

## **CABINET**

**TUESDAY, 16 JULY 2013**

### **DECISIONS**

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the Cabinet meeting held on Tuesday, 16 July 2013. 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 4.00pm on Thursday 18 July 2013.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Jill Pickering (01904) 552061.

#### **6. FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE YEAR END REPORT 2012/13**

**RESOLVED:** That Cabinet notes the year end under spend of £84k and agree that this is transferred to the General Contingency.

**REASON:** To ensure significant financial issues can be appropriately dealt with.

#### **7. TREASURY MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2012/13 AND REVIEW OF PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS**

**RESOLVED:** That, in accordance with the Local Government Act 2003 Cabinet agrees to:

- (i) Note the 2012/13 performance of Treasury Management activity and
- (ii) Note the movements in the Prudential Indicators as set out in Annex A of the report.

**REASON:** To ensure the continued performance of the Council's Treasury Management function can be monitored.

## **8. CAPITAL PROGRAMME OUTTURN 2012/13 AND REVISIONS TO THE 2013/14 – 2017/18 PROGRAMME**

RESOLVED: That Cabinet agree to:

- (i) Note the 2012/13 capital outturn position of £46.476m and approve the requests for slippage totalling £10.457m from the 2012/13 programme to future years.
- (ii) Note the outturn position of the Economic Infrastructure Fund in 2012/13 and revisions to the profile of the £28.5m as set out in Annex B of the report.
- (iii) Approve the revised Economic Infrastructure Fund profile set out at Annex B of the report.

REASON: To allow the continued effective financial management of the capital programme from 2013/14 to 2017/18.

## **9. FINANCIAL STRATEGY REFRESH**

RESOLVED: That Cabinet agree to the refreshed Financial Strategy and the outline budget planning process for 2014-15 and 2015-16.

REASON: To ensure the Council meets future financial challenges and produces a sound, prudent budget for 2014-15 and 2015-16.

## **10. LEEDS CITY REGION - REVOLVING INVESTMENT FUND**

RESOLVED: That Cabinet agree to:

- (i) Give authority to invest the £1.632m in the Revolving Investment Fund, funding

from the Economic Infrastructure Fund.

- (ii) Delegate authority to the Director of Customer and Business Support Services to take necessary actions required around the legal arrangements to allow Phase 1 to be launched.

REASON: To support the Council Plan priorities of creating jobs, growing the economy and investing in the city's economic future.

## **11. ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT - STIMULATING DEVELOPMENT DELIVERY**

RESOLVED: That Cabinet agrees to:

- i) Allocate £1m from the Economic Infrastructure Fund to provide the identified "development team" resources as set out in the report, for the specific use of stimulating development delivery.
- ii) Approval of the detail of this spend of funding being delegated to the Director of CBSS and Director of CES, in consultation with the Leader.

REASON: To enable the required resources to be put in place to allow progression on a range of major economic regeneration projects

## **12. FUTURE OF THE GUILDHALL COMPLEX**

RESOLVED: That Cabinet agree to:

- (i) Delegate to the Assistant Director of Finance Asset Management and Procurement, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services the power to draw down up to £400k from the £1.4m Economic Infrastructure Funds already

earmarked for the Digital Media Arts Centre to support the options appraisal and business case development of a mixed use solution for the Guildhall Complex incorporating the establishment of a Digital Media Arts Centre.

- (ii) The demolition of the hutments (subject to planning) and to undertake the necessary archaeological evaluation and excavation.
- (iii) Consult with all Group Leaders and former Lord Mayors in respect of the future use of the Guildhall Complex.

REASON: To identify new uses for a significant building in the city, to explore opportunities for economically beneficial uses of a key CYC asset and to ensure the effective conservation of a historic building.

### **13. FUTURE DELIVERY ARRANGEMENTS FOR LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES SERVICES**

RESOLVED: That Cabinet agree to:

- (i) Library and Archive staff establishing *Explore Libraries and Archives Mutual* as a Community Benefit Society.
- (ii) The award in principle of a contract to the Community Benefit Society through a single tender action.
- (iii) Nominate an individual to the Community Benefit Society Board.
- (iv) Delegate to the Director of CANS in consultation with the Director of CBSS the negotiation of the contract.
- (iv) The contract terms being brought back to Cabinet for approval.

REASON: To create the best delivery model for libraries

and archive services in York.

#### **14. CITY OF YORK TRADING LTD - ICT SERVICES**

RESOLVED: That Cabinet agree to:

- (i) ICT exploring opportunities for trading its services and in house developed innovations.
- (ii) Delegate authority to the Director of CBSS in consultation with the Cabinet Member to approve arrangements for providing services to public sector partners and/or the private sector that are beneficial to all parties.
- (iii) Note that any activity traded through the City of York Trading Company is subject to the approval of the CYT Board.

