

CABINET

TUESDAY, 1 OCTOBER 2013

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the Cabinet meeting held on Tuesday, 1 October 2013. 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 **4.00pm on Thursday 3 October 2013**.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Jill Pickering (01904) 552061.

6. Delivering For The People Of York: Response To The Peer Review, Residents' Big York Survey And Staff Survey

- Resolved: i) That Cabinet agree to:
- Establish a new Transformation Programme to prioritise and deliver the Council's objectives.
 - Confirm their support for the filling of the post of Director of Education, Children's and Skills on a permanent basis in advance of a wider change process.
 - Establish a repayable budget of £500,000, financed from the Delivery and Innovation Fund (£250,000) and the Venture Fund (£250,000), to finance the Transformation Programme on an Return on Investment of at least £3m pa. Further, to agree to delegate responsibility to the Chief Executive and Director of CBSS to use that budget on transformation resourcing/activity as appropriate.
 - The first three projects to form the Transformation Programme will be Health & Adult Social Care, Hazel Court Depot

Services and Business Efficiency (to include Parking and the projects within the existing Business Support Review – Policy & Performance, Procurement & Commissioning, Facilities Management, Administration & Customer Services).

- The council working with residents on a new engagement approach to deliver the principles in para 61 of the report.
- The proposals to undertake a ‘big clean’ of the city in Autumn 2013 and Spring 2014 whilst seeking improvements in day to day service delivery.
- The Deputy Chief Executive liaising with Health Services in the city to address resident concerns about the availability of health services in York.

ii)

That Cabinet also agree to note:

- The LGA Peer Review letter at Annex 1 of the report.
- The principle to co-design and co-deliver the new programme with residents.
- The intention to bring an assessment of the future budget challenges to November Cabinet.
- The intention to create a new consultation approach (in partnership with residents) and to bring proposals to a future Cabinet meeting.
- The plans for the Leader to meet residents in every ward in the city.
- The intention to broaden the budget consultation in 2013.
- The intention to seek support across Group Leaders to revitalise Scrutiny and overview to bring challenge and support to the Council’s work.

Reason: In order to respond to the feedback the Council has received from the LGA Peer Review, Big York Survey and its Staff Survey.

7. Disposal of Council Properties

Resolved: That Cabinet

- i) Notes the work which is being undertaken to ensure that properties are disposed of to maximize the benefit to the Council from any sale.
- ii) Approves the sale of St Anthony's House and 13/15 Redeness Street for the capital receipts detailed in confidential Annex B of the report.

Reason: To support corporate priorities with respect to jobs and economic growth and to provide capital receipts to fund the Council's capital programme.

8. Technical Reforms to Council Tax

Resolved: That Cabinet agree to:

- i) Apply 100% liability in respect of Class C properties, from the current 50% liability.
- ii) Approve that any additional income from the technical changes to council tax be reserved in the first place to cover potential increases in benefits expenditure, with further consideration at time of budget setting.
- iii) Leave the level of council tax support as at present.

Reasons: i) To increase the amount of council tax liability in respect of council tax exemptions in 2014/15.

ii) To ensure cost pressures related to council tax benefits are managed, and to consider

any additional income against the Councils overall financial position.

- iii) To set the level of council tax support for 2014/15.

9. Economic Infrastructure Fund: Progress and New Project

Resolved: That Cabinet agree to:

- i) Note progress made with EIF spending to date; and
- ii) Approve proposed spend of £30K in Acomb for the proposed Community Economic Development project, as detailed at Annex D of the report.

Reason: To support the Council Plan priorities of creating jobs, growing the economy and investing in the city's economic future.

10. Long Term Waste Service: First Long Stop Date

Resolved: That Cabinet supports the continuation of the contract between North Yorkshire County Council and AmeyCespa regarding the long term waste service for York in accordance with Decision A as set out as Option 6A of the report.

Reason: To enable the existing contractual arrangements for a long term waste service to progress toward Financial Close.

11. The Tour De France – Update

Resolved: That Cabinet agree to:

- (i) Note progress made with the Tour de France delivery project.

- (ii) Agree the strategic objectives for delivery.
- (iii) Delegate authority to the Chief Executive to negotiate and enter into a contract with the new regional delivery body.
- (iv) The following budget allocations:
 - a. £200k from capital contingency
 - b. £200k from Delivery and Innovation Fund
 - c. £473k from General ContingencyThe profile between years of allocations to be confirmed as part of the budget process in February 2014.

Reason: To report on project work to date and provide the necessary funding to deliver the event.