

DECISION SESSION - EXECUTIVE LEADER

TUESDAY, 6 APRIL 2010

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Decision Session Executive Leader held on Tuesday, 6 April 2010. 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 key 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 Catherine Clarke and Louise Cook.

4. INTERCITY EAST COAST FRANCHISE CONSULTATION - SUGGESTED RESPONSE

That the Executive Leader recommends that:

- i. the views expressed in paragraphs 7 to 14 above be passed to the Department for Transport for its consideration for incorporation within the new franchise bidding process and as the Council's response to the franchise consultation.
- ii. the Council requests as part of that process, the shortlisted companies should be required to present and discuss their proposals to interested key stakeholders served by the InterCity East Coast network.
- iii. the views of the passengers expressed in the survey undertaken by Passenger Focus and encapsulated in the table be also built into tender documents to be prepared by the Department for Transport.
- iv. the importance of the retention of the Headquarters function remaining in the city is emphasised, and recognised as a question that can be put to future bidders.
- v. infrastructure improvements to reduce journey time should be a priority, and the electrification of the route between Leeds and York should be part of the agreed environment for future operators.
- vi. there needs to be public confidence in a rolling stock replacement programme as the existing fleet is aging and decisions on long term investment have been delayed for too long.

- vii. changes to the timetable need to prioritise a regular flow of trains from York and to prevent bunching of times of departure between operators.

Reason: To support the economic objectives set out in the Sustainable Community Strategy and Corporate Strategy.