



## Notice of meeting of

### Shadow Executive

**To:** Councillors Scott (Chair), Crisp, Douglas, Gunnell, King, Potter and Simpson-Laing

**Date:** Wednesday, 17 June 2009

**Time:** 5.30 pm

**Venue:** The Guildhall, York

### 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. **Exclusion of Press and Public**

To consider excluding the press and public from the meeting during consideration of any exempt information relating to briefings on Executive business, as detailed on the agenda for the Executive meeting to be held on 23 June 2009, under Schedule 12A to Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to information) (Variation) Order 2006.

#### 3. **Minutes** (Pages 1 - 2)

To approve and sign the minutes of the Shadow Executive meeting held on 6 May 2009.

#### **4. Public Participation**

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 Shadow Executive's remit can do so. The deadline for registering is Tuesday 16 June 2009, at 5.00 pm.

#### **5. Briefings on Executive Business**

To receive any briefings requested on Executive business for 23 June 2009.

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#### **6. Any Other Matters which the Chair decides are urgent under the Local Government Act 1972.**

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- Business of the meeting
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### **Scrutiny Committees**

The purpose of all scrutiny and ad-hoc scrutiny committees appointed by the Council is to:

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- Review existing policies and assist in the development of new ones, as necessary; and
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MEETING	SHADOW EXECUTIVE
DATE	6 MAY 2009
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS SCOTT (CHAIR), GUNNELL, KING, LOOKER, MERRETT, POTTER AND SIMPSON-LAING
IN ATTENDANCE	COUNCILLOR CRISP

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**133. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were invited to declare at this point in the meeting any personal or prejudicial interests they might have in the business on the agenda.

No interests were declared.

**134. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

RESOLVED: That the press and public not be excluded from the meeting as there was no exempt information relating to briefings on Executive business, as detailed on the agenda for the Executive meeting to be held on 12 May 2009, under Schedule 12A to Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

**135. MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Shadow Executive held on 25 March 2009 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

**136. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

It was reported that there had been no registrations to speak at the meeting under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

**137. BRIEFINGS ON EXECUTIVE BUSINESS**

It was reported that no briefings had been requested in relation to Executive business for the 12 May 2009 meeting.

**138. BRIEFING REPORT ON PROPERTY GUARDIANS**

Members received a report which responded to their request for a briefing on Property Guardians and how they could help local businesses keep buildings secure at low cost as well as offer extra low cost housing to people not on high incomes.

A representative from Ad-Hoc, an organisation that managed Property Guardians was in attendance and he gave an overview of the Property Guardians concept and scheme. He outlined the benefits of the scheme for the protection of vacant property for both the community and as an alternative to putting expensive security measures in place.

Officers referred to the suitability of the scheme for council owned buildings that became vacant and it's potential to address the housing needs in the city.

Member referred to properties not within the authorities ownership and the authorities possible facilitating role in encouraging private owners to consider this type of property protection. Members questioned the length of time Guardians spent in properties and the effect, if any, on their position on the housing waiting list.

The Chair thanked Officers and the representative from Ad-Hoc for their attendance and their very informative report and briefing. He hoped that the Executive would further explore alternatives with Property Guardians with a view to providing a property guardian scheme in York.

RESOLVED: That the briefing report be noted.

REASON: To inform and update the Shadow Executive and help shape the effectiveness of future action.

CLLR D SCOTT, Chair

[The meeting started at 4.30pm and finished at 6.15pm].