

EXECUTIVE

TUESDAY, 13 FEBRUARY 2007

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Executive held on Tuesday, 13 February 2007. 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 key decision, notice must be given to Democracy Support Group no later than 4pm on the second working day after this meeting. Please note that matters referred to full Council are not subject to the calling-in process.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Fiona Young on (01904) 551024.

6. LEEDS CITY REGION LEADERS' BOARD **Appendix C**

RECOMMENDED: That the terms of the Agreement attached as Annex 1 to the report be approved.

REASON: To enable the Council to play an active part in the development of the City Region agenda.

7. RESPONSE TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONFIDENTIALITY AND TRANSPARENCY SCRUTINY PANEL **Appendix D**

RESOLVED: (i) That the Officer comments in respect of the following recommendations of the Scrutiny Panel be endorsed:

- Recommendation 2
- Recommendations 3a)-3h)
- Recommendations 4a), 4c) and 4d)
- Recommendations 5b), 5d) and 5f)
- Recommendation 6b)
- Recommendations 7b)-7i)
- Recommendations 8a)-8c), 8e) and-8f)
- Recommendations 9a) and 9b)
- Recommendation 10a)
- Recommendation 11

(ii) That the Executive's comments in respect of the following recommendations be recorded, as indicated below:

- Recommendation 5a) - the Executive recognises the importance of the LDF. However, the City may – for example as a result of economic change – on occasions be faced with the need to act promptly to secure jobs in the City. Factors like these will continue to be taken into account in allocating

resources and priorities.

- Recommendation 8d) - the Executive believes that there are already sufficient opportunities for elected Members to raise issues without recourse to an expensive whistle-blowing process.

(iii) That Recommendation 4b) be supported in so far as it can be achieved within existing budget allocations.

REASON: In view of Officer advice on the resource implications.

(iv) That Recommendation 5(e) be deferred, to enable the Executive to see a separate report produced on this option and in particular to understand the resource implications of such a move.

REASON: So that an informed decision can be taken.

(v) That no view be taken on the following recommendations, but that they be referred to the Scrutiny Management Committee for consideration:

- Recommendation 1
- Recommendation 10b)
- Recommendation 12

REASON: In accordance with the agreed procedures for assessing topics for review.

(vi) That the following recommendations *not* be agreed:

- Recommendation 5c)
- Recommendation 5g)
- Recommendation 6a)
- Recommendation 6c) (however, the Executive recognises that the current practice, where on occasions objectors have been given the opportunity to present their views in a less structured way than occurs at a formal planning committee, should remain an option for the Committee Chair to consider)
- Recommendation 7a)

REASONS: 5c) – in accordance with Officer advice and the Executive's view that the allocation of individuals to committee places should continue to be the responsibility of the party groups and that individual members of all committees should continue to declare any interests they may have on any item being discussed and, if necessary, leave the meeting when the item is considered.

5g) – in accordance with the advice of the Head of Finance that the ring fencing of income in this matter should not be supported.

- 6a) - in the absence of any evidence to substantiate shortcomings in the existing Planning Code of Good Practice)
- 6c) – in accordance with Officer advice.
- 7a) – in the absence of sufficient resources to support this proposal.

**8. 2ND ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT: Appendix E
IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS
FROM THE EXECUTIVE FOLLOWING THE
FINAL REPORT OF THE FLOOD SCRUTINY
PANEL REPORT 2004**

RESOLVED: (i) That the current update report considered by the SMC be noted.

(ii) That an annual update be requested in the first instance, during the late summer / early autumn period, to the Neighbourhood Services EMAP, with any significant cross-cutting issues to be referred to the Executive for attention as necessary.

REASON: To ensure that the multi-departmental impact of flooding issues is monitored annually and addressed as appropriate.

**9. AMBER HOUSE & WORKSHOP, GALMANHOE Appendix F
LANE - FREEHOLD DISPOSAL**

RESOLVED: (i) That Option 1 be approved and that Amber House and the associate workshop be approved for freehold sale by informal tender.

REASON: To obtain a capital receipt, which will support the capital programme.

(ii) That the sale be completed subject to the granting of outline planning consent for residential development.

(iii) That the sale only be completed if the best offer is at or above the reserve figure.

REASON: To ensure that best consideration is received for the property.

(iv) That approval be given to vire £6,525 in lost rent from the provision in the general fund budget to the commercial property rental budget, pro rata, from the date of sale.

REASON: In order to compensate the commercial property portfolio budgets from the provision held corporately for this purpose.

**10. URGENT BUSINESS - ADMINISTRATIVE
ACCOMMODATION PROJECT**

RESOLVED: (i) That the appointment of Shepherd Construction as Constructor for the Administrative Accommodation project (Lot 1) be acknowledged.

(ii) That the appointment of RMJM Ltd. as the Architect, Structural Engineer, Space Planner and Planning Supervisor for the Administrative Accommodation project (Lot 2) be approved.

(iii) That the appointment of Gifford as the Mechanical and Electrical Engineer for the Administrative Accommodation project (Lot 3) be approved.

(iv) That the appointment of WT Partnership as the Quantity Surveyor for the Administrative Accommodation project (Lot 4) be approved.

(v) That the appointment of Turner and Townsend as Project Manager for the Administrative Accommodation project (Lot 5) be acknowledged.

REASON: In order to achieve the best quality of service for the project within the available budget and to avoid unnecessary delay.

(vi) That the above appointments be subject to the Chief Executive arranging for another department of the Council to carry out an independent check on the reasoning behind the decisions of the Corporate Landlord in those cases where he has not recommended acceptance of the lowest tender.

REASON: So that Members can be absolutely certain that the additional expenditure occasioned by not accepting the lowest tenders is justified.

