

Meeting	Decision Session - Executive Member for Housing & Safer Neighbourhoods
Date	17 July 2017
Present	Councillor Lisle (Executive Member)

9. Declarations of Interest

At this point in the meeting, the Executive Member was asked to declare any personal interests not included on the Register of Interests, any prejudicial interests or any disclosable pecuniary interests which he had in the business on the agenda. No additional interests were declared.

10. Public Participation

It was reported that there had been no registrations to speak at the meeting under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

11. Minutes

To approve and sign the minutes of the Decision Session held on 19 June 2017.

Resolved: That the minutes of the Decision Session – Executive Member for Housing & Safer Neighbourhoods held on 19 June 2017 be approved and then signed by the Executive Member as a correct record.

12. Homeless review 2016/17

The Executive Member considered a report summarising the activity governed by the Housing Act 1996, the Homelessness Act 2002 and the City of York Council's Homelessness Strategy 2013-18 in respect of the financial year 2016/17. The Service Manager (Housing Options and Homelessness) and the Assistant Director (Housing and Community Safety) attended the meeting to answer potential questions.

The Executive Member received a list of amendments to the report that had been introduced after 07 July 2017 due to typographical errors:

- Point 5b: “Agree the priorities and targets for 2017/18 as set out in paragraph 17”;
- Point 14, bullet point 2: “Statutory homelessness has increased but service achieved target in 2016/17. The figure was 91 in 2015/16. This is a 6.6% increase, national trend is 2.35%.”;
- Point 53 in Annex 1: “The number of homeless acceptances has increased by 6.6% which is still below CYC target (100), national trends are 2.35%.”

Following on the Executive Member’s questions, it was explained that the Homeless Reduction Act (2017) extended the homelessness statutory duty to those at risk of homelessness from 28 to 56 days. However, City of York Council currently worked with residents at risk as early as 90 days beforehand. It was also confirmed that, if CYC was to be re-assessed for the Gold Standard Challenge in December 2017, it was likely that the award would be upheld.

The Executive Member commended the Officers for delivering their work and it was

Resolved: a) That the progress made by the service be noted;

 b) That the priorities and targets for 2017/18 as set out in paragraph 17 of the report be agreed.

Reason: To ensure the council continues to meet its current and new statutory responsibilities (under the Homeless Reduction Act 2017) and supports the most vulnerable in society.

Councillor Sam Lisle, Executive Member
[The meeting started at 4.00 pm and finished at 4.12 pm].