
MEETING	DECISION SESSION - EXECUTIVE LEADER
DATE	5 APRIL 2011
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS WALLER (EXECUTIVE MEMBER)

31. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Executive Leader was invited to declare at this point in the meeting any personal or prejudicial interest he might have in the business on the agenda. He declared he had none.

32. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the last meeting of the Decision Session of the Executive Leader held on 1 March 2011 be approved and signed by the Executive Leader as a correct record.

33. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

It had been reported that there had been no registrations to speak at the meeting.

34. PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE DELIVERY OF COMMUNITY SAFETY AND POLICING IN YORK

The Executive Leader considered a report that outlined the North Yorkshire Police and City of York Council proposals to reorganise the delivery structure for Community Safety in York as the two statutory agencies that form part of Safer York Partnership.

Officers updated the Leader on the proposed Community Safety Structures which included the creation of three Community Safety hubs based in York, Malton and Harrogate. Each hub would be given nominal geographical responsibilities and would be managed by a sergeant.

The Executive Leader considered the impact of the Community Safety Review on Safer York Partnership and the restructure of Safer Neighbourhood Policing.

RESOLVED: (i) That the report be noted.

(ii) That option c be approved:

c) to undertake work to prepare for the appointment of the Police and Crime Commissioner based on

York's position in relation to North Yorkshire Police Force total crime and Safer York Partnership's acknowledged credibility as an example of a high performing CSP. This will include working with the county Task and Finish Group to ensure that York's position is included within any proposed model for delivery force wide.

Reason: To ensure that York is best place to deliver on its community safety priorities

35. JOBS FUND

The Executive Leader considered a report that sought his approval to allocate funding from the Jobs Fund established at the Council's budget meeting for specific initiatives.

The Chief Executive of Science City York attended the meeting and updated the Executive Leader on:

- their overall plans for 2011/12 and how they would continue to deliver the creation and growth of business and employment opportunities across York within 3 clusters: bioscience, IT & digital and the creative industries.
- their Network and Membership plans which included reviewing the business model and considering a number of income generation ideas including the launch of a new fee-based membership service.
- specific work in relation to green jobs in York.
- specific work in relation to Leeds City Region.
- the impact Science City York has on the local economy.

The Manager of Future Prospects attended the meeting and gave an update on the projects that had taken place in Clifton and the Westfield Ward and what plans they had for these areas in 2011/12.

The Executive Leader thanked officers for their updates and recognised that the Council and its partners can take action to assist the city during a slow recovery from the period of downturn to help businesses as well as those individuals and communities hardest hit.

RESOLVED:

(i) That the report and the progress made with measures undertaken by the Council in response to the economic downturn be noted.

(ii) That £53,000 be allocated for 2011/12 from the approved Jobs Fund to support additional activities to be undertaken by Science City York as outlined in the report.

(iii) That £20,000 be allocated per annum for 3 years to support a targeted programme of income maximisation to be undertaken by Future Prospects as outlined in the report.

(iv) That the Executive Leader be updated on York's economic climate and assessment of the effectiveness of actions initiated as a result of the report.

Reason: To enable the funds set aside in the budget for Jobs Fighting Fund to be allocated to specific initiatives

Cllr Waller, Executive Leader

[The meeting started at 4.15 pm and finished at 5.05 pm].