

## EXECUTIVE

TUESDAY, 21 OCTOBER 2008

### DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Executive held on Tuesday, 21 October 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 Fiona Young.

#### 6. COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS – SITE OPTION APPRAISAL

- RESOLVED: (i) That the content of the report be noted, particularly the conclusions of consultants E C Harris in their assessment of the validity of an earlier decision to locate the Council's new headquarters within the city centre as opposed to an out of town location;
- (ii) That the commencement of a procurement process, to support the development of potential solutions that may come forward for consideration, be approved;
- (iii) That the set of high level procurement criteria listed in paragraph 33 of the report be approved;
- (iv) That, to support the need for expedience, delegated authority be given to the Project Champion – Director of City Strategy, to approve a set of detailed criteria within the high level criteria listed in paragraph 33 on which the procurement process will be based;
- (v) That the need for more detailed work to be undertaken to inform the preparation of a more detailed accommodation strategy, to enable the Council to examine all relevant factors before making a critical investment decision, be acknowledged.

REASON: To progress the Council Headquarters project.

#### 7. THRIVING CITY - REPORT BACK

- RESOLVED: (i) That detailed project plans be presented to the Executive at their meeting on 4

November 2008 for each of the following:

- a) Match funding of the £50,000 provided by Norwich Union to establish an enterprise fund to support new business start ups;
  - b) In principle support for enterprise training within schools to be developed with NYBEP and Young Enterprise up to £10,000;
  - c) Support to sustain the activities of the City Centre Partnership up to £20,000;
  - d) Investment of an additional £3,500 for production of an updated 'York on a Budget' booklet, with the booklet to be approved by the Economic Development Unit;
  - e) Investment of £9,800 to provide three Credit Union community saving points in those communities most in need;
- (ii) That further updates be received on York's economic climate and assessment of the effectiveness of actions initiated as a result of the report;
- (iii) That the following be dealt with as part of the Council's annual review of grant applications:
- a) Investment of £26,500 for the recruitment of an additional CAB advice worker to accelerate the implementation of the Gateway client handling and referral system;
  - b) Investment of £20,000 (£4,500 already identified) for the recruitment of a person to initiate and co-ordinate the York smartcard scheme and consideration of the implications for sustainability of funding after year one.

REASON:

To respond to the impact of the changing economic situation.

**8. CORPORATE RISK MANAGEMENT REPORT  
2008/09**

- RESOLVED: (i) That the contents of the report, and progress to date, be noted;
- (ii) That the Director of Resources be requested to ensure that the work of the Risk Management system is worked into the Single Improvement Programme as a prioritisation of officer resources;
- (iii) That the “Current National Economic Situation” and “Credit Crunch” be included in the Significant Business Risks;
- (iv) That it be requested that future reports detail the improvements to efficiency and service delivery that have been achieved through this work.

REASON: To be aware of progress made to date in respect of risk management arrangements at the Council, to ensure that there is clear awareness of risk when delivering key changes in the Council, and to demonstrate the benefits of risk management.

**9. EDMUND WILSON POOL, THANET ROAD**

- RESOLVED: (i) That Option A be approved and the tender submitted by T.E Beteiligungs GmbH be accepted, on the terms and conditions included in exempt Annex 2;
- (ii) That authority be delegated to the Chief Officer responsible for Property Services to sell the freehold of the Edmund Wilson Pool site, Thanet Road, on the best terms available.

REASON: In accordance with the outcome of the market testing exercise carried out in respect of the site.

**10. THRIVING CITY - REPORT BACK**

- RECOMMENDED: (i) That the following be funded from the Council’s reserves:
- a) Match funding of the £50,000 provided by Norwich Union to establish an enterprise fund to support new business start ups;
- c) In principle support for enterprise training within schools to be developed with NYBEP and Young Enterprise up to £10,000;
- c) Support to sustain the activities of

the City Centre Partnership up to £20,000;

- f) Investment of an additional £3,500 for production of an updated 'York on a Budget' booklet, with the booklet to be approved by the Economic Development Unit;
- e) Investment of £9,800 to provide three Credit Union community saving points in those communities most in need.

REASON: To respond to the impact of the changing economic situation.

