

EXECUTIVE

TUESDAY, 22 APRIL 2008

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Executive held on Tuesday, 22 April 2008. 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 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK WORKING GROUP AND THE SOCIAL INCLUSION WORKING GROUP

- RESOLVED: (i) That the minutes of the LDF Working Group be noted;
- (ii) That, arising out of the minutes of the Social Inclusion Working Group, the number of elected members on the working group be reduced, at the Annual Council meeting, to 5 (in proportion 2:2:1).

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

7. CARBON MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME - STRATEGY AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

- RESOLVED: (i) That the City of York Council Strategy and Implementation Plan for the Local Authority Carbon Management Programme be approved;
- (ii) That officers be asked to include the Member Energy Champion with the work of the "Energy Champions" network;
- (iii) That an annual report to the Executive be requested setting out progress in delivering the Programme;
- (iv) That officers be requested to review a process for reporting back progress to Executive Member & Advisory Panel (EMAP) meetings at the same time as other performance monitoring data is presented.

REASON: To ensure a co-ordinated approach to the management

of carbon emissions from Council activities, with targets and milestones.

8. RESULT OF REGIONAL TRANSPORT BOARD CAPITAL BIDS AND APPLICATION FOR USE OF CONTINGENCY FUNDS

- RESOLVED: (i) That the decision of the Regional Transport Board be welcomed;
- (ii) That the release of £164k from Council reserves be agreed to progress the Major Scheme Bid for the development of the Park & Ride sites and prepare a bid for the remainder of the Access York project to be submitted to the Regional Transport Board later in the year.

REASON: To obtain funding to improve transport provision in the City.

9. HIGHWAYS SCRUTINY AD-HOC SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - FINAL REPORT

RESOLVED: (i) That it be agreed to deal with the scrutiny recommendations as follows:

Scrutiny Committee recommendation	Executive decision
Part A of the Review	
i. That the efficiencies and other benefits gained through the PFI approach, as highlighted within the Expression of Interest (EoI) should be weighed against any budgetary inflexibility in future years, when deciding whether or not to proceed with the PFI process.	Noted
ii. That in the event that the PFI outcome is unsuccessful, the key issues identified should be taken into consideration when deciding upon an alternative approach.	Agreed
iii. That in the event that the Council's EoI is successful, the decision to proceed to the next stage of the PFI process, i.e. submitting an Outline Business Case (OBC), be weighed against the resulting greater annual budget commitment required from the Council if the highways repair and maintenance works are to be carried out.	Noted
iv. That it should be noted that as there are too many unknown quantities at this stage in the process, the total expenditure over the lifespan of the PFI cannot be properly identified.	Noted

v. That in the event that the EoI is successful, careful consideration should be given when deciding whether to proceed to each of the following stages of the process, thereby ensuring a full understanding of the cost implications.	Noted
Part B of the Review	
i. That there has been an impact on the repayments to the Venture Fund caused by the delays in implementing the actions agreed as part of the Best Value Review	Noted
ii. The delays in implementing the actions agreed as part of the Best Value Review were necessary	Agreed
iii. The total savings made in Highways Maintenance since the Best Value Review are significantly higher than those identified therefore there has been no financial loss to the council caused by the delays in the procurement process	Agreed

REASON: To enable the Executive to introduce appropriate changes to working practices and/or Council policy and procedures.

