City of York Council

MEETING	EXECUTIVE (CALLING IN)
DATE	15 JUNE 2010
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS WALLER (CHAIR), AYRE, STEVE GALLOWAY, MOORE, MORLEY AND RUNCIMAN
APOLOGIES	COUNCILLOR REID

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were invited to declare at this point in the meeting any personal or prejudicial interests they might have in the business on the agenda. No interests were declared.

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

3. CALLED IN ITEM: 20 MPH SPEED LIMIT PETITIONS FOR SOVEREIGN PARK AND DODSWORTH AVENUE

Members re-considered the decisions taken by the Executive Member for City Strategy on 1 June 2010 in relation to a report which presented a proposed response to two petitions requesting 20 mph speed limits in Sovereign Park and Dodsworth Avenue.

The Executive Member's decisions on this item had been called in by Cllrs Horton, Pierce and Simpson-Laing and subsequently considered by the Scrutiny Management Committee (SMC) (Calling In) at a meeting on 14 June. The SMC (Calling In) had resolved:

"That Option B be approved and Resolution (ii) only, relating to Sovereign Park, be referred back to the Executive with a strong recommendation that a 20mph zone be implemented at Sovereign Park."

It was noted that no members of the SMC were in attendance. Having heard the comments of the Executive Member for City Strategy and considered the decisions in the light of the advice offered by the SMC (Calling In), it was

RESOLVED: (i) That the decisions on prioritisation agreed by the Executive Member for City Strategy, and specifically the substantial weighting given to reducing accidents when determining the use of limited resources, be supported.

(ii) That the Executive believes it is important to evaluate the results of the trial 20 mph zone in the Fishergate area, together with the results of the proposed residents' survey on introducing a city-wide 20 mph zone, before committing further resources to changing speed limits on an ad hoc basis.

(iii) That it is recognised, however, that the Sovereign Park estate does not have any through traffic and that therefore decisions on neighbourhood traffic issues such as speed limits should principally rest with local residents; consequently, the Executive would raise no objection to the early introduction of a 20 mph limit in that estate if all the costs of so doing were covered by the local ward committee.¹

REASON: In accordance with the calling-in procedure and to take account of the advice offered by the Scrutiny Management Committee (Calling In), whilst ensuring that limited resources are focused upon areas with the highest accident rate.

Action Required

1. Ensure the matter is referred to the appropriate ward RS committee

4. CALLED IN ITEM: WATER END CYCLE SCHEME EVALUATION

Members re-considered the decisions taken by the Executive Member for City Strategy on 1 June 2010 in relation to a report which advised of the outcome of the monitoring of the Water End cycle scheme and considered the effectiveness of the scheme in encouraging increases in cycling levels.

The Executive Member's decisions on this item had been called in by Cllrs Douglas, King and Scott and subsequently considered by the Scrutiny Management Committee (SMC) (Calling In) at a meeting on 14 June. The SMC (Calling In) had resolved:

"(i) That Option B be approved and Resolutions (i) to (iv) be referred back to the Executive with a recommendation that they request the Executive Member to:

- Confirm the terms under which he considered the Water End Cycle scheme a success as referred to in Resolution (i) of the minutes of the City Strategy Executive Member Decision Session.
- Reconsider the decisions in the light of the emerging final report of the Councillor Call for Action Task Group and specifically to indicate how Resolution (ii) would address the consequences for residents of Westminster Road and The Avenue.

(ii) That Resolution (v) not be referred back but that this Committee express its strong concern that in effect the Executive Member had preempted the proper constitutional and full consideration by the Executive of the final CcfA Task Group report and recommendations, on 6 July 2010." It was noted that no members of the SMC were in attendance. Having heard the comments of the Executive Member for City Strategy and considered the decisions in the light of the advice offered by the SMC (Calling In), it was

- RESOLVED: (i) That Resolutions (i) (iv) of the Executive Member for City Strategy be confirmed.
- REASON: For the reasons set out in Minute 5 of the Executive Member for City Strategy Decision Session held on 1 June 2010.

(ii) That consideration of the results of the CcfA Scrutiny report, the Executive Member's recommendations on them and the views of the Scrutiny Management Committee, be deferred for consideration at the Executive meeting scheduled to be held on 6 July.¹

REASON: In accordance with the calling-in procedure and to acknowledge the advice offered by the Scrutiny Management Committee (Calling In), whilst ensuring that all views on this matter can be taken into account at an appropriate time.

Action Required

1. Ensure that the views of SMC (Calling In) and Executive TW Member are referred to in report to Executive on 6 July

5. CALLED IN ITEM: A LOW EMISSION STRATEGY FOR YORK

Members re-considered the decisions they had taken at the Executive meeting on 8 June 2010 in relation to a report which sought approval for the development of an overarching low emission strategy for York and provided an update on the Council's successful joint bid with Leeds City Council to become regional low emission champions.

The Executive's decisions on this item had been called in by Cllrs Alexander, Gunnell and King and subsequently considered by the Scrutiny Management Committee (SMC) (Calling In) at a meeting on 14 June. The SMC (Calling In) had resolved:

"That Option B be approved and the matter be referred back to the Executive with a request that they should note the urgency of developing a Low Emission Strategy for York and request its production before November, with the Strategy detailing by when the various standards, actions and targets should be met."

Having reconsidered their decisions in the light of the advice offered by the SMC (Calling In), it was

RESOLVED: (i) That the Executive's original resolutions be confirmed.

REASON: For the reasons set out in Minute 6 of the Executive meeting held on 8 June 2010.

(ii) That Officers be requested to bring forward a timetable for the early introduction of an LES in York, together with additional details of how such a zone could be enforced and funded.¹

REASON: In accordance with the calling-in procedure and to take account of the advice offered by the Scrutiny Management Committee (Calling In).

Action Required

1. Prepare timetable for early introduction of an LES, with AH details of enforcement and funding

A Waller, Chair [The meeting started at 2.10 pm and finished at 2.25 pm].