

EXECUTIVE

TUESDAY, 21 NOVEMBER 2006

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Executive held on Tuesday, 21 November 2006. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

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

5. STREET SCENE REVIEW

Appendix C

Members considered a report which presented recommendations to improve the delivery of the Street Scene service, following a review of the service over the summer.

- RESOLVED: (i) That the implementation of the new service, commencing with a pilot zone in December 2006, be approved.
- (ii) That the zones be as described in Annex A to the report.
- (iii) That the pilot zone be the West Zone.
- (iv) That the name for the new service be "York Neighbourhood Pride Service.
- (v) That a review of the pilot be presented to the Executive, with the intention that the service be rolled out to other zones by March 2007.
- (vi) That the Executive record its thanks to all staff involved in creating the new service.

REASONS: In order to improve the actual and perceived condition and appearance of the City's streets, housing estates and publicly accessible services, building on the improvements already achieved under the York Pride initiative.

6. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S DEPARTMENT RESTRUCTURE - DEFERRED POSTS

Appendix D

Members considered a report which invited them to decide whether or not to proceed with recruitment to three permanent posts that had been created, but not filled, when proposals for re-structuring the Chief Executive's department were considered at Urgency Committee in August 2006.

- RESOLVED: (i) That the post of Safe City Co-ordinator be deleted

(realising recurring budget savings of £35,000 from 2007/08) but that the Director of Neighbourhood Services be asked to refine the internal structures of the Neighbourhood Unit, together with those staff employed within the Safer York Partnership, to deliver more effectively in this Council priority area.

- (ii) That:
 - a) The post of Scrutiny Officer, at SO1/2, be deleted and a post of Scrutiny Assistant, at Scale 4/5, be created, realising a recurring budget saving of £8,700 from 2007/08;
 - b) Appointment to the post of Scrutiny Assistant be suspended, pending an assessment of the effect of the new processes and procedures that have been introduced, together with further information about the implications of the White Paper for the scrutiny service (including government funding proposals);
 - c) Officers be invited to report back to the Executive in due course, either to highlight pressures within the service and apply to recruit to the post or, if evidence demonstrates that the team is managing within existing resources, to delete the post

- (iii) That an appointment be made to the post of Partnership Officer, subject to the Director of City Strategy agreeing a detailed job description for the post with the Executive Leader.

REASON: In order to balance the requirements to support Safer City, Partnership working and Scrutiny against the needs of other service areas, in view of the Council's current financial position.

