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Joint Decision Session - Executive Member for Finance and Performance and Executive Member for Environment and Climate Change

- To:** Councillor Ayre (Executive Member for Finance and Performance) and Councillor Widdowson (Executive Member for Environment and Climate Change)
- Date:** Monday, 13 January 2020
- Time:** 3.00 pm
- Venue:** The Thornton Room - Ground Floor, West Offices (G039)

AGENDA

Notice to Members – Post Decision Calling In:

Members are reminded that, should they wish to call in any item* on this agenda, notice must be given to Democratic Services by **4.00pm on Wednesday 15 January 2020**.

*With the exception of matters that have been the subject of a previous call in, require Full Council approval or are urgent which are not subject to the call-in provisions. Any items that are called in will be considered by the Customer and Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee.

Written representations in respect of items on this agenda should be submitted to Democratic Services by **5.00pm on Thursday 9 January 2020**.

1. Declarations of Interest

At this point in the meeting, the Executive Members are asked to declare:

- any personal interests not included on the Register of Interests
- any prejudicial interests or
- any disclosable pecuniary interests

which they may have in respect of business on this agenda.

2. Minutes (Pages 1 - 4)

The Executive Member for Finance and Performance is asked to approve and sign the minutes of his Decision Session held on 16 December 2019.

3. Public Participation

At this point in the meeting, members of the public who have registered to speak can do so. The deadline for registering is **5.00pm on Friday 10 January 2020**. Members of the public can speak on agenda items or matters within the Executive Members' remits.

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4. Green Energy Tariff (Pages 5 - 10)

The Executive Members are asked to consider a proposal to adjust the electricity contract to the Npower green energy tariff commencing 1 April 2020.

5. Urgent Business

Any other business which the Executive Members consider urgent under the Local Government Act 1972.

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City of York Council

Committee Minutes

Meeting	Decision Session - Executive Member for Finance and Performance
Date	16 December 2019
Present	Councillor Ayre (Executive Member)

28. Declarations of Interest

The Executive Member was invited to declare, at this point in the meeting, any personal interests not included on the Register of Interests, or any prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interests, which he might have in the business on the agenda. No additional interests were declared.

29. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the Executive Member for Finance and Performance Decision Sessions held on 18 November and 26 November 2019 be approved and then signed by the Executive Member as a correct record.

30. Public Participation

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

31. Health & Safety Interim Report 2019/20

The Executive Member considered a report which presented the Interim Report relating to the work of the Health & Safety (H&S) shared service which operated on behalf of City of York Council (CYC) and North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC). The shared service had been in operation since July 2017 and operated under a collaboration agreement. The report provided an update on H&S incidents and the annual review of the City of York Council H&S Policy. The report also presented proposals for changes to the Collaboration Agreement and recommended a change to the current surplus sharing agreement for traded services.

The Assistant Director for Customer and Digital Services and Shared Head of Health and Safety were in attendance to present the report. The Assistant Director for Customer and Digital Services outlined the report noting the progress of the Health and Safety Service. The Shared Head of Health and Safety gave a detailed overview of the changes to the CYC Health and Safety Policy Statement (Annex B) noting a push in culture change around the acceptability of violence and aggression to CYC employees. He then summarised the activity of the Health and Safety Service as detailed in Annex A. The Assistant Director Customer and Digital Services outlined the business case to change the surplus sharing agreement identifying that the management of the schools health and safety service would move to North Yorkshire to be supported by the commercial arm of NYCC, that this would reduce the financial risk of future losses and the advantages of this to the shared service in terms of providing a sustainable workforce for CYC but without the risk.

The Executive Member then:

Resolved: That;

- a) The Interim Report including the work of the Shared Health and Safety (H&S) Service be noted.
- b) The Corporate Health and Safety Policy be endorsed.
- c) The proposed changes to City of York Council/North Yorkshire County Council (CYC/NYCC) Collaboration Agreement be agreed to include:
 - minor administrative changes to the report to, for example, to reflect changes in legislation;
 - the change to the surplus sharing agreement.

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

32. Approval of YFAS furniture & white goods contract with a whole life contract value of over £250k

The Executive Member considered a report that presented a proposal to tender the York Financial Assistance Scheme (YFAS) furniture and white goods contract. This had been defined as a routine procurement as per the council's contract procedure rules and the expenditure would fall within

existing revenue budget provision. The decision-making route was through the Executive member given the level of expenditure and required transparency around such procurements. The tendering of the YFAS furniture and white goods contract was set out in Annex A of the report.

The Assistant Director for Customer and Digital Services outlined the report. She highlighted that the current provider the community furniture store offered a range of new items and noted that all payments were made directly to the store rather than the YFAS claimant. She further noted that there was a £191k spend on the YFAS furniture and white goods contract in 2018/9.

