
Meeting	Decision Session - Economic Development and Community Engagement (Deputy Leader)
Date	16 August 2016
Present	Councillor Aspden

4. Declarations of Interest

The Executive Member was asked to declare any personal interests not included on the Register of Interests, or any prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interests that he might have in respect of the business on the agenda. None were declared.

5. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the last Decision Session held on 16 June 2016 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Executive Member.

6. Public Participation

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

7. Community Led Local Development – 4CommunityGrowth York: Local Development Strategy and Accountable Body

The Executive Member considered a report which provided

- A draft of the 4CommunityGrowthYork Local Development Strategy for endorsement/comment to ensure that all parties had an opportunity to contribute prior to the submission deadline on the 31st August 2016.

- Information on the results of the consultation activities which had informed and supported the drafting of the Local Development Strategy.
- Feedback on progress on the activities required under the stage 1 funding agreement.

Officers updated the Executive Member with details of a change to the project areas identified in the earlier report (page 16), as one area now covered the whole Westfield Ward. The adjustment had been based on knowledge of the demographics of the Lower Super Output Areas (LSOA) and a deeper understanding of how the local community was likely to respond to, and interact with, the suggested programmes.

Officers went on to explain that consultation had taken place via the Local Action Group made up of representatives from the third sector, social enterprise and local residents.

The Executive Member questioned the Officers as to how recent national decisions could impact on European Union funding, to which Officers suggested that the project was still considered to be fairly secure, however there is the potential that the delivery period could be truncated.

The Executive Member considered the following options:

- A. To note and endorse the contents of the draft 4Community Growth Local Action Plan (Annex 1) and to confirm willingness for City of York Council to act as Accountable Body for the project.
- B. To note, make comment and endorse the contents of the draft 4Community Growth Local Action Plan (Annex 1) and to confirm willingness for City of York Council to act as Accountable Body for the project.
- C. To reject endorsement of the Local Development 4Community Growth Local Action Plan (Annex 1) and the opportunity for City of York Council to act as Accountable Body for the project.

Resolved: That the Executive Member agrees to:

- (i) Endorse the draft 4CommunityGrowthYork Local Development Strategy (contained in Annex A)
- (ii) Provide confirmation that City of York Council will act as Accountable Body for the duration of the 4CommunityGrowthYork project.

Reason: To meet the contractual requirements for funding and to support the submission of the 4CommunityGrowthYork Local Development Strategy as the next required milestone in the bid for European Structural and Investment Fund (ESIF) Community Led Local Development Funding.

Cllr K Aspden, Executive Member
[The meeting started at 3.35 pm and finished at 3.40 pm].