

EXECUTIVE

TUESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY 2007

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Executive held on Tuesday, 27 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 items referred to full Council ('Recommended') are not subject to calling-in.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Fiona Young.

5. CITY OF YORK COUNCIL - LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

Appendix C

RESOLVED: (i) That the proposed Local Development Scheme be approved for formal submission to the Government Office for Yorkshire and the Humber, subject to the recommendations of the LDF Working Group as set out in the minutes at Annex A.

REASON: To ensure that the Local Development Scheme for York is submitted to Government Office as required under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act.

(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 other necessary changes arising from the recommendations of the LDF Working Group and the Executive, prior to submission to Government Office.

REASON: To ensure that the recommendations of the LDF Working Group and the Executive are incorporated into the submission draft LDS.

(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 make any minor changes arising from comments made by Government Office or the Planning Inspectorate following formal submission.

REASON: To enable the authority to respond to any comments made by Government Office or the Planning Inspectorate that would lead to minor changes to the LDS.

6. YORK NORTH WEST AREA ACTION PLAN **Appendix D**

RESOLVED: (i) That the programme set out in the report for the preparation of the Area Action Plan and for its inclusion in the revised Local Development Scheme, having regard to the recommendations and amendments of the LDF Working Group, be noted.

(ii) That Officers be instructed to revise the programme, with the objective of bringing forward the milestone target for the completion of public consultation on the Aims and Options paper before the end of September 2007.

(iii) That Officers be requested to report back on how other parts of the timetable can be compressed.

(iv) That the Community Consultation Strategy for York Central, which will be taken into account in undertaking the public consultation relating to the York Northwest Area Action Plan, having regard to the recommendations and amendments of the LDF Working Group, be noted.

REASON: In order to produce a timely plan that is likely to be implemented, and thus ensure that the development of these important sites is not jeopardised by internal milestones.

7. CITY OF YORK'S LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 2006-2011 CAPITAL SETTLEMENT **Appendix E**

RESOLVED: (i) That the contents of the report be noted and that Officers be thanked for their hard work in achieving an 'excellent' rating for LTP1.

(ii) That it be noted that the detailed transport capital programme for 2007/08 will be presented for approval at the City Strategy EMAP on 26 March 2007.

REASON: For information, and in recognition of the Council's success in this area.

8. QUALITY BUS CONTROLS **Appendix F**

RESOLVED: (i) That Officers carry out preparation for a Punctuality Improvement Partnership (PIP) in advance of the Road Transport Bill's passage through Parliament, to enable a strengthened PIP to be introduced in York in 2008, to be delivered through the existing voluntary QBP.

(ii) That Officers present detailed proposals for a PIP to the Executive Member for Transport and Planning, following consultation with the QBP.

REASON: To improve the efficiency and attractiveness of bus

services, in particular by comparison to the private car, and to meet the expected more stringent requirements of the Traffic Commissioner in terms of improving punctuality.

(iii) That the Council maintain and develop the Quality Bus Partnership.

REASON: To ensure that the QBP continues to operate as a relevant and useful forum.

9. PARK AND RIDE BUS CONTRACT OPTIONS **Appendix G**

RESOLVED: (i) That Officers be authorised to negotiate and prepare an interim licence with First York to extend the existing contractual arrangements until the new contract is in place.

REASON: To ensure the continuation of the service and licence fee income to the Council.

(ii) That approval be given to tender the park and ride service in accordance with the terms detailed in Option 2, as set out in paragraph 46 of the report, and with the specification and responsibilities split, as detailed in Annex D.

REASON: To enable the provision of an improved service, with the highest opportunity of an increased income to the Council.

(iii) That approval be given for the procurement of the park and ride service in accordance with the restricted route and the programme detailed in paragraph 56 of the report..

REASON: To ensure that the service is procured in accordance with financial regulations.

10. GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSALS FOR THE POST OFFICE NETWORK **Appendix H**

RESOLVED: (i) That the report be approved as the basis for the Council's response to central government, subject to the wording in the final letter being agreed with the Leader of the Council, but that the following refinements to the thrust of the Officer report be accommodated in any reply:

a) Q1. **Issues & Challenges:** Add at end of 2nd paragraph: *'The economic importance of Post Offices to other nearby small businesses and amenities should be recognised.'*

a) Q3. **Access Criteria:** Replace with: *'The proposed Access Criteria appear to have been drawn up with the decision to close 2,500 POs in mind rather than*

recognising any social or community need. It is not clear why radius rather than population density or social need is used as the principle criteria for determining closures. The proposed access criteria for existing developments conflicts with that required for new housing developments- the Y&H Regional Spatial Strategy states that new housing should be built within 10 minutes walk (about 600-1000m) of local services in urban areas and 20 minutes (1200-2000m) in rural areas. This is considerably less than the proposed access criteria of 1 mile and 3 miles respectively. It is not clear why existing communities should be provided with a lower level of service than new developments. Particularly in rural areas where public transport is often less available and frequent than in urban areas, the impact of traffic congestion also needs to be taken into account when considering Post Office closures.'

REASON: To ensure that the Council's response reflects Members' views and the importance of local post offices to City of York residents.

11. CHILD PROTECTION UPDATE REPORT **Appendix I**

RESOLVED: (i) That the development of the Business Plan 2007-10 of the local Safeguarding Children's Board (Annex 1) be noted and its contents endorsed.

(ii) That the draft Child Protection Policy for the Council, as attached at Annex 2, be approved.

REASON: To address the need for a child protection policy and to adopt a policy which sets out clearly the commitment of the Council to the Rights of the Child, together with principles of good practice.

12. FUTURE OF CONNEXIONS SERVICE **Appendix J**

RESOLVED: (i) That the transfer of Connexions Service Responsibilities to the local authority from April 2008 be noted.

REASON: In order to prepare for the new responsibilities.

(ii) That an integrated service for young people be established.

REASON: In order to continue the strategy already developed and to streamline management costs,

(iii) That staff teams be integrated in locality bases.

REASON: To provide a more accessible service to young people.

(iv) That some work continue to be sub-contracted to

the private, voluntary and community sectors.

REASON: To purchase provision from those who can deliver specialist work beyond the scope and expertise of the Council.

(v) That the Council manage the Connexions contract as a direct provider, as set out in Option 1, subject to continuing reassurance that this option represents an efficient use of available resources.

REASON: In order to establish the terms of reference for the transfer document and to authorise staff to carry out the related work programme.

(vi) That the operation of the current contract be reviewed in order to establish whether there is a need to continue to procure specific services from external providers.

REASON: To ensure continuity of provision and maintain service quality.

(vii) That a further report be received, from the Directors of Learning Culture and Children's Services, Resources, and People and Improvement, once transfer documents have been agreed with North Yorkshire County Council.

REASON: So that a final decision can be made about the deployment of resources from April 2008 and to be satisfied that the Council is not exposed to unfunded risks and liabilities.

13. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN **Appendix K**

RECOMMENDED: That the Children and Young People's Plan 2007-2010, as attached at Annex 1, be approved.

REASON: To improve outcomes for children and young people in York.

14. SUB-REGIONAL APPROACH TO STRATEGIC HOUSING **Appendix L**

RECOMMENDED: (i) That Option 1, to participate in a sub-regional partnership for strategic housing and to appoint the Executive Member for Housing as the Council's representative on the partnership, be approved.

(ii) That the Executive Member for Housing, in consultation with the Director of Housing and Adult Social Services, be authorised to represent and take decisions relating to sub-regional housing issues on behalf of the City of York Council at

| partnership meetings

REASON: To develop a governance framework through which sub-regional housing issues can be agreed and investment bids signed off, to ensure North Yorkshire is better placed when competing for funding on a regional basis, as well as raising the profile of York within the sub-region and that of the sub-region as a whole, and to improve the sharing of best practice.

**15. NOTICE OF MOTION TO THE EXECUTIVE Appendix M
CONCERNING NORTH YORKSHIRE AND YORK
PRIMARY CARE TRUST**

RECOMMENDED: That Council consider the motion, which is supported by the Executive, together with the information contained in the report and any additional or updated information provided before the deadline for publication of the Council papers, which will be provided in a supplementary report to Council.

REASON: In accordance with the requirements of the Council's Constitution, as set out in Standing Order 11.

