

EXECUTIVE

TUESDAY, 15 DECEMBER 2015

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the Executive meeting held on Tuesday, 15 December 2015. 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 **4.00pm on Thursday 17 December 2015.**

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Jill Pickering, Tel: (01904) 552061, Email: jill.pickering@york.gov.uk

6. York Central and Access Project

Resolved: That Executive agree:

- (i) To instruct officers to take all necessary preparatory steps to proceed with Compulsory Purchase Orders (CPO) for all third party land on York Central, to be undertaken in parallel with a negotiated acquisition.
- (ii) To delegate to the Leader the authority to agree the final purchase price, following a negotiated acquisition of land off Leeman Road, in advance of the potential initiation of CPO's, to be funded from the £10m set aside to support the delivery of York Central.
- (iii) To agree an emerging York Central Planning Policy as part of the development of the Local Plan.
- (iv) To agree to initiate an informal public consultation on the future development of the York Central site in order to inform the development of a formal Planning Framework.

- (v) To endorse officers to negotiate a detailed partnership agreement with land owners and investors to jointly deliver the York Central Scheme and to bring this back to Executive for agreement.
- (vi) To bring back to Members a funding strategy to deliver upfront infrastructure to facilitate development of the York Central site, setting out how any investment will be repaid from future retained business rates arising from the award of Enterprise Zone status and from development values from the York Central site.
- (vii) To undertake due diligence on the most appropriate corporate instruments for City of York Council to use to engage in developing a York Central Partnership and to bring this back to Executive as part of the proposal for a legally binding partnership.
- (viii) To delegate the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader and Deputy Leader, the agreement of the procurement of advisors for the partnership.

- Reason:
- (i) To complete the land assembly of the York Central site to ensure that a development scheme can be delivered.
 - (ii) To complete the land assembly of the York Central site to ensure that the land required for key infrastructure is available and so a development scheme can be delivered.
 - (iii) To inform the site allocation within the developing Local Plan.
 - (iv) To ensure public engagement in the ongoing development of plans for York Central.
 - (v) To put in place effective partnership arrangements to ensure York Central is developed.
 - (vi) To secure any investment made by the City of York Council.

- (vii) To create robust delivery arrangements for the York Central project.
- (viii) To provide the partnership with a range of professional advice specifically focussed in the long term benefit interests of the partnership.

7. Discretionary Rate Relief Awards 2016/18

Resolved: That the Executive approve the new applications for discretionary rate relief for the period 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2018, as set out at Annex B of the report;

Reason: To provide a transparent process for awarding discretionary rate relief.

8. Review of Fees & Charges

Resolved: That the Executive approve option 1 to increase the relevant fees and charges, with effect from 1 January 2016, as set out in the annexes to the report.

Reason: To enable the Council to effectively manage its budget.

9. Holiday Pay & Overtime - A Further Report

Resolved: That the Executive agree to the partial settlement option relating to back dated holiday pay claims made on a “regular and systematic” basis, as detailed in paragraph 22 of Exempt Annex A, for immediate implementation for the under mentioned reasons.

Reason: In order to deal with claims against the Council and mitigate against potential new claims.

10. ICT Services Report

Resolved: That the ICT services report be received and noted, in particular the achievements, the ongoing and

future ICT aspirations, opportunities, developments and challenges.

Reason: To update the Executive on the work of the ICT service.

11. Lord Mayoralty 2016/17

Resolved: That the Executive invite the Green Group to nominate the Lord Mayor for 2016/2017, in line with the existing accumulated points system.

Reason: To ensure that the Council secures the necessary leadership to undertake its civic functions and provides continuity for future selection.

12. York Central and Access Project

Recommended: That Council delegate the Executive the agreement of all future expenditure against the £10m capital budget allocated to the delivery of the York Central capital budget.

Reason: To enable timely progress on delivery of the York Central site.

13. Council Tax Support - Consultation Decision Report

Recommended: That Council agree to increase the Council Tax Support (CTS) cap by 7.5% to 77.5% cap at a cost of approximately £300k pa, which following changes to welfare benefit will deliver an average annual benefit to CTS customers of approximately £55 pa.

Reason: To support financial inclusion and protect financially vulnerable customers from planned Welfare Benefit changes.