

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS FOR CITY STRATEGY AND ADVISORY PANEL

MONDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER 2008

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Executive Member for City Strategy and Advisory Panel held on Monday, 8 September 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 key 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 Jill Pickering.

4. LOAN TO SCIENCE CITY YORK

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Leader be advised to recommend that the Executive approve a loan of £50,000 from the Council to the Science City York Company Limited by guarantee to assist with its cash flow.

Decision of the Executive Member for Leader

RESOLVED: That the advice of the Advisory Panel be accepted and endorsed.

REASON: To support the development of Science City York and the contribution it makes to the City and the Council's strategic objectives. The loan will enable the establishment of Science City York as a company limited by guarantee to proceed on a firm financial basis and fulfil contractual requirements to Yorkshire Forward.

5. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S MONITOR 1 FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE REPORT 2008/09

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Leader be advised to

- (i) Note the financial and performance position of the portfolio;
- (ii) Recommend to the Executive to release a contingency

sum of £20k to fund the additional cost of Members superannuation costs.

Decision of the Executive Leader

RESOLVED: That the advice of the Advisory Panel be accepted and endorsed.

REASON: In accordance with budgetary and performance monitoring procedures.

6. 2008/09 FIRST MONITORING REPORT FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICE - FINANCE & PERFORMANCE

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Leader be advised to approve the financial and performance position of the Economic Development portfolio.

Decision of the Executive Member for Leader

RESOLVED: That the advice of the Advisory Panel be accepted and endorsed.

REASON: In accordance with budgetary and performance monitoring procedures.

7. MANOR SCHOOL - HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS (INCLUDING BECKFIELD LANE CYCLE SCHEME)

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member for City Strategy be advised to

(i) Approve the following as the preferred package of measures for implementation, subject to resolution of any Traffic Regulation Order issues and possible minor amendments required by further detailed design and the road safety audit process:

- the alternative School Safety Zone layout on Millfield Lane shown in Annex H of the report;
- the arrangements around the Millfield Lane /Low Poppleton Lane junction shown in Annex D of the report;
- the scheme layout shown in Annex E, including the revision shown in Annex I of the report;

- the revised layout of the Boroughbridge Road/ Low Poppleton Lane / Beckfield Lane junction shown in Annex M of the report;
 - the proposals for Beckfield Lane shown in Annex G of the report;
 - the relocation of the bus stop on Boroughbridge Road as shown in Annex L of the report.
- (ii) Authorise the advertisement of any Road Traffic Regulation Orders associated with the preferred highway improvement scheme and, subject to no objections being received, the Orders be made. Any unresolved objections to be referred to the Director of City Strategy to consider in consultation with the Executive Member for City Strategy.
- (iii) To approve, in principle, a long term aim of introducing off-road cycle paths along either side of Beckfield Lane where practical, and agree to the development of detailed proposals for providing a path on the east side of the street extending as far south as Ostman Road as the priority for 2008/09.

Decision of the Executive Member for City Strategy

RESOLVED: That the advice of the Advisory Panel be accepted and endorsed.

REASON: (i) To provide safe and sustainable transport links to the new Manor School, deliver the required highway improvements as conditioned within the planning approval, and to respond to issues and concerns raised through consultation on the detailed scheme plans.

(ii) To enable any necessary restrictions on parking, use of any section of carriageway or footway, and changes to speed limits to be introduced.

(iii) To provide officers with direction on how to progress the Beckfield Lane Cycle Route scheme, and make best use of the funding currently available to take this forward.

8. COACH STRATEGY REVIEW

Options

A. To retain St George's Field in the short to medium term as a coach-parking site so that use can be monitored in order to

establish whether the site is a suitable long-term option.

B. Use St George's Field as a temporary coach park with a view to relocating coach parking in the medium term, primarily to Park and Ride sites as these are the recommended option in the study.

