
Meeting	Decision Session - Executive Leader, Policy, Strategy and Partnerships
Date	17 July 2024
Present	Councillors Douglas
Officers in Attendance	Claire Foale – Assistant Director of Policy and Strategy Sam Blyth - Strategic Manager

1. Declarations of Interest

The Executive Leader was asked to declare at this point in the meeting any disclosable pecuniary interest or other registerable interest they might have in respect of business on the agenda, if they had not already done so in advance on the Register of Interests. She had none to declared.

2. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the Executive Leader (incorporating Policy, Strategy and Partnerships) meeting held on 9 March 2022 be approved and then signed by the Executive Leader as a correct record.

3. Public Participation

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

4. Corporate Improvement Action Plan

Officers introduced the report seeking approval for the Council's Corporate Improvement Action Plan, informed by the LGA Peer Challenge. They confirmed that the action plan had been considered by Corporate Services, Climate Change and Scrutiny Management Committee and their recommendations had been feed into the action plan for consideration. It was noted that updates against the action plan would be reported to the internal Corporate Improvement Board, a progress report would be taken to Corporate Services, Climate Change and Scrutiny Management Committee

by the end of 2024, and a further report would be presented to Executive in May of 2025.

The Executive Leader thanked officers for the work on the Corporate Improvement Action Plan. She noted that the peer review had been very constructive and that the action plan was well received by City of York Council staff, Councillors, partners, and the public.

Resolved:

- i. Approved the City of York Council's Corporate Improvement Action Plan, informed by the LGA Peer Challenge and the Council Plan 2023-2027, *One City for All*.

Reason: The action plan has been developed following extensive consultation. It sets out those actions that respond to issues raised through the LGA Peer Challenge with action, action owners and timescales clearly set out.

5. A York pipeline of projects for the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority

Officers outlined that the report contained a pipeline of project proposals to be submitted to the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority that could achieve funding for delivery. They confirmed that all of the Council's scrutiny committees had feed into the proposals and thanked the Executive Leader for allowing for the publication of the report after the agenda, to allow the final considerations of the Council's scrutiny committees to be feed into the pipeline of projects. They confirmed that from here on if agreed the pipeline would not be a static document, new opportunities could be considered with the Combined Authority when they arose.

The Executive Leader welcomed the cross-party input to the pipeline of projects. She confirmed that York had a fantastic opportunity with a new Mayor of the combined authority whose priorities aligned with that of the Council. She noted that once agreed the Council would then seek to prioritise which projects to work up and when to prepare viable business cases to seek funding to deliver.

Resolved:

- i. Approved the pipeline of projects which reflects the priorities for York and tasked officers to work with York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority to implement.

Reason: To enable officers to seek to progress funding bids based on the pipeline of projects as funding streams from York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority are published, noting funding business cases will still require Executive Member or Executive approval, dependent on the key decision threshold.

Cllr Douglas, Executive Leader

[The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 10.14 am].