

## **DECISION SESSION - EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT**

**MONDAY, 4 DECEMBER 2017**

### **DECISIONS**

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Decision Session Executive Member for Transport and Planning held on Monday, 4 December 2017. 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 Democratic Services.

#### **4. YORK 5 YEAR FLOOD PLAN UPDATE**

Resolved: (i) That the update report, and the evidence presented by the Environment Agency (EA) in the session, be noted.

Reason: To confirm that the Executive Member is updated on the progress of the flood risk management works programmes in York and is able to provide advice to ensure that wider links and opportunities are considered and built into the process.

(ii) That the EA be requested to speed up the timetable for development of flood defences in the city, in particular the defences affected by the increased capacity of the Foss Barrier in the New Walk and Clementhorpe areas.

(iii) That officers be requested to write to businesses in the area to investigate any problems relating to insurance following the 2015 Boxing Day floods.

(iv) That the Executive Member will:

a) Write to the Chief Constable of North Yorkshire Police to follow up work on the location of Silver Command in the case of a

major river flood, and the protocol relating to the maximum pumping of the Foss Barrier and;

b) Write to Yorkshire Water requesting confirmation that the investment needed for new infrastructure to support flood defences is included in the submission to OFWAT for the next price review period (PR19).

(v) That City of York Council (CYC) Officers be requested to review how the council can help with the Yorkshire Water awareness-raising campaigns to prevent inappropriate materials from being flushed into the sewer network.

(vi) That the CYC Communications team be requested to look at helping the EA to include on the council website details relating to public meetings, and updates on the programmes of work for the flood cells.

(vii) That officers be requested to follow up the need for additional telemetry in the catchment areas to enable measurement of natural flood management and other schemes to reduce the height of peak flood events in the city.

(viii) That the next quarterly flood plan update report include an assessment of the sign-up to Floodline in the city.

(ix) That regular updates from the Resilience Officer be brought to future meetings with the quarterly flood plan update reports.

(x) That details of the 'Flood Storage Areas Upstream of York' be provided to the Executive Member at the next decision session.

Reason: To provide the feedback requested, and ensure that the Flood Plan remains on track and that residents and businesses are kept informed of progress at each stage.

**5. GULLEY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY UPDATE**

Resolved: (i) That the proposed gulley cleansing approach set out in paragraphs 18 to 26 of the report be approved.

Reason: To improve the management of York's gulley assets.

(ii) That a list of those gulleys that are currently blocked and causing a risk of surface water flooding be provided to the Executive Member by the end of the month.

Reason: So that these can be prioritised and further resources sought through the budget process if necessary.