

Decision Session - Executive Leader (Incorporating Policy, Strategy and Partnerships)

Wednesday, 9 March 2022

Decisions

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Decision Session Executive Leader (Incorporating Policy, Strategy and Partnerships) held on Wednesday, 9 March 2022. 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 Services by 5:00pm on Friday 11 March 2022.

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

4. GREAT BRITISH RAILWAYS HEADQUARTERS

Resolved:

- i. The Leader of the Council noted the considerable benefits of York being home to Great British Railways HQ;
- ii. Approved the submission of a formal expression of interest signalling the Council's intent;
- iii. Agreed the expression of interest will be a joint submission from York, North Yorkshire and Y&NY LEP and will follow extensive consultation with city partners, lead members and rail leaders.
- iv. To delegate the authority to finalise and submit the expression of interest to the Chief Operating Officer following consultation with the Leader of the Council, in accordance with the recommendations above and within the competition deadline of 16 March 2022.

Reason: The competition deadline is 16 March 2022, with several cities and towns indicating interest. To avoid revealing our evidence too early, it is proposed that the expression of interest is not publicly shared before the competition deadline. As part of the

consultation process it will first be shared with city partners and rail leaders to ensure an accurate reflection of York's strengths. The joint expression of interest demonstrates the importance GBR and the rail sector has for the whole of the region, and the collaboration of the North Yorkshire Local Authorities who support York becoming the home of GBR.