

EXECUTIVE

TUESDAY, 6 MAY 2008

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Executive held on Tuesday, 6 May 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 – that is, Thursday, 8 May 2008.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Fiona Young (tel. extn. 1027).

6. BACK PARK PETITION - EXECUTIVE RESPONSE

RESOLVED: (i) That the receipt of the petition, and the status of the land at issue, be noted.

(ii) That Officers be asked to undertake an area asset management review in the Leeman Road area.

REASON: To ensure that the communities assets in this area are optimised and the highest quality of public provision achieved.

7. A REVIEW AND UPDATING OF THE PROTOCOL GOVERNING THE POLITICAL MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE 2008/09 YEAR

RESOLVED: (i) That the continuation of the principles for future political management arrangements agreed by the political Groups in Many 2007 be endorsed, subject to any further negotiated amendments to be agreed subsequently by Group Leaders and notwithstanding any specific issues which no longer apply one year on.

(ii) That the draft list of review reports on policy issues be endorsed for inclusion in a new Policy Prospectus for the Municipal Year 2008/09 and that these reports have priority in the use of Officer time and other resources during the coming year.

(iii) That Officers be instructed to take no further action at this time on developing the constitutional amendments listed in Annex 1 to the report.

(iv) That the Executive continue to receive update

reports on topics from the first Policy Prospectus which, whilst already reported to the Executive, are still progressing.

(v) That the timescale for agreeing a final version of the new political protocol, due to come to the Executive on 20 May, for sign-off by participating Group Leaders, be approved.

REASON: To ensure the continuation of the protocol, which is integral to the Council's political management.

8. GOLDEN TRIANGLE PARTNERSHIP BOARD - MEMBER REPRESENTATION

RESOLVED: (i) That Option 1, to establish the Golden Triangle Partnership Board, be approved.

(ii) That the Executive Member for Housing Services and the Head of Housing Services be nominated to represent the City of York Council on the Board, and that their names be included on the list of appointments to be approved at the Annual Council meeting on 22 May 2008.

REASON: To ensure the effective delivery of the priorities established within the Golden Triangle Partnership.

(iii) That the minutes of any meetings of the Board be added to the list of minutes of Partnerships and Outside Bodies to be made available on the intranet and reported to full Council.

REASON: To ensure that the Board's decisions are properly communicated to Council Members.

9. RESIDENTS' OPINION SURVEY RESULTS 2007/8

RESOLVED: (i) That the generally improved ResOp survey results be noted and that the Executive record its thanks to those Officers and Members who have worked so hard to provide good quality public services to the citizens of York.

(ii) That the Chief Executive be requested to identify how satisfaction with public service standards in the City can be improved further and, in particular, to address any indicators which suggest that performance may be below national average levels.

REASON: In order to monitor the Council's performance and ensure the continued delivery of quality services.

10. USE OF LPSA2 REWARD GRANT / LAA

FINANCIAL POLICY

RESOLVED: (i) That the methodology that has been developed for allocating the LPSA2 reward grant be approved, subject to the inclusion on the application form of more specific targets and milestones and the establishment of a robust progress reporting mechanism.

REASON: To initiate the use of LPSA2 reward grant to support the outcomes of the Local Area Agreement (LAA), as previously agreed in principle.

(ii) That the draft list of LAA performance indicators (PIs) included in the report be noted, with some concerns.

(iii) That the Chief Executive be instructed to review the proposed LAA PI list, in consultation with responsible Members, to ensure that the PIs are focused on achieving identifiable and verifiable improvements in street level public services.

REASON: So that Members can be satisfied that these issues have been addressed when the draft PIs come before the Executive for approval next month.

11. CITY STRATEGY FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS 2008/2009

RESOLVED: That Option C be approved and that the full sum of £7,100 be awarded to the York Credit Union.

REASON: In view of the need to support those most affected by the current economic situation and the 'credit crunch' at this particular time.

12. SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL SCRUTINY FUNDING

RESOLVED: That the Scrutiny Management Committee be invited to choose between the following two options:

- **Option 1** – to agree to release the £14k currently allocated in the contingency provision for Scrutiny activities, plus £3k from reserves, for use in fully funding the application from the Traffic Congestion Scrutiny Committee.
- **Option 2** – to make available appropriate funding from reserves, up to a value of £6k, to facilitate an assessment of public opinion on the options for addressing traffic congestion issues in the City using existing mechanisms such as 'Your City', 'Talkabout' and the Council's on-line consultation module.

REASON: To enable the SMC to make a decision on this issue and

the use of Scrutiny funding without improper interference from the Executive.

**13. INCLUSION AND EQUALITY PROGRESS -
REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY RESOURCES**

RESOLVED: That Option 1, the release of up to £55k from Council reserves to fund the additional staff resources over 2008/09 and 2009/10, be approved.

REASON: To facilitate effective performance management and minimise the legal and financial risk arising from legal challenges that may be brought under Employment and Equality legislation.

14. GAS SERVICING - FUTURE PROCUREMENT

RESOLVED: That Option 1, which involves in-sourcing the gas servicing work, be approved and that the Housing Repairs Partnership be amended to include the whole of the gas servicing for the City.

REASON: To secure service quality and value for money on behalf of the Council's tenants.

