



Notice of meeting of

Scrutiny Management Committee (Calling In)

To: Councillors Healey (Chair), Funnell (Vice-Chair), Orrell,

Scott, Simpson-Laing, Taylor, R Watson and Waudby

Date: Monday, 26 October 2009

Time: 5.00 pm

Venue: Guildhall, York

AGENDA

1. Declarations of Interest

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2. Public Participation

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3. **Minutes** (Pages 3 - 4)
To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 12
October 2009.

4. Called In Item: Green Jobs Task Force (Pages 5 - 24)
To consider the decisions taken by the Executive on 6 October 2009 with regard to the Green Jobs Task Force, which have been called in by Cllrs Scott, Gunnell and Potter in accordance with the Council's Constitution. A cover report is attached setting out the reasons for the call-in and the remit and powers of the Scrutiny Management Committee (Calling In) in relation to the call-in procedure, together with the original report to and decisions of the Executive.



5. Called In Item: Swimming Facilities

(Pages 25 - 48)

To consider the decisions taken by the Executive on 6 October 2009 with regard to Swimming Facilities in the City, which have been called in by Cllrs Crisp, Scott and B Watson in accordance with the Council's Constitution. A cover report is attached setting out the reasons for the call-in and the remit and powers of the Scrutiny Management Committee (Calling In) in relation to the call-in procedure, together with the original report to and decisions of the Executive.

6. Urgent Business

Any other business which the Chair considers urgent under the Local Government Act 1972.

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City of York Council	Committee Minutes
MEETING	SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (CALLING IN)
DATE	12 OCTOBER 2009
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS HEALEY (CHAIR), FUNNELL (VICE-CHAIR), ORRELL, SCOTT, SIMPSON- LAING, TAYLOR, WAUDBY AND HYMAN (SUBSTITUTE)
APOLOGIES	COUNCILLOR R WATSON
IN ATTENDANCE	COUNCILLORS CRISP AND B WATSON

19. 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.

20. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

21. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Scrutiny Management Committee (Calling In) meeting held on 14 September 2009 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

22. CALLED IN ITEM: THE BARBICAN AUDITORIUM

Members received a report which asked them to consider the decisions made by the Executive at their meeting on 22 September 2009 in relation to the Barbican Auditorium.

Details of the Executive's decisions were attached as Annex 1 to the report. The original report to the Executive was attached as Annex 2. The decisions had been called in by Cllrs Scott, Crisp and B Watson on the grounds that:

"The Executive has failed to follow the recommendations of the Shadow Executive, inter alia:

- (i) It failed to specify community days as an essential criterion in marketing to prospective bidders;
- (ii) It failed to specify community days as an important weighting in the scoring of bids; and
- (iii) It abdicated responsibility by passing the decision on final criteria and weighting to the Chief Executive."

Members were invited to decide whether to confirm the decisions of the Executive (Option A) or to refer them back to the Executive for reconsideration and / or amendment (Option B).

Cllr Crisp addressed the meeting on behalf of the Calling-in Members. She re-iterated the reasons given for the Calling-in, stressing the importance of listening to the views of York residents on the future of the Barbican Auditorium, views and stating that these had not been considered by the Executive in reaching their decisions. She urged the Committee to refer the matter back to the Executive with a recommendation that they accept responsibility for setting the final criteria and weighting and specify the inclusion of community days as an important part of the scoring of any bids received from developers.

At the invitation of the Chair, Cllr Brian Watson also spoke on behalf of the Calling-in Members. He emphasised the point that 'community days' should be an essential part of any bid and stated that York residents wanted the Barbican to be an entertainments auditorium, not a conference centre.

Officers attending the meeting outlined the work carried out on the Barbican building over the past few months and reminded Members of the context of the Executive's decisions, which had been taken in the light of consultants' advice not to make the bid criteria too prescriptive at this stage.

Following questions to Officers and a full debate, Cllr Scott moved, and Cllr Simpson-Laing seconded, that Option B be approved and the matter referred back to the Executive for re-consideration, with a recommendation that they specify a minimum of 6 days' community use as part of the bid critieria and that they take full responsibility for establishing the final criteria and weighting rather than delegating it to the Chief Executive.

The above proposal was then put to the vote. Four Members voted for and four against the proposal. The Chair then used his casting vote against the proposal, which was therefore declared LOST. It was then

RESOLVED: That Option A be approved and that the decisions of the Executive on this item be confirmed.

REASON: In accordance with the requirements of the Council's Constitution and because the Committee considers that there

is no basis for re-consideration of the decisions.

P Healey, Chair

[The meeting started at 5.00 pm and finished at 5.35 pm].



Scrutiny Management Committee (Calling – In)

26 October 2009

Report of the Head of Civic, Democratic and Legal Services

Called-in Item: Green Jobs Task Force

Summary

1. This report sets out the reasons for the call-in of the decisions made by the Executive on 6 October 2009 in relation to a report presenting the recommendations of a task group set up to consider the scope to develop 'green jobs' within the City. The report also explains the powers and role of the Scrutiny Management Committee in relation to dealing with the call-in.

Background

- An extract from the decision list published after the relevant Executive Meeting is attached as Annex 1 to this report. This sets out the decisions taken by the Executive on the Barbican item. The original report to the Executive is attached as Annex 2 and the Shadow Executive's comments on the report are attached as Annex 3.
- 2. Councillors Scott, Gunnell and Potter have called in the Executive's decisions for review by the Scrutiny Management Committee (SMC) (Calling-In), in accordance with the constitutional requirements for post-decision call-in. The reasons given for the call-in are:

"That the Executive:

- Did not respond to the advice of the Shadow Executive
- Failed to set itself objectives to meet
- Failed to set SMART objectives for CYC contributions
- Failed to address the issue of identification of a skills gap

Consultation

4. In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, the calling-in Members have been invited to attend and/or speak at the Call-In meeting, as appropriate.

Options

- 5. The following options are available to SMC (Calling-In) in relation to dealing with this call-in, in accordance with the constitutional and legal requirements under the Local Government Act 2000:
 - (a) To confirm the decisions of the Executive, on the grounds that the SMC (Calling-In) does not believe there is any basis for reconsideration. If this option is chosen, the decisions take effect from the date of the SMC (Calling-In) meeting.
 - (b) To refer the decisions back to the Executive, them to reconsider or amend in part their decisions. If this option is chosen, the matter will be re-considered at a meeting of the Executive (Calling-In) to be held on 27 October 2009.

