
Executive

25 September 2007

Report of the Head of Civic, Democratic and Legal Services

**Minutes of the Economic Development Partnership Board
and Local Development Framework Working Group**

Summary

1. This report presents the minutes of a recent meeting of the Economic Development Partnership Board and asks Members to consider the advice given by the Board in its capacity as an advisory body to the Council. It also presents the minutes of recent meetings of the Local Development Framework Working Group and asks Members to consider the advice given by the Working Group in its capacity as an advisory body to the Executive.

Background

2. The revised Constitution agreed by Council on 27 April 2006 created a number of Working Groups whose role is to advise the Executive on issues within their particular remits. The Groups are:
 - Social Inclusion Working Group (equalities issues)
 - Young People's Working Group (young people's issues)
 - Local Development Framework (LDF) Working Group (matters relating to the Local Development Framework)

The Constitution also includes a Protocol on Councillor Working Groups, which sets out rules and guidelines for the establishment and operation of Working Groups.

3. To ensure that the Executive is able to consider the advice of the Working Groups, it has been agreed that minutes of the Groups' meetings will be brought to the Executive on a regular basis. The Executive has also agreed to receive minutes of the meetings of the Economic Development Partnership Board, which acts as an advisory body to the Council and to the Local Strategic Partnership.
4. Consideration of the minutes of the above bodies has been scheduled on the Forward Plan for the Executive, as follows:
 - 25 September - LDF Working Group & Economic Development Partnership Board

- 4 December – Social Inclusion Working Group and Young People's Working Group
- 18 December - LDF Working Group & Economic Development Partnership Board
- 11 March – Social Inclusion Working Group and Young People's Working Group
- 25 March - LDF Working Group & Economic Development Partnership Board

In accordance with the Forward Plan, this report presents the minutes of the Economic Development Partnership Board meeting on 19 June 2007 (Annex A). It also presents the minutes from the LDF Working Group meetings on 5 June, 27 June and 10 July 2007.

The minutes from the LDF Working Group meeting on 18 July 2007 have already been considered by the Executive on 24 July, alongside a report on the Core Strategy Issues and Options 2. The minutes from the LDF Working Group meeting on 24 July 2007 will be considered at this meeting, alongside a report on the York Northwest Area Action Plan Issues and Options document. Neither set of minutes is therefore included with this report.

Consultation

5. No consultation has taken place on the attached minutes, which have been referred directly from the Board and the Working Group. The Economic Development Partnership Board minutes are still in draft form, pending approval at the Board's next meeting, on 25 September 2007. The LDF Working Group minutes from 10 July 2007 are also still in draft form, pending approval at the Working Group's next meeting. It is assumed that any relevant consultation on the items considered by the Board and the Working Group was carried out in advance of their meetings.

Options

6. Options open to the Executive are either to accept or to reject any advice that may be offered by the Board and the Working Group, and / or to comment on the advice.

Analysis

7. The following resolutions within the attached minutes require the specific endorsement or approval of the Executive:
 - a. the Board's recommendations on the Christmas Light proposals for 2007 (minute 7);
 - b. the Working Group's recommendations on the Scoping Report for the York Northwest Area Action Plan (minute 4);
 - c. the Working Group's recommendations on the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (minute 8);

- d. the Working Group's recommendations on the Open Space, Sport and Recreation Study (minute 9);
- e. the Working Group's recommendations on the Employment Land Review (minute 12);
- f. the Working Group's recommendations on the York Strategic Housing Market Assessment 2007 (minute 13).

Members may also wish to note in particular:

- g. the Board's comments on the Future York Group report (minute 4);
- h. the Board's comments on the research findings on the evening economy in York (minute 5), which were considered by the Executive on 24 July 2007;

Corporate Priorities

8. The aims in referring these minutes accord with the key principles of improving the Council's organisational efficiency.

Implications

9. There are no known implications in relation to the following in terms of dealing with the specific matter before Members, namely to consider the minutes and determine their response to the advice offered by the Working Groups:

- **Financial**
- **Human Resources (HR)**
- **Equalities**
- **Legal**
- **Crime and Disorder**
- **Property**
- **Other**

Risk Management

10. There are no risk management implications associated with the referral of these minutes.

Recommendations

11. Members are asked to consider the minutes attached at Annexes A-D, to approve the recommendations listed at paragraph 7 of the report and to decide whether they wish to respond to any of the advice offered by the Economic Development Partnership Board and the LDF Working Group.

Reason:

To fulfil the requirements of the Council's Constitution in relation to the role of Working Groups.

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Specialist Implications Officer(s) None

Wards Affected:

All



For further information please contact the author of the report

Annexes

Annex A – Minutes of the meeting of the Economic Development Partnership Board held on 19 June 2007

Annex B – Minutes of the meeting of the LDF Working Group held on 5 June 2007

Annex C – Minutes of the meeting of the LDF Working Group held on 27 June 2007

Annex D - Minutes of the meeting of the LDF Working Group held on 10 July 2007

Background Papers

Agendas and associated reports of the above meeting (available on the Council's website).