

Executive

Thursday, 30 August 2018

Decisions

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the Executive meeting held on Thursday, 30 August 2018. 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 4pm on the second working day after this meeting.

Please note that items 11 and 12 on the list are recommendations to Full Council and cannot be called in.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Fiona Young.

6. YORK CENTRAL UPDATE - WESTERN ACCESS

Resolved: (i) That the route of the York Central Access road, bridge and spine road be agreed as set out in Annex 3, and that detailed planning applications for these be submitted in the autumn.

(ii) That approval be given to repossess the land reserved in the Millennium Green lease, to facilitate the access road onto York Central.

(iii) That a long lease be granted of a plot of replacement land on the other side of the Holgate Beck, to provide long term replacement for the reserved land and to undertake minor improvement works to this land as agreed with the Millennium Green Trust (MGT).

(iv) That a licence be obtained from the MGT permitting use of the area of land required to facilitate the construction of the bridge and that this land be landscaped prior to returning it to the MGT on completion of the works.

(v) That approval be given to offer MGT temporary use of alternative City of York Council owned land adjacent to the Millennium Green during the period of the licence.

(vi) That a compensatory payment of £375k be made to the MGT, to reflect the disturbance to the Millennium Green and enable the trustees to provide for the long term maintenance to the Millennium Green, of which £300k will be conditional upon planning permission.

(vii) That further support to a maximum of £25k be provided to the MGT for their legal and technical support costs.

(viii) That embankment land to the west of Severus Bridge be appropriated for the use of the Highway, in order to provide an additional pedestrian and cycle deck across the railway.

(ix) That approval be given to undertake detailed design work for the key site infrastructure outlined in the report, including the access bridge and the spine road, and the National Railway Museum (NRM) rail link.

(x) That further funding be sought from the West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA) and York, North Yorkshire & East Riding (YNYER) Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) to fund the detailed design of the first phase infrastructure through to construction commencement.

(xi) That a further £2,390k funding from the Economic Infrastructure Fund (EIF) be committed to fund the project through to March 2019.

(xii) That, in the eventuality that WCYA or YNYER grant funding is forthcoming, the grant be used to reduce the level of EIF support required.

(xiii) That a further report be received in November with a detailed financial plan for the delivery of York

Central, including analysis of potential Enterprise Zone backed council borrowing, in order to establish a budget for delivery of York Central infrastructure.

(xiv) That a further report be received in January 2019 which will:

- a) set out a partnership agreement with the York Central Partnership to formalise the relationship and the financial agreement between the partners and
- b) seek approval to draw down funds and commence construction of the access road and bridge.

Reason: To ensure the early delivery of a new access route to York Central within the timescale of available grant funding and the long term maintenance of the Millennium Green.

7. DISPOSAL OF ASHBANK - NO. 1 SHIPTON ROAD, YORK

Resolved: (i) That the sale of Ashbank to Anchor Housing Trust (Anchor), as the highest net financial bidder, be approved.

(ii) That Bidder 1 be retained as a reserve bidder and that, should Anchor fail to complete the purchase of Ashbank in a timely manner, authority be delegated to the Director of Economy & Place to agree its disposal to the reserve bidder in their place.

Reason: To achieve the best financial consideration for the disposal of this surplus asset and enable development on a currently vacant property.

8. THE PROPOSED PURCHASE OF ROBINSON COURT AND THE UNION TERRACE CENTRE (FORMERLY THE ARC LIGHT CENTRE)

[See also under Part B]

Resolved: (i) That the purchase of the freehold of Robinson Court for £610k be approved.

(ii) That approval be given to buy York Housing Association out of their long term lease of the Union Terrace Centre from the council for £1.1m.

Reasons: To:

- 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;
- ensure strategic priority is maintained through allocation decisions, with No Second Night Out, Severe Weather procedure and use of shared rooms where appropriate.

9. CAPITAL PROGRAMME - MONITOR 1 2018/19

[See also under Part B]

Resolved: (i) That the 2018/19 revised budget of £123,620m, as set out in Table 1 at paragraph 6 of the report, be noted.

(ii) That the re-stated capital programme for 2018/19-2022/23, as set out in Table 2 at paragraph 17 and detailed in Annex A, be noted.

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

10. 2018/19 FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE MONITOR 1

Resolved: (i) That the finance and performance information set out in the report be noted.

(ii) That the proposed change in council tax for empty homes, increasing to 100% the additional charge for properties that have been empty for 2 years or more, as outlined in paragraph 26 of the report, be approved.

Reason: In accordance with the new power granted to councils from April 2018, to encourage the bringing of second properties into use.

(iii) That the likely additional business rates income outlined in paragraph 30, and that some of this may be required to deal with the pressures outlined in the report, be noted.

Reason: To ensure expenditure is kept within the approved budget.

11. THE PROPOSED PURCHASE OF ROBINSON COURT AND THE UNION TERRACE CENTRE (FORMERLY THE ARC LIGHT CENTRE)

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.

12. CAPITAL PROGRAMME - MONITOR 1 2018/19

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.