Meeting Decision Session - Economic Development

and Community Engagement

Date 6 March 2018

Present Councillor Orrell

35. Declarations of Interest

At this point in the meeting the Executive Member was asked to declare any personal or prejudicial interest that he might have in relation to the business on the agenda or any other general interests he might have within the remit of the Board. None were declared.

36. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the last Decision Session held on 9 November 2017 be approved as a correct record and then signed by the Executive Member.

The Executive Member took this opportunity to confirm that since the Mansion House had reopened the visitor numbers had been better than expected.

37. Public Participation

It was reported that there had been no registrations to speak under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

38. Service Level Agreements with York CVS and York City of Human Rights

The Executive Member considered a report that sought his approval for a three year funding agreement to 31 March 2021 with York CVS and a one year agreement to 31 March 2019 with York City of Human Rights.

The Assistant Director of Communities, Culture & Public Realm was in attendance to present the report. He confirmed the funding proposed to York CVS was £48,000 over a three year

partnership agreement and would be used to develop strategic and operation collaborations across the city, to:

- support the voluntary sector to survive and thrive;
- represent the sector and provide a voice;
- work with the council to develop resilient communities.

The Executive Member was informed that the service level agreement with York City of Human Rights would be administered by York CVS. It was also noted that the proposed annual grant of £10,000 was to support Community Voices, to recognise that communities in York were changing and growing and to embrace this diversity to bring people together and create opportunities for them to be heard.

The Executive Member welcomed the quarterly reviews and annual reports from York CVS and he thanked Cllr Keith Aspden for developing the York City of Human Rights initiative.

Resolved: That the funding set out in paragraph 4 of the report and the associated service level agreements set out in the annexes, be approved.

Reason: To further the objective of ensuring that all York's residents live and thrive in a city which allows them to contribute fully to their communities and neighbourhoods.

Cllr K Orrell, Executive Member [The meeting started at 2.00 pm and finished at 2.08 pm]