

EXECUTIVE

TUESDAY, 25 MARCH 2008

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Executive held on Tuesday, 25 March 2008. 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 decision, notice must be given to Democracy Support Group no later than 4:00 pm on the second working day after this meeting – that is, Thursday, 27 March 2008.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Fiona Young (tel. extn. 1027)

5. EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN

RESOLVED: (i) That the Forward Plan for the next two meetings be noted.

(ii) That the Forward Plan be amended to include the following item on the list for the Executive meeting on 6 May 2008:

- A review and updating of the protocol governing the political management of the Council for the 2008/09 year.

REASON: So that this item can be included on the Executive agenda for 6 May.

6. THEATRE ROYAL FUNDING AGREEMENT 2008/09

RESOLVED: That consideration of this item be deferred until the next meeting.

REASON: To receive the additional information required and ensure that there is clarity about the Theatre's plans for the next few years before signing off the agreement.

7. ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER

RESOLVED: (i) That the contents of the report be noted and that the Annual Audit Letter at Annex A be noted as probably the most favourable ever received by a York Council.

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

(ii) That Officers be requested to prepare an action

plan aimed at addressing the issues highlighted in the Audit Report as requiring further improvement.

REASON: To ensure the effective management and follow up of key action to be taken to support on-going development and improvement work at the Council.

8. REVIEW REPORT - SAFE CITY

RESOLVED: (i) That the report be noted and that the local Police Commander and officers of the Safer York Partnership be thanked for the progress made in addressing community safety issues during the past year.

(ii) That the North Yorkshire Police Authority be requested at least to continue existing funding levels, through the BCU, for the Safer York Partnership.

(iii) That the Executive's support for the Neighbourhood Policing initiative, which has done much to improve public perceptions of the effectiveness of community safety arrangements in the City, be confirmed.

(iv) That the introduction of initiatives such as the mobile speed enforcement service and Capable Guardian scheme be anticipated, as further evidence of the City's wish to establish a safe and secure community environment fit for the 21st century.

REASON: In order to maintain the momentum achieved over recent years and to work towards a target to have the safest City in the country, as judged by both crime statistics and public perceptions.

9. GAS SERVICING FUTURE PROCUREMENT

RESOLVED: (i) That consideration of this item be deferred to a future Executive meeting.

(ii) That additional information on the options available to the Executive be provided before the end of the current Municipal Year.

REASON: To enable Officers to test the options available and to justify their proposals.