

EXECUTIVE

TUESDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER 2007

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Executive held on Tuesday, 25 September 2007. 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 4pm on the second working day after this meeting.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Simon Copley.

6. MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BOARD AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK WORKING GROUP

RESOLVED: That the minutes attached at Annexes A-D be noted and the recommendations listed at paragraph 7 of the report be approved.

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

7. REFERENCE REPORT: PUBLIC PLACES AND FOOTSTREETS

RESOLVED: That £250,000 be allocated from the Council's reserves from the 2006/07 underspend, in recognition of the significant economic benefits to the city of this proposal.

REASON: In line with constitutional requirements.

8. REPORT OF THE REVIEW ON JOBS

RESOLVED: (i) That the continuing good performance of the York economy and the very low unemployment rates seen in the City over the last 4 years be noted;

(ii) That the interim arrangements recently announced, which will give major employers a direct channel to a senior contact within the Council to ensure that any issues relating to jobs are resolved quickly, be welcomed;

(iii) That officers be requested, as part of their response report to the Future York proposals, to consider how the City Strategy Directorate resource allocation priorities can be refined to ensure prompt attention to major applications

which are likely to result in significant additional jobs in the City and also to address the issues of job vacancies in the planning department;

- (iv) That, using the opportunities offered by the restructure of the Business Link support organisation, the Council and its partners consult further with small business representative organisations to understand whether more can be done to sustain the economic viability of the sector;
- (v) That the City's approach to skill training and social inclusion issues (including relative wage rates) be progressed with partner organisations using the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) and other appropriate interface mechanisms.

REASON: To help shape the effectiveness of future action.

9. IMPROVED DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS WITH RESIDENTS

- RESOLVED: (i) That Option 2 be adopted;
- (ii) That the Director of People & Improvement be asked to make every effort to produce an updated A-Z of Council Services, for publication shortly after Christmas, within existing resource budget levels.

- REASON: (i) To allow for the financial and procurement issues raised to be resolved and a longer term approach to be taken to commissioning the civic newspaper;
- (ii) In the light of current budget constraints.

10. SUSTAINABLE STREET LIGHTING STRATEGY

- RESOLVED: (i) That a decision on the proposed Sustainable Street Lighting Strategy be deferred for 4 weeks so that proposals could be brought forward to amend the action plan as follows:
- a) To action 4, to commit the Council to switching to a metered electricity supply;
 - b) To action 11, to require all new luminaires to be fitted with switching mechanisms capable of varying energy levels to the bulb;
 - c) To action 13, to require trials to be conducted to evaluate different methods of varying power to street lights;
- (ii) That information also be included in the report on the lighting scheme for the Moor Lane Roundabout.

REASON: To strengthen the action plan and provide further details relating to the lighting scheme for the Moor Lane Roundabout.

13. YORK NORTHWEST AREA ACTION PLAN

- RESOLVED: (i) That the Issues and Options Report, the Baseline Report and the Sustainability Statement be approved for public consultation, subject to amendments to the Issues and Options Report to include the requirement that exemplar designs should be expected in the Central Business District and to add an indoor sport option to question 13;
- (ii) That the approval of any changes requested by the Executive and the approval of the final layout of the consultation document be delegated to the Director of City Strategy, in consultation with the Executive Member and Shadow Executive Member for City Strategy;
- (iii) That the approval of the consultation plan, the content of the Executive Summary and the content of the summary leaflet to accompany the Issues and Options documents be delegated to the Director of City Strategy, in consultation with the Executive Member and Shadow Executive Member for City Strategy.

- REASON: (i) To ensure the Issues and Options for York Northwest are subject to consultation and the responses to this are carried forward to the next stage in the preparation of the Area Action Plan;
- (ii)&(iii) To ensure Members' comments are included in the documents for public consultation.

