

EXECUTIVE

TUESDAY, 20 JULY 2010

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Executive held on Tuesday, 20 July 2010. 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 Fiona Young (tel extn 1027).

1. ACCOMMODATION PROJECT - UPDATE REPORT

RECOMMENDED: That Council approve an increase in the Venture Fund of £435k (from £1,692k to £2,127k) to fund the Early Years deficit, as set out in paragraph 41 of the report, with the Executive wishing to see substantial efforts made to reduce this figure before the Full Council meeting in October.

REASON: To enable the project to proceed, and in view of the fact that the Venture Fund balance is sufficient to cover the deficit, which can be repaid in future years from the estimated NPV savings of the Accommodations Project.

7. THE BARBICAN AUDITORIUM

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

REASON: To enable future plans for the Barbican to be developed and progressed.

8. ACCOMMODATION PROJECT - UPDATE REPORT

RESOLVED: (i) That the report be noted.

(ii) That the ongoing communication with the public, through the Council's website, Your City and e-mail, be noted.

(iii) That it be requested that the business case for the financial benefit of the project be included in future communication.

REASON: To ensure that the benefits of the project, particularly in

terms of long-term financial savings, can be clearly communicated to the public.

(iv) That the property exit strategy, and the release of De Grey House and 1A & B Swinegate Court East on the first break clause dates of March and May 2011, with affected staff to be relocated to within the existing accommodation portfolio, be endorsed, and that an updated report be brought to Executive within three months detailing the break clause in leases, tendering process for dilapidation works and the minimisation of the period of time between departure from office and the end of the Council's lease on the building.

REASON: In order to vacate the premises and re-locate staff within the project's financial model and with minimal disruption and risk to Council services.

(v) That the Director of City Strategy detail to the Leader any costs arising from the objection by the Victorian Society.

REASON: To assess the financial effect on the project of this late intervention in the planning process by a statutory consultee.

9. REVIEW OF WINTER MAINTENANCE POLICY - FINAL REPORT

RESOLVED: That the recommendations of the Scrutiny Committee be supported and that Officers be asked to ensure that they are incorporated into the Council's Winter Maintenance Policy.

REASON: To provide an appropriate response to the scrutiny recommendations, which will clarify the position regarding treatment of secondary routes, improve the availability of 'self help' salt in severe weather and ensure that information is readily available to the public.

10. REVIEW OF WINTER MAINTENANCE POLICY

RESOLVED: (i) That the work carried out so far be noted.

(ii) That the approach to amending the Winter Maintenance Policy be approved, in particular:

- a) the minor changes to the primary routes;
- b) the proposals for secondary routes in times of severe weather;
- c) consultation with ward committees on the location and provision of 'self help' bins;
- d) the revised approach to out of hours contact with the York Contact Centre and improvements in communication with

Members and residents.

(iii) That the situation with salt supplies nationally be noted.

(iv) That the open day which is to take place in October, following the review of the policy, be noted.

REASON: To ensure that the issues raised during the prolonged period of bad weather last winter are addressed and to improve the Council's response to severe winter weather.

11. TRAFFIC CONGESTION AD HOC SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - REVISED FINAL REPORT

RESOLVED: (i) That the contents of the revised final report and its annexes be noted, against the background of likely reductions in national public expenditure profiles over the next few years.

(ii) That the views expressed by residents in response to the limited strategic choices offered in the Scrutiny Committee's survey of public opinion, and the rather wider options being considered through the LTP3 consultation process, be noted.

(iii) That Officers be requested, when preparing the next Local Transport Plan and when responding to the information detailed in pages 190 to 230 of the Executive papers (Annex E to the scrutiny report), to evaluate, cost and further develop those techniques and initiatives listed within Option C of the scrutiny report, together with an extension of the Council's current LTP policies, including, where appropriate, refinements to the highway network.

(iv) That further engagement and consultation with York residents and businesses take place during the LTP3 build process prior to its submission for government funding, and that an ongoing dialogue on transport issues be maintained with local and regional stakeholders.

(v) That other innovative and creative ways in which to deliver strategic transport improvements, should an application for government funding fall short or fail, be examined.

REASON: To provide an appropriate response to the recommendations of the Scrutiny Committee, whilst taking proper account of government restrictions on public expenditure and the broader requirements of the LTP3 process.

**12. REVIEW OF CYC APPRENTICESHIPS & OTHER
WORK BASED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES -
FINAL REPORT**

RESOLVED: (i) That the contents of the final report and its annexes be noted.

(ii) That the recommendations set out in paragraph 6 of the cover report be agreed.

