

Meeting	Executive
Date	27 April 2017
Present	Councillors Carr (Chair), Aspden (Vice-Chair), Ayre, Gillies, Lisle, Runciman and Waller
Other Members participating in the meeting	Councillors D'Agorne and Looker
Apologies	Councillors Rawlings

142. Declarations of Interest

Members were asked to declare, at this point in the meeting, any personal interests, not included on the Register of Interests, or any prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interests they may have in respect of business on the agenda. No additional interests were declared.

143. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the last Executive meeting held on 16 March 2017 be approved and then signed by the Chair as a correct record.

144. Public Participation

It was reported that there had been two registrations to speak at the meeting under the Council's Public Participation Scheme. The registrations were in respect of the following items:

Proposed Long Term Lease – Tang Hall Community Centre

Graham Hutchinson spoke in support of the granting of a long term lease of the Centre to the Trustees of Tang Hall Community Centre. He confirmed that the Trustees had a good Management Board and business model and stated that a 30 year lease would allow them to access additional funding sources to support work in the local community.

CYC Customer Transport – Future Options and Approaches

Andrew Mortimer spoke as a carer of one of the service users affected by the changes proposed to the Council's customer transport service. He acknowledged the pressures on Council services however; he raised concern that continuation of the current arrangements had not been put forward as an option for consideration in the report. He also raised concerns that no consultation had been undertaken with carers and requested Members to consider the other options, prior to making a decision, or if time did not allow approve option 2.

145. Forward Plan

Members received and noted details of the items that were on the Forward Plan for the next two Executive meetings, at the time the agenda had been published.

146. Licensing of Sex Establishments - Licensing Policy

Members considered a report which sought the formal adoption of the new Licensing Policy which related to the licensing of sex establishments. It advised of the consultations undertaken, and the amendments made to the draft policy following the consultation.

Officers presented the report, confirming that there was no statutory requirement for local authorities to set policies in relation to the licensing of sex establishments, however it was considered best practice to bring transparency, accountability, consistency and the promotion of good standards.

Members thanked Officers for their work on the policy, in particular for work with partners and the consultation undertaken.

Consideration was then given to
Option 1 – approve and adopt the revised Licensing Policy (incorporating standard conditions) at Annex 2 to the report. Prior to their approval of the Licensing Policy the Gambling, Licensing & Regulatory Committee had taken into consideration the responses received to the public consultation.

Option 2 – make further minor amendments and editing changes to the revised Licensing Policy at Annex 2 to the

report which did not alter the substance of the document prior to approval and adoption.

Resolved: That the Executive approves Option 1 of the report and adopts a revised Licensing Policy relating to the licensing of sex establishments.¹

Reason: This will allow the Council to implement a more robust Licensing Policy and conditions relating to the licensing of sex establishments.

Action Required

1. Implement Policy.

LC

147. Proposed Long Term Lease - Tang Hall Community Centre

Members considered a report which sought Member approval to grant the lease of Tang Hall Community Centre to the Trustees of Tang Hall Community Centre (TTHCC) for a Term of 30 years at a peppercorn rent.

Officers reported on the work undertaken with the Trustees over the last 4 years, including support provided to enable the trustees to make an informed decision on the asset transfer. They confirmed that the Centre had a strong management board and business plan with a proven track record of obtaining funding.

Members expressed their support for the transfer and their thanks to Councillor Funnell for her commitment to the project.

Resolved: That the Executive agree to the letting of the Tang Hall Community Centre to the Trustees of Tang Hall Community Centre for a Term of 30 years, at a peppercorn rent, in accordance with the general conditions set out in the Council's Community Asset Transfer Policy.¹

Reason: To ensure the sustainable future use of a community facility and transfer maintenance and repair responsibilities to the trustees.

Action Required

1. Grant a lease to the Trustees on the terms stated in the report.

TB, AL

148. Sale of 29 Castlegate, York

Members considered a report which set out options for the future disposal of the property at 29 Castlegate.

Officers confirmed that there was no ongoing Council need for the Castlegate property, following the relocation of the Connexions youth service to Sycamore House. They also reported on an approach from the York Conservation Trust (YCT) to purchase the freehold of the property for a sum 25% lower than the independent valuation figure, which would enable the Trust to extend and improve Fairfax House, to provide benefits to both the public and the economy.

