



## Notice of a public

### Decision Session - Executive Member for Finance and Major Projects

Meeting to be held in consultation with the Executive Member for Housing and Safer Neighbourhoods (for agenda item 4 Recommendations for approval of grants from the Financial Inclusion Steering Group (FISG) Grant Scheme 2023/24 and agenda item 5 Financial Inclusion Interim Strategy 2023-25)

**To:** Councillors Ayre (Executive Member for Finance and Major Projects) and Craghill (Executive Member for Housing and Safer Neighbourhoods)

**Date:** Monday, 13 March 2023

**Time:** 10.00 am

**Venue:** The Thornton Room - Ground Floor, West Offices (G039)

## AGENDA

### Notice to Members – Post Decision Calling In:

Members are reminded that, should they wish to call in any item\* on this agenda, notice must be given to Democratic Services by **4:00 pm on Wednesday 15 March 2023.**

\*With the exception of matters that have been the subject of a previous call in, require Full Council approval or are urgent which are not subject to the call-in provisions. Any items that are called in will be considered by the Customer and Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee.

Written representations in respect of items on this agenda should be submitted to Democratic Services by **5:00pm on Thursday 9 March 2023.**

## 1. **Declarations of Interest**

At this point in the meeting, the Executive Members are asked to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest or other registerable interest they might have in respect of business on this agenda, if they have not already done so in advance on the Register of Interests.

## 2. **Public Participation**

At this point in the meeting members of the public who have registered to speak can do so. Members of the public may speak on agenda items or on matters within the remit of the committee.

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## 3. **Minutes** (Pages 1 - 2)

To approve and sign the minutes of the Decision Session held on 12 January 2023.

## 4. **Recommendations for approval of grants from the Financial Inclusion Steering Group (FISG) Grant Scheme 2023/24** (Pages 3 - 10)

This report seeks approval of the recommended awards of grants under the above scheme for 2023/24 following a round of competitive bids and a rigorous selection panel process.

**5. Financial Inclusion Interim Strategy 2023-25** (Pages 11 - 58)

This report outlines the work undertaken to produce a draft interim strategy in line with the current Council Plan objective to *Review the Council's approach to Financial Inclusion*. The production of this strategy and its delivery priorities has been delayed by the coronavirus pandemic and then the focus of all resources has been to deliver significant support needed for residents facing the Cost-of-Living Crisis. The strategy is interim, given the launch in March 2023 of the Poverty Truth Commission, the work of which will inform strategic policy on Financial Inclusion matters going forward. Members are asked to consider and approve the content of this report as the strategy for 2023-25 to be updated as required by the next City of York council administration and/or in consideration of the findings from the York Poverty Truth Commission.

**6. Council Tax Hardship fund and Retail Hospitality and Leisure relief** (Pages 59 - 102)

This paper provides details of the Retail, Hospitality & Leisure (RHL) business rate relief and Council Tax Support (CTS) hardship schemes 2023/24 for noting by the Executive Member for Finance & Major Projects. To avoid complications with the 2023/24 annual billing cycle an officer decision was made by the Chief Finance Officer in consultation with the Executive Member on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023 here: <https://democracy.york.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=6783>

**7. Urgent Business**

Any other business which the Executive Member considers urgent under the Local Government Act 1972.

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