

CABINET

TUESDAY, 7 JANUARY 2014

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the Cabinet meeting held on Tuesday, 7 January 2014. 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 **4.00pm on the Thursday 9 January 2014.**

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Jill Pickering, (01904) 552061.

6. COMMUNITY STADIUM UPDATE

Resolved: That Cabinet agree:

- (i) To note progress on the project and procurement to date, particularly that:
 - The project is proceeding into the final procurement stage within the existing financial parameters.
 - The changes made to the estimated project timetable and key milestones.
 - Match-day agreements and leases for the project partners will be finalised and that these will all be subject to the overall project contract.
 - A detailed report is presented to Cabinet prior to contract award setting out the results of the procurement and the financial

implications.

- (ii) That tenders will be sought that encourage cost effective design solutions for the stadium that:
- Meets current Football League and Rugby Football League entry requirements.
 - Removes any 'built-in' expansion requirement.
 - Results in a well balanced and attractive stadium bowl.
 - As an option, considers the use of some terracing as a means of increasing the base capacity.
 - Makes provision within the design to increase the capacity as an all seat solution if the Football Stadium Improvement funding can be legally secured and / or promotion to the Football League 'Championship' is achieved at a later date.
 - Demonstrates an all seat capacity of 10,000 can be achieved at a later stage, within the stadium footprint.
- (iii) The new Athletics track being delivered at Heslington West Campus as set out in the report, including the payment of a grant of £31,000 for the delivery of a community athletics programme.
- (iv) To note the risks highlighted and agree that the Project Board continue to manage the project risks.

Reason: To ensure the effective delivery of this procurement exercise and that it remains within

the financial parameters set.

7. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

Resolved: That Cabinet approve the Copmanthorpe Parish Council's application for a Copmanthorpe Neighbourhood Plan, including the proposed boundary as set out at Option 1a of the report.

Reason: To allow Copmanthorpe Parish Council to proceed with the preparation of their Neighbourhood Plan.

8. CONTROLLING THE CONCENTRATION OF HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT REVIEW

Resolved: That Cabinet agree to:

- i) Note the contents of the report;
- ii) Approve the proposed amendments to the Supplementary Planning Document at Annex E of the report;
- iii) Delegate to the Director of City and Environmental Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport, Planning and Sustainability, the making of the amendments to the SPD and the republishing of the SPD.

Reason: So that the SPD be fit for purpose and can continue to be used effectively for Development Management purposes to support the emerging Local Plan and the Article 4 Direction which came into force on 20 April 2012.

9. REVIEW OF THE YORK FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME

Resolved: That, following consultation feedback, Cabinet

agree to:

- (i) The full administration of the Financial Assistance Scheme remaining within the Council's Benefits Service with a strengthening of advice, referrals and researching of other sources of funding.
- (ii) The Financial Inclusion Steering Group having overall control over the general distribution of the fund and the commissioning of other organisations as necessary to target specific initiatives.
- (iii) Reports to Cabinet from the FISG to be produced every year in June (Annual Report) and November (Interim Report) to update progress on financial inclusion activities with particular emphasis on the York Financial Assistance Scheme.

Reason: To ensure ongoing improvements so there is no gap in provision of urgent financial resources available to our most vulnerable residents at times of crisis or other difficulty. To mitigate the impacts of wide ranging welfare benefits changes. To meet the priorities set down in the Council Plan and Financial Inclusion Strategy.

10. DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF AWARDS 2014 – 2016

Resolved: That Cabinet agree to reject the application for discretionary rate relief for 2014 received from the Steiner School, as it could set a precedent for future applications.

Reason: To provide a transparent process for awarding discretionary rate relief as approved by Cabinet in February 2013.

11. BUSINESS RATE DISCOUNT POLICY

Resolved: That Cabinet approve the revised business rate discount policy attached to the report at Annex A.

Reason: To provide a policy to deal with any requests for business rate discounts.

12. DISPOSAL OF AND INVESTMENT IN COUNCIL ASSETS

Resolved: That Cabinet :

- (i) Approves the sale of Clementhorpe Maltings and land adjoining the A59/A1237 roundabout for the capital receipts detailed in confidential Annex 2.
- (ii) Approves the acquisition of the remainder of the freehold for Stonebow House for £62,250.
- (iii) Approve the sale of the Former Manor School off market to ABF Ltd with delegation of the conclusion of negotiations to the Director of Customer and Business Support Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance Performance and Customer Services subject to the provision of adequate supporting valuations.
- (iv) Delegate the final evaluation and selection of a purchaser for 17-21 Piccadilly to the Director of Customer and Business Support Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance Performance and Customer Services subject to the provision of adequate supporting

valuations.

Reason: To support the economic development of the city and create jobs and provide capital receipts to fund the Council's capital programme.