Analysis

Members need to consider the reasons for call-in and the basis of the decisions made by the Executive and form a view on whether there is a basis for reconsideration of those decisions.

Corporate Priorities

7. An indication of the Corporate Priorities to which the Executive's decisions are expected to contribute is provided in paragraph 6 of Annex 2 to this report.

Implications

8. There are no known financial, HR, Legal, Property, Equalities, or Crime and Disorder implications in relation to the following in terms of dealing with the specific matter before Members; namely, to determine and handle the call-in:

Risk Management

9. There are no risk management implications associated with the call in of this matter.

Recommendations

10. Members are asked to consider the call-in and reasons for it and decide whether they wish to confirm the decisions made by the Executive or refer the matter back for re-consideration at the scheduled Executive Calling-In meeting.

Reason:

To enable the called-in matter to be dealt with efficiently and in accordance with the requirements of the Council's Constitution.

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MReport Approved

Date

15/10/09

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Wards Affected: All $\sqrt{}$

For further information please contact the author of the report

Annexes

Annex 1 – decisions of the Executive on the Green Jobs Task Force item (extract from decision list published 6/10/09)

Annex 2 – report to Executive meeting held on 6/10/09

Annex 3 – comments of the Shadow Executive on the above report

Background Papers

Agenda and minutes relating to the above meeting (published on the Council's website)

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EXECUTIVE

TUESDAY, 6 OCTOBER 2009

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Executive held on Tuesday, 6 October 2009. 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, that is Thursday 8 October 2009.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Jill Pickering (01904) 552061.

5. GREEN JOBS TASK FORCE

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the recommendations of the Green Jobs Task Force, as set out in Annex A to the report, be endorsed for further consultation.
- (ii) That further consultation on the recommendations be carried out primarily through the Without Walls Local Strategic Partnership and its constituent thematic partnerships.
- (iii) That the Task Force be requested to continue to meet to consider the outcome of the further consultation and to develop an action plan to take forward agreed recommendations.
- (iv) That a further report be received on this action plan, including a programme for implementation.

REASON:

To develop an action plan to enable more locally based jobs to be created in the city focussed on environmental technologies.

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Executive 6th October 2009

Report of the Director of City Strategy

Green Jobs Task Force

Summary

- 1. This report presents the recommendations of a task group set up to consider the scope to develop "green jobs" within the City, following a question asked at Council in January of this year.
- 2. The report has a good strategic fit with the long term aspirations of the city, particularly in relation to the Sustainable City and Thriving City themes within the Sustainable Community strategy, but also with strong links to those related to the Inclusive City and Learning City.

Background

3. In response to a question asked at the Council meeting in January of this year, the Leader of the Council requested the Chief Executive to convene an "Eco Jobs Task Group" from the Council and partners to examine how the city can create more locally based jobs focussed on environmental technologies, with a view to a final report being completed by September 2009. The Green Jobs Task Force has been established as a small group involving partners. The final report of the Task Force is appended to this report. This sets out recommendations for actions to be taken to stimulate the further development of "Green Jobs" in the City, taking account of existing activity. The Task Force has used the Local Government Association publication "Creating Green Jobs; developing low carbon economies" as a guide to shaping these recommendations.

Consultation

4. The Task Force recognises the need for further consultation on the recommendations set out in this report and would suggest that this is undertaken primarily through the Without Walls Local Strategic Partnership and its constituent thematic partnerships.

Options

5. The options are to accept the recommendations of the Task Force, reject these or carry out further consultation. Given that the Task Force has itself recognised that further consultation is necessary, it is recommended that this latter option is followed. This would enable the development of an action plan to take forward the implementation of the recommendations set out in the report of the Task Force.

Corporate Priorities

6. The actions in this report support the Inclusive City, Learning City and Thriving City elements of the Sustainable Community Strategy and the Council's Corporate Strategy.

Implications

Financial

7. There are no direct financial implications arising from the report. Any future initiative to be undertaken by the Council in response to the recommendations of the Task Force will be the subject of further reports, including consideration of the financial implications. The report raises issues of procurement which will need to be considered in more detail as part of the proposed consultation process.

Human Resources (HR)

8. There are no direct HR implications arising from this report.

Equalities

9. There are no direct equalities implications arising from this report.

Legal

10. There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

Crime and Disorder

11. There are no direct crime and disorder implications arising from this report.

Information Technology (IT)

12. There are no strategic IT implications.

Property

13. There are no direct property implications.

Risk management

14. Means of assessing the success of options supported need to be developed in order to ascertain their effectiveness for reporting back to members in due course.

Recommendations

- 15. That the Executive considers the recommendations set out in the report of the Green Jobs Task Force, and endorses these for further consultation.
- 16. That the Executive agrees to further consultation on these recommendations, primarily through the Without Walls Local Strategic Partnership and its constituent thematic partnerships.
- 17. That the Executive requests that the Task Force continues to meet to consider the outcome of further consultation and develop an action plan to take forward agreed recommendations.
- 18. That the Executive receives a further report on this action plan including a programme for implementation.

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Report Approved 25th September 2009

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Annexes

Annex A – Task group recommendations

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Annex 2A

York Green Jobs Taskforce

INTRODUCTION

The Sustainable Community Strategy sets out a vision and strategic objectives for the future of the City for a 20 year period. This was approved by the Without Walls Local Strategic Partnership and the City of York Council following extensive public consultation and involvement during 2008.

The vision is for the city of York to:

- build confident, creative and inclusive communities
- be a leading environmentally-friendly city
- be at the forefront of innovation and change with a prosperous and thriving economy
- be a world class centre for education and learning for all
- to be able to celebrate its historic past whilst creating a successful and thriving future.

There is an explicit ambition in the Sustainable Community Strategy to balance physical growth and environmental sustainability by making responsible choices in respect of climatic and environmental challenges.

