

Decision Session - Executive Member for Environment and Climate Change

Wednesday, 8 September 2021

Decisions

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Decision Session Executive Member for Environment held on Wednesday, 8 September 2021. 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 Democratic Services no later than 4pm on the second working day after this meeting.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Joseph Kennally.

4. York Community Woodland – Final Woodland Design and Woodland Creation

Resolved:

- i. That the final woodland design masterplan be approved as the basis for woodland creation and for submission to Forestry Commission for woodland approval and the associated indicative outline costs and phased woodland creation implementation schedule be noted.

Reason: The masterplan meets the design brief and will guide the creation of York Community Woodland and ensure it meets the community woodland vision, agreed project objectives and Forestry Commission regulatory requirements,

- ii. That the recommendation to select Forestry England as the external capital funding source be approved, to support York Community Woodland and act as the council's woodland creation delivery partner, based on the options appraisal set out in the report.

The Executive Member was presented with the

option to select either the White Rose Forest Trees for Climate Fund or Forestry England as the external capital funding source.

Reason: The external funder and woodland creation deliver partner will work with the council to create and manage the woodland in line with shared objectives, priorities and timescales. Approving the recommendation will enable the Director of Place in association with the Director of Governance and relevant officers to negotiate and enter into a formal lease agreement with Forestry England under Delegated Authority granted by the council's Executive on 26 August 2021.

- iii. That the publication of any necessary 'open space' disposal Notice under S.123(2A) of the Local Government Act 1972 be approved. If any comments are received from the public in response to such Notice, these will be referred to the Executive Member for Environment and Climate Change for consideration.

Reason: To ensure compliance with the Council's obligations pursuant to S.123(2A) of the Local Government Act 1972.