

EXECUTIVE

TUESDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER 2008

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Executive held on Tuesday, 9 September 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 11 September 2008).

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

6. MINUTES OF WORKING GROUPS

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Working Group meetings be noted and that the recommendations contained therein be endorsed.

REASON: In accordance with the constitutional role of Working Groups as advisory bodies to the Executive.

7. HUNGATE COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS - UPDATE

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

- (ii) That it be noted that the following high-level approaches are the options available to the Council:
- a) a single site in the city centre (within the inner ring road);
 - b) a single site on the edge of the city centre;
 - c) a split site in the city centre;
 - d) a split site combination of city centre and edge of city centre (e.g. Monk's Cross).

(iii) That the content of the high level appraisal at Annex F to the report be noted.

(iv) That the following detailed appraisal criteria, as outlined in paragraphs 32 and 33 of the report, prioritising and / or weighting as appropriate, be used in evaluating the short-listed sites identified in Annex F:

- a) availability;
- b) deliverability;
- c) accessibility and suitability (to include sustainability);
- d) finance;
- e) risk;

f) qualitative assessment.

(v) That the proposal to set up a 'Design Consultation Group', and the use of experts and public exhibitions, be approved in principle.

(vi) That a clear communications strategy be developed to inform the public of the sequence of decisions and the work that is being undertaken to develop a solution.

(vii) That Officers be requested to provide to Members updates of the financial appraisal of the options referred to in Resolution (ii) above.

REASON: In order to progress this project and ensure that the best result is achieved on behalf of the City, taking account of the need to keep within existing budgets and to ensure objective assessment of, and proper consultation on, the available options.

8. UPDATE REPORT ON THE PROGRESS TOWARDS A COMMUNITY STADIUM

- *RESOLVED:
- (i) That the Executive re-affirms its commitment to a Community Stadium and recognises the importance of securing the £2 million Football Foundation grant to that end.
 - (ii) That no further action be undertaken at this time to extend a loan from the City of York Council to York City Football Club, on the understanding that the Club is undertaking negotiations with the Football Foundation in order to have the interest on that body's loan to the Club rolled over into the future sale value of Bootham Crescent Football Stadium.
 - (iii) That the Director of City Strategy recruit, in accordance with the decision of the Staffing Matters and Urgency Committee on 21 May, to secure the appointment of a project manager to:
 - a) establish a site;
 - b) consult on the design and operation for the wider benefit of the community of the City;
 - c) establish the cost of, and sources of funding for, a community stadium and
 - d) deliver a community stadium by 2012.

(iv) That Officers continue their dialogue with York City Football Club, and York Knights, on how to sustain spectator sports in the City, and on the continuation of other sports clubs based at Huntington Stadium.

(v) That the Chief Executive write to the Football Foundation setting out the actions decided in Resolution (iii) above and the commitment of the Council to work in partnership with YCFC to deliver the community stadium.

REASON: To support and progress the project to provide a new community stadium, which will have a positive effect upon York's local pride, commercial momentum and civic profile.

** Note: These resolutions supersede the recommendations made at the Executive meeting on 15 July 2008 (Minute 37 refers); those recommendations will not, therefore, be put before Full Council.*

9. WASTE UPDATE

RESOLVED: (i) That the position on the interim waste contract be noted.

(ii) That Option 2 be agreed (undertake additional feasibility work in 2008/09) and that a one-off sum of £35,000 be allocated from contingency to fund further design work on the new west of York recycling centre to be located at Harewood Whin.

REASON: To progress the provision of improved recycling facilities in the west of the City, building on the success of Hazel Court in the east, without further delay.

10. INCOME POLICY FRAMEWORK

RESOLVED: That the income policy at Annex A to the report, and the summary implementation plan at Annex B, be approved for implementation from 1 October 2008.

REASON: To ensure that compliance with the policy and guidance is achieved across all council services within the timescales set out in the action plan.

11. AN INTEGRATED CROSS-CITY BUS TICKET FOR YORK

RESOLVED: (i) That the estimated cost implications and realistic timescales for the introduction of an integrated cross-city bus ticket be noted.

(ii) That, in the short term, Officers be requested to pursue the idea of establishing a cross ticketing regime on key high usage corridors serving destinations such as the Hospital and the University.

(iii) That the results of their investigations be reported back to a future Executive meeting, together with an update on the options for accelerating the roll out of the Yorcard into York.

REASON: To provide an appropriate response to this issue, given that the lack of cross ticketing affects relatively few City of York residents and that the cost of introducing a separate system for York is beyond the financial resources currently available to the Council.

12. IMPROVED DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS WITH RESIDENTS

RESOLVED: That Officers be instructed to negotiate with both the tenderers for the service, with the aim of establishing a stand alone publication that can be published within the resources available.

REASON: A stand alone publication would be more likely to be read by residents and would accord with best practice from other local authorities.

13. PROPOSED ACTIONS AS A RESPONSE TO THE INDEX OF MULTIPLE DEPRIVATION SCORE

RESOLVED: (i) That the actions identified in the report be agreed.

(ii) That an allocation from contingency be authorised to implement the actions, as detailed in paragraphs 14 to 16 of the report, as a response to tackling deprivation within the worst IMD area in the City.

REASON: To reduce deprivation in the City and to inform the Council and the Local Strategic Partnership on the development of an effective city-wide response to deprivation.

14. A BIG SCREEN FOR YORK

RESOLVED: (i) That the public consultation on whether a Big Screen should be established in York take place as part of the LDF build process and that the Big Screen option be added to the 'Issues and Options' consultation on the City Centre Area Action Plan.

(ii) That potential sites for a temporary screen be identified.

(iii) That the preferred long-term location for any screen would be to integrate it within a new development such as Hungate, and that Officers be requested to appraise this option further as opportunities arise.

REASON: To take advantage of the opportunity to showcase the culture and heritage of the City and provide an outlet for local higher education training, subject to testing the views of local residents and finding a suitable site which will not have a negative impact on the historic environment.

15. MUSEUM GARDENS PUBLIC TOILETS

RESOLVED: (i) That, subject to obtaining the Charity Commission's consent to the transaction, Option A be approved and the Property be leased to The Lendal Tower Venture based on the Heads of Terms Development Agreement included in Annex 2 to the report.

REASON: To improve a publicly accessible space.

(ii) That the consideration sum be applied to the benefit of the Yorkshire Museum and Gardens Charity.

REASON: To comply with the Council's obligations as custodian trustee.

(iii) That, if necessary, at the next Full Council meeting a sub-committee be constituted as the Yorkshire Museum Gardens Committee, in accordance with the 1960 Charitable Scheme (pending the final agreement of the new replacement Scheme), in order to remove from the endowment the property required to build the proposed restaurant, in compliance with the Charities Act 2006.

REASON: To comply with the Charities Act 2006 and to make a proper application to the Charity Commission for consent to dispose of the property.

16. URGENT BUSINESS - REFERENCE REPORT: LOAN TO SCIENCE CITY YORK

RESOLVED: That the recommendation be accepted and a loan of £50,000 be approved from the Council to the Science City York Company Limited by guarantee to assist with its cash flow.

REASON: In accordance with the delegation scheme set out in the Council's Constitution and to support the development of Science City York and the contribution it makes to the City and to the Council's strategic objectives.