The Thriving City theme of the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) sets the strategic context for initiatives to enhance the prosperity of the City. In doing so, it is generally recognised that enhancing prosperity is important not just for the economy. A strong and prosperous economy generating enhanced employment options and incomes contributes to and enables actions in relation to lifelong learning, anti-poverty, social inclusion, anti-social behaviour, housing provision, cultural provision, spatial planning, transport and environmental quality. There are therefore strong linkages with the other themes set out in the SCS.

Climate change is a long term threat to the future prosperity of the city. There are two distinct impacts from this: (a) the impact and requirements of the Climate Change Act which sets ambitious targets to dramatically reduce carbon emissions and cut the use of fossil fuels; and (b) the potential opportunities to develop a low carbon economy through creating new business and job opportunities. With respect to (a) work is underway within the Council and the Local Strategic Partnership to complete a Climate Change Action Plan which will be in place by early 2010. With respect to (b), increasing evidence suggests that new employment opportunities will be created in the next few years within environmental industries. The Government's "Low Carbon Industrial Strategy" suggests that up to 400,000 new jobs could be created nationally over the next 8 years in environmental industries. York is well placed through existing and new initiatives to act as a significant centre for such new employment opportunities, and this is the focus of consideration within this report, as part of the economic development strategy for the city.

The council has established the Green Jobs Taskforce to consider how best to develop a low carbon economy in York. The Taskforce brings together the appropriate expertise both from within the council and outside (interest having been

invited at York Business Forum). The recommendations from the Taskforce are set out below. The Taskforce has used the Local Government Association publication "Creating Green Jobs; developing low-carbon economies" as a guide in shaping these recommendations. In making this report back to the City of York Council, the Taskforce recognises the need for further consultation, particularly through the Without Walls Local Strategic Partnership and its constituent thematic partnerships, to continue the debate and take forward implementation of initiatives to create "green jobs" in York.

WHAT ARE "GREEN JOBS"?

In order to meet the requirement to dramatically reduce carbon emissions, developing a low carbon economy will necessitate a technological revolution in energy use and supply. This will impact on existing sectors of the economy as well as creating new markets, for example in carbon trading, the development of renewable and low carbon sources of energy, energy efficiency, as well as research and development opportunities.

The expectation is that there is these new markets will grow significantly. Nationally, it is estimated that the environmental goods and services sector stood in 2006 at £25billion with around 400,000 employees; this is projected to grow to £46billion by 2015 ("Emerging markets in environmental industries sector", UK SEED for the Department of Trade and Industry, 2006). The Government has indicated that reaching a 15 per cent renewable energy target by 2050 will require investment in the order of £100billion.

There is no accurate information available for the current extent of the environmental goods and services sector in York nor any easily available definition of what constitutes a green job.

This Taskforce recommends that:

Research is undertaken, in association with Higher Education Institutions and others (public and private) to estimate the current extent of green jobs in the City and project the likely increase over the next 10 years. A significant aspect of this research will include an examination of the types of skills that will be required over the next 10 years across York's green sector and the capacity of local training provision to meet those likely future requirements. The Taskforce group or a subset will set the brief and the timetable for output delivery. Best practice from elsewhere will be investigated as will the context set by Yorkshire Forward, but the outputs from the research will be York specific.

WHAT ACTIONS CAN BE TAKEN TO DEVELOP A LOW CARBON ECONOMY IN YORK?

Whilst the fiscal and regulatory framework for the development of low carbon economies is set by Government, there are opportunities for practical action to be taken at a local level within the obligations set by government and the City Council's signing of the Nottingham Declaration. Many initiatives are already underway and provide a firm foundation for further action. The Taskforce has also considered the

scope for exemplar showcase projects that would clearly demonstrate the ambition of the City to enhance its prosperity through developing a low carbon economy.

The Council, working with partners and other authorities, has a number of levers to help ensure that a low carbon economy develops and indeed thrives in York, through stimulating demand and improving the capacity of the public sector, businesses and individuals to respond to the demand for low carbon goods and services. Through these actions, the conditions will be set to encourage the creation of green jobs in the city.

The LGA report highlights five strands for action. The taskforce has examined each of these to assess current activity and suggest further action.

1. Promoting low carbon development and energy planning in economic development and major regeneration programmes:

What are we doing already -

- The City of York Draft Local Plan policy GP4a and associated supplementary planning policy guidance (Interim Planning Statement Sustainable Design and Construction 2007) currently ensure that all new residential and non residential developments built in the city meet high sustainable design and construction standards, reduce carbon emissions, and where feasible, generate onsite renewable energy.
- The City of York Council produces development briefs for large scale development sites such as Derwenthorpe, Germany Beck, Castle Piccadilly, Nestle South and Terry's. Such briefs address the issues of climate change by stating their requirements to reduce the ecological footprint of new development and by requiring a Sustainability Statement that meets all of the requirements under City of York Draft Local Plan, policy GP4a and associated supplementary planning policy guidance (Interim Planning Statement Sustainable Design and Construction 2007).
- City of York Council is commissioning a renewable energy feasibility study for York highlighting the potential for generating energy from renewable sources in the city. Such a study is vital in guiding York towards low carbon businesses and ultimately a low carbon economy

What can we recommend for further action -

• City of York Council to create a renewable energy feasibility study for York highlighting the potential for local renewable energy infrastructure and local energy distribution networks. This work will also review the current Interim Planning Statement Sustainable Design and Construction 2007 and will recommend the creation of a Supplementary Planning Guidance document (to accompany the LDF's Core Strategy (when adopted)). This new guidance will ensure the city sets ambitious yet achievable targets that will create low carbon developments across York's new development sites. The British Sugar site, in particular, provides a major opportunity and an application for grant assistance has already been placed with the Department for Communities and Local Government.

