

Executive

Thursday, 13 February 2020

Decisions

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the Executive meeting held on Thursday, 13 February 2020. 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. Please note that Items 10-14 on the list are recommendations to Council and cannot be called in.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Fiona Young.

5. City Centre Access – Phase 1 Proposals (Update)

Resolved: (i) That the final location of static and sliding bollards, as detailed in Annex B, be approved.

Reason: To give security rated effect to the Traffic Regulation Order change approved by Executive in August 2019.

(ii) That the additional capital requirement of £1,000k for the Phase 1 measures (including mitigation for disabled groups and Racecourse measures), which will be considered as part of the Capital Strategy report at item 9 on the agenda, be noted.

Reason: To be aware that this will enable the delivery of the scheme of permanent measures for city centre security.

(iii) That it be noted that the recommended solution will have an additional revenue cost implication to the council, provisionally estimated as £115k in a full year and that these additional costs

will need to be included as unavoidable growth in future budget strategies, with any costs incurred in 2020/21 to be managed across budgets within the Transport service.

Reason: To be aware of the cost implications.

(iv) That approval be given to carry out procurement to engage contractors to supply, install and maintain the Scheme (this being the permanent hostile vehicle mitigation measures), and that authority be delegated to the Corporate Director of Economy & Place, in consultation with the Director of Governance, to take such steps as are necessary to both award and enter into the resulting contracts.

Reason: To enable the delivery of the scheme of permanent measures for city centre security.

(v) That officers be instructed to liaise with Make it York to ensure that their planning for the Christmas 2020 event is started early and considers the access requirements of the Shambles Market.

Reason: To ensure that the planning and details for running the event are confirmed and accepted by the Safety Action Group in a timely manner, and that any impacts are mitigated.

(vi) That officers be requested to report back to the Executive Member for Transport in due course, presenting an update to include a summary of the operational protocols and procedures.

Reason: To enable the Executive Member for Transport to understand the procedures involved in managing the scheme.

6. York Outer Ring Road Improvements – Dualling from A19 Rawcliffe to A64 Hopgrove

Resolved: (i) That the positive news that YORR has Programme Entry for the first phase of dualling, from A19 Rawcliffe to A64 Malton Road, be noted.

Reason: Successive administrations have for many years sought funding to upgrade the YORR, and many residents and employers in the city will welcome and support the news of this proposal.

(ii) That approval be given to merge the remaining Junction Scheme and the Dualling Scheme into a single programme of planning and delivery.

(iii) That officers be requested to work with the funders of the two schemes to detail the impact of the two separate approvals and bring a single programme and revised timetable to a future meeting of Executive.

(iv) That officers ensure that any positive impact on the city's transport system of dualling the YORR is incorporated into the review of the Local Transport Plan so that policies can look at capturing any benefit.

Reason: To develop a single project approach, providing benefits that will aid the management and co-ordination of the overall scheme, minimise the impact on the city of delivering such a significant infrastructure project and avoid abortive works, thus delivering the benefits and purchasing power of a single programme.

(v) That approval be given to use the City of York match funding which has already been approved for the overall development specifically for the acquisition of land for the Dualling Scheme up to a value of £1m.

Reason: To enable the match funding to be used for land purchase, where appropriate, at the earliest opportunity.

(vi) That it be noted that the Assistant Director of Transport, Highways & Environment has delegated authority to purchase land by private agreement / private treaty up to and including a value of £250k in any one land interest in respect of the Junction Scheme and that such authority also be delegated to

the Assistant Director in relation to the purchase of land by private agreement / private treaty in respect of the Dualling Scheme.

- Reasons:
- a) To ensure that land purchases for both schemes can be administered and acquired in an efficient manner.
 - b) To ensure that the council can demonstrate it has attempted to avoid a future Compulsory Purchase Order by acquiring land through private agreement.

7. Update of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Business Plan and Asset Management Strategy (AMS)

Resolved: (i) That the revised HRA Business Plan (Annex A), financial projections (Annex B) and Asset Management Strategy (Annex C) be approved.

(ii) That it be noted that a separate 'operating strategy', outlining what Housing Services do, how they will do it, what they want to achieve and the financial framework for this, will be developed as part of their current change management plan.

Reason: So that the council has an updated business plan, asset management strategy for its housing stock and 'operational strategy' for the services it provides, all of which will be published.

