

## **Executive**

**Thursday, 25 June 2015**

## **Decisions**

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the Executive meeting held on Thursday, 25 June 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 Monday 29 June 2015**.

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

### **6. Entrepreneurship in York Schools Scrutiny Review Final Report**

Resolved: That having considered the review findings and annexes, the Executive approve the recommendations (i. to vi.) at paragraphs 8 and 9 of the report.

Reason: To conclude the Scrutiny Review in line with CYC Scrutiny procedures and protocols.

### **7. Disabled Access to York's Heritage & Cultural Offer Scrutiny Review Final Report**

Resolved: (i) That having considered the review findings and annexes, the Executive approve the recommendations (i. to xv.) at paragraphs 5 to 7 of the report.

(ii) That the report and its recommendations be forwarded to the Equality Advisory Group, for their information, and that the Director of City and Environmental Services be requested to report back on progress, including the Make it York recommendations, to the scrutiny

committee.

Reason: To conclude the Scrutiny Review in line with CYC Scrutiny procedures and protocols.

#### **8. Online Skills / E-Commerce Scrutiny Review Final Report**

Resolved: That having considered the review findings and annexes, the Executive approve the recommendations (i. to vi.) at paragraph 11 of the report.

Reason: To conclude the Scrutiny Review in line with CYC Scrutiny procedures and protocols.

#### **9. Narrowing The Gap Scrutiny Review Final Report**

Resolved: That having considered the review findings and annexes, the Executive approve the recommendations (i. to vi.) at paragraphs 5 of the report.

Reason: To conclude the Scrutiny Review in line with CYC Scrutiny procedures and protocols.

#### **10. Draft Council Plan 2015-2019**

Resolved: That the Executive agree to:

- (i) Approve the draft Council Plan for the City of York 2015-2019 for consultation between July and September 2015; and
- (ii) Request a further report detailing the outcomes of this consultation with any resulting proposed revisions to the plan to be presented to the Executive in September.

Reason: To ensure that the priorities of the new administration and the Council's statutory responsibilities are delivered.

## **11. Organisation Review - Senior Management Arrangements within the City of York Council**

Resolved: That the Executive agree to:

- (i) Approve the commencement of a review of the senior management arrangements in the Council, including the Chief Executive, Director and Assistant Director posts.
- (ii) Approve the appointment of Steve Walmsley, Employers' Director for Local Government Yorkshire and Humber to support this review.
- (iii) Require proposals in July 2015 for the job description and pay of the role of Chief Executive.
- (iv) Require in August 2015 the findings of the review and proposals for a revised senior management structure.
- (v) Require a minimum of £150k saving to be achieved from the review of Director and Assistant Directors posts.

Reason: To ensure that the organisation structure is aligned with council priorities.

## **12. Disposal of Oliver House - Former Elderly People's Home**

Resolved: That the Executive agree to:

- (i) Approve McCarthy and Stone as the preferred bidder for the purchase of Oliver House and the adjoining garages.
- (ii) To retain Churchill Retirement and Trinity Services as reserve bidders who will be invited back into negotiations if an acceptable deal cannot be secured with McCarthy and Stone.
- (iii) To delegate to the Director of Customer and

Business Support in consultation with the Executive Leader the agreement of the final sale value and terms.

- (iv) Note that the bid received from Yorspace achieved the highest score on community value, and instruct Officers to work with the group to identify future opportunities.

- Reason:
- (i) To achieve the overall best consideration scheme on the Oliver House site and deliver a capital receipt to the General Fund and the Housing Revenue Account.
  - (ii) To retain commercial tension within the negotiations and ensure that the final deal represents best consideration for the Council.
  - (iii) To ensure the Council achieves the most advantageous deal.
  - (iv) In order to provide Yorspace with assistance for any future projects.

### **13. New Council Housing and Approval for Development at Ordnance Lane**

Resolved: That the Executive agree to:

- (i) Approve the development of new council housing at Ordnance Lane.
- (ii) Approve the appointment of the contractor who is selected from the OJEU compliant tender process to build the new temporary homeless accommodation at Ordnance Lane to also build up to 24 new council homes should:
  - the cost be within the anticipated budget for traditional build as identified in this report or;
  - if the benefits of a single contract and

planning permission mitigate any additional cost

This decision to be delegated to the Directors of Communities and Neighbourhoods and Customer and Business Support.

- (iii) Delegate authority to the Director of Communities and Neighbourhoods in consultation with the Executive Member for Housing and Safer Neighbourhoods to agree the inclusion of an element of market housing should it be considered appropriate to cross fund the development or create mixed sustainable communities.
- (iv) Recommend a future report is brought to the Executive which considers options for a range of different delivery and funding models and potential land acquisitions for building new council housing.
- (v) Re-examine the proposals for the Newbury Avenue, Acomb site, listed at Table Two of the report, to allow full consultation with Ward Members and local residents.

- Reason:
- (i) To allow the council to add a significant number of homes to its existing asset base and help to alleviate the acute housing need in the city.
  - (ii) There is an on-going OJEU compliant tender process to appoint a contractor to design and build a new 39 unit temporary homeless accommodation scheme at Ordnance Lane (with returns due back in August). As part of this tender process, an alternative lot has been invited to build both the homeless accommodation and provide new council housing on the remainder of the site. Should the cost of building that new council housing through this route represent value for money it will allow the appointment of a single contractor to build both schemes with

associated advantages, such as a single planning application, reduced delivery timescale and minimising the disruption of a phased development.

- (iii) To ensure a mix of tenures to create a mixed and sustainable community and to provide cross subsidy to help fund the delivery of council homes.
- (iv) To ensure new council housing is delivered in the most effective way possible.
- (v) In order to allow a re-examination of the scheme in light of residents concerns.

#### **14. Condition of 17-21 Piccadilly**

Resolved: That the Executive agree to:

- (i) Apply for planning permission to demolish 17-21 Piccadilly and proceed with the works to demolish the building as quickly as possible, if that permission is granted.
- (ii) Receive a report in September 2015 setting out the work undertaken to assess a future regeneration of the area so that an appropriate future use for the site can be identified, which supports the overall development proposals for the Southern Gateway project and ensures that a replacement structure reflects the important heritage of the current building.
- (iii) Instruct Officers to actively engage with interested groups, including the Yorkshire Air Museum and the York Civic Trust on the future of the Southern Gateway area.

Reason: In order to address the health and safety risks to the public and ensure that the relevant groups are able to give their views as the plans progress.

## **15. Procurement Of Council Security Services**

Resolved: That the Executive agree to the procurement of security services as a corporate contract through a single exercise containing lots, including exploring the possibility of outsourcing the current in house CCTV monitoring service.

Reason: To enable the Council to:

- achieve Best Value by maximising the available budget
- transfer risks and responsibilities for CCTV security to the appointed supplier(s) so it resides with an experienced, accredited and skilled supplier(s)
- ensure consistency of service provision across the council.

## **17. New Council Housing And Approval For Development At Ordnance Lane**

Recommended: That Council approve a budget of up to £3,600,887 to build up to 24 new homes on this site with 30% of this is to be funded from Right to Buy receipts with the remaining funds to come from the Housing Revenue Account Investment Fund and Section 106 commuted sums where available.

Reason: To allow the construction of new homes within an agreed budget whilst minimising the budget draw from the investment fund.