



Notice of meeting of

Decision Session - Executive Member for Neighbourhoods and Housing.

To: Councillors Reid (Executive Member)

Date: Tuesday, 15 March 2011

Time: 4.00 pm

Venue: The Guildhall, York.

AGENDA

Notice to Members- Calling In:

Members are reminded that, should they wish to call in any item on this agenda, notice must be given to Democracy Support Group by:

10am on Monday 14th March 2011 if an item is called in *before* a decision is taken, *or*

4pm on Thursday 17th March 2011, if an item is called in *after* a decision has been taken.

Items called in will be considered by the Scrutiny Management Committee.

1. Declarations of Interest

At this point Members are asked to declare any personal or prejudicial interests they may have in the business on this agenda.

2. Minutes

(Pages 3 - 8)

To approve and sign the minutes of the Decision Sessions of the Executive Member for Neighbourhood and Housing held on 3 February 2011 and 15 February 2011.

3. Public Participation - Decision Session

At this point in the meeting, members of the public who have registered their wish to speak at the meeting can do so. The deadline for registering is **5pm on Monday 14th March 2011**.

Written representations in respect of any items on the agenda should be with the Democracy Officer no later than **5pm on Friday 11th March 2011**

Members of the public may speak on item on the agenda, an issue within the Executive Member's remit, or an item that has been published on the Information Log for the current session. There are no information reports for this session.

4. Update on Private Sector Strategy. (Pages 9 - 28)

This report outlines the progress made on delivering the Private Sector Housing Strategy and proposes a refreshed action plan to reflect and compliment the following changes:

- a) Emerging from the new coalitions government agenda;
- b) To the local priorities in particular the new Climate Change Framework, the refreshed York Housing and North Yorkshire Housing strategies and the new Older Person strategy;
- c) To funding regimes following the comprehensive review;
- d) To new strategic partners and in particular the work being carried out by the new Leeds City Region Local Enterprise Partnership.

5. Removal of Private Sector Renewal Funding - Impact on the York Home Improvement Agency. (Pages 29 - 32)

This report advises the Executive Member about the local impact on services for York's private residents and in particular the York Home Improvement Agency, of the national removal of private sector renewal funding.

6. Achieving the Decent Homes Standard. (Pages 33 - 36)

This report advises the executive Member that City of York Council met the Decent Homes standard in December 2010, in line with central government expectations, through a programme of modernisation and improvement outlined as set out within the Housing Revenue Account Business Plan.

7. Decoration Voucher & Disturbance Allowance Scheme Allowances. (Pages 37 - 44)

This report proposes changes to the way we provide decoration and disturbance allowances for the council housing stock to ensure that we achieve improved value for money and contractor performance.

- 8. Introduction of Tenant Inspectors** (Pages 45 - 48)
This report advises of the progress made in recruiting Tenant Inspectors and asks the Executive Member to endorse the proposed structure for reporting inspectors recommendations.
- 9. Annual Highway Maintenance Report** (Pages 49 - 74)
This report provide a review of the service performance in Highway Maintenance over the last year, it examines issues arising and proposes programmes of work to be undertaken in the financial year 2011/12.
- 10. Snow Wardens** (Pages 75 - 78)
This report informs the Executive Member for Neighbourhoods and Housing of the advantages of the recruitment of Snow Wardens to enhance the City's winter maintenance resilience and to agree the scope of the role and method of funding.
- 11. Public Protection Legal Actions** (Pages 79 - 84)
The purpose of this report is to enable the Executive Member for Communities & Neighbourhoods to review the results of legal actions (prosecutions, cautions and fixed penalties) undertaken by Environmental Health, Trading Standards, and Licensing Services in the Communities and Neighbourhoods Directorate for the period 1st October 2010 – 31st December 2011 and approve the continuation of the current enforcement policy
- 12. 2010/11 Quarter 3 Performance Report.** (Pages 85 - 110)
This report presents an overview of key performance issues for the portfolio at Quarter 3 2010/11. The report is for information only and is on the agenda at the request of the Executive Member.
- 13. Any other business which the Chair considers urgent under the Local Government Act 1972**

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