8. Capital Programme Monitor 3

Resolved: (i) That the revised 2019/20 budget of £121.456m, as set out in paragraph 6 of the report and in table 1, be noted.

(ii) That the re-stated capital programme for 2019/20 to 2023/24, as set out in paragraph 17 and table 2, and detailed in Annex A, be noted.

(iii) That the transfer of £2.9m budget from the Local Authority (LA) Homes New Build and £200k from LA Homes project schemes in 2020/21 to Hospital Fields Road / Ordnance Lane, Burnholme

and Duncombe Barracks, as set out in paragraph 21, be approved.

(iv) That the allocation of £774k of funds within the overall Maintenance Programme towards a maintenance scheme at Huntington School in 2020/21, as set out in paragraph 14, be noted.

Reason: To enable the effective management and monitoring of the council's capital programme.

9. Q3 19-20 Finance and Performance Monitor

Resolved: That the finance and performance information be noted.

Reason: To ensure that expenditure remains within the approved budget.

10. Financial Strategy 2020/21 to 2024/25

Recommended: That Council approve the budget proposals set out in the report to Executive; in particular:

- a) The net revenue expenditure requirement of £127.223m
- b) A council tax requirement of £93.808m
- c) The revenue growth proposals outlined in the body of the report
- d) The 2020/21 revenue savings proposals outlined in Annex 2
- e) The fees and charges proposals outlined in Annex 3
- f) The consultation feedback set out in Annex 4
- g) The Housing Revenue Account (HRA) growth set out in Annex 5, and the HRA savings proposals set out in Annex 6
- h) The dedicated schools grant proposals outlined from paragraph 154
- i) The use of £420k New Homes Bonus, £150k from the Lendal Bridge reserve and £150k Transport reserve to fund one-off investment, as outlined in paragraphs 86, 87 and 92.

Reason: To ensure a legally balanced budget.

11. Capital Budget 2020/21 to 2024/25

Recommended: That Council:

(i) Approve the revised capital programme of **£559.617m** which reflects a net overall increase of **£55.730m**, as set out in table 12 at paragraph 89 of the report and in Annex A, key elements of which include:

- a) New schemes funded by prudential borrowing totalling £14.645m, as set out in table 3 and summarised in table 12;
- b) New schemes funded by a combination of prudential borrowing and external funds of £695k, as set out in table 4 and summarised in table 12;
- c) Extension of externally funded Rolling Programme schemes totalling £12.485m, as set out in table 5 and summarised in table 12;
- d) Extension of externally funded Rolling Programme schemes, as set out in table 6 and summarised in table 12;
- e) An increase in HRA funded schemes totalling £9.605m funded from a combination of HRA balances / Right to Buy receipts, as set out in table 7 and summarised in table 12.

(ii) Note that the total increase in council borrowing as a result of new schemes being recommended for approval is £40.655m, details of which are considered within this report and the Financial Strategy report.

(iii) Approve the full re-stated programme totalling **£559.617m** covering financial years 2020/21 to 2024/25, as summarised in Annex B to the report and set out in table 13 and Annex B.

Reason: In accordance with the statutory requirement to set a capital budget for the forthcoming financial year.

12. Capital Financing and Investment Strategy

Recommended: That Council approve the capital and investment strategy at Annex A to the report.

Reason: To meet the statutory obligation to comply with the Prudential Code 2017.

13. Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Prudential Indicators

Recommended: That Council approve:

- a) The proposed treasury management strategy for 2020/21, including the annual investment strategy and the minimum revenue provision policy statement;
- b) The proposed addition of ethical, social and governance as a fourth criterion for investments after security, liquidity and yield, as set out in paragraphs 78-82 of the report;
- c) The prudential indicators for 2020/21 to 2024/25 in the body of the report;
- d) The specified and non-specified investments schedule at Annex B;
- e) The scheme of delegation and the role of the section 151 officer in Annex D.

Reason: To enable the continued effective operation of the treasury management function and to ensure that all council borrowing is prudent, affordable and sustainable.

14. Capital Programme Monitor 3

Recommended: That Council approve the adjustments resulting in a decrease in the 2019/20 budget of £15.414m, as detailed in the report and in Annex A.

Reason: To enable the effective management and monitoring of the council's capital programme.