

Decision Session - Executive Member for Economy and Strategic Planning [Consultation with the Executive Member for Environment and Climate Change (For Agenda Item 4, the Future Homes Standard: Changes to Part L and Part F of the Building Regulations for New Dwellings)

Monday, 6 January 2020

Decisions

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Decision Session Executive Member for Economy and Strategic Planning held on Monday, 6 January 2020. 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 Robert Flintoft.

4. The Future Homes Standard: Changes to Part L and Part F of the Building Regulations for New Dwellings

Resolved:

- i. That the answers to the Government's Consultation Questions were amended as outlined below;
 - i.i. Responses should include a focus on the need for building skills training to be a part of the Government's agenda;
 - i.ii. Responses should include a focus on long term plans for investment in the housing stock;
 - i.iii. Responses should include the recognition for improved ventilation;
 - i.iv. In response to question 6. The response would include the request for an option that would set the level of uplift to the energy efficiency standard in the Building Regulations introduced in 2020 above 31% CO2 reduction.

- i.v. In response to question 11. The response would state that, we accept the minimum standards for fabric performance as proposed as an interim minimum measure, whilst the Government works on skills within the building sector that would allow for a move to higher standards beyond 2024/25 that would put standards closer to Passivhaus standards.

- ii. That the Executive Member Support the Government's recommendation of option two, but additionally would request that the minimum fabric improvement as outlined in option 1 should also be supported. The Executive Member outlined that the response to the options should also include;
 - ii.i. Highlighting that Local Authorities should be able to set their own efficiency standards;
 - ii.ii. That the use of photovoltaics (PV) on all new and renovated buildings where there are no significant adverse implication in terms of heritage assets should be included;
 - ii.iii. That infrastructure should be added to all new buildings to enable future improvements;
 - ii.iv. That training is required to ensure relevant parties are aware of how to implement the changes required.

Reason: So that the City of York Council can respond to the Government's consultation on the uplift to the standard of Part L of the Building Regulations and changes to Part F.