

## **EXECUTIVE**

**TUESDAY, 15 JANUARY 2008**

### **DECISIONS**

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Executive held on Tuesday, 15 January 2008. 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 4:00 pm on the second working day after this meeting (that is, Thursday, 17 January 2008).

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Fiona Young (tel. extn. 1027)

#### **6. MINUTES OF WORKING GROUPS**

RESOLVED: (i) That the minutes of the LDFWG, and the adoption of the Statement of Community Involvement at full Council on 29 November 2007 (Minute 24 refers), be noted.

(ii) That the minutes of the SIWG be noted, in particular the progress towards a Centre for Independent Living (with the need for the involvement of disabled people) and the work being carried out to involve young people in the City on decisions that matter to them (Minute 19 refers), and that any future recommendations on how the Council can support the Anti Poverty Strategy be welcomed (Minute 20 refers).

(iii) That the minutes of the EDPB be noted and that Officers be requested to ensure that any options presented on the restructuring of the Board (Minute 17 refers) address the objectives, powers and resources available to any new board, together with the implications for democratic accountability.

REASON: To fulfil the requirements of the Council's Constitution in relation to the role of working groups and to respond appropriately to the groups' advice.

#### **7. POST OFFICE CLOSURES**

RESOLVED: (i) That the report be endorsed and that the comments in paragraphs 39-43 be used as a basis for the response to the closures, as follows:

- The programme is driven by the desire to cut losses not by an examination of social need or business viability
- No regard has been given to the social role of Post Offices in communities or with small businesses

- There are concerns about a piecemeal approach rather than the application of strict criteria - which has lead to past closures and potentially future closures
- If any rural Post Offices are saved due to community role, will further urban Post Offices in York be set for closure
- The Government has failed to grasp the opportunities for greater commercial freedom, new products and services

(ii) That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Council Leader, to finalise the Council's response to the consultation.

REASON: To emphasise the Council's view on the role that Post Offices play within the community at large.

**8. COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AND NEIGHBOURHOOD MANAGEMENT**

RESOLVED: That consideration of this Notice of Motion be deferred until full Council on 10 April 2008, to enable a full analysis of the implications to be included in the report to the Executive in February 2008 on neighbourhood management models.

REASON: So that these issues can be considered in their proper context.

**9. REVIEW REPORT: A NEW APPROACH TO CITY MANAGEMENT**

RESOLVED: (i) That the report form the basis of further development work on the policy prospectus.

(ii) That Officers be asked to provide milestones for the communications strategy initiative and to circulate details to Group Leaders.

REASON: In order to progress and monitor the new approach to city management.

**10. EASY@YORK OPTIONS FOR PHASE 2**

RESOLVED: (i) That the claimed benefits of Phase 1 of [easy@york](#) be noted.

(ii) That Option 3 (commence Phase 2 with an extended scope) be agreed, as set out in paragraph 127 of the report, subject to further work to analyse what is needed for Hungate and to deliver proposals to build this into the programme.

REASON: In order to deliver more improvements and efficiencies with an expanded scope for the project.

(iii) That Officers be asked to review further the

extension of the project to include the Warden Call and Electoral Registration models, as resources become available.

REASON: In order to extend the scope still further, subject to available resources.

(iii) That regular, robust and transparent financial performance reports be provided on the savings achieved by the Phase 1 and Phase 2 projects compared to the target outcomes identified in the report.

REASON: To ensure that a rigorous monitoring system is put in place, in view of the Council's substantial investment in this programme, which is expected to be self-financing.

**11. INTELLIGENT TRANSPORT SYSTEMS (ITS) STRATEGY (LISTED ON FORWARD PLAN AS 'REAL TIME TRAVEL COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY')**

RESOLVED: (i) That the developments being made to expand the ITS systems in the City and to continue to improve reliability be noted.

(ii) That the adoption of the VMS messaging principles, as outlined in the report, for incorporation into the forthcoming VMS Messaging Protocol to ensure consistent use of the Variable Message Signs, be approved.

(iii) That the three elements of the ITS Vision be approved as the basis for the development of York's Intelligent Transport Systems be approved, and that Officers be requested to incorporate into their development plans a performance indicator covering reliability.

(iv) That a further report be presented to Executive in 12 months' time, with an interim update being circulated to Group Leaders in 6 months' time.

REASON: To ensure the continued development of the ITS and to continue to increase its contribution to the delivery of the Council's LTP objectives.

**12. TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ACT 2004: IMPLICATIONS FOR PARKING**

RESOLVED: (i) That the contents of the report be noted.

(ii) That Band 2, the higher rate, be adopted as the penalty charge rate to operate in the City of York area from 31 March 2008.

REASON: This rate is considered to be consistent with a high level

of public acceptability and compliance, and is likely to provide a self-financing system.

(iii) That the Council review its policy on CRB checks, including for existing staff members in sensitive roles.

REASON: To ensure a consistent policy.

**13. SECOND PERFORMANCE AND FINANCIAL MONITOR 2007/08**

RESOLVED: (i) That the performance issues identified in the report be noted and that the Executive place on record its thanks to Directors and staff for their contribution towards the continued improvement in public service standards in the City.

REASON: To enable corrective action to be taken on these performance issues, whilst acknowledging the progress made overall.

(ii) That the supplementary estimate request of £200k from the contingency fund for City Strategy bus pass costs, as set out in paragraph 49 of the report, be approved.

REASON: In accordance with the Executive's Constitutional powers to make decisions on this level and grant supplementary estimates.

(iii) That the virements over £250k set out in paragraph 50 be approved.

(iv) That the transfer of £295k between the general fund and the traded activities profit from Neighbourhood Services, as set out in paragraph 51, be approved.

REASON: The virement requests are within the budget areas for which the Executive is the responsible body.

(v) That the one-off transfer in 2007/08 from the job evaluation base budget to the project costs, as set out in paragraph 48, be approved, subject to further information being provided on the detail of Annex 14, and in particular the justification for the £150k 'ongoing management costs' of the pay and grading project.

REASON: The virement request is within the budget areas for which the Executive is the responsible body, but more information is needed.

**14. CAPITAL PROGRAMME - MONITOR TWO**

RESOLVED: (i) That the addition to the capital programme of the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) at Derwent Infant and Junior School, as set out in paragraph 10(a) of the report, be approved.

(ii) That the re-profiling of £6m from 2007/08 to future years, as set out in Annex A, be approved.

(iii) That the re-stated capital programme summarised in Table 10 at paragraph 28 and detailed in Annex A be approved.

(iv) That the capital receipt projects for 2007/08 to 2010/11, as summarised in (exempt) Annex B, be noted, and that it also be noted that there is currently an embargo on the sale of additional leisure land.

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

