

CABINET

TUESDAY, 6 NOVEMBER 2012

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the Cabinet meeting held on **Tuesday, 6 November 2012**. 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 8 November 2012**.

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

6. 2012/13 PERFORMANCE AND FINANCE MONITOR 2

RESOLVED: That Cabinet agrees to:

- i) Note the current projected pressures of £2,513k.
- ii) Approve the strategies in place to mitigate the forecast as outlined in the body of the report.
- iii) Approve the earmarking of the total contingency balance of £599k against the spending pressures, subject to further review at final outturn.

REASON: In order to ensure expenditure is kept within budget.

7. 2012/13 CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITOR 2

RECOMMENDED: That Council agree:

- the adjustments in the Capital programme of an overall increase of £3.930m in 2012/13 and re-profiling from 2012/13 to 2013/14 and 2014/15 of £553k as detailed in the report and contained in Annex A including the

following new schemes:

- £248k for the provision of a Looked after Children's Contact Centre funded by £190k departmental borrowing with the associated costs being funded by the savings realised from this service area as a result of delivering this scheme and £58k funded from DfE Children's Social Care Capital Grant.
 - £2.213m for the outright purchase of Fleet Vehicles previously leased to be funded by prudential borrowing with the associated revenue costs being met from existing departmental revenue budgets.
 - £34k Parks and Open Spaces schemes all funded from S106.
 - £10k S106 CCTV Digital Infrastructure
- To note the 2012/13 revised budget of £69.033 as set out in paragraph 6 and Table 2 of the report.
 - To note the restated capital programme for 2012/13 – 2016/17 as set out in paragraph 30, Table 3 and detailed in Annex A of the report.
 - To note the re-profiling and adjustments of the Economic Infrastructure fund to align to spend and approval as set out in the Economic Infrastructure reports to Cabinet noting the overall fund remaining at £28.5m.
 - To note the inclusion of the £618k for works at Hazel Court for the Office of the Future funded by prudential borrowing with the associated costs being met from annual revenue savings of £235k from moving out of the Guildhall, St Anthony's and 50 York Road as approved by Council on the 11 October 2012.
 - To approve the use of capital contingency:
 - £31k for Flood Pump Resilience (paragraph 12)
 - £85k for CCTV Digital Infrastructure (paragraph 15)

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

8. TREASURY MANAGEMENT MONITOR 2 MID YEAR REVIEW AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2012/13

RESOLVED: That in accordance with the Local Government Act 2003 Cabinet agree to:

- i) Note the treasury management activities in 2012/13.
- ii) Note the movements in the Prudential Indicators at Annex A.

REASON: To ensure the continued performance of the Council's Treasury Management function.

9. TECHNICAL REFORMS TO COUNCIL TAX

RESOLVED: i) That Cabinet agrees to approve the recommendations for changes to council tax exemptions as set out at Paragraphs 6 to 33 of the report.

- ii) That a report back be provided to Cabinet in 12 months to include collection data to ensure that the proposed changes are working correctly.

REASON: To increase the amount of council tax liability in 2013/14 and keep Members updated.

10. LEEDS CITY REGION - BUSINESS RATES POOL

RESOLVED: That Cabinet agree to the Chief Executive and Director of Customer & Business Support Services (as S151 Officer) signing the final pool proposal for the Leeds City Region Pool, subject to subsequent assessment once the implications of the 2013/14 Local Government Finance Settlement are known.

REASON: To ensure that York's options are kept open with how best to benefit from the localisation

of business rates.

**11. CITY OF YORK COUNCIL ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER
2011/12 - AUDIT COMMISSION**

RESOLVED: That Cabinet notes the Audit Commission's City of York Council Annual Audit Letter 2011/12.

REASON: It is a statutory requirement that the Annual Audit letter is issued on completion of the audit.

**12. FUTURE CREDIT UNION ARRANGEMENTS IN YORK -
SUPPORTING THE NORTH YORKSHIRE & YORK
CREDIT UNION**

RESOLVED: That Cabinet agree to:

- i) Approve a grant contribution of up to £50k to be allocated from the Economic Infrastructure Fund towards the development of the South Yorkshire Credit Union.
- ii) Note that the £50k allocated from the EIF is included in the £300k being recommended within the financial inclusion policy report, also included on this agenda.
- iii) Recommend appointment of an officer with 'observer status' to monitor the work of the new Union by attendance at Credit Union Board Meetings.

REASON: In order to promote a Credit Union offering in North Yorkshire and York in line with the Council's Plan to 'build stronger communities' and 'grow the economy'

13. ASSET MANAGEMENT STRATEGY UPDATE

RESOLVED: That Cabinet agree to:

- i) The principles set out in the report which will drive a comprehensive review of all CYC assets.
- ii) The Year 1 work plan as set out in Para 13 of the report.
- iii) Note the prospective development of a Delivery and Innovation Fund bid to support a comprehensive Asset Review as an invest to save initiative.

