

EXECUTIVE

TUESDAY, 11 JULY 2006

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Cabinet held on Tuesday, 11 July 2006. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

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

6. REPORT BY THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL CARE INSPECTION [Appendix C](#)

Members received a report which introduced a presentation by the Sue Disley, Local Lead Inspector from the Commission for Social Care Inspection (CSCI), on the findings of the Inspection of Services for People with Learning Disabilities, carried out in York on March 2006.

RESOLVED: That the presentation and the inspection report be noted.

REASON: In accordance with the CSCI's policy to table the inspection report at a meeting that is open to the public.

7. FINANCE STRATEGY 2007/08 TO 2009/10 [Appendix D](#)

Members considered a report which presented a draft Financial Strategy for the period 2007/08 to 2009/10. The report reflected the Secretary of State's decision to nominate the Council in relation to its Council Tax levels for 2006/07-2007/08 and explored options to move to a more strategic approach to meeting future budget pressures and delivering efficiency improvements. The draft Strategy was attached as an annex to the report.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Financial Strategy be adopted.

REASON: To assist in the development of the Council's medium-term service and financial planning.

(ii) That the Council's projected financial position for 2007/08 to 2009/10, as outlined in the report (Table 1, paragraph 5) and detailed in the Financial Strategy, be noted.

REASON: So that Members are fully aware of the financial pressures which the Council currently faces.

(iii) That the Director of Resources, in conjunction with the Corporate Management Team, be required to develop, review and prioritise all currently identified growth and reprioritisation areas against relevant criteria, including statutory pressures, local priorities and

comparative performance.

REASON: To assist Members in targeting resources at those areas which have the greatest need in terms of meeting external requirements, local needs and service improvements.

(iv) That the Director of Resources, in conjunction with the Corporate Management Team, be required to develop a three to five year programme of efficiency reviews.

REASON: To assist in the development of a more strategic approach to budget setting, especially in terms of identifying areas for service improvement and financial savings.

**8. DIRECTORATE OF CITY STRATEGY - Appendix E
ORGANISATIONAL REVIEW**

Members considered a report which presented proposals for the organisational structure of the new Directorate of City Strategy.

RESOLVED: (i) That the structure for the Directorate of City Strategy set out in Annex 2 to the report be approved.

REASON: To enable the Directorate to respond to the new responsibilities placed upon it.

(ii) That the Chief Executive be invited to bring forward proposals in September aimed at providing a single integrated process, including budget and quality control, for dealing with highways repairs.

REASON: These are vital on-street services which need to be managed in an integrated manner.

9. HIGHWAYS SERVICES Appendix F

Members considered a report which advised on progress to date with highway services procurement and sought approval for a proposed reporting and management structure for this procurement.

RESOLVED: (i) That the proposed reporting and management structures be approved.

REASON: To ensure that the project is properly managed, whilst enabling speedy progress to be made.

(ii) That the appointments to the Steering Group be approved.

REASON: To meet the need for Member input to the project.

(iii) That a report be taken to the Urgency Committee seeking approval to submit an Expression Of Interest, should this be considered appropriate.

REASON: In view of the fact that there is insufficient time to bring a report to the Executive on this.

10. YORK CENTRAL AREA ACTION PLAN **Appendix G**

Members considered a report which informed them of the revised timetable for the preparation of a York Central Area Action Plan (AAP) and sought approval to appoint consultants to prepare an Issues and Options document.

RESOLVED: (i) That the revised timetable for the preparation of the York Central Area Action Plan be noted.

(ii) That the appointment of Nathaniel Lichfield & Partners to produce the Issues and Options document, and carry out public consultation related to this, be approved.

REASON: The appointment of a planning consultant to carry out this work is needed to deliver the shortened AAP programme.

(iii) That the preparation of Interim Planning Guidance (IPG) be discontinued.

REASON: The need for IPG has been superseded by the production of the Issues and Options document.

