

## Notice of meeting of

### Urgency Committee

**To:** Councillors Steve Galloway (Chair), Gillies, Jamieson-Ball, Potter and Scott

**Date:** Friday, 3 August 2007

**Time:** 11.00 am

**Venue:** The Guildhall

### AGENDA

#### 1. **Declarations of Interest**

At this point Members are asked to declare any personal or prejudicial interests they may have in the business on this agenda.

#### 2. **Minutes** (Pages 3 - 8)

To approve and sign the minutes of the meetings of the Urgency Committee held on 26 June 2007 and 29 June 2007.

#### 3. **Public Participation and Other Comments**

At this point in the meeting members of the public who have registered their wish to speak regarding an item on the agenda or an issue within the Committee's remit can do so. The deadline for registering is Thursday 2 August 2007, at 5.00 pm.

**Note: In respect of items 4 & 5 below, the decisions to be taken are Executive functions. The Urgency Committee will therefore act in an advisory capacity to the Executive Leader, who is authorised to take the decision having regard to that advice.**

**4. easy@york Progress Report and Options for Phase 2 (Pages 9 - 56)**

This report sets out the early outcomes of the first phase of easy@york, provides an analysis of the early benefits that have been achieved by the programme and gives an indication of some of the lessons already learnt. It also makes the case for a second phase of the programme and presents options to extend the reach of the current York Customer Centre and to establish a single, one-stop shop for face-to-face contact in the Hungate Building by 2010. The report presents high level costs for a future phase and options on how this can be funded.

**5. Children's Centres Capital Programme (Pages 57 - 68)**

This report informs Members of progress to date on the development of the eight Children's Centres in York under phase 2 of the national programme, details the results of tenders received for capital works and sets out options for closing a funding gap in order to allow construction contracts to be let.

**6. Science City York Limited: Interim Governance of Company Limited by Guarantee (Pages 69 - 72)**

This report explains that the Council's representative and director of the newly formed Science City York Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG) is the Chief Executive, who is shortly to retire from the Council, and therefore recommends that an interim replacement be made. It also makes a recommendation on the role of Chair of the new CLG Board and proposes that this be taken by a private sector representative, Richard Gregory, who has been chairing the "Stakeholder Group" during the transitional period from an informal partnership to a CLG.

**7. Temporary Management Arrangements in Resources Directorate (Pages 73 - 76)**

This report sets out, for Members' approval, temporary management arrangements in Resources to cover the period of time the Director of Resources is Acting Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service.

**8. Appointments and Changes to Membership (Pages 77 - 84)**

This report seeks approval for changes to the Conservative Group's membership of committees, working groups and outside bodies following the death of Councillor Bennett, and to appoint a vice chair of the Yor OK Board and an additional representative on the York Central Steering Board. It also seeks approval to appoint an Interim Electoral Registration Officer and Returning Officer.

**9. Any Other Matters which the Chair decides are urgent under the Local Government Act 1972. (Pages 85 - 94)**

**Appointments Committee for Monitoring Officer**

This report seeks formal approval to appoint a Chief Officer Appointments Committee to proceed with the appointment of the Head of Legal Services/ Monitoring Officer within the Chief Executive's Directorate.

**Ratification of Appointment of Chief Executive**

This report seeks formal approval of the recommendation of the Chief Officer Appointments Committee relating to the appointment of the Chief Executive.

**[Exclusion of Press and Public:** Urgency Committee will need to exclude the press and public during consideration of Annex 1 of this report on the grounds that it contains information relating to any individual. This information is classed as exempt under paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A to Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as revised by The Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006).]

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