Executive

Thursday, 29 November 2018

Decisions

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the Executive meeting held on Thursday, 29 November 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 15 and 16 on the list are recommendations to Council and cannot be called in.

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

5. York Central Enterprise Zone Investment Case

Resolved: (i)

- (i) That £1m of additional business rates income from the 2018/19 business rates pilot be allocated to the Venture Fund.
- (ii) That approval be given to use up to £3m of the Venture Fund to finance early years deficits on the revenue costs of borrowing related to the £35m City of York Council contribution, to be repaid from future Enterprise Zone receipts.
- (iii) That prudential borrowing of £35m be agreed, financed from future retained business rates as part of the York Central Enterprise Zone, plus in early years the use of Venture Fund referred to in (ii) above.

Reason:

To ensure the delivery of York Central and to provide funding for enabling infrastructure, including a new access route to York Central, within the timescale of available grant funding.

6. York Station Front Proposed Improvements - Report on Public Engagements

Resolved: (i)

(i) That it be confirmed that the public and stakeholder process has been carried out appropriately and that the Statement of Community Involvement (SOCI) be endorsed.

Reason:

To enable the submission of a full planning application and to proceed to detailed design.

(ii) That approval be given to instruct the design team to incorporate design changes informed by responses received in the public consultation.

Reason:

To enable the design team to submit a full planning application and proceed to detailed scheme design.

(iii) That the submission of a full planning application based on the amended masterplan informed by the SOCI be approved.

Reason: In order to gain planning permission for the scheme.

(iv) That approval be given for the project team to pursue land acquisition negotiations with partners, stakeholders and third party landowners and that authority for land purchase be delegated to the Corporate Director of Economy & Place, in consultation with the Leader and Deputy Leader.

Reason: To enable Queen Street Bridge to be demolished and the scheme to be constructed as designed.

(v) That engagement with statutory undertakers to design and deliver a detailed scheme of utility diversionary work be continued, using existing budget allocations.

Reason: To enable the removal of Queen Street Bridge and the construction of the scheme.

7. Rugby League World Cup 2021

Resolved: (i)

- (i) That the level of the council's financial contribution be agreed as £200k, as set out in paragraph 9 of the report.
- (ii) That approval be given to use the Leeds City Region Business Rates Pool funding allocated to support cultural and sporting events in the city to fund the first £108k.
- (iii) That the remaining £92k be funded from the revenue contingency budget in 2018/19.
- (iv) That officers be authorised to enter into a Hosting Agreement based on the terms of the bid, as set out in paragraph 21.

Reason:

So that York has the opportunity to host matches and teams as part of the 2021 finals of the Rugby League World Cup, bringing the benefits listed in paragraph 2 of the report.

8. Older Persons' Accommodation Programme - A Further Phase

Resolved: (i)

- (i) That the information in the report, and the challenges and direction for the future of the programme, be noted.
- (ii) That the need to engage with residents and stakeholders to shape the future direction for Older Persons' Accommodation in the city be agreed.
- (iii) That the next phase of the work programme, from December 18 onwards, be agreed and that further reports be brought to Executive from February 2019 as the programme develops.

Reason:

To ensure that the provision of Older Persons' Accommodation in the city meets the needs and expectations of residents, and to inform future council investment in this accommodation.

9. The Inclusion Review and the Special Needs Capital Grant

Resolved: (i)

- (i) That the progress of the Inclusion Review, and the actions being taken to meet additional need and manage the pressures on the High Needs funding block of the dedicated schools grant, be noted.
- (ii) That the progress of the capital plan being developed through the Inclusion Review be noted.

Reason: T

To confirm that Members are aware of the action already being taken in this area.

(iii) That the capital projects outlined in the report, which form part of the SEND scheme in the Children's Services approved capital programme, be approved, noting that these will be partly funded from the Department for Education Special Education Provision Capital Grant, with additional resources coming from the basic need grant.

Reason:

So that work can be undertaken to develop provision to meet the needs identified by the review.

10. 2018/19 Finance and Performance Monitor 2

Resolved: (i)

- (i) That the finance and performance information in the report be noted.
- (ii) That the allocation of funding from the Leeds City Region Business Rates Pool set out in paragraph 30 be approved.
- (iii) That £125k be allocated from the waste reserve to provide additional resilience within the waste service over the winter months by providing a budget so that staff can be retained over the period prior to the recommencement of garden waste collections in April.

Reason:

To ensure that expenditure is kept within the approved budget.

11. Capital Programme - Monitor 2 2018/19

Resolved: (i) That the 2018/19 revised budget, 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 47 and detailed in Annex A, be noted.
- (iii) That the award of the works contract at Marjorie Waite Court (paragraph 31) be approved.
- (iv) That approval be given to dispose of 49 East Mount Road to the highest bidder, with the receipts earmarked to support the Housing Revenue Account investment programme, as set out in paragraphs 35-36, subject to the property not being suitable for Childrens' Services requirements.
- (v) That authority be delegated to the Corporate Directors of Health, Housing & Adult Social Care and Children, Education & Communities to appoint a construction contractor for the Centre of Excellence for Disabled Children and Lincoln Court, following design and cost submissions, assuming they are within the approved budget detailed in paragraphs 17-19.

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

12. Treasury Management Mid Year Review and Prudential Indicators 2018/19

Resolved: (i) That the Treasury Management activities to date in 2018/19 be noted.

(ii) That the Prudential Indicators set out in Annex A, and the council's compliance with all indicators, be noted.

Reason: In accordance with legal requirements, and to ensure the continued performance of the council's Treasury Management function.

13. Lord Mayoralty 2019-20

Resolved: (i)

- (i) That the points system for the annual nomination of the Lord Mayor be altered slightly to enable Members who have served 4 years and are then re-elected for a further 4 years in May 2019 to be eligible for nomination as Lord Mayor for 2019/20.
- (ii) That the Conservative Group be invited to nominate the Lord Mayor for 2019/2020, in line with the revised accumulated points system.

Reason:

To ensure that the council adopts an appropriate method by which to nominate Lord Mayors for office, and in view of the local elections being held before the start of the next Civic Year.

14. Maladministration Finding

Resolved: That the report be received and noted and that the steps already taken in response to the case be

approved.

Reason: In accordance with legal requirements.

15. York Central Enterprise Zone Investment Case

Recommended: That Council approve a total capital budget of

£155m, including an additional contribution from City of York Council of £35m, to deliver the enabling infrastructure and open up York Central for the delivery of the masterplan and for future allocation of this budget to be agreed

by the Executive.

Reason: To ensure the delivery of York Central and to

provide funding for enabling infrastructure, including

a new access route to York Central, within the

timescale of available grant funding.

16. Capital Programme – Monitor 2 2018/19

Recommended: That Council approve the adjustments

resulting in a decrease of £122.243m in the

2018/19 budget, as detailed in the report and in Annex A.

Reason: To enable the effective management and monitoring

of the council's capital programme.