- Work with the construction industry locally to raise awareness and build upon initiatives such as the Construction Skills Academy developed as part of the University of York's expansion at Heslington East. In addition, seek to develop an accreditation scheme with the industry designed to be of particular benefit to local residents. Actions need to be co-ordinated with the legislative requirements relating to sustainability already in place within the construction sector, notably in developing future skills and training needs. Work in partnership with Job Centre Plus will also identify opportunities both for individuals and skills needs in the round (an approach which can be expanded into other sectors skills needs).
- Work with local business to help deliver the challenging local targets for renewable energy through the Without Walls Partnership including key partners such as the Energy Saving Trust Advice Centre for North Yorkshire and Humber and the Energy Partnership to promote low carbon development, support its development and raise the profile of support agencies and packages (including training) offered across York. In addition, to promote awareness, it is recommended that a series of presentations are put in place from Autumn 2009 onwards as a major step in encouraging the development of a low carbon economy in York. A York and North Yorkshire Sub Regional Green Business Club is being established which will provide advice on energy saving and grant support to York businesses and employees. Also Business Link advisors are currently being upskilled to allow them to fully engage with the "green" agenda.
- 2. Exercising a powerful leadership and demonstration effect within the City Council by developing and re-shaping services, buildings and facilities and organisational behaviour to become low carbon and resilient to climate change:

What are we doing already -

- The City of York Interim planning statement on Sustainable Design and Construction approved in November 2007 ensures that all new residential and non residential developments built in the city meet high sustainable design and construction standards and where feasible generate onsite renewable energy.
- The council is also leading the way and ensuring that its new buildings are designed to the highest environmental standards such as the eco-depot with its wind turbine and roof mounted solar hot water panels. The new headquarters for the council will also be designed to the excellent sustainable standards and will generate at least 20% of the buildings energy needs from onsite renewable energy.

- The council has set a 25% reduction in carbon emissions by 2013 from its office and schools estate and transport fleet.
- The City of York Council and Partners are also leading the way by ensuring that new leisure facilities and primary and secondary school buildings are designed to the highest environmental standards such as Yearsley swimming pool or Joseph Rowntree School. Other organisations such as St Nicholas Fields are also leading the way in sustainable building design and operation with recycling, composting, rain water harvesting and a wind turbine on site.
- The City of York Council and the Energy Saving Trust Advice Centre promote
 the advice on energy efficiency improvements, grants and renewable energy
 across the city to businesses through the Business Link Yorkshire and Carbon
 Trust.
- The city also has a draft Climate Change Framework highlighting the actions the city must take to tackle climate change. (*currently in draft format with Leaders of the Council and LSP).

What can we recommend for further action -

- Through the emerging Local Development Framework and the Core Strategy review and set ambitious sustainable design and construction targets including carbon emission reduction targets for all new residential and non residential developments (including leisure facilities, schools and refurbishments and conversions).
- Develop a city wide programme to accelerate energy efficiency and renewable energy in York businesses and organisations through additional financial incentives and expanding and developing current programmes run by the Energy Saving Trust Advice Centre, Energy Partnership, City of York Council and the Environment Partnership. This will include the Green Business Club already mentioned.
- City of York in partnership with Energy Saving Trust Advice Centre, and the Without Walls Partnership promote and share best practice on sustainable design in York.
- Through the emerging Local Development Framework look to create sustainable communities in all major new development sites including York North West and British Sugar Site already highlighted.
- City of York Council to lead by example and continue to develop and reshape the council's services, facilities and behaviour to become a low carbon, resilient to climate change, council. Work to be undertaken with the Council's senior managers, members and its planning and related staff to ensure that the green job creation benefits of their work and decision taking is fully appreciated and that the green agenda is everyone's responsibility.

- Encourage Science City York to become more directly involved in recognising and encouraging innovation in existing established firms in the city including the annual "Venturefest" event as a mechanism for this.
- Support the Science City York aim to develop York as a world class Centre of Excellence in Biorenewable research, education and commercialisation. Monitor the progress of the Science City York/British Coal initiative at North Selby mine which seeks to develop a world class Biorenewables Research and Commercial centre including demonstrator environmental science projects. (subject to the planning process)
- 3. Shaping innovation and markets through procurement and influence over supply chains:

What are we doing already -

Sustainable procurement policies are in place within the City of York Council.

What can we recommend for further action -

Need to review existing sustainable procurement policies:

Led by the City Council (involving its procurement team) the Without Walls Partnership to develop and accelerate coordinated programmes to promote sustainable procurement and the uptake of sustainable goods and services across the city and within the Without Walls Partnership. This activity would build on the procurement sessions already held by the City Council earlier this year.

City of York Council to review current Sustainable Procurement Policy and to reduce CO2 emissions associated with goods and services purchased by the council. The Council has a major role to play as a community leader in this respect. Further engagement in relation to the green agenda will be taken up with the procurement team with a view to taking into account the number and quality of green jobs created.

4. Working with employers and employment and skills providers to ensure that skills gaps are identified and new training opportunities provided.

What are we doing already -

• From April 2008 to March 2009 the City of York Council in partnership with the Energy Saving Trust advice centre for North Yorkshire and Humber provided verbal energy advice to over 2900 residents of York (49 residents received advice on renewable energy, 933 on smarter driving advice, 976 on various energy efficiency grants and 29 on solid wall insulation). An additional 4257 residents also completed an Energy Saving Trust Home Energy Check and received a free personalised report on saving energy in their home.

- A variety of grants available to residents in York through the Energy Saving Trust advice centre for North Yorkshire and Humber and the Energy Partnership. From April 2008 to March 2009 185 energy efficiency grants were issued to residents across York it improve energy efficiency in homes.
- The North Yorkshire Sub Regional Green Business Club is also being established to provide advice on energy saving and grant support to businesses and employees across York.

What can we recommend for further action -

Part of the research, as mentioned previously, in association with Higher Education Institutions and others will be to estimate the current extent of green jobs in the City and project the likely increase over the next 10 years, the research should also include looking a the types of skills that will be required across York's green sector to support this growth.

- Promoting local employment and training/construction skills through the provision of training initiatives which meet needs emerging through the work of the Energy Advice Centre and others, and produce a skilled workforce for the future.
- Develop a city wide programme to accelerate energy efficiency and renewable energy in our homes through additional financial incentives or expanding and developing current programmes and grants run by the Energy Saving Trust Advice Centre, Energy Partnership, City of York Council and the Environment Partnership of the Without Walls Partnership. Investigate whether any grants might be available to underpin any training deficiencies.
- Specifically consider the skills required in insulating "hard to treat" homes and gauge how best to develop a local initiative to tackle these with a focus on the specialist skills requirements identified in the research.
- Science City York to engage with a range of education partners for the delivery of education activities around Biorenewables.
 - 5. Identifying and supporting innovation:

What are we doing already -

- International reputation of Higher education University Green Chemistry/Centre for Novel Agricultural Products/Science City York role in bioscience and supporting the development and exploitation of new technologies for a sustainable future.
- Science City York to undertake a strategic assessment of York's Bioscience sector.

