
MEETING	EXECUTIVE
DATE	23 JUNE 2009
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS WALLER (CHAIR), AYRE, STEVE GALLOWAY, MOORE, MORLEY, REID AND RUNCIMAN

PART B - MATTERS REFERRED TO COUNCIL

26. COMMUNITY STADIUM - OUTLINE BUSINESS CASE

[See also under Part A minutes]

Members considered a report which presented an outline business case for a community stadium in York, drawing on feasibility work undertaken by Five Lines Consulting, case studies for other stadiums across the UK and specialist advice provided to the Council.

The report included a demand assessment and an assessment of options, the latter providing an initial indication of the potential benefits, costs and viability of the four main options, as follows:

Option 1 – shared football and rugby core stadium, with a £1m contribution towards re-provision of an athletics facility elsewhere in the City.

Option 2 – shared football and rugby stadium, plus community sports village including a county standard athletics facility and sports pitches.

Option 3 – as per Option 2, plus an extensive range of community facilities.

Option 4 – as per Option 3, plus a hotel / conference centre.

The analysis at this early stage indicated that there was a significant capital shortfall for three of these options (Options 2-4). However Option 4, being supported by a key commercial anchor, could demonstrate both potential commercial robustness and wide community benefits.

A prudent approach was recommended, to ensure that any option developed did not expose the Council and its partners to future financial liability. The next steps, as outlined in paragraphs 13.3 to 13.5 of the report, would include development of a full business case, involving detailed feasibility work that would require in-depth analysis and the use of specialist resources. Following a project costing exercise, it was estimated that the total costs required to take the project to the next key and final feasibility stage would be £175k, representing an additional £100k on top of the budget already identified.

Having noted the comments of the Shadow Executive on this item, it was

RECOMMENDED: That Council endorse the approach set out in the report and allocate £100k from general reserves in 2009/10 to provide funds for the delivery of this work,

which will include specialist external advice to ensure delivery within the next 12 months.¹

REASON: To enable the project to be progressed.

Action Required

1. Refer this recommendation to Full Council GR

27. EQUAL PAY UPDATE

[See also under Part A minutes]

Members considered a report which provided a summary of the current position on the Council's equal pay litigation and sought a mandate to extend the scope of the type of equal pay claims to be settled and a decision on tactics around other types of equal pay claims.

A decision was also sought in respect of legal representation for the Council at the GMF hearing in November.

RECOMMENDED: That Council approve recommendation (v), as set out in paragraph 41 of the report.

REASON: In order to ensure appropriate legal representation at the hearing.

Action Required

1. Refer this recommendation to Full Council GR

A Waller, Chair

[The meeting started at 2.00 pm and finished at 3.00 pm].