

Decision Session - Executive Member for Environment and Climate Change

Wednesday, 5 May 2021

Decisions

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Decision Session - Executive Member for Environment held on Wednesday, 5 May 2021. 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 Democratic Services no later than 4pm on the second working day after this meeting.

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

4. YORK TREE CANOPY TARGET

Resolved:

- (i) That a 13% target for tree canopy cover in York by 2050 be approved.

Reason: Increasing the tree canopy cover to 13% from the current level of 10.76% will produce carbon sequestration, biodiversity and health benefits. A target of 13% is achievable when balanced against the capacity for tree planting within the unique landscape and setting of York.

- (ii) That it is acknowledged that this target will form part of a wider ambition for the White Rose Forest across the region.

Reason: The regional ambition will be published in a report by WRF on 1 August 2021.

5. YORK 5 YEAR FLOOD PLAN UPDATE

Resolved:

- (i) That the contents of the updated report and the evidence presented by the Environment Agency in the session be noted.

Reason: To enable the Executive Member to receive the York 5 Year Flood Plan Update and to have the opportunity to provide feedback on all content.