
Meeting	Executive
Date	30 August 2018
Present	Councillors Gillies (Chair), Aspden, Ayre, Douglas, K Myers, Runciman and Waller
Apologies	Councillor Dew
In Attendance	Councillor Looker

Part B - Matters Referred to Council

35. **The Proposed Purchase of Robinson Court and the Union Terrace Centre (formerly the Arc Light Centre)**

[See also under Part A]

The Assistant Director of Regeneration & Asset Management presented a report which set out proposals for the purchase of the freehold of Robinson Court and the long leasehold of the Union Terrace Centre from York Housing Association (YHA).

Since February 2017, the council's Adult Community Wellbeing Support Services had been provided by The Cyrenians Limited (operating as Changing Lives), who were therefore now operating services in two buildings owned or leased by a competitor, YHA.

Although interim arrangements had been entered into, the purchases were recommended to provide certainty in respect of the future ownership and use of the properties, in line with the council's Homelessness Strategy. A financial appraisal of the proposals was attached as Annex 3 to the report.

Recommended: That a capital budget of £1.924m be established, financed by prudential borrowing, to fund the two property transactions, including acquisition costs and repairs needed to the property, with the prudential borrowing funded from rental receipts on both properties.

Reasons: To facilitate these transactions, which will:

- provide the opportunity to maintain the level of hostel provision within the city;
- enable consistent decision making processes across the hostel provision, with City of York Council acting as landlord / owner of each property; and
- ensure strategic priority is maintained through allocation decisions, with No Second Night Out, Severe Weather procedure and use of shared rooms where appropriate.

36. Capital Programme - Monitor 1 2018/19

The Corporate Director of Customer & Corporate Services presented a report which set out the projected outturn position of the council's capital programme for the 2018/19 financial year, along with requests to re-profile budgets to or from current and future years.

A decrease of £33.329m on the current approved programme was reported, resulting in a revised programme of £123,620m. Variances against each portfolio area were set out in paragraph 6 and detailed in paragraphs 8 to 37. Officers emphasised that this was a major programme, with particularly significant investments in the areas of Children's Services, Housing and Transport.

With reference to paragraph 22, a request was made that ward members be updated on progress of the Modernisation of Local Authority Homes scheme in their wards.

Recommended: That Council approve the adjustments resulting in a decrease in the 2018/19 budget of £33.329m, as detailed in the report and contained in Annex A.

Reason: To enable the effective management and monitoring of the Council's capital programme.

Cllr I Gillies, Chair

[The meeting started at 5.30 pm and finished at 6.07 pm].