

EXECUTIVE

TUESDAY, 29 JULY 2008

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Executive held on Tuesday, 29 July 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 – that is, **Thursday, 31 July 2008**. Please note that the recommendations to Council listed under items 14 and 15 cannot be called in.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Fiona Young (tel. extn 1027).

6. WEB-CASTING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

[See also under Part B Minutes]

RESOLVED: (i) That the contents of the report be noted.

(ii) That a demonstration be arranged for all Council Members, prior to the next meeting of full Council on 25 September, to show how a web-casting system would operate in practice.

REASON: To give Council Members a better understanding of the issues involved before they consider the Executive recommendations on this item.

7. ACCESS YORK PHASE 1 PARK & RIDE DEVELOPMENT - PROGRAMME AND CONSULTATION PLAN

RESOLVED: (i) That Officers be instructed to proceed with this project, bringing reports back to the Executive at key stages.

(ii) That the delivery arrangements and the creation of a Project Board be approved.

(iii) That the consultation process on the basis of a single site at Askham Bar be approved.

(iv) That the consultation process based on the A59 site adjacent to Boroughbridge Road, previously identified as Site 2 and shown as such on the plan at Annex D, be approved.

(v) That the possibility of a subway at the A59/ORR be included in the pre-application consultation.

(vi) That the initial consultation process based on all three sites at Wigginton Road, as identified on the plan at Annex E, plus an additional site on the south-west of the junction, be approved.

(vi) That Officers be asked to ensure that local Ward Members and Parish Councils, together with residents (through the Ward Committee newsletters), are kept up to date with progress and that an early opportunity is given to all parties to have an input into plans for the sites prior to any planning applications being drawn up.

REASON: To enable progression of the Major Scheme Bid, which will make a significant contribution to sustainable transport in the City, and to ensure proper consultation with interested parties.

8. SUBSIDISED PUBLIC BUS SERVICES

RESOLVED: (i) That the short term measures implemented, as described in paragraphs 21 to 23 of the report, be noted.

REASON: So that Members are aware of the arrangements already in place to maintain these services, as far as possible, until the results of the review are known.

(ii) That Officers be requested to negotiate an extension to the contracts in accordance with the following list until the end of the financial year, and that these services be specifically reviewed as part of the pending report on public transport provision in the City.

Service	Proposal
22 (evenings), York - Skelton	Discontinue 31/08/08 at end of current contract because of lack of patronage but seek to negotiate a late night service to Skelton and return after 2230 hours if economically viable.
22 (day) York - Skelton	Service maintained
C1 Tadcaster – Acaster Malbis, Bishopthorpe – Askham Bar	Discontinue but replace with new expanded service 21
21 Acaster Malbis –Tadcaster Road - York	Continue, revise and extend as per officer recommendation but review usage as part of public transport report
C3 Askham Bar – Askham Richard – Askham Bryan (loop)	Continue until end of present contract (24/4/09)
195 York – Elvington – Pockington	Continue until end of financial year but terminate at Elvington if practical and cheaper (e.g. unless subsidy from East Riding Council continued)

196 York – Elvington – Aughton	Continue until end of financial year but terminate at Elvington if practical and cheaper (e.g. unless subsidy from East Riding Council is made available)
27 Heslington – Heworth – Monks Cross	Continue until end of financial year
28 University – City – Clarence Street – Monks Cross	Continue until end of financial year.
18 York – Wheldrake – Holme on Spalding Moor	Service maintained

(iii) That up to £40,000 be allocated from the Council’s reserves towards the cost of sustaining the services detailed in Resolution (ii) above.

REASON: To ensure the continuation of those services for which current evidence suggests there is a clear need, pending the outcome of a comprehensive review of subsidised bus services.

9. TANG HALL AREA ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN AD-HOC SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – FINAL REPORT

RESOLVED: (i) That the contents of the final report and its annexes be noted.

