

Meeting	Decision Session - Cabinet Member for Leisure, Culture & Tourism
Date	25 February 2014
Present	Councillor Crisp (Cabinet Member)

10. Declarations of Interest

At this point in the meeting, the Cabinet Member was asked to declare any personal, prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interests other than her standing interests that she might have had in the business on the agenda.

The Cabinet Member declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 4 (West Bank Park Heritage Centre and Community Café Project) as the Ward Member in which West Bank Park was located.

11. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the Decision Session held on 16 December 2013 be signed and approved by the Cabinet Member as a correct record.

12. Public Participation

It was reported that there had been no registrations to speak under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

13. West Bank Park Heritage Centre and Community Café Project

The Cabinet Member considered a report which asked her to approve a bid to the NESTA (National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts) *Rethinking Parks* programme for the West Bank Park.

The Cabinet Member complimented Officers for all their work on the project and bid and felt that it could be used as a template for other Council parks in the city.

It was noted that although the deadline for Stage 1 bids was on Friday 28 February, York's bid would be submitted on Thursday 27 February.

Officers explained that the NESTA money would not fund actual physical works in the park, but would provide the Council with an opportunity to think about plans for the development of the park. For example, in relation to buildings it was suggested that those located on 14 New Lane were too far away from play areas, and one idea for its usage would be as a business hub.

The Cabinet Member was informed that the Friends of West Bank Park had been informed of the bid and were very enthusiastic about it. Officers felt that the enthusiasm of the community groups involved in the bid had driven the project forward.

Resolved: That the bid to the NESTA Rethinking Parks programme for the West Bank Park based around the community café and heritage centre project be approved.

Reason: To seek funding for business planning and development work to improve facilities and community management of the park.

Councillor S Crisp, Cabinet Member

[The meeting started at 1.00 pm and finished at 1.10 pm].