REASON: To provide an appropriate response to the scrutiny recommendations, which will improve the Council's approach to apprenticeships and other work-based training.

**13. OPERATION OF THE CITY OF YORK CCTV
SYSTEM**

RESOLVED: That consideration of this item be deferred to the next meeting of the Executive.

REASON: To allow time to understand more fully the implications of the information contained in the report.

**14. KERBSIDE RECYCLING AND ALTERNATE
WEEK COLLECTION EXPANSION**

RESOLVED: (i) That the recently revised kerbside recycling and alternate weekly collection arrangements in the Leeman Road, Poppleton Road and Acomb areas be continued, whilst working with residents to improve refuse arrangements, in accordance with Option 2 in paragraph 22 of the report.

REASON: To ensure that the Council can provide a service within the available budget that meets the needs of residents and the requirements of the collection service.

(ii) That residents of streets off Holgate Road and Poppleton Road be consulted, as per action point (a) in paragraph 22.

REASON: To help identify and resolve any problems in these streets.

(iii) That the work which will be done for the Communication Plan, as set out in paragraph 29 be noted and that the Communication Plan at Annex C be agreed.

REASON: To ensure that the Council is communicating clearly with residents and that they are supportive of the efforts to increase recycling.

(iv) That the remaining 16,601 households be provided

with full recycling and that the move be made to fortnightly residual waste collection, but that no change be made to collection points except where there are clear safety concerns, as outlined in Option 1 at paragraph 25 of the report, and that the collection points be reviewed at some time in the future to ensure that services are delivered cost effectively.

REASON: So that the Council can meet the requirements of the Household Waste Recycling Act 2003 to provide all households with kerbside collections for at least two recyclable materials by 31 December 2010.

15. AREA BASED WORKING PILOT

RESOLVED: That the implementation of the area working pilot, comprising the wards identified at paragraph 19 of the report be approved from September 2010 for a minimum of 12 months and that an evaluation report be brought back to the Executive in September 2011 in order for Members to determine whether to continue the model and widen the scheme to the rest of the City.

REASON: To provide the scope for delivering improved services at a neighbourhood level by introducing enhanced neighbourhood support arrangements and working closely with a wider range of partners and the voluntary sector.

16. CAPITAL PROGRAMME OUT-TURN 2009/10 AND REVISIONS TO THE 2010/11-2014/15 PROGRAMME

RESOLVED: (i) That the 2009/10 capital out-turn position be noted and that the requests for slippage to and from the 2010/11 capital programme be approved.

(ii) That the re-stated 2010/11 to 2014/15 programme, as summarised in Table 4 at paragraph 54 of the report and detailed in Annex 1, be approved.

(iii) That the use of £25k contingency to support Strensall Parish Council in seeking to provide youth facilities in Strensall be approved, subject too the receipt by Officers of the business plan showing the scheme and partners.

REASON: To allow the continued effective financial management of the capital programme from 2010/11 to 2014/15.

**17. TREASURY MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REPORT
& REVIEW OF PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS**

RESOLVED: (i) That the 2009/10 performance of the Treasury Management activity, movements on the Venture Fund and the Treasury Management out-turn be noted.

(ii) That the movements in the Prudential Indicators be noted.

REASON: For information, and in accordance with the requirement in the Prudential Code to review the Prudential Indicators.

**18. 2011/12 BUDGET PROCESS PLANNING
FRAMEWORK AND MTFF UPDATE**

RESOLVED: (i) That the emerging issues highlighted in the report be noted and that the outline timetable, and plans to commence the budget consultation in September, be agreed in principle.

(ii) That it be noted that any communication direct to households will be through Your City , which will need to be timetabled to assist with the process.

(iii) That Officers be requested to develop a process for group public engagement with the business community and residents in the autumn, with detailed information on the 2010/11 budget lines, for recommendations to be included for the 2011/12 budget.

(iv) That Officers be requested to ensure that the communications plan complies with the equalities requirements of the Council.

(v) That the Chief Executive be requested to provide an update report on the work that is being done to relieve York of the burdens of unnecessary red tape, and that these savings be quantified.

REASON: So that the 2011/12 can be prepared in a timely manner, whilst ensuring that the impacts of the More for York programme and government spending cuts are communicated to York residents and businesses as part of the consultation.

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**20. CAPITAL PROGRAMME OUT-TURN 2009/10
AND REVISIONS TO THE 2010/11-2014/15
PROGRAMME**

RECOMMENDED: That Council approve the use of Prudential Borrowing to fund the Equal Pay Capitalisation costs of £400k.

REASON: To enable these costs to be covered, in line with the Council's successful bid to capitalise costs which would otherwise have to be met from revenue funds.