C. Progress work on examining the feasibility of allowing coaches to use bus lanes.

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member for City Strategy be advised to

- (i) Approve Option A to allow coach parking to remain at St George's Field in the short term but note that there are advantages in coaches parking away from the City centre, as far as possible, in the future;
- (ii) Approve Option C for Officers to investigate the feasibility of the use of bus lanes by coaches but stress that any proposed changes must guarantee no worsening of stage carriage and park and ride bus performance;
- (iii) Agree to Officers investigating the possibility of introducing restrictions on coaches parking free of charge on roads such as Knavesmire Road;
- (iv) Note that the City has no objections in principle to coaches using Park and Ride sites with their passengers using these bus service links to access the City centre. Instructs Officers to survey local businesses like the Designer Outlet Centre for their views on this option whilst also bearing in mind this possible demand when designing the 3 new park and ride sites scheduled to be constructed in the City.

Decision of the Executive Member for City Strategy

RESOLVED: That the advice of the Advisory Panel be accepted and endorsed.

REASON: (i) To allow York to offer quality facilities suited best to the visitor demographic that will enable the city to strongly compete with other destinations for coach trade.

- (ii) (iii) (iv) To enable Officers to carry out feasibility assessment of allowing coaches to use the bus lanes, restrictions on coach parking and survey local business on their views on coach parking.

9. YORK CYCLING CITY

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member for City Strategy be advised to

- (i) Note this report and the progress made to date on the cycling city project and the cycling target and;
- (ii) Endorse the next steps to the further development of the cycling city project as set out in paragraphs 18 to 22 of the report.

Decision of the Executive Member for City Strategy

RESOLVED: That the advice of the Advisory Panel be accepted and endorsed.

REASON: To enable progress to continue and ensure delivery of all the elements of the project.

10. WINTER MAINTENANCE SERVICE 2008/09

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member for City Strategy be advised to note the report and approve the action to seek renewal of the winter maintenance forecast contract as set out in paragraph 9 of the report.

Decision of the Executive Member for City Strategy

RESOLVED: That the advice of the Advisory Panel be accepted and endorsed.

REASON: To ensure that the current winter maintenance policy is robust whilst ensuring the budget is expended in the most cost effective way based on the Council's assessed priorities.

11. RESULTS FROM THE STREET LIGHTING TRIALS

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member for City Strategy be advised to request further reports by January 2009 in support of specific variable lighting schemes that meet the criteria set out by the Executive .

(Officers informed Members that these further reports would be presented to the Neighbourhood Services Advisory Panel meeting in January 2009.)

Decision of the Executive Member for City Strategy

RESOLVED: That the advice of the Advisory Panel be accepted and endorsed.

REASON: To deliver the appropriate levels of lighting to support communities using the least amount of energy.

12. 2008/09 CITY STRATEGY FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE MONITOR ONE

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member for City Strategy be advised to

- (i) Note the financial and performance position of the portfolio;
- (ii) Recommend the Executive release a contingency sum of £180k to support pressure on the Penalty Charge Notices budget;
- (iii) Approve the one off virement of £155k between the Waste Procurement budget and Yorwaste dividend income.

Decision of the Executive Member for City Strategy

RESOLVED: That the advice of the Advisory Panel be accepted and endorsed.

REASON: In accordance with budgetary and performance monitoring procedures.

13. 2008/09 CITY STRATEGY CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITOR 1 REPORT

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member for City Strategy be advised to

- (i) Approve the adjustments to budgets as set out in Annexes 1 and 2 of the report;
- (ii) Note the pressures on the Capital Programme budget in future years identified in paragraphs 10 to 14 of the report.

Decision of the Executive Member for City Strategy

RESOLVED: That the advice of the Advisory Panel be accepted and endorsed.

REASON: To manage the Capital Programme effectively.

**14. A COMPARISON OF BUS FARES IN YORK
WITH OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITIES**

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member for City Strategy be advised to continue to support Officers in their work with bus operators to further improve the quality and retain the existing fares on bus services in York.

Decision of the Executive Member for City Strategy

RESOLVED: That the advice of the Advisory Panel be accepted and endorsed.

REASON: To continue to monitor local bus service and Park and Ride fares against other comparable Local Authorities.

**15. QUALITY BUS PARTNERSHIP PROGRESS
REPORT**

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member for City Strategy be advised to note the contents of the report.

Decision of the Executive Member for City Strategy

RESOLVED: That the advice of the Advisory Panel be accepted and endorsed.

REASON: In order to be informed on the progress of the Quality Bus Partnership in the past year.

