

DECISION SESSION - EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR ECONOMY AND STRATEGIC PLANNING

TUESDAY, 24 NOVEMBER 2020

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Decision Session Executive Member for Economy and Strategic Planning held on Tuesday, 24 November 2020. 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 **5pm on Thursday, 26 November 2020**.

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

3. SECTOR ROUNDTABLE UPDATE - OUTPUT AND NEXT STEPS

Resolved: The Executive Member:

- (i) Noted the contents of the report on the Council's sector roundtable initiative;
- (ii) Agreed to continue business engagement through the sector roundtable approach, recognising that levels of engagement would vary in accordance with available staff resource;
- (iii) Requested that the next update report include work undertaken in response to obstacles businesses were facing, in relation to long-term recovery;
- (iv) Requested regular updates closely monitoring businesses transition in relation to EU exit, to be included in the quarterly economic updates received.

Reason: To support York's economic recovery from Covid-19 and to ensure that local business receive their fair share of support in preparation for the EU exit.

4. YORK'S APPROACH TO INWARD INVESTMENT

Resolved: The Executive Member:

- (i) Noted the contents of the report and approve the Council's approach to inward investment;
- (ii) Approved the creation of a York prospectus that outlines the city's inward investment offer and sector-specific propositions; and
- (iii) Requested regular updates are included within the regular quarterly economic reports to show what is being done to encourage people to perceive York as an area of long-term investment.

Reason: To attract inward investment to York, boosting economic activity and creating new jobs.

5. APPRENTICESHIP LEVY TRANSFER STRATEGY (CYC)

Resolved: The Executive Member:

- (i) Confirmed the council's commitment to transfer any of its unallocated annual apprenticeship levy funds, up to a maximum of 20% (threshold for reviewing allocated funds), to local employers to support the city's economic recovery;
- (ii) Agreed the framework through which local micro, SME, public sector and VCSE organisations can apply to receive a transfer of the council's unallocated levy funds to support new apprenticeship starts within their organisation;
- (iii) Noted the expansion of the Council Apprenticeship Task Group's remit to include decision-making on applications for City of York Council Levy Transfer;
- (iv) Agreed that the City of York Council can actively promote the opportunity for local micro, SME, public sector and VCSE organisations to benefit from the council's apprenticeship levy transfer service and its support for other local levy paying businesses to do similar; and
- (v) Requested regular reports, through the

quarterly business updates, on the outcomes and experiences of the apprenticeship team with the aim of addressing obstacles to accessing and utilising relevant grants.

Reason: To support local businesses (large and small) to make use of any unallocated apprenticeship levy funding, by reinvesting it in the city to support local priorities.

6. INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING STATEMENT

Resolved: The Executive Member:

- (i) Noted the contents of this report and delegated to the Corporate Director of Economy and Place, responsibility to publish the IFS on the Council's web site in accordance with annual deadlines; and
- (ii) Would receive an annual report on this matter to this decision session.

Reason: To ensure compliancy and in order to monitor its progress.