What can we recommend for further action -

 Support the Science City York aim to develop York as a world class Centre of Excellence in Biorenewable research, education and commercialisation which will result in a wide selection of jobs across the employment spectrum.

DELIVERY

The Taskforce recognises the need for further consultation on the recommendations set out in this report and would suggest that this is undertaken primarily through the Without Walls Local Strategic Partnership and its constituent thematic partnerships. The consultation should include the opportunity to identify further actions to develop a low carbon economy in York and the ongoing research proposed should be built into this.

Following this, an action plan should be prepared to implement those recommendations that the Council and the Without Walls LSP consider most appropriate to undertake. This action plan will need to set out lead bodies, resource implications, targets, milestones and measures of performance for each action, with regular reporting to both the council and the Without Walls Local Strategic Partnership. This work should also feed into the climate change framework and future action plan, playing a vital role in the creation of low carbon communities across York. It is recognised that climate change cannot be achieved without essential wider dialogue with the whole community.

The Taskforce is willing to remain in place to oversee action plans and monitor progress and its membership will be reviewed on a regular basis.

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Item 5 - Green Jobs Task Force

The Shadow Executive:

- Recommends that the council practices as it preaches, and looks at greening the organisation, for example, greener vehicles and improving the efficiency of its buildings, irrespective of the proposed move to a new HQ eg. Guildhall
- Supports the recommendation, however the Executive should note:-

It needs to adopt a definition of a 'green job' in order to measure success. There are three different strands:-

- existing jobs which become 'green' by lowering their carbon emissions
- existing jobs that change their product to become 'green'
- new jobs in green industries that are green though their processes
- Suggests CYC needs to take a positive lead and set distinct and measurable targets for itself to become a low carbon emitter
- Believes CYC should promote households becoming low emission households by co-ordinating and underwriting large scale schemes of insulation and boiler replacement.
- Believes the Executive should look to new innovative funding mechanisms funded by savings achieved/promised.
- Highlights para 4 of the report not stating what steps are being taken to identify skills gaps and training opportunities - these need to be done as a matter of urgency.
- Believes the council needs to move quickly to ensure that York is seen as the place to be other cities are competing.
- Notes it has taken almost 9 months for this report to come forward.

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Scrutiny Management Committee (Calling – In)

26 October 2009

Report of the Head of Civic, Democratic and Legal Services

Called-in Item: Swimming Facilities

Summary

This report sets out the reasons for the call-in of the decision made by the Executive on 6 October 2009 in relation to a report produced in response to a motion approved by Council on 9 July asking the Executive Member for Leisure, Culture and Social Inclusion to bring information to the Council meeting in October on a range of issues relating to swimming facilities in York. The report also explains the powers and role of the Scrutiny Management Committee in relation to dealing with the call-in.

Background

- An extract from the decision list published after the relevant Executive Meeting is attached as Annex 1 to this report. This sets out the decision taken by the Executive on the Barbican item. The original report to the Executive is attached as Annex 2 and the Shadow Executive's comments on the report are attached as Annex 3.
- 2. Councillors Scott, Crisp and B Watson have called in the Executive's decision for review by the Scrutiny Management Committee (SMC) (Calling-In), in accordance with the constitutional requirements for post-decision call-in. The reasons given for the call-in are:

"That the Executive:

- Did not respond to the advice of the Shadow Executive
- Has left an open-ended arrangement with £2m of taxpayers' money with the University, which could mean a pool never materializes
- Failed to start the process for delivering a city centre pool
- Failed to create a 'leisure reserve'."

Consultation

4. In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, the calling-in Members have been invited to attend and/or speak at the Call-In meeting, as appropriate.

Options

- 5. The following options are available to SMC (Calling-In) in relation to dealing with this call-in, in accordance with the constitutional and legal requirements under the Local Government Act 2000:
 - (a) To confirm the decision of the Executive, on the grounds that the SMC (Calling-In) does not believe there is any basis for reconsideration. If this option is chosen, the decisions take effect from the date of the SMC (Calling-In) meeting.
 - (b) To refer the decision back to the Executive, them to reconsider or amend in part their decision. If this option is chosen, the matter will be re-considered at a meeting of the Executive (Calling-In) to be held on 27 October 2009.

Analysis

6. Members need to consider the reasons for call-in and the basis of the decisions made by the Executive and form a view on whether there is a basis for reconsideration of those decisions.

Corporate Priorities

7. An indication of the Corporate Priorities to which the Executive's decisions are expected to contribute is provided in paragraph 35 of Annex 2 to this report.

Implications

8. There are no known financial, HR, Legal, Property, Equalities, or Crime and Disorder implications in relation to the following in terms of dealing with the specific matter before Members; namely, to determine and handle the call-in:

Risk Management

9. There are no risk management implications associated with the call in of this matter.

Recommendations

10. Members are asked to consider the call-in and reasons for it and decide whether they wish to confirm the decision made by the Executive or refer the matter back for re-consideration at the scheduled Executive Calling-In meeting.

Reason:

To enable the called-in matter to be dealt with efficiently and in accordance with the requirements of the Council's Constitution.

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15/10/09

Specialist Implications Officer(s) None

Wards Affected: All √

For further information please contact the author of the report

Annexes

Annex 1 – decisions of the Executive on the Swimming Facilities item (extract from decision list published 6/10/09)

Annex 2 – report to Executive meeting held on 6/10/09

Annex 3 – comments of the Shadow Executive on the above report

Background Papers

Agenda and minutes relating to the above meeting (published on the Council's website)

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TUESDAY, 6 OCTOBER 2009

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Executive held on Tuesday, 6 October 2009. 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, that is Thursday 8 October 2009.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Jill Pickering (01904) 552061.

7. SWIMMING FACILITIES (PART A)

RESOLVED: That the Executive agrees to:

- Continue its commitment to the partnership with the University of York to deliver a publicly accessible competition standard pool on the new campus;
- Ask officers to continue to work with the University to develop a funding plan for the University pool;
- Continue to plan for a future city centre pool beyond 2015 by developing an affordable delivery model.