The Executive Member then:

Resolved: That the tendering of the York Financial Assistance Scheme (YFAS) furniture and white goods contract as set out in Annex A be approved.

Reason: To ensure that Councillors approve routine procurement decisions over £250k in value in line with procurement regulations and the public have the opportunity to see transparent decision-making in operation relating to major procurements.

Cllr Ayre, Executive Member

[The meeting started at 3.00 pm and finished at 3.14 pm].

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13 January 2020

Joint Decision Session of Executive Member for Finance & Performance and Environment and Climate Change Decision Session

Report of the Acting Chief Executive / Director of Corporate and Customer Services

Green Energy Tariff

Summary

1. City of York Council is committed to reducing carbon emissions within its own building stock.
2. The corporate electricity contract with Npower commenced on 1st April 2019 for 4 years. Within the contract there is an option to adjust to a green electricity tariff.
3. The current price for green electricity is 0.05 pence per kWh in addition to the normal rates.
4. Members are asked to support the proposal to adjust the electricity contract to the Npower green energy tariff commencing 1st April 2020.

Recommendations

5. The Executive Members are asked to :
 - i. Approve a change to the corporate electricity contract from April 1st 2020 to the green energy tariff.
 - ii. Instruct officers to consult with Schools and other partners who access this contract and seek their approval to switch to the green tariff.

Reason: To allow City of York Council to undertake steps to deliver actions as in relation to the Council Plan.

Background

6. The council procures energy via the Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation. The current electricity contract was awarded to Npower based on cost, and quality of service provided.
7. The existing tariff energy mix from Npower is as follows:

	Coal	Natural Gas	Nuclear	Renewable	Other
Npower	9.8%	52.3%	15.9%	18.7%	3.3%

8. The Executive Member for Environment and Climate Change requested Officers to investigate the extra cost that would be incurred from changing to a full green electricity tariff.
9. Green electricity is now more accessible with the wholesale cost dropping in recent years. Although YPO are reporting fluctuations in the wholesale market due to the dash for green power.

Cost of green electricity

10. The current electricity cost is around 12.42 pence per kWh. The price for green electricity is an additional 0.05 pence per kWh. Therefore the current cost to go green being 12.47 pence per kWh.
11. For 2018/19 the Electricity Contract consumption was 13,977,896 kWh, incurring a cost of £1,736,590.23.
12. To give an indication of the extra annual expenditure to each service area this can be split down into CYC buildings, York Explore, Schools, and Street Lighting as shown in the table below:

	kWh	Cost	Green extra cost
CYC	4,451,787	£566,052.68	£2,225.89
Explore	214,694	£27,853.74	£107.35
Schools	3,660,300	£478,622.53	£1,830.15
Street Lighting	5,651,114	£664,061.28	£2,825.56
Total	13,977,896	£1,736,590.23	£6,988.95

13. The current contract is flexible. This means if an individual School for an example chooses to remain on the current tariff the School can remain within the overall contract arrangement; thereby not requiring them to re-procure this energy contract.

Consultation

14. Consultations with Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation, Npower have taken place that has established the council can switch easily mid contract from one tariff to another but also allow other users to remain on the existing tariff.
15. Officers have consulted with York Explore who have confirmed they switch to a green electricity tariff from April 1st 2020.
16. Schools who currently piggy back our contract will be consulted following this decision to determine if they wish to change to the green tariff. They will also be given the option to remain under the existing tariff agreements.

Options

17. There are two options connected with this report:
 - Option 1 Instruct officers to change to the available green tariff with Npower.
 - Option 2 Instruct officers to remain under the existing Npower provision

Analysis

18. The major benefit of changing to the green tariff would be linked to the Councils Plan 2019-2023.
19. Particular areas of the council plan that this work would align with include:

A Greener and Cleaner City:
A road map to zero carbon by 2030

Align strategies to protect the environment
Carbon emissions across the city
Level of CO2 emissions from council buildings and operations (Net emissions)

GOAL 7: Affordable and Clean Energy

Getting Around Sustainably:

Expand York's electric vehicle charging point network

Implications

20. Financial – Based on the 2018/9 electricity consumption the premium to switch to a green tariff would be approximately £2,300 for buildings on a metered supply, £2,900 for unmetered supplies such as street lighting, traffic lights. The additional cost will need to be absorbed within existing electricity budgets
21. If all the schools currently on the council's corporate contract switched the financial impact would be £1,900. Similarly if York Explore switch the impact on this provider would be £110 per year.
22. Property – None
23. Human Resources (HR – None
24. Legal – None
25. Crime and Disorder – None
26. Information Technology – None

Risk Management

27. There are no specific risks associated with this report however the nominal additional costs incurred by switching to a green tariff may increase budget pressures.

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Report **Date** 22.12.19
Approved

Wards Affected:

All

For further information please contact the author of the report

Background Papers: None

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