

EXECUTIVE

TUESDAY, 12 FEBRUARY 2008

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Executive held on Tuesday, 12 February 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 4:00 pm on the second working day after this meeting – that is, **Thursday, 14 February 2008**.

The decisions listed under items 8, 9 and 10 below cannot be called in as they require the approval of full Council and are therefore not subject to the call-in procedure.

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

6. IMD AND A STRATEGIC RESPONSE

RESOLVED: That the following actions, as set out in paragraph 9 of the report, be agreed as a response to the new published information on the Index of Multiple Deprivation:

- a) The Council will lead and manage a pilot multi-agency programme, involving where appropriate the Ward (Planning) Committee, which will tackle deprivation initially in one geographical area of the City.
- b) The lessons learned and the results of this action will be reported back, at regular intervals, to the Council and the WoW Board, to inform the partnership on how best to develop a city-wide approach to tackling deprivation.
- c) The pilot team will be tasked to:
 - Examine the likely causes of deprivation and consider appropriate responses
 - Assemble a working budget
 - Aim to reduce deprivation in one area of the City
 - Identify effective leadership roles to deliver actions and outcomes
 - Develop and deliver proposals which provide outcomes supporting existing strategies of partnership agencies
 - Establish a template for a city-wide approach to tackling deprivation
 - Suggest how partners' resources might be better used through a joint approach
 - Develop interim success measures prior to the next IMD in four years' time
 - Develop a reporting mechanism for actions and

results.

REASON: To reduce deprivation in the City and to inform the Council and the Local Strategic Partnership on the development of an appropriate city-wide response to deprivation.

**7. CITY OF YORK LOCAL DEVELOPMENT
FRAMEWORK (LDF) – ALLOCATIONS
DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT (DPD)**

RESOLVED: (i) That the changes recommended by the LDF Working Group be accepted and that the draft Issues and Options document at Annex A be approved for public consultation, subject to those changes being made.

REASON: So that the Allocations DPD can be progressed to its next stage of development, as highlighted in the Council's Local Development Scheme.

(ii) That authority be delegated to the Director of City Strategy, in consultation with the Executive Member and Shadow Executive Member for City Strategy, to make any incidental changes to the draft document that are necessary as a result of the Executive's decisions.

REASON: So that the changes recommended as a result of discussions at this meeting can be made.

(iii) That authority be delegated to the Director of City Strategy, in consultation with the Executive Member and Shadow Executive Member for City Strategy, to approve a Consultation Strategy and the final layout of the document that will set out the Issues and Options consultation methodology.

REASON: To ensure that the proposed methods of consultation are satisfactory to Members.

**8. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY
STATEMENT AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS
FOR 2008/09 TO 2011/12**

RECOMMENDED: That Council approve:

- a) The Prudential Indicators for 2008/09 to 2010/11, as set out in Annex A to the report;
- b) The proposed Treasury Management Strategy for 2008/09 to 2010/11, as detailed in paragraphs 12 to 40;
- c) The revised Treasury Management Policy and Treasury Management Practices, as contained in Annexes D and E.

REASON: To enable the continued effective operation of the Treasury Management function and ensure that all Council borrowing is prudent, affordable and

sustainable.

9. REVENUE BUDGET 2008/09

RECOMMENDED: (i) That Council agree the following amendments to the budget proposals:¹

- a) A reduction of the proposed Council Tax increase from 4.95% to 4.75% and consequent amendment of the income figure used (Annex 1).
- b) An addition to potential calls on contingency of a possible increase in expenditure on Scrutiny activities (Annex 2).
- c) **Acceptance** of the following savings and growth options for consultation listed in Annex 5:

Savings:

- Corpnew2 – remove contingency for capital programme running costs (£350k)
- CSMS2 – increase Standard Stay Car Parking Charges by 20p for visitors (£250k)
- HSHS12 – reduction in mediation service (£35k)
- NSNS4 – reduce gum busting carried out, by targeting priority areas (£17k)
- LCHS – Archive one day closure (£16k)
- NSLS4 – increase entry charge to Union Terrace Toilets from 20p to 30p (£10k)
- LCMD5 – closure of Burton Stone Lane Flexible Learning Centre (£4k)
- LCMD6 – School Swimming Support: cease support of the service (£2k)

Growth:

- CSIG16 – inflationary increase to Voluntary Sector grants (£20k)
- Corpnew2 – continuation of funding for Christmas lights display (no increase in expenditure from current year) (£30k)
- NSIG5 – improve recycling levels (£30k)
- HSIG1 – phased increase in residential and nursing fees (£50k)
- NSIG2 – end of LPSA funding available for Out of Hours Noise Service (£50k)
- NSNG7 – pilot the extension of recycling to terraced properties

- (£80k)
 - CSYG2 – end of Prudential Borrowing, Highways & Street Ops (£294k)
- d) **Rejection** of the remaining savings and growth options for consultation listed in Annex 5.

REASON: In order to take account of the views expressed by residents during consultation, whilst maintaining a balance between long term prudence and the need to sustain public standards in the City.

- (ii) That, subject to the above amendments, Council approve the proposals set out in the report, namely:
- a) The net revenue expenditure requirement for 2008/09 of £112.423m, as set out in Table 1 (paragraph 17);
 - b) The housing revenue account proposals outlined in Annex 12;
 - c) The dedicated schools grant proposals outlined from paragraph 80 onwards;
 - d) The revenue growth proposals for 2008/09 outlined in Annex 3;
 - e) The revenue savings proposals for 2008/09 outlined in Annex 4;
 - f) The use in 2008/09 of £1.823m of revenue reserves, as outlined in paragraph 49;
 - g) The adoption of a risk based calculation to inform the Director of Resources' opinion on the appropriate minimum level of general reserves, as described in paragraph 51;
 - h) The fees and charges proposals in Annex 8.

REASON: To provide Council with a balanced set of budget proposals to consider when reaching a decision on the budget and resultant Council Tax to be set for 2008/09.

- (iii) That the total Council Tax increase, including the Parish, Police and Fire Authority precepts be agreed at the Council meeting, on the basis of a 4.75% increase in the City of York element of the Council Tax.

REASON: In accordance with the above recommendations on the budget proposals and taking into account the requirements of the other organisations involved.

(iv) That Council approve the increase for council dwelling rents by an average of 5.25%, in line with government guidance on rent restructuring, as set out in Annex 13.

REASON: To ensure a balanced Housing Revenue Account.

RESOLVED: That authority be delegated to the Director of Resources to revise words, correct any factual or typographical errors, improve presentation and make minor amendments to figures in order to incorporate the changes proposed into the information presented to full Council on 21 February 2008.

REASON: To ensure that decisions taken at Council are based upon correct and accurate information.

10. CAPITAL PROGRAMME BUDGET 2008/09 - 2010/11

RECOMMENDED: That Council approve the three-year capital programme proposals as summarised in the report, in particular:

- a) The asset sales shown in exempt Annex A;
- b) The use of £500k of prudential borrowing in 2010/11, as outlined in paragraph 21;
- c) The inclusion in the capital programme of all fully funded schemes as detailed in Annex B and discussed in paragraph 23;
- d) The inclusion in the capital programme of the bids recommended in paragraphs 25, 28 and 30;
- e) The advance of £255k of prudential borrowing to York Museums Trust for the refurbishment of the Hospitium in the Museum Gardens, as outlined in paragraphs 33 to 37;
- f) The additional £300k funding proposed for York High School, as outlined in paragraphs 38 and 39;
- g) The full programme, as summarised in Annex D.

REASON: To set a balanced capital programme, as required by the Local Government Act 2003.

11. URGENT BUSINESS - ACCESS YORK MAJOR SCHEME BID: PHASE 1. PROPOSED SUBMISSION TO THE REGIONAL TRANSPORT BOARD

RESOLVED: (i) That the submission of the bid to the Regional Transport Board for the funding of three Park & Ride sites be endorsed.

(ii) That the expenditure of contingency funding up to a limit of £164k to progress the bid be authorised, subject to the acceptance of the 2008/09 budget by full Council and acceptance of the bid by the Regional Transport Board.

REASON: To obtain funding to develop the Park & Ride service in the City.