REASON: To meet the city's identified need for swimming

facilities

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Executive 6 October 2009

Report of the Assistant Director (Lifelong Learning and Culture)

Swimming Facilities

Summary

- This report has been produced in response to the resolution agreed by Council at its meeting on 9 July, which asked the Executive member for Leisure, Culture & Social Inclusion to bring, to the next Council meeting in October 2009, a report that:
 - Sets out a clear program of the meeting dates for the University Swimming Pool Steering Group for the remainder of the municipal year
 - Outlines a clear and final completion date for the University Pool
 - ➤ Identifies a mechanism for the closing of the reported funding gap for the University Pool, and
 - Outlines the Council's strategy to provide a pool in a City Centre location if completion at the University site by 2011 is not feasible and that that strategy has a clear and timely completion date

Background

- 2. The Council has an agreed vision for its swimming facilities:
 - We should have facilities that encourage all York citizens to swim
 - Sufficient sports facilities should be available for casual (pay as you go) use
 - Swimming should include opportunities for:
 - fun activities, especially for children and families
 - open swimming for casual users
 - courses and lessons
 - clubs
 - time for regular fitness and competitive swimmers
 - There should be a good quality environment for sports activities (wet and dry), which is bright, safe and clean
 - All school children should be able to achieve the National Curriculum requirements for swimming
 - Facilities should be accessible to all

The City's pools between them need to cover the full range of requirements: Facilities for local competitions, schools use, club development, teaching, fitness swimming, and family swimming.

3. To inform its strategy the Council previously carried out an analysis of supply and demand for swimming facilities using Sport England's model. This shows that we have a current demand for an additional twelve, 25m lanes of swimming space in the city. By 2015 this is likely to have increased in line with the projected population increase such that there will be demand for a further pool. When the results are broken down geographically it is clear that the demand is greatest in the South and East of the city.

Consultation

- 4. Extensive consultation has been undertaken over the years in which the Council's pools strategy has been developed: with citizens through city-wide exercises, with user groups, clubs, other institutions in the city, with the Amateur Swimming Association, and with Active York.
- 5. Active York's sport and active leisure plan for the city identifies that "The city has no swimming facilities that meet modern competitive requirements or dedicated training facilities. This need, coupled with the need for public swimming facilities, can logically be met by the provision of a publicly accessible county standard pool (25m, 8 lane (or more) pool with training / teaching pool)." It comments that, "The development of a county standard pool would create a logical home for the city's competitive swimming club and would allow the existing and new community pools to cater predominantly for community and fitness users."
- 6. Other consultees have also identified the desire for a competition facility to ensure that local swimmers can achieve their potential. An even more important factor emerging from consultation is a pool that is available at all times when people want to use it.

The Current Strategy

- 7. The above factors indicate the need for a flexible space which can be divided to accommodate a mix of uses and maximise the amount of public, casual swimming time. This would best be provided by a county standard pool (also known as a short-course competition standard pool).
- 8. In response to this analysis the Council confirmed its current swimming facilities strategy in October 2007. The strategy was designed to:
 - Deliver the vision for swimming set out in paragraph 2 above
 - Provide effectively for all the city's needs in a coherent way avoiding head on competition between Council facilities and the pool that the University of York is required to build under its section 106 agreement (as this could leave both the Council and the University with pools that are not financially viable)
 - Be deliverable within the capital resources currently available to the Council

- Maximise the potential of partnership working in order to achieve best value for money for Council Tax payers
- Aim to reduce the Council's revenue subsidy requirement
- Provide for further development of the strategy from 2012 on to address additional demand arising from an increased population beyond 2015
- 9. In the light of these points members agreed to:
 - Reconfirm the Council's commitment to delivering the required county standard pool through partnership with the University of York to deliver a pool of that standard together with associated sports facilities by 2011. The Council would contribute £2m in return for public access to the facility
 - Pursue options to develop a city centre pool beyond 2012 that:
 - o provides for the additional demand anticipated by 2015
 - o is commercially viable and does not require revenue subsidy
 - o draws in capital from development gain and other commercial sources
 - o does not compete with or jeopardise the University of York pool
 - Commit to the requirement for this city centre pool in planning future development sites
- 10. These commitments built upon earlier decisions to:
 - Refurbish Yearsley swimming pool
 - Proceed with a new community pool on the Oaklands site as a replacement for Edmund Wilson swimming pool
- 11. Since October 2007:
 - Yearsley swimming pool has re-opened following an extensive refurbishment and modernisation programme
 - Construction of the new community swimming pool at Oaklands sports centre has commenced and the facility is on course to be completed this month. It will open in early December
 - The Council has embraced the opportunity to provide free swimming to under 16s and over 60s
 - The University Pool Steering Group has drawn up a detailed business plan and outline design for a 25m competition standard pool on the new campus to be delivered in partnership with the Council

The University Swimming Pool

- 12. The University of York's Section 106 agreement requires:
 - The construction of a competition standard swimming pool
 - Provision of indoor sports provision equivalent to 12 badminton courts and 3 tennis courts together
 - Outdoor sports facilities

with a scheme for the provision of public access.

