangs until the end of May 2010 to remove the backlog of pothole repairs. The remainder of funds to be allocated to a programme of major carriageway patching.
- (ii) That the schedule of patching as mentioned above be approved with the addition of Bramham Road, in particular its junctions, and Back Lane in Wigginton.

REASON: To ensure the delivery of highway maintenance services in an efficient and cost effective manner.

50. MID-SUMMER CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN.

The Executive Member considered a report which provided a summary of the work to be undertaken during June under the banner of the Mid-Summer Clean-Up Campaign. It outlined how the Council will engage with the voluntary sector and communities and how the Council will look to partner with the Campaign to Protect Rural England.

Officers outlined the report and advised that the campaign would encourage local residents and businesses to become involved in their local area. The month long campaign would focus on cleaning York's open spaces and riversides, back lanes, road islands, verges and street furniture. Officers advised that advertising would be running from June to introduce the Mid Summer Clean Up.

The Executive Member asked officers to ensure that any marketing activities are branded with the 'York Pride' logo, and with the addition of this logo, the recommendation was approved.

RESOLVED: That the Executive Member endorsed the launch of the Mid-Summer Clean-Up campaign, with the addition of the 'York Pride' logo to any promotional campaigns.

REASON: There will be significant environmental and Safer City implications which will benefit the City and its residents.

51. NEIGHBOURHOODS & COMMUNITY SAFETY GROUP LEGAL ACTIONS.

The Executive Member considered a report which presented the results of legal actions undertaken by the Neighbourhoods and Community Safety area of the Directorate of Neighbourhood Services (Environmental Health, Trading Standards, and Licensing) for the period 1st January 2010 to 31st March 2010 and approve the continuation of the current policy.

Annex A summarised the prosecutions completed, fixed penalty notices and cautions that have been issued. The Executive Member queried whether some publicity could be arranged for the work the Council undertakes to combat Dog Fouling as this is something that residents see happening in their local areas.

Officers advised they would look into the possibility of arranging some publicity with the Press to highlight what is being done to tackle dog fouling.

RESOLVED: That the Executive Member approved the report and the continuation of the current policy on legal actions, in particular, Officers to promote the work undertaken to combat dog fouling.¹

REASON: So that the Executive Member reviews formal enforcement activity undertaken by the Neighbourhoods and Community Safety Group.

Action Required

1. Officers to look into arranging publicity to highlight work being undertaken against Dog Fouling. CR

Councillor Reid, Chair

[The meeting started at 4.00 pm and finished at 4.15 pm].