Officers updated on the financial implications in the report, in particular, reporting that confirmation had been received that the sale of the property would no longer require notification of approval by the EU Commission. In answer to questions raised Officers also updated on the delays in the reconfiguration of Sycamore House for use by the youth service.

Following further discussion Member considered the following options:

1. Sell the property to the York Conservation Trust for £431,250 on the terms as set out in the report
2. Refuse the sale to York Conservation Trust at the discounted figure and sell on the open market once CYC had moved out

Members suggested the insertion of a clause in the sale contract to protect the future interests of the Council should the proposed Fairfax House scheme not go ahead and the property is subsequently sold.

Resolved: That the Executive agrees:

- (i) The disposal of the freehold of 29 Castlegate to York Conservation Trust for £431,250;
- (ii) To delegate to the Director of Economy and Place, in consultation with the Executive Member for Finance and Performance, to agree the final terms of sale that provide adequate safeguards/controls to the Council to protect the councils interests in the eventuality

of the Fairfax House scheme not going ahead and the property is subsequently sold¹.

Reason: To obtain a substantial capital receipt and also considerable social value in enabling disabled access to and the development of an improved leisure and historic attraction in conjunction with the adjoining Fairfax House.

Action Required

1. Dispose of the freehold and note delegation to Director and Executive Member to agree final terms of sale.

PC

149. CYC Customer Transport - Future Options and Approaches

Members considered a report which set out options available for the delivery of an efficient sustainable transportation model for adult social care customers (aligned with the principles of independence, choice and control as set out in the Care Act 2014).

Officers reported on the options considered and confirmed that the recommended personalised option offered a direct payment to adult customers to enable them to make their own transport arrangements, whilst also providing the flexibility that was required. They confirmed that the proposals adopted the same approach as had been applied to the children's transport service.

It was noted that support would also be provided, via a dedicated project manager, to support vulnerable customers on a one to one basis to adapt to the new personalised model.

Members highlighted the additional needs of vulnerable customers who were reliant on the existing transport arrangements and, in particular, their carers who also required additional support.

Consideration was given to the following options:

- 1: personal budget approach
- 2: approach the market to deliver adult's transport
- 3: in-house approach
- 4: continuation of existing arrangements

Resolved: That the Executive approves:

- a) Option 1 within the report – the personalised approach for customer transport;
- b) The eligibility criteria for access to transport services (as set out in Section 7.2) of the report;^{1.}
- c) The closure of the CYC Fleet Transport Service by March 2020;^{2.}
- d) The establishment of a Transport Service User and Carer Forum to help manage the transitional arrangements and ensure all views are listened to and taken into account as the process evolves over the next 2 to 3 years.^{3.}

Reason: To deliver a sustainable, integrated transportation model which empowers adult customers to exercise independence, choice and control over their transport arrangements (in line with the principles of the Care Act 2014).

Action Required

- 1. Implement Option 1 for the delivery of the customer transport service in accordance with the agreed eligibility criteria. AG
- 2. Implement closure of the fleet transport service by March 2010. AG
- 3. Establish a Transport Service User and Carer Forum to manage the transitional arrangements. AG

150. Local-Area Based Financial Inclusion

Members considered a report which outlined plans for the delivery of a new local-area based financial inclusion project (4Community Growth York) to be carried out over 2 years as part of the York Financial Assistance Scheme.

Officers confirmed details of the proposals to target funds to run multi agency financial inclusion projects within the Westfield, Clifton, Guildhall, Heworth, and Hull Road Wards.

Cllr Aspden confirmed that this project fell within his Deputy Leader, Economic Development & Community Engagement

portfolio with progress being reported through the Financial Inclusion Steering Group. He expressed his support for the work which would replicate work already undertaken and be judged on the outcomes.

Following discussion it was

Resolved: That the Executive agrees:

- a) The implementation of the 4CommunityGrowthYork – Local area-based financial inclusion project as outlined in paragraphs 7 – 20 of the report.
- b) That the multiagency 4CommunityGrowthYork Local Action Group be supported.
- c) The use of a Social Return on Investment measurement tool for the duration of the project, in order to measure impact and social value for every £ invested and to support funding decisions.¹

Reason: In order to support people in the identified communities to realise their potential and encourage financial stability and self reliance.

Action Required

1. Implement the financial inclusion project as outlined in the report.

MS

Cllr D Carr, Chair

[The meeting started at 5.30 pm and finished at 6.55 pm].