- 13. The Council's £2m contribution would ensure a comprehensive, publicly accessible programme covering clubs, general swimming, schools, classes, family sessions, targeted sessions, galas, etc. in state-of-the-art accommodation. The Council's agreement with the University of York is based on the following principles for the pool, that it should:
 - Be accessible to all York citizens and members of the University, including club use
 - Encourage participation by promoting the benefits of a healthy active lifestyle
 - Provide facilities for a range of abilities and actively encourage participation by all members of the communities
 - Promote use by people with disabilities
 - Be designed and maintained as a high quality environment
 - Have a flexible charging and admissions policy that promotes the maximum use of the facilities during the day and encourages widening participation
 - Be financially self-sufficient including an allowance for sufficient ongoing maintenance and renewal
 - Have an independent identity
- 14. The Steering Group met 6 times between February 2007 and November 2008. With an independent chair, it included a wide range of University, Council and community representatives together with a representative of the Amateur Swimming Association. It commissioned expert advice from Strategic Leisure Ltd. and signed off a final report in November 2008. This report includes a detailed analysis of the available options and an outline business plan for a fully accessible community facility. It recommends the construction of:
 - > A 25m x 17m 8-lane pool x 1.1m to 2.5m deep (competition standard)
 - Health and fitness facilities
 - Dance / aerobics / martial arts studio
 - Training Pool 25m x 10.5m 4 lane pool x 1.1m to 1.2m deep
 - Movable floor + bulkhead for half length of pool
- 15. With the production of this final report the work of the Steering Group is complete; there would be no purpose to any further meetings. Implementation of the report now rests with the University.
- 16. The University has commissioned FaulknerBrowns Architects to undertake a design study and cost plan for the project. Their report has identified the preferred location for the facilities and produced outline designs for what would be a new landmark building for the University and the city (see extracts from the report at the Annex).
- 17. It was originally envisaged that the pool would be completed in 2011. However, alongside the first phases of developing the new campus the University has had to expand its capital programme to take on additional projects related to statutory compliance on legacy buildings. This has caused it to draw more heavily upon capital borrowing than had been expected. This has happened in the context of the economic downturn and a reduction in the grant funding available.

- 18. In these circumstances the University has been forced to reprioritise its capital planning. It has also had to emphasise the importance of the business case providing a break-even in order for the project to be brought forward. A completion date in 2011 is contingent upon the business plan delivering financial balance. The University has worked closely with the Council to investigate additional funding sources. This is problematic, however, at a time when the run up to the 2012 games is dominating the priorities for sports funding.
- 19. The University allocated £5m within their Capital plans to which the Council has agreed to add £2m. The FaulknerBrowns study estimates base line costs at £11m. The scheme also includes sporting facilities which would deliver revenue support for the pool development. The £4m funding gap remains, however.
- 20. The University and the Council have commenced a review to evaluate the opportunities that may be presented by different funding arrangements for example through a joint venture company. This could prove more cost effective in terms of borrowing, particularly in the context of the University's current expansion investment at Heslington East.
- 21. The S106 legal agreement requires the provision of the sports facilities (including swimming pool) on the Heslington East campus, as outlined in paragraph 12. Implementation would be in accordance with an agreed programme of works. At this time there is no agreed programme relating to the implementation of these facilities. Planning permission would be required for the proposed new swimming pool.

Options

22. The Council resolution introduces an alternative way forward, should completion of the pool at the University site by 2011 prove not to be feasible. This option would be to pursue a city centre pool at an earlier date, in place of the University pool, (whereas the current strategy treats a city centre pool as an additional development from 2015 onwards).

Analysis

- 23. If the Council were to adopt this alternative way forward and seek to provide a pool in the city centre it would be faced with the need to build a county standard facility in order to fulfil the needs identified in the Council's strategy. There are a number of key issues to consider with this:
 - Availability of sites
 - Affordability
 - Impact on the University's pool

Sites:

- 24. In order to understand what sites may be available the Head of Property Services commissioned Wm Saunders Architects in 2007 to produce a standard pool design based on the following components:
 - 25m pool with teaching pool
 - Plant room
 - Changing village

- Reception area
- Viewing / vending area
- Gym
- Crèche
- Dance / aerobics studio
- Staff facilities
- 25. The accommodation could be provided over 2 floors which gives a minimum land take of approximately 2,820 m² for an 8 lane competition pool. (Parking facilities are not included except for disabled parking bays, cycle parking, and drop-off space.
- 26. The number of sites likely to be available within the centre of York are limited. Saunders were challenged to respond to the brief outlined above in relation to a hypothetical site within the city centre currently in use as a car park. (The largest available land holdings in council ownership within the city are car parks). Saunders were asked to explore the implications of the design in terms of design and order of cost.
- 27. The design will need to provide a quality that is acceptable within the city centre. The hypothetical scheme considered by Saunders including the re-provision of car parking under the development, sited within the city centre was estimated at £11-12m for a competition standard pool.
- 28. The Head of Property Services cannot currently identify any city centre sites in the Council's ownership that could feasibly accommodate such a pool. In the longer term development sites may become available though certainly not ahead of the timeframe within which the University intends to develop its pool.

Funding:

- 29. Sources of capital funding available to fund a scheme of this size in the current market environment are limited:
 - a) The Capital Programme: The 5 year capital programme was approved at Full Council in February 2009 for 09/10 to 13/14, which included £2m for the Council's contribution to the University Pool scheme. The capital programme is reviewed every year as part of the Capital Resources Asset Management process which identifies available resources for new schemes. This year the economic situation has led to limited resources being available and funding is extremely tight. It is unlikely that further funding of £10m could be found to meet the hypothetical scheme considered by Saunders estimated at £11-£12m.
 - b) Capital disposals: In the current market environment the sale of capital assets is likely to result in a lower capital receipts being realised than would be the case if the market was more buoyant. Therefore consideration needs to be given to the timing of capital receipts. This leads to a lower level of funding being available to fund schemes in the capital programme. There is also a limited number of sites available for sale. Most sales are as part of a rationalisation of existing facilities with the receipt often required to contribute to the capital cost of improved asset provision or are already allocated to fund other schemes in the capital programme.

- c) External Funding: There is no longer a sports lottery fund which could support local authority facilities and it is unlikely that there will be any new capital grants available for a pool in the foreseeable future.
- d) Private Sector Finance: There may be potential for PFI funding in the future although there is no certainty that credits will become available. It is unlikely that private sector finance will be available for a competition standard pool.
- e) Development Gain: Opportunities may exist as part of major developments within York, most notably York North West and Castle Piccadilly.
- f) Partnership approach to another major organisation or institution in York willing to contribute to such a development: Discussions to date have shown no indication of capital being available.
- g) Create the revenue stream necessary to support the required level of borrowing for a major development: To fund £10m, (the additional amount required over and above the £2m already allocated in the capital programme) would require a revenue stream of around £936k p.a. for 15 years. This equates to around a 0.86% increase on Council Tax. In light of the current budget position it is unlikely that additional funding of this magnitude could be found.
- 30. A city centre pool would expose the Council to the likelihood of having to provide an operating subsidy. The business plan for the University facilities aims to break even largely through the provision of income generating sports and fitness facilities along side the pool. It is most unlikely that there would be space to provide a comparable range of facilities in the city centre.

