

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS FOR HOUSING & ADULT SOCIAL SERVICES AND ADVISORY PANEL

MONDAY, 17 MARCH 2008

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Housing and Adult Social Service EMAP held on Monday, 17 March 2008. 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 Jill Pickering.

5. RESULTS OF THE 2007 ANNUAL HOUSING SATISFACTION SURVEY

Advice of the Advisory Panel

- i) That the Executive Member be advised to note the results of the 2007 Annual Housing Services Monitor together with the proposed actions.¹
- ii) That Mrs Mildred Grundy and Ms Pat Holmes, the co-opted non-statutory members, be thanked for their attendance and valuable input into meetings of the Advisory Group.

Decision of the Executive Member

RESOLVED: That the advice of the Advisory Panel be accepted and endorsed.

REASON: To improve satisfaction levels of tenants with the Housing Service.

6. HOUSING CAPITAL PROGRAMME SPECIFICATION CHANGE

Advice of the Advisory Panel

- i) That the Executive Member agree Option 2 to adopt a policy to replace all focal point fires with electric in customers homes as set out in paragraph 9 of the report.¹
- ii) That Officers investigate with suppliers bulk

purchasing arrangements for energy, including any legal implications, and email members the results of their enquiries.²

Decision of the Executive Member

RESOLVED: That the advice of the Advisory Panel be accepted and endorsed.

REASON: As electric fires offer value for money, are efficient and reduce health and safety risks for customers.

7. GAS SERVICING FUTURE PROCUREMENT

Advice of the Advisory Panel

The Executive Member to note that this report, detailing the procurement exercise for the future direction of the gas servicing and maintenance service for council dwellings, is to be considered at the Executive meeting on 25 March 2008.¹

Decision of the Executive Member

RESOLVED: That the advice of the Advisory Panel be accepted and endorsed.

REASON: To secure service quality and value for money on behalf of the council's tenants.

8. FORMER TENANT ARREARS - WRITE OFF

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member agree Option 2 writing off former tenants arrears of £30,209.95 as detailed in Annex A of the report.¹

Decision of the Executive Member

RESOLVED: That the advice of the Advisory Panel be accepted and endorsed.

REASON: This is for financial reasons, in line with the recommendations of the audit report detailed in paragraph 2.

9. FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR (HOUSING & ADULT SOCIAL SERVICES) 2008/09

Organisations	2008/9 Proposed Award
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(Social Services)	OPTION 2
York Community Furniture Store	£10,000
York Blind & Partially Sighted Society	£20,036
York Deaf Society	£5,000
York Mind	£8,660
Alzheimer's Society	£3,580
Remap	£300
Independent Care Group (ICG)	£15,000
Provision for small One-Off grants during financial year	£7,954
TOTAL	£70,530

Organisations	2008/9 Proposed Award OPTION 2
(Housing)	
Citizens Advice Bureau (Bond Guarantee Scheme)	£8,630

Totals for Social Services & Housing	£79,160
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Option 2 – To award Financial Support to all organisations as detailed in the table above on one year Service Level Agreements with the exception of The Independent Care Group and the York Blind & Partially Sighted Society where it is proposed that Three Year Agreements are awarded.

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Members agree Option 2 and award Financial Support as outlined above.¹

Decision of the Executive Members

RESOLVED: That the advice of the Advisory Panel be accepted and endorsed.

REASON: To continue financial support to the voluntary sector.