REASON: To enable opportunities for the trading of ICT services through the City of York Trading Company (CYT) to be explored with arrangements that are beneficial to all parties.

#### **15. FACING THE CHALLENGE OF POVERTY – WORK PROGRAMME**

RESOLVED: That Cabinet agree to:

- (i) The vision for a poverty-free York.
- (ii) Funding of £100,000 from the Delivery and Innovation Fund.
- (iii) A work programme to develop longer term measures to address poverty in York.
- (iv) The proposed Governance arrangements as set out in

paragraphs 29 to 31 of the report.

REASON: To ensure effective delivery of the Protecting Vulnerable People objective in the Council Plan.

## **16. COMPULSORY PURCHASE OF A LONG TERM EMPTY PROPERTY**

RESOLVED: That Cabinet agree to:

- (i) Approve the use of Compulsory Purchase Orders under section 17 and Part XVII of the Housing Act 1985, and the Acquisition of Land Act 1981 for the purchase of the property and associated land identified in confidential Annexes C and D attached to the report, for the purposes of renovation and reoccupation as residential accommodation.
- (ii) Authorise the Head of Asset and Property Services to seek the purchase of the property by agreement in the first instance.
- (iii) Authorise the Deputy Head of Legal Services to take the following steps in the event that purchase by agreement cannot be achieved:
  - a) Take all necessary steps to secure the making, confirmation and implementation of the Compulsory Purchase Orders including the publication and service of all notices and the presentation of the Council's case at any public enquiries.
  - b) Suspend the Compulsory Purchase Order proceedings, or withdraw an Order, on being satisfied that the reported

property will be satisfactorily renovated and re-occupied without the need to continue the purchase proceedings.

- c) Dispose of the property in accordance with the proposals set out in the report.
- d) Take all other necessary action to give effect to these recommendations.

- (iv) Authorise the purchase (if necessary), renovation and management of the property through the Housing Revenue Account (HRA).

**REASON:** The property concerned has been vacant for a considerable number of years and continues to have a detrimental impact on the neighbourhood and individual residents. All alternative avenues open to the Council to encourage the owner to bring the property back into use voluntarily have proved unsuccessful. Acquisition followed by renovation and reoccupation through the Housing Revenue Account will help the Council respond to increasing housing need within the city and improve the quality of life for local residents.

## **17. FEASIBILITY REPORT - CYCLE HIRE SCHEME FOR YORK**

**RESOLVED:** That Cabinet agree to:

- (i) The general principle of introducing a public cycle hire scheme within York;
- (ii) Give approval for Officers to undertake further development of a business model for a scheme, including seeking external sources of funding and tendering for a potential provider;
- (iii) Receive a further report at a future

Cabinet meeting setting out the full financial implications and potential funding sources, and further consider at that point the introduction of a full city wide trial of a public cycle hire scheme for 24 months.

REASON: To continue to promote cycling within York as a sustainable transport option and offer a low-cost alternative to private transport for short journeys. This would be primarily aimed at residents of the city and its suburbs, but would also appeal to commuters as well as some visitors.

**18. CAPITAL PROGRAMME OUTTURN 2012/13 AND REVISIONS TO THE 2013/14 – 2017/18 PROGRAMME**

RECOMMENDED: That Council agree to the restated 2013/14 to 2017/18 programme of £203.295m as summarised in Table 3 and detailed in Annex A of the report.

REASON: To allow the continued effective financial management of the capital programme from 2013/14 to 2017/18.

**19. COMBINED AUTHORITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW AND SCHEME**

RECOMMENDED: That Council agree to:

- (i) Note and support the findings of the West Yorkshire Review, set out in Annex A of the report, including that a Combined Authority for the area of West Yorkshire, and ultimately including the City of York, would be likely to improve:
  - the exercise of statutory functions relating to economic development, regeneration and transport in the area;



- the effectiveness and efficiency of transport in the area; and
  - the economic conditions in the area.
- (ii) Consider and support the proposed Scheme for establishing a West Yorkshire Combined Authority, pursuant to Section 109(2) of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act (LDEDCA) 2009.
- (iii) Confirm consent for the City of York Council to becoming a non-constituent member of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority, pending assurance from proposed constituent members as to the decisions on which CYC as a non-constituent member will be given voting rights.
- (iv) Authorise the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader and with the other West Yorkshire Authorities to undertake such steps as are necessary to facilitate the submission of the Scheme and CYC's non-constituent membership of the resulting Combined Authority.
- (v) Pursue full membership for City of York Council, and to consider the full details of this full membership as and when it becomes possible for the Council to join as a full member.

REASON: To secure greater influence over and opportunity for investment in infrastructure in the City of York.