

## EXECUTIVE

TUESDAY, 3 FEBRUARY 2009

### DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Executive held on Tuesday, 3 February 2009. 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, 5 February 2009.

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: (i) That the minutes attached at Annexes A to D to the report be noted.

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

(ii) That Officers be requested to ensure in future that only the minutes of the Working Groups - with any recommendations to the Executive highlighted - be included with the Executive agenda and that any annexes to the minutes not be included.

REASON: To minimise the amount of paperwork received.

#### 7. COMPREHENSIVE AREA ASSESSMENT AND USE OF RESOURCES ASSESSMENT 2009

RESOLVED: (i) That the requirements of the new Comprehensive Area Assessment be noted and that the work ongoing to meet the requirements of the new process be recognised.

(ii) That the advantage of including Member training relevant to the CAA, in tandem with planned future training events, be noted.

REASON: So that Members are aware of new corporate inspection processes and associated requirements, and work planned to meet those requirements.

#### 8. ACCESS YORK PHASE 1 PARK & RIDE DEVELOPMENT - MAJOR SCHEME BID SUBMISSION

RESOLVED: (i) That approval be given to submit the Major Scheme Business Case to the Department for Transport, subject to the endorsement of the Regional Transport

Board and the approval of the Director of Resources.

(ii) That approval be given to conclude negotiations for the acquisition of land for the sites and to complete conditional contracts where necessary to secure options for future purchase.

(iii) That the proposed funding sources for the local contribution to the scheme be noted and that Officers be requested to refine this list in the light of other emerging opportunities, such as the increased funding available for the LTP and windfall revenue receipts.

REASON: To enable the Access York Project to proceed and to ensure that all potential funding sources for the local contribution are explored.

## **9. COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS - UPDATE REPORT**

RESOLVED: (i) That the content of the report, particularly in relation to the procurement of the new headquarters and the progress made to date, be noted.

(ii) That the new initiative to set up an office of the future, as a working model to pilot new workplace concepts in advance of the move to the new headquarters building, be endorsed.

REASON: To help inform the final internal design for the new headquarters and to test out new work policies.

(iii) That Officers be asked to develop a direct communication strategy to engage with households in the City, to be conducted at regular intervals, with funding to be contained within the existing project budget.

REASON: To enable members of the public to express their views on the options before a final selection is made.

## **10. DISCUS BUNGALOWS DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

RESOLVED: (i) That the contents of the report be noted, and the progress made by the Project Steering Group, Council and Development Consortium, in consultation with the Residents' Development Association, to enable the re-development of the Discus Bungalows sites at St Anne's Court / Horsman Avenue, Regent Street and Richmond / Faber Street.

(ii) That Option 1 be approved; namely, to accept the revised capital receipt offered by the Development Consortium and, subject to agreed contractual terms, to continue to work with the Consortium to deliver this exemplar housing regeneration project in York.

REASON: The revised receipt still represents a highly competitive commercial deal for a phased sale of the Discus Bungalow sites, particularly in the current economic climate, and the development will address the present and future needs of older residents and affordable housing needs in the City.

**11. RIVERBANK REPAIRS: RIVER OUSE, SCARBOROUGH TO CLIFTON BRIDGE**

RESOLVED: (i) That the report, and the fact that funding for the work for 2009/10 will be considered as part of the overall Capital Programme which will come to Executive on 16 February 2009 and to Full Council on 26 February 2009, be noted.

(ii) That it be noted that funding considerations for future years will need to be addressed as part of the future capital programme reviews.

REASON: For information, and to ensure that the matter is addressed within the capital programme in this and future years.

(iii) That an update report on general flood related matters be provided to the Executive, to include proposals from the Environment Agency for flood prevention measures in the City, application of the Local Levy, and the impact of climate change as factored into the Ouse Flood Risk Management Strategy.

REASON: To set the riverbank repairs in a broader framework and to inform future planning in respect of these issues.

**12. HOUSING RENT INCREASE 2009/10**

RESOLVED: (i) That Option 2 be approved and that an average rent increase in York of 6% be agreed.

REASON: In accordance with Government advice, and to ensure a balanced Housing Revenue Account.

(ii) That the information provided at the meeting in respect of Housing Revenue subsidy payment (now published as Annex 1 to the report) be noted, and that the Executive record its concern that the Council is unable to invest this sum (totalling £26,440,000) in improving housing services in York.

**13. ESTABLISHING A STAFFING COMMITTEE FOR CITY OF YORK COUNCIL**

RESOLVED: That the existing Staffing and Urgency Committee remain, but that Officers timetable regular meetings to aid the planning of staff-related issues which need to come before the Committee.

REASON: To ensure that staffing matters are dealt with efficiently and effectively.

**14. MINUTES OF WORKING GROUPS**

RECOMMENDED: That the recommendation in Minute 32 of the Social Inclusion Working Group meeting on 14 January 2009 be approved and that the membership of the Group be increased accordingly, to include two additional non-voting co-opted Members representing the equalities disability strand.

REASON: In accordance with the advice of the Social Inclusion Working Group.

