

EXECUTIVE

TUESDAY, 27 MARCH 2007

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Executive held on Tuesday, 27 March 2007. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

Members are reminded that, should they wish to call in a key decision, notice must be given to Democracy Support Group no later than 4pm on the second working day after this meeting.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Fiona Young, tel. 01904 551024.

6. MINUTES OF THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK WORKING GROUP **Appendix C**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the LDF Working Group be noted.

REASON: In accordance with the requirements of the Council's Constitution in relation to the role of Working Groups.

7. FUTURE YORK RACE MEETINGS - TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS **Appendix D**

RESOLVED: (i) That Option B (narrowing at junction, chicanes and extensive signing) be adopted with regard to the measures to be used at the crossing of the Knavesmire cycle route and Knavesmire Road.

(ii) That the traffic management arrangements described in Annex A to the report be endorsed as appropriate for the 2007 racing season.

REASON: For the efficient and effective management of the highways of the City on race days, in accordance with the Council's statutory duty under the Traffic Management Act 2004.

8. CONCESSIONARY TRAVEL SCHEME FOR ELDERLY AND DISABLED PERSONS – IMPLICATIONS OF APPEAL BY FIRST YORK **Appendix E**

RESOLVED: (i) That the release of reserves to fund the projected overspend of £189k arising from the result of the concessionary fares appeal be approved.

REASON: In accordance with the Executive's powers to release such provision in appropriate circumstances.

(ii) That Officers be asked to undertake further analysis of the usage data and determine an appropriate

reimbursement methodology for 2007-08, reporting back to Members when the full financial impact is clear.

REASON: To ensure proper financial management of Council funds.

(iii) That the Leader of Council write to the Local Government Association requesting that they campaign for a fair funding regime for free travel.

REASON: To highlight the need to ensure that councils receive sufficient funding to implement free bus travel for elderly and disabled persons.

9. WASTE PFI – UPDATED OUTLINE BUSINESS CASE **Appendix F**

RESOLVED: (i) That it be confirmed that the Council is committed to finding the additional resources required to make the project affordable over its life, as set out in paragraphs 14 to 28 of the report, subject to any further obligations and financial parameters that may be directed by DEFRA or any other government department.

REASON: To progress the PFI application for funding to DEFRA.

(ii) That the revised timescales identified in paragraph 10 of the report be noted.

REASON: For information.

(iii) That the substantial savings that have been achieved due to the dramatic increase in recycling rates in the last four years, and the successful waste minimisation campaigns run by City of York Council, be noted, and that the Council's commitment to reducing the need for residual disposal through the waste hierarchy be re-affirmed.

REASON: To recognise the achievements already made in this area, as well as the need for continued action.

(iv) That the Executive's support for Mechanical Biological Treatment as the preferred residual waste treatment process for York's waste be re-affirmed.

REASON: In view of the need to take proactive steps to treat residual waste.

(vi) That the Local Government Association campaign to have Landfill Tax rises returned to local government in full be supported.

REASON: To reduce the burden on local authorities and boost the minimal support grant received for recycling services.

(vii) That the Retail Packaging Bill before Parliament, presented on 6 March 2007, be supported.

REASON: In order to support efforts to address the problem of excess packaging, which cannot easily be re-used or recycled.

10. CORPORATE ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN **Appendix G**

RESOLVED: That the Corporate Asset Management Plan 2007-2012, attached as Annex A to the report, be approved and adopted for the City of York Council.

REASON: To ensure a consistent, Council-wide approach to the process of asset management, which accords with best practice.

11. ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER **Appendix H**

RESOLVED: (i) That the District Auditor's letter be noted.

REASON: To comply with the statutory requirements for the external audit of the Council.

(ii) That Officers be asked to prepare a report indicating the options for further improving performance in the Housing activity area.

REASON: In order to address the performance issues in this area highlighted by District Audit.

12. COMPREHENSIVE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT REFRESH 2006 **Appendix I**

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

REASON: In accordance with the Executive's role in monitoring the Council's performance.

