

EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES AND ADVISORY PANEL

WEDNESDAY, 19 MARCH 2008

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services and Advisory Panel held on Wednesday, 19 March 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 4pm on the second working day after this meeting.

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

4. NEIGHBOURHOOD & COMMUNITY SAFETY GROUP LEGAL ACTIONS

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member be advised:

- (i) That the contents of the report be noted.

Decision of the Executive Member

RESOLVED: That the advice of the Advisory Panel be accepted and endorsed.

REASON: So that the Executive Member is updated on formal enforcement activity undertaken by the Neighbourhoods and Community Safety Group.

5. CITY OF YORK COUNCIL PUBLIC TOILETS REVIEW

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member be advised:

- (i) That the scope of a review of public toilet provision at paragraphs 6-11 of the report be agreed;
- (ii) That Option C, at paragraphs 12-20 of the report be agreed;
- (iii) That it be agreed that reports be presented to the Executive Member & Advisory Panel (EMAP) at three monthly intervals to detail the progress of the review.

Decision of the Executive Member

RESOLVED: That the advice of the Advisory Panel be accepted and endorsed.

- REASON:
- (i) To inform the Executive Member of meetings with potential partners to this review;
 - (ii) To carry out a cost effective review of the public toilet provision in York;
 - (iii) To keep the Executive Member informed on the progress of the review.

6. SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS WITH COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES 2008/09

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member be advised:

- (i) That Option One be approved, as outlined in paragraphs 9-11, to give grants to the organisations concerned for the financial year 2008/09, as outlined in Annex 1;
- (ii) That the possibility of increasing the level of grant to community centres next year be considered as a growth bid.

Decision of the Executive Member

RESOLVED: That the advice of the Advisory Panel be accepted and endorsed.

REASON: To ensure that Community Centre management remains with the local community who have the knowledge and motivation and are enabled to manage local community assets, and, in doing so, to support the Corporate Strategy of the Council.

7. WARD COMMITTEE LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES GRANT APPLICATIONS

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member be advised:

- (i) That Option One be approved to enable the incorporation of the proposed changes into a new Ward Committee grant application policy in respect of local improvement schemes, subject to the inclusion of a condition relating to use of Ward logos, where they exist, in place of the first condition in Annex 2, and that officers be asked to prepare an abbreviated form for schemes for under £500 going to just one Ward Committee, which would reduce the length of the form but only by two or three pages.

Decision of the Executive Member

RESOLVED: That the advice of the Advisory Panel be accepted and endorsed.

REASON: To ensure transparency of policy and process in the application of Ward Committee local improvement schemes grant applications.

8. RESPONSE TO PETITION FROM THE RESIDENTS OF POPLAR STREET, PRESENTED AT COUNCIL ON 29TH NOVEMBER 2007

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member be advised:

- (i) That the report be noted and officers be thanked for their diligent work.

Decision of the Executive Member

RESOLVED: That the advice of the Advisory Panel be accepted and endorsed.

REASON: To acknowledge the work done and the ongoing monitoring.

9. RENEWAL OF CHARTER MARK TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AND CLEANING OPERATIONS

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member be advised:

- (i) That the content of the report be noted and the staff involved in the renewal of the Charter Mark be congratulated.

Decision of the Executive Member

RESOLVED: That the advice of the Advisory Panel be accepted and endorsed.

REASON: So the Executive Member is updated on the position regarding the award of the Charter Mark.

10. RURAL COLLECTION OF WASTE

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member be advised:

- (i) That Option 3 and the proposed policy for rural collection of waste be approved;
- (ii) That consultation with affected householders be undertaken to

agree local collection points where necessary;

- (iii) That all Ward Members receive information about affected properties in their wards in advance of the letters being sent out.

Decision of the Executive Member

RESOLVED: That the advice of the Advisory Panel be accepted and endorsed.

REASON: To reduce the risk of damage to vehicles and property, reduce the risk of an accident occurring and minimise the need to carry out reversing manoeuvres as set out in the guidance from the Health and Safety Executive.

11. RESPONSE TO PETITION FROM THE RESIDENTS OF VARIOUS LOCATIONS ACROSS THE CITY, PRESENTED AT COUNCIL ON 29TH NOVEMBER 2007

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member be advised:

- (i) That the report be noted.

Decision of the Executive Member

RESOLVED: That the advice of the Advisory Panel be accepted and endorsed.

REASON: In response to the petition.

12. IMPLICATIONS OF THE UNFAIR COMMERCIAL PRACTICES DIRECTIVE

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member be advised:

- (i) That the report be noted.

Decision of the Executive Member

RESOLVED: That the advice of the Advisory Panel be accepted and endorsed.

REASON: To inform Members of this significant change in consumer protection legislation.

13. REVISED ENFORCEMENT POLICY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, TRADING STANDARDS AND LICENSING SERVICES

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member be advised:

- (i) That the revised enforcement policy, as proposed in Option 1, be approved.

Decision of the Executive Member

RESOLVED: That the advice of the Advisory Panel be accepted and endorsed.

REASON: To ensure that Environmental Health, Trading Standards and Licensing Services conduct their enforcement activities under an enforcement policy that complies with the Code.

