
MEETING	DECISION SESSION - EXECUTIVE LEADER
DATE	7 SEPTEMBER 2010
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS WALLER (EXECUTIVE MEMBER)

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Executive Leader was invited to declare at this point in the meeting any personal or prejudicial interest he might have in the business on the agenda. He declared a personal non prejudicial interest as he is a member of the York Credit Union.

6. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the last meeting of the Decision Session of the Executive Leader, held on 6 July 2010 be approved and signed by the Executive Leader as a correct record.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

8. FUTURE PROSPECTS - ANNUAL REPORT AND DRAFT BUSINESS PLAN

The Executive Leader considered a report that advised him of the outcome of the work of Future Prospects for the last year and he was updated on the preparation of a new Business Plan to take forward this service.

Officers gave an update and stated that Future Prospect had achieved outstanding results over the last year and had helped a large number of individuals find paid employment. The Executive Leader commended Future Prospects on the work they had done and was confident they would continue to deliver a commendable service for the public to use.

The Leader discussed the annual report and expressed his concerns regarding other central government agencies duplicating this type of work and requested officers arrange a meeting with the Department of Work and Pensions to resolve this.¹

The Leader commented on the financial figures and stated that the 2011/12 figures must be considered as part of the budget setting process.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the annual report for Future Prospects be approved.
- (ii) That the draft business plan for Future Prospects be noted and the Executive Leader's comments be taken into consideration.
- (iii) That a meeting with the Department of Work and Pensions be arranged.
- (iv) That the 2011/12 figures be considered under the budget setting process.

Reason: To support the economic objectives set out in the Sustainable Community Strategy and Corporate Strategy.

Action Required

1. Arrange a meeting with DWP

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9. CORE FUNDING TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS 2011/2012

The Executive Leader considered a report that informed him of the applications received for financial support from the City Council's voluntary sector funding budget for 2011/2012.

Officers gave an update and confirmed that option 2 was the preferred option as this would allow more time for a clearer funding commissioning strategy to be agreed.

The Leader questioned the current grant funding process and officers confirmed that currently an open bidding process was in operation but a review of the application process would be taking place. The Leader requested that the Equalities Advisory Group be involved when allocations were being made.¹

In answer to the Leaders questions, officers confirmed that each organisation had received an annual review and the Leader agreed that all the Charities should continue to demonstrate what they had achieved with the resources they had received.

RESOLVED:

- i) That the existing annual funding arrangements as defined in option 2, at paragraph 12 of the report, be maintained.
- ii) That the Equalities Advisory Group be kept informed.

Reason: To provide continuity to the current providers until a clearer funding and commissioning strategy for the voluntary sector has been agreed.

Action Required

1. Officers are to keep the EAG informed.

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10. POLICING IN THE 21ST CENTURY: RECONNECTING POLICE AND THE PEOPLE

The Executive Leader considered a report that requested his response to the Home Office's report for consultation 'Policing in the 21st Century: Reconnecting police and the people'.

Officers gave an update and confirmed that the CSP (Community Safety Partnership) had agreed the consultation paper, after officers had confirmed a query they had regarding costings.

The Executive Leader confirmed he supported the CSP response and advised officers to include a statement explaining the need for adequate financing to support the new responsibilities.¹

RESOLVED:

i) That the Executive Leader noted the report and advised officers on the content of the response to the consultation paper.

ii) That the CSP response be endorsed and that the views of the City of York Council be the same as those of its partner organisations.

Reason: To provide a response to the Home Office within the consultation deadline.

Action Required

1. Include the Executive Leaders comments into the Consultation paper

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11. UPDATE ON CAPABLE GUARDIAN SCHEME

The Executive Leader considered a report that updated him on the progress of the Capable Guardian scheme.

Officers gave an update and stated that the pilot scheme had been very successful in the Westfield Ward and was being implemented into other wards with high incidences of anti social behaviour. The scheme encouraged partnership working and was supported by the neighbourhood police.

The Leader informed officers that the police had been in touch with him regarding the Hull Road and Heworth schemes. The police expressed their support and stated that the meetings, that had been developed under the capable guardian banner, were continuing with a positive and supportive input from all agencies and members of the community.

The Leader confirmed that joint working was an efficient use of resources and was working well. He supported the roll out and agreed that there was no substitutive way of working as every area had different needs. He discussed the importance of involving the public and stressed that officers must ensure the general public completely understand what the scheme was achieving. He welcomed an update on the progress of the roll outs and commended officers on the positive achievements made so far. ¹

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

Reason: To keep the Executive Leader informed of the progress of the Capable Guardian Scheme.

Action Required

1. Keep the Exec Leader updated on future roll outs

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Cllr Waller, Chair

[The meeting started at 4.15 pm and finished at 4.40 pm].