(ii) That the recommendations arising from the review, as summarised in paragraph 7 of the cover report, be approved, with the inclusion of the comments recorded below:

Scrutiny Recommendation	Executive Decision
1. That officers should adopt an appropriate range of the relevant research and consultation methodologies proposed in the model in paragraph 15 of the final report when developing future Area Asset Management Plans. Area based consultation at appropriate location(s) within the community, involving residents and key stakeholders, and Ward Committee consultation should be included as standard in all instances. The cost effectiveness of the consultation method and the particular circumstances of the area being considered should be taken into account when making the decision in each case.	Agree, with the additional provision that officers should ensure that there is not a duplication of effort with the Neighbourhood Action Planning process which is also being delivered by the council to identify a prioritisation of needs.

<p>2. The Executive be asked to ensure the specific areas of need identified through this scrutiny review in paragraph 21 of the report are considered, as part of any future Area Asset Management Plan for Tang Hall.</p>	<p>Agree these to inform any future Area Asset Management Plan for Tang Hall</p>
<p>3. As standard practice, Ward Members should be included in the formulation of consultation plans from the start of the process for any future Area Asset Management Plans.</p>	<p>Agree, as the Executive is keen to uphold the principle of Ward Members' involvement in prioritisation of Council resources.</p>

(iii) That the findings and recommendations from this review be taken into account when considering the proposed Tang Hall Area Asset Management Plan (Minute 46 refers).

REASON: In order to introduce appropriate changes to working practices and / or Council policy and procedures, in response to the findings and recommendations of the Scrutiny Committee.

10. TANG HALL AREA ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN

RESOLVED: That the Area Asset Management Plan (AAMP) for Tang Hall be approved.

REASON: The AAMP combines the direction, priorities and requests of the Corporate and Service Asset Management Plans, which are driven by the Corporate Strategy, with the property-related needs of the Local Tang Hall community.

11. FORMER FAMILY CENTRE, SIXTH AVENUE, HEWORTH

RESOLVED: That Option 2 be approved and that the former Heworth Family Centre be retained for further use, on an interim basis, by Young People's Services.

REASON: To satisfy a continuing service need for a property in this location.

12. APPROPRIATION OF PROPERTY

RESOLVED: That the sites and property detailed in Annex A to the report be appropriated in the financial year 2007/08, at the valuations and to the statutory powers shown in that annex, other than the Peaseholme Hostel site, which is recommended for appropriation in the year that the Hostel is vacated by Housing Services

REASON: To maximise the capital resources in the areas that will benefit all the Council's Corporate Priorities.

13. UPDATE ON CARRY FORWARD ISSUES AND KEY CONSIDERATIONS IN THE ALLOCATION OF SURPLUS RESOURCES

[See also under Part B Minutes]

RESOLVED: (i) That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive to approve the payment of £22k compensation to the Guildhall Orchestra, subject to the receipt of relevant supporting documentation from the Orchestra - that is, a breakdown of the concert income and costs data shown on the first sheet of the supplementary information circulated at the meeting, together with an explanation of the cost increases shown.

(ii) That the payment of £2k compensation to other users of the Barbican, as highlighted in Annex 1 to the report, be approved.

REASON: To ensure the fair payment of compensation for losses incurred as a result of the closure of the Barbican.

(iii) That £18.8k be released from the 2008/09 contingency to fund the four schemes proposed to commence through the IT Development Plan and that the ongoing costs of £47.9k per annum be funded through the IT Development Plan from 2009/10 onwards, subject to a business case for the QPR/PMS system and home care monitoring system coming back to the Executive to detail the cost savings which will be generated from the investment.

REASON: In accordance with the recommendation of the Corporate IT Strategy Group following consideration of the updated business cases for these schemes.

14. UPDATE ON CARRY FORWARD ISSUES AND KEY CONSIDERATIONS IN THE ALLOCATION OF SURPLUS RESOURCES

[See also under Part A Minutes]

RECOMMENDED: (i) That an 'invest to save' fund of £1m be established from the General Reserve.

REASON: To build capacity in the Council to deliver the increased efficiency target.

15. WEB-CASTING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

RECOMMENDED: That Officers be asked to produce a report into the piloting of a scheme which would utilise the Council Chamber for web-casting, using an 'out-hosted' system, this report to identify the revenue

and resource implications of such a scheme.

REASON:

On the basis that an out-hosted system would not require ICT to support the system and to ensure that the advantages, disadvantages, costs and resource implications of web-casting are fully understood before committing the Council to its introduction.