Impact on the University of York's Pool:

31. The University is required to build its facilities under its Section 106 obligation. It would therefore be unwise for the Council to proceed at this stage with a pool in the city centre which would ultimately compete with the University's facilities, and potentially leave the city with two facilities that were not financially viable.

Conclusions

- 32. The above analysis suggests that a city centre competition standard pool is not a realistic option because:
 - > There is no site immediately available for it
 - > It is not affordable
 - ➤ It would compete head on with the pool that the University is required to build at Heslington East campus under their Section 106 obligation
- 33. Any city centre option would more realistically be seen as longer term, to provide the additional swimming capacity required beyond 2015. To be achievable such a facility:
 - i) would need to be deliverable without major Council capital investment
 - ii) would need to work in the context of one of the city's major development sites

- ii) must stimulate new types of demand and create new markets so that it does not compete head on with the planned University facilities and does not require significant revenue subsidy
- 34. A delivery model would be needed that could fund a public leisure facility mainly through developers' and landowners' contributions.

Corporate Priorities

- 35. Swimming facilities are relevant to the following aims in the Council's Corporate Strategy:
 - Inspire residents and visitors to free their creative talents and make York the
 most active city in the country. We will achieve this by providing high quality
 sporting and cultural activities for all
 - We want to be a city where residents enjoy long, healthy and independent lives. For this to happen we will make sure that people are supported to make healthier lifestyle choices

Implications

- 36. **Financial:** See paragraphs 29 and 30 above.
- 37. **Legal:** The Council has agreed a "statement of intent" with the University of York for the development of the pool and sports facilities but has not entered into any binding legal agreement.
- 38. **Property:** Property implications are as contained in the report.
- 39. There are no **Human Resources, Crime and Disorder,** or **Information Technology** implications.

Risk Management

40. The key risk with the current strategy surrounds the identified difficulties in closing the funding gap for the University of York facilities. This means that these facilities may not be deliverable by 2011. However, the alternative strategy of the Council pursuing a city centre pool at this time has greater risks of a funding shortfall together with the risk of a revenue subsidy requirement.

Recommendations

- 41. The Executive is recommended to:
 - continue its commitment to the partnership with the University of York to deliver a publicly accessible competition standard pool on the new campus
 - ask officers to continue to work with the University to develop a funding plan for the University pool and sports facilities
 - continue to plan for a future city centre pool beyond 2015 by developing an affordable delivery model
 - report to Council accordingly

Reason: To meet the city's identified need for swimming facilities.

Annex: Outline designs for the Swimming Pool and associated sports facilities at the Heslington Campus.

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Wards affected: All

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Background Papers:

Leisure Facilities Strategy: Report to the Executive, 7 February, 2006

Review of the Leisure Facilities Strategy (Swimming): Report to the Executive, 23

October 2007

York's Sport & Active Leisure Plan – file held by the report author

Facilities modelling data – file held by the report author

Wm Saunders city centre pool study – file held by the Head of Property Services

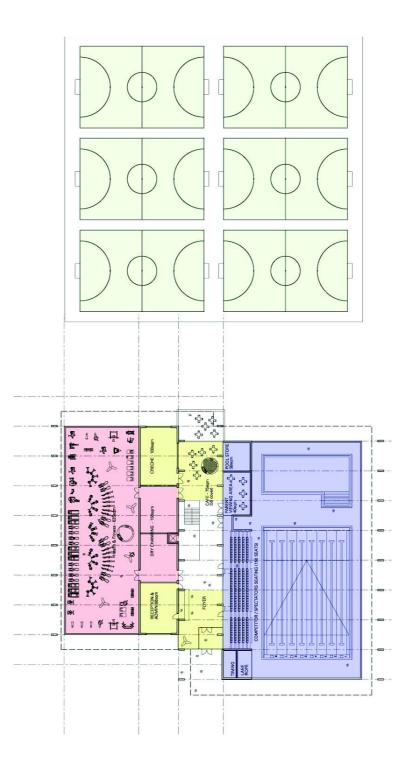
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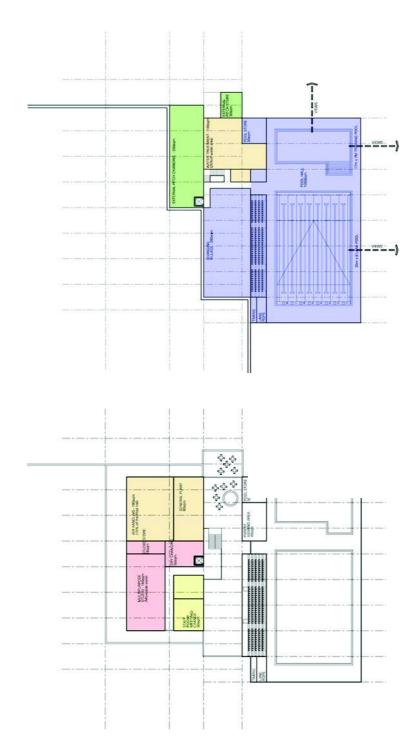
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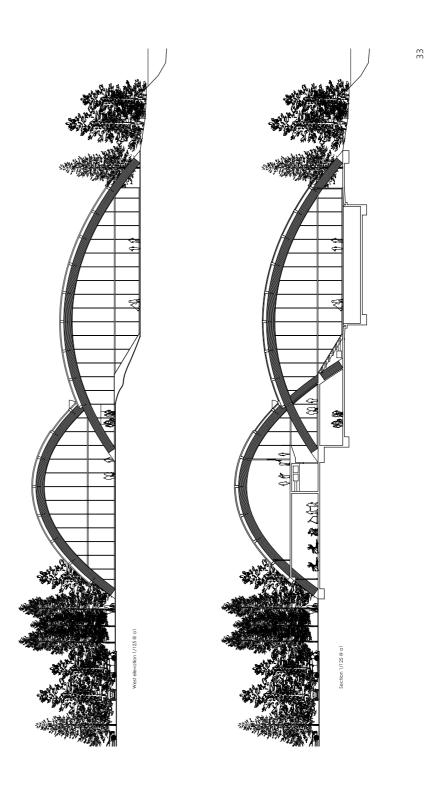


