

EXECUTIVE

TUESDAY, 18 DECEMBER 2007

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Executive held on Tuesday, 18 December 2007. 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 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 Fiona Young, tel. extn. 1027.

5. MINUTES OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BOARD

RESOLVED: (i) That the minutes of the EDPB be noted.

REASON: In accordance with the requirements of the Council's Constitution in relation to the role of Working Groups.

(ii) That, with reference to Minute 12 (Development of an Anti-Poverty Strategy), Officers discuss with the voluntary sector, and other partners, options for a pilot project aimed at reducing social exclusion in the worst rated *Lower Level Super Output Area* as revealed by the Index of Multiple Deprivation 2007.

REASON: In response to the comments of the EDPB on this matter and to support the delivery of the Anti-Poverty Strategy.

6. AFFORDABLE HOUSING POLICY REVIEW

RESOLVED: (i) That the findings of the Affordable Housing Policy Review be noted.

(ii) That the view that the most appropriate forum to understand, discuss and revise affordable housing policy in the City is through the LDF programme and, specifically, the preparation of the Core Strategy, be endorsed.

(iii) That the information contained in the Affordable Housing Review report be fed into the LDF policy review process.

(iv) That Officers be requested to arrange meetings at a senior level with developers, Housing Associations, professional agencies, commercial property companies

and other relevant stakeholders, including Central Government, to consider how the City can provide more affordable housing for rent, for shared ownership, to buy, and also to explore other methods of delivering social and family housing.

REASON: To maximise opportunities for providing more affordable, decent homes in York.

**7. ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY
STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN TOWARDS A
CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY FOR THE CITY
– UPDATE**

RESOLVED: (i) That the report be noted and that it be noted that the Carbon Management Programme Strategic Implementation Plan (SIP) will be brought to the Executive in March 2008.

REASON: So that Members are kept informed of progress on this matter.

(ii) That, in the interim, Officers evaluate and progress the smart metering option offered by the Council's energy supplier for 30 trial sites across the Council's property portfolio.

REASON: To enable the Council effectively to monitor energy performance and achieve efficiency savings.

**8. CARBON MANAGEMENT, ENERGY AND
SUSTAINABILITY – FUNDING MECHANISM**

RESOLVED: (i) That the inter-relationships between managing targets for carbon emissions, energy and water consumption, and conservation and sustainability in design and construction be noted.

(ii) That, with regard to management of proposals to meet aims and targets for carbon emissions, energy use and sustainability, Option B be approved; that is, a corporate and co-ordinated approach to management, funding and implementation.

(iii) That, with regard to funding proposals to meet aims and targets for carbon emissions, energy use and sustainability, Option 2 be approved; that is, to establish a funding mechanism, within the usual budget disciplines, that supports a corporate and co-ordinated approach to the achievement and viable funding of targets.

REASON: To ensure an improved and co-ordinated approach to the management of carbon emissions, energy usage and the sustainability of Council buildings.

9. CITY OF YORK COUNCIL RESPONSE TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE REGIONAL SPATIAL STRATEGY

RESOLVED: (i) That the draft Council response to the Secretary of State's Proposed Changes to the RSS, as attached at Annex B to the report, be agreed and approved for submission to Government Office by the deadline of 21 December 2007.

(ii) That authority be delegated to the Director of City Strategy to make any incidental changes to the Council's response to the Proposed Changes that are necessary as a result of Members considering the report.

REASON: To ensure that the views of the authority are taken into account before publication of the Regional Spatial Strategy in Spring 2008.

10. FUTURE WORKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CITY CENTRE PARTNERSHIP

RESOLVED: That the following actions, as set out in paragraph 14 of the report, be approved to sustain the activities of the YCCP:

- a) To raise with the new single tourism partnership opportunities to link city centre management more closely to visitor management.
- b) To consider the appropriateness of maintaining the existing YCCP, taking into account its current activities as highlighted in Annex 1 to the report, and explore with partners the opportunity for continued funding to sustain the City Centre Partnership.
- c) To review the scope for sustaining the current activities of the City Centre Partnership through the Council's city centre operations team and as part of the process of developing a City Centre action plan under the Local Development Framework.
- d) To explore the opportunities for engagement with retail businesses through closer working with the Chamber of Commerce.
- e) To report back to the Executive once the above actions have been pursued.

REASON: To help shape the effectiveness of future action.

11. SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF YORK COUNCIL AND THE NEW SINGLE TOURISM ORGANISATION FOR YORK

RESOLVED: (i) That the principles of the Service Level Agreement be endorsed, acknowledging that the financial terms will be subject to confirmation during the Council's budget-setting process.

(ii) That Officers provide further information on the proposed performance indicators and targets that the new organisation will be expected to deliver.

REASON: To confirm formally the Council's endorsement for the Single Tourism Organisation, whilst identifying clear parameters for this support.

