

DECISION SESSION - EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS

MONDAY, 12 OCTOBER 2015

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Decision Session Executive Member for Housing and Safer Neighbourhoods held on Monday, 12 October 2015. 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 Louise Cook/Catherine Clarke on (01904) 551031 or louise.cook@york.gov.uk/catherine.clarke@york.gov.uk.

4. PETITION - TO REMOVE THE BENCH ARMS INSTALLED ON ROUGIER STREET [Appendix B](#)

Resolved:

- (i) That the petition and the information set out within the report highlighting the reasons for installation of the bench arms be noted.
- (ii) That option 1, to retain the bench arms, as set out at paragraph 25 of the report, be agreed.

Reason: To ensure that the city continues to take a proactive approach to supporting individuals who are homeless, street drinkers or who find themselves in difficulty whilst at the same time ensuring that the benches are available for use by bus users and where possible be compliant with the guidance adopted by the council in the Streetscape Strategy & Guidance document.

5. UPDATE - HOMELESS STRATEGY ACTION PLAN 2013-18

Appendix C

Resolved:

- (i) That the report, which contains national and local changes since the publication of the Homeless Strategy in 2013 and takes account of consultation findings, be agreed and published.
- (ii) That the updated action plan which will run alongside the current Homelessness Strategy 2013-18, 'A City Partnership to prevent homelessness', be adopted and published.
- (iii) That Member commitment to the principle of preventing homelessness, tackling the causes of homelessness and ensuring that City of York provide an appropriate service to meet the statutory requirement under Housing Act 1996 and Homelessness Act 2002 be confirmed.

Reason: The Homelessness Strategy is a legal requirement. The Local Authority has a statutory duty to provide advice, and information services to anyone who is homeless or at risk of homelessness. The local Authority has a duty to provide temporary accommodation to homeless households (criteria apply under Housing Act 1996). A review is necessary to incorporate current trends, legal changes, financial constraints and service requirements.