REASON: To ensure that CYC assets deliver business priorities and value for money through maximising opportunities to generate income and reduce revenue costs

14. THE BIG YORK SURVEY

RESOLVED: That Cabinet agrees to:

- i) Note the findings of the Big York Survey.
- ii) Note the actions being taken as a result of the Big York Survey.
- iii) Commit to repeating the Big York Survey on an annual basis.

REASON: To ensure that the council gains representative feedback from residents to inform service design and delivery.

15. RESPONDING TO THE FINAL REPORT OF YORK FAIRNESS COMMISSION: A BETTER YORK FOR EVERYONE

RESOLVED: That Cabinet agrees to:

- i) The proposed response to each of the

Headline Recommendations noting how they will contribute to the delivery of the Council Plan priorities.

- ii) Proposals for the ongoing ownership and monitoring of the Fairness Principles and Recommendations as described in paragraph 30 of the report.
- iii) Note that the financial implications of implementing the Living Wage and extending concessionary fares will be brought forward in the 2013/15 budget papers for decision.

REASON: To ensure that the fairness principles and recommendations are implemented in line with the Council's commitment to protect vulnerable people.

16. CITY OF YORK COUNCIL FINANCIAL INCLUSION POLICY AND ACTION PLAN

RESOLVED: That Cabinet approve:

- i) CYC's proposed overarching approach to Financial Inclusion, in particular the draft Action Plan, for the next 12 months, as set out at Annex A of the report, including proposed arrangements for Economic Infrastructure Funding.
- ii) The draw-down of £300,000 identified from the Economic Infrastructure Fund to facilitate the above approach.

REASON: CYC's policy approach to financial inclusion is intended to increase the scope and build the capacity of CYC and other partners to deliver a more co-ordinated approach to financial inclusion across the City, bringing about the following outcomes:

- The creation of a Citywide financial

safety net, with good information and advice available for all residents.

- The identification of a programme of proactive outreach campaigns in areas of specific need.
- The embedding of financial inclusion within all council strategies and all directorates / service plans.

17. SINGLE EQUALITY SCHEME 2012-2016: REALISING THE VISION FOR A FAIR AND INCLUSIVE COUNCIL

RESOLVED: That Cabinet approves:

- The Council's current equality vision
- The Single Equality Scheme 2012 to 2015
- The governance arrangements set out in the report, including changes to the Equality Advisory Group as set out in paragraph 12 of the report.

REASON: To help the Council to achieve its vision for a fair and inclusive council and city

18. COMMUNITY STADIUM UPDATE

RESOLVED: That Cabinet agrees to:

- i) Note progress on the project to date and the timetable for the procurement and associated decisions, in particular the key issues, set out in paragraph 9 of the report, relating to the financial challenges facing the future provision of the existing leisure facilities in the City.
- ii) Agree the key amendments to the business case and note the financial implications.
- iii) Note the updated risk register, the potential financial impact of any abortive costs.

- iv) Agree the proposed Governance arrangements for the project.
- v) Note the roles, responsibilities and delegated powers of the key individuals and bodies within the governance structure (set out in detail in Annex 1) and in particular the role of the Project Board set out in paragraph 14 of the report.
- vi) Agree Option C set out in paragraph 35 as the new interim contract arrangements for the Huntington Stadium Leisure Complex (Waterworld).
- vii) Note the financial implications of the interim arrangements for the Huntington Stadium Leisure Complex (Waterworld) contract.

REASON: To update Cabinet on this scheme, agree key amendments and new arrangements for Waterworld in order to progress the project.

19. REFURBISHING NEWGATE MARKET

RESOLVED: That Cabinet approve a £1.614m investment from the Economic Infrastructure Fund in Newgate Market, phased over the following periods:
£100k (2012/13),
£1.4m (2013/14)
and to agree a further £114k revenue funding in 2013/14 from the EIF to cover the lost income during refurbishment with a repayment profile as set out in Annex 1 of the report.

REASON: To position Newgate Market as a unique and high performing asset for the city centre.

20A STATUTORY REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

RESOLVED: That Cabinet agrees to:

- i) Note the Local Government Ombudsman's findings and recommendations and to endorse the steps already taken by Officers by way of offering a remedy.

REASON: To satisfy the legal requirement to consider the report and to confirm the appropriateness of the remedy recommended by the Ombudsman.

- ii) Take no further action in relation to the matters set out in this report.

REASON: The steps already taken have been accepted by the Ombudsman as representing an appropriate remedy.

- iii) Adopt this report as the Council's formal response under section 5A of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and section 31 of the Local Government Act 1974 and arrange for it to be sent to every member of the Council and the Ombudsman.

REASON: To comply with legal requirements.