

CABINET

TUESDAY, 11 FEBRUARY 2014

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the Cabinet meeting held on Tuesday, 11 February 2014. 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 13 February 2014.

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

5. THE CO-OPERATIVE COUNCIL: A COMMUNITY BENEFIT SOCIETY FOR LIBRARIES AND ARCHIVES

Resolved: That Cabinet agree to:

- (i) Approve the award of a contract to Explore Libraries and Archives Mutual through a single tender action.
- (ii) Approve the key principles of the founding legal agreements set out in the report together with Schedule 2 of the Contract for Services set out at Annex 2, and delegate to the Director of Communities and Neighbourhoods in consultation with the Director of Customer and Business Support Services authority to conclude:
 - The Transfer agreement.
 - The Contract for Services between the Council and Explore.
 - Leases to be used for the premises.
 - The Collections Loan and Management Agreement.
 - Targets against the indicators set out in Annex 3 of the report.

- (iii) Approve 1 April, 2014 as the earliest date on which to transfer the operation of the Council's libraries and archives services to Explore.

Reason: To create the best delivery model for libraries and archive services in York.

6. FINANCE MONITOR 3 2013-14

Resolved: That Cabinet note the current projected pressures of £1,937k and that strategies are being prepared to mitigate this position.

Reason: In order to ensure expenditure is kept within budget.

7. CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITOR 3 2013-14

Resolved: That Cabinet:

- Note the 2013/14 revised budget of £60.914m as set out in paragraph 5 and Table 1 of the report.
- Note the restated capital programme for 2013/14 – 2017/18, totalling £205.482m as set out in paragraph 41, Table 2 and detailed in Annex A.
- Approve the use of £66k of contingency to fund the York Explore Roof Replacement and note the use of contingency set out in paragraph 38.

Reason: To enable the effective management and monitoring of the Council's capital programme.

8. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS FOR 2014/15 TO 2018/19

Recommended: That Council approve:

- (i) The proposed Treasury Management Strategy for 2014/15 including the annual investment

strategy and the minimum revenue provision policy statement;

- (ii) The Prudential Indicators for 2014/15 to 2018/19 in the main body of the report;
- (iii) The Specified and Non-Specified Investments schedule at Annex B;
- (iv) The Scheme of Delegation and the Role of the Section 151 Officer at Annex D.

Reason: To enable the continued effective operation of the Treasury Management function and ensure that all Council borrowing is prudent, affordable and sustainable.

9. FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2014/15 TO 2018/19

Resolved: That Cabinet approve the average rent increase for 2014/15, as shown in table 14 and paragraphs 83 to 87, of the report, as 4.95%. This rent increase will be applied across council dwellings, hostels and Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Community sites. It is proposed that in addition to the average rent increase to Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Community pitch rents, a flat rate additional increase of £25 per week per pitch is also applied, to fund increased management of the sites.

Reason: To ensure the ongoing financial stability of the HRA and allow work on improving the quality of the council's affordable housing to continue.

10. CAPITAL STRATEGY 2014/15 TO 2018/19

Recommended: That Council agree to:

- (i) The revised capital programme of **£182.700m** that reflects a net overall increase of **£38.132m** (as set out in Paragraph 53, Table 7 and in Annex B of the report). Key elements of this include:
- Extension of prudential borrowing funded Rolling Programme schemes totalling £11.050m as set out in table 2 and summarised in table 7;
 - New schemes totalling £6.120m including an increase in prudential borrowing of £5.325m as set out in table 3 and summarised in table 7;
 - New externally funded schemes totalling £12.003m as set out in table 4 and summarised in table 7;
 - An increase in HRA funded schemes totalling £8.959m funded from HRA balances of £8.959m as set out in table 5 and summarised in table 7.
- (ii) Approve the full restated programme as summarised in Annex A totalling **£182.700m** cover financial years 2014/15 to 2018/19 as set out in table 8 and Annex A.

Reason: To set a balanced capital programme as required by the Local Government Act 2003.

11. TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME - "RE-WIRING PUBLIC SERVICES"

Resolved: That Cabinet agree to:

- the proposed scope of the Re-wiring Public Services programme.
- a minimum savings target of £5.48m for 2015/16.
- to receive updates on the programme, aligned to the council performance and financial monitor.
- that regular updates will be presented to the Corporate and Scrutiny Management Committee.

Reason: To allow the initiation of the Re-wiring Public Services programme in support of the Financial Strategy and Council Plan.

12. CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITOR 3 2013-14

Recommended: That Council agree the adjustments in the Capital programme of a decrease of £11.659m in 2013/14 as detailed in the report and contained in Annex A.

Reason: To enable the effective management and monitoring of the Council's capital programme.

13. FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2014/15 TO 2018/19

Resolved: (i) That, having considered;

- Expenditure pressures facing the council as set out in the report.
- Impacts of savings proposals set out in Annexes 3 and 4 of the report.
- Medium term financial factors facing the council as outlined in the report.
- Projected levels of reserves as set out in the report.

- Statutory advice from the Director of Customer and Business Support Services.

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Recommended: (i) That Council approve the budget proposals as outlined in the report, in particular

- The net revenue expenditure requirement of £124.179m.
- A Council Tax requirement of £71.768m.
- The revenue growth proposals as outlined in the body of the report.
- The revenue savings proposals as outlined in Annexes 3 and 4.
- The fees and charges proposals as outlined in Annex 5.
- The Housing Revenue Account budget set out in Annex 6.
- The dedicated schools grant proposals outlined in Annex 7.

(ii) That Council note that the effect of approving the income and expenditure proposals included in the recommendations would result in an increase in the City of York element of the council tax of 1.9%.

Reason: To ensure a legally balanced budget is set.