

## **EXECUTIVE**

**TUESDAY, 5 OCTOBER 2010**

### **DECISIONS**

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Executive held on Tuesday, 5 October 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.

#### **5. AFFORDABLE HOUSING VIABILITY STUDY**

RESOLVED: (i) That approval be given in principle to adopt a 'dynamic model' approach for assessing affordable housing numbers and that Officers be requested to carry out further research into the assumptions made in the model to ensure that these reflect local circumstances and meet the requirements of the Study.

(ii) That Officers be requested, when reporting back in November, to identify any additional changes to planning policies which might be made in the period leading up to the adoption and implementation of the new Local Development Framework (LDF), and which could provide a short term stimulus aimed at getting a start made on new housing developments in the City.

REASON: To ensure that the Affordable Housing Study is a robust evidence base that can be used as part of the LDF evidence base.

#### **6. LIBERATING THE NHS**

RESOLVED: (i) That the responses in Annex 1 to the report be approved and that further reports be provided on the detailed implications and opportunities as they become known.

REASON: To ensure that York's views are made known, and to enable the authority to review the implications of major change in more detail.

(ii) That approval be given to set up a Transition Board in York, under the direction of the Chief Executive, building on the work of the Healthy City Board, with terms of reference to be developed by Officers and brought

back to the Executive for approval.

REASON: To enable the thinking and planning to be undertaken locally, in line with the general advice from the Chief Executive of the NHS.

**7. REFORMING RAIL FRANCHISING - DFT CONSULTATION PAPER AND IMPLICATIONS FOR YORK**

RESOLVED: That the proposed response to the consultation paper set out in Annex B to the report be approved, subject to the comments being strengthened to include the following issues:

- a) improved carriage facilities for bicycles;
- b) action to deal with overcrowding issues on key commuter routes and recognising the reduction in rolling stock for Northern Rail;
- c) the need for an engagement process involving City Regions and LTAs to ensure that non-PTE areas are involved in the franchising process.

REASON: To ensure that the Council takes this opportunity to share its views on rail franchising with the Department of Transport, and to ensure that the response reflects Members' concerns.

**8. ATTENDANCE MANAGEMENT UPDATE**

RESOLVED: (i) That the work undertaken in this area, and the need to continue to treat the management of sickness absence as a priority, be noted.

(ii) That the revised policy provisions set out in paragraph 14 of the report be approved, subject to a review of each change and a demonstration that this does not impact on the delivery of services.

(iii) That the Economic Partnership be invited, through the chairman, to bring forward local best practice in reducing staff sickness levels.

REASON: In order to achieve significant and sustained improvements in staff attendance levels.

**9. REFERENCE REPORT - NATIONAL SERVICE PLANNING REQUIREMENTS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND TRADING STANDARDS.**

RESOLVED: That the Executive Member's recommendation be accepted and the service plans for health & safety law enforcement and animal health enforcement be approved.

REASON: In accordance with statutory and constitutional requirements.

**10. REFERENCE REPORT - NATIONAL SERVICE  
PLANNING REQUIREMENTS FOR  
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND TRADING  
STANDARDS**

RECOMMENDED: That Council approve the food law enforcement plan.

REASON: In accordance with statutory and constitutional requirement.