

## **CABINET**

**TUESDAY, 12 FEBRUARY 2013**

### **DECISIONS**

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the Cabinet meeting held on Tuesday, 12 February 2013. 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 Jayne Carr.

#### **6. 2012-13 PERFORMANCE AND FINANCE MONITOR 3**

RESOLVED: That Cabinet agree to:

- i) Note performance against the Council plan.
- ii) Note the current projected pressures of £1,721k.
- iii) Approve the strategies in place to mitigate the forecast as outlined in the body of the report

REASON: In order to ensure expenditure is kept within budget.

#### **7. CAPITAL PROGRAMME - MONITOR THREE 2012/13**

[see also Part B minute]

RESOLVED: That Cabinet agree to:

- Note the 2012/13 revised budget of £57.281m as set out in paragraph 6 and Table 2.
- Note the restated capital programme for 2012/13 – 2016/17 as set out in paragraph 43, Table 4 and

detailed in Annex A.

- Note the re-profiling and adjustments of the Economic Infrastructure fund to align to spend and approval as set out in the Economic Infrastructure reports to Cabinet noting the overall fund remaining at £28.5m and Annex B showing current EIF position.

REASON: To enable the effective management and monitoring of the Council's capital programme.

**8. TREASURY MANAGEMENT MONITOR 3 AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2012/13**

RESOLVED: That, in accordance with the Local Government Act 2003 (revised), Cabinet agree to:

- i) Note the Treasury Management activities in 2011/12.
- ii) Note the movements in the Prudential Indicators at Annex A.

REASON: To ensure the continued performance of the Council's Treasury Management function.

**9. FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2013-2018**

[see also Part B minute]

RESOLVED: That Cabinet approve the average rent increase of 4.36% as set out in paragraphs 81 to 84 of the report.

REASON: To ensure the ongoing financial stability of the HRA and allow work on improving the quality of the council's affordable housing to continue.

**12. DISCRETIONARY & MANDATORY BUSINESS RATE RELIEF & DISCOUNTS**

RESOLVED: That Cabinet agree to:

- i) Approve the draft business rate discount policy attached at Annex A;
- ii) Approve the discretionary business rate relief process attached at Annex B.

REASON:

- i) To provide a policy to deal with any requests for business rate discounts.
- ii) To provide a policy and process to manage future requests for discretionary rate relief that allows for proper consideration of the financial impact of any award.

**13. WASTE SERVICES - SERVICE DELIVERY OPTIONS 2012/13 AND 2013/14**

RESOLVED: That Cabinet agree to:

- i) Give approval to undertake consultation on the options for garden waste.
- ii) Give approval to undertake consultation on amending the opening hours at Towthorpe HWRC and
- iii) Receive a further report following these consultations before making a final decision.
- iv) Give approval to introduce the changes set out in Paragraphs 25 and 26 with the exception of the changes to the opening hours of Towthorpe HWRC, which are subject to consultation.

REASON:

To enable the Council to meet its statutory and policy targets and continue to provide a

high quality waste collection and disposal service that is financially sustainable and provides a robust base for future growth.

**14. REVIEW OF CITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

RESOLVED: That Cabinet agree to:

- i) Approval for CONCEPT 2 established through Phase 1 of the review of the City and Environmental Services Directorate as a transitional arrangement to mitigate risk to senior management capacity and delivery, in the short to medium term, based on current known commitments.
- ii) Delegate to the Director of City and Environmental Services the completion of the review process through the detailed Phase 2 stage and to implement the outcomes of the review; in consultation with the appropriate Cabinet Spokespersons; and supported by interim expert external resource to drive delivery and embed proposed outcomes.
- iii) Note that this will facilitate the future opportunity to further transform the transitional CONCEPT 2 structure into a structure based, in principle, around CONCEPT 1; but not bound by all the detail as presented at Annex A; subject to future funding position and how wider Council strategic initiatives are taken forward.

REASON: i) This will enable timely implementation of the Phase 1 review outcomes to deliver the revenue savings in line with commitments and expectation for the Directorate by May 2013, along with facilitating Phase 2 of the review.

- ii) This will enable the full revenue savings to be realised in the most expedient manner for financial years 2013/14 and 2014/15 in line with commitments and expectation.

**15. GET YORK BUILDING - ECONOMIC GROWTH,  
A CASE FOR CHANGE**

RESOLVED: That Cabinet agree to:

- i) Option1 as set out in Paragraph 20 of the report to:
  - Update the Affordable Housing Targets (as set out in Table 1) and approve as a material consideration for Development Management purposes;
  - Accept, on sites of less than 15 homes in rural areas, an off site financial contribution in lieu of on site affordable housing, (as set out in Annex 1) for a period of 18 months and approve as a material consideration for Development Management purposes;
  - Invest £1m in addressing overcrowding in existing council homes from the HRA;
  - Agree a first phase of building new council homes with funding from the HRA as set out in the HRA Business Plan.
  - Work up options for a mortgage advice scheme;
  - Review general S106 requirements and development of new approaches to facilitate greater flexibility in the payment of contributions
  - Develop opportunities for Institutional investment in to new Private Rented

Sector homes within the city.

REASON: To ensure that the council plays a full and active leadership role in delivering quality sustainable new homes, creating jobs and growing the economy of the city.

