

CABINET

TUESDAY, 5 AUGUST 2014

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the Cabinet meeting held on Tuesday, 5 August 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 Thursday 7 August 2014**.

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

5. Lendal Bridge and Coppergate Traffic Regulation Orders

Resolved: That Cabinet agree to:

- (i) Instruct Officers to confirm the withdrawal of the Lendal Bridge review being made public through the Council's normal communication channels;
- (ii) Ask Officers to make arrangements where members of the public contest their Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) for the settlement payments equivalent to PCN fines paid in respect of the Lendal Bridge trial to be made;
- (iii) Ensure that a robust mechanism is put in place to protect the public purse from fraud when applications are made. That this be done at the earliest opportunity to provide certainty to both the Council and individuals but is subject to internal audit review;
- (iv) Ask Officers to confirm to the Traffic Penalty Tribunal that the Council will be taking these steps in relation to the Lendal Bridge trial

only;

- (v) Confirm that the Council wishes the review into the Coppergate scheme decision to continue and will not be making any refunds in respect of Coppergate.

Reason: It is now the case that the Lendal Bridge trial finished over 3 months ago, will not require future enforcement and the fines income was not intended as a revenue income and remains in Council reserves. Notwithstanding these facts the Council and Motorists remain in a position of uncertainty due to the ongoing legal process associated with the enforcement of the PCN.

Therefore Cabinet can determine if it is in the Council's interest to sustain the uncertainty for the Council and individuals as to the validity of Penalty Charge Notices. That the ongoing diversion of Council resources from other transport congestion schemes is not value for money and that the Council needs to concentrate its limited resources and the results of the Lendal Bridge trial on working through the congestion commission to address the growing issue of congestion in the city.

6. Business Rate Discount Policy

Resolved: That Cabinet approve the revised business rate discount policy attached at Annex A and the first Business Development District (Acomb) as set out at Option 1, paragraph 9, of the report.

Reason: To provide more proactive help in reinvigorating the high street, supporting jobs and growing the city's overall economy.

7. York - Fairtrade City

Resolved: That Cabinet agree to:

- (i) Confirm City of York Council's continued desire for Fairtrade City status.
- (ii) Note the suggestions for future work in support of Fairtrade City.

Reason: To allow the continuation of work to achieve the renewal of Fairtrade City status.