**16. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUSINESS PLAN 2013 TO 2043**

RESOLVED: That Cabinet agree to:

- i) Approve the overall HRA Business Plan, in particular the creation of an investment fund of £20m and recommend to Council the adoption of the HRA business plan as set out in Annex A
- ii) Agree in principal the release of £6m funding from the investment fund for the first phase of 60 new Council homes. Following detailed work identify the specific sites and construction costs a further report will be brought Cabinet setting out the exact costs of development for Cabinet to consider and recommend to full Council for approval.

REASON: The plan sets out a sustainable financial projection for the next 30 years and the priorities for the housing revenue account for the next 5 years. It gives clear messages as to the commitment to continue to invest in the council's exist stock, the local communities and build new much needed social rented housing.

**17. THE TOUR DE FRANCE - HOSTING THE GRAND DÉPART**

- RESOLVED: That Cabinet agree to:
- i) Approve the Council's commitment to staging the Grand Départ within the parameters outlined and agree that the £500k hosting fee will be met from the Economic Infrastructure Fund.
  - ii) Give delegated authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to enter into an agreement with Welcome to Yorkshire and Leeds City Council to host the Grand depart.
  - iii) The approach of the regional and local legacy and cultural work as outlined in the report.

REASON: To support the efficient and effective implementation of the work needed to successfully host the Grand Départ in the region and the legacy work for York's regional leading role and York element of the legacy implementation.

**18. DISPOSAL OF ACRES FARM, NABURN**

RESOLVED: That, subject to the inclusion of a condition regarding any future change of use, Cabinet agree to the sale of Acres Farm to Bidder D on the grounds that it reflects a reasonable market value for the land and creates a significant economic benefit for the city through the creation of jobs and training and best meets the requirements of the Asset Strategy and Council Plan.

REASON: To ensure the Council disposes of the land and buildings for the best consideration reasonably obtainable whilst also helping to deliver the objectives of the Council Plan.

## **PART B – MATTERS REFERRED TO COUNCIL**

### **21. FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2013-2018**

[see also Part A minute]

RESOLVED:

- i) That, having considered:
  - a. Expenditure pressures facing the council as set out in the report
  - b. Impacts of savings proposals set out in Annex 2
  - c. Medium term financial factors facing the council as outlined in the report
  - d. Projected levels of reserves as set out in the report
  - e. Statutory advice from the Director of CBSS

It be

RECOMMENDED:

That Council:

- i) Approve the budget proposals outlined in the report and set out in detail within the financial strategy, in particular:
  - a. The net revenue expenditure requirement of £127.778m
  - b. The revenue growth proposals as outlined in the body of the report
  - c. The revenue savings proposals as outlined in Annex 2



- d. The fees and charges proposals as outlined in Annex 3
  - e. The Housing Revenue Account budget set out in Annex 4
  - f. The dedicated schools grant proposals outlined in Annex 5
- ii) Note that the effect of approving the income and expenditure proposals included in the recommendations would result in an increase in the City of York element of the council tax of 1.9%.

REASON: To ensure a legally balanced budget is set

**22. CAPITAL PROGRAMME - MONITOR THREE  
2012/13**

[see also Part A minute]

RECOMMENDED: That Council agree the adjustments in the Capital programme of an overall decrease of £11.752m in 2012/13 with re-profiling of budget from 2012/13 to 2013/14 and 2014/15 of £10.626m as detailed in the report and contained in Annex A of the report.

REASON: To enable the effective management and monitoring of the Council's capital programme.

**10. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY  
STATEMENT AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS  
FOR 2013/14 TO 2017/18**

RECOMMENDED: That Council approve:

- i) The proposed Treasury Management Strategy for 2013/14 including the annual investment strategy and the minimum revenue provision policy statement;
- ii) The Prudential Indicators for 2013/14 to 2017/18 in the main body of the report;
- iii) The Specified and Non-Specified Investments schedule (Annex B)
- iv) The Scheme of Delegation and the Role of the Section 151 Officer (Annex D)

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

**11. CAPITAL PROGRAMME BUDGET 2013/14 TO  
2017/18**

RECOMMENDED: That Council:

- i) Agree to the revised capital programme of £176.709m, that reflects a net overall increase of £48.381m as set out in paragraph 30 table 10 and in Annex A 'budget amendments' column). Key elements of this include:

-Extension of prudential borrowing funded Rolling Programme schemes totalling £3.365m including the IT development fund as set out in paragraph 10 table 2 and summarised in paragraph 27 table 9;

-Creation of 2 new prudential borrowing funded Rolling Programme schemes totalling £1.500m as set out in paragraph 14 table 3 and summarised in paragraph 27 table 9

-New schemes totalling £3.585m including an increase in prudential borrowing of £3.185m as set out in paragraph 16 table 4 and summarised in paragraph 27 table 9;

-New externally funded schemes totalling £25.974m as set out in paragraph 18 table 5 and summarised in paragraph 26 table 9

-An increase in HRA funded schemes totalling £13.957m funded from HRA balances of £13.957m as set out in paragraph 19 table 6 and summarised in paragraph 27 table 9.

- ii) Approve the full restated programme as summarised in Annex A totalling £176.709m cover financial years 2013/14 to 2017/18 as set out in paragraph 30 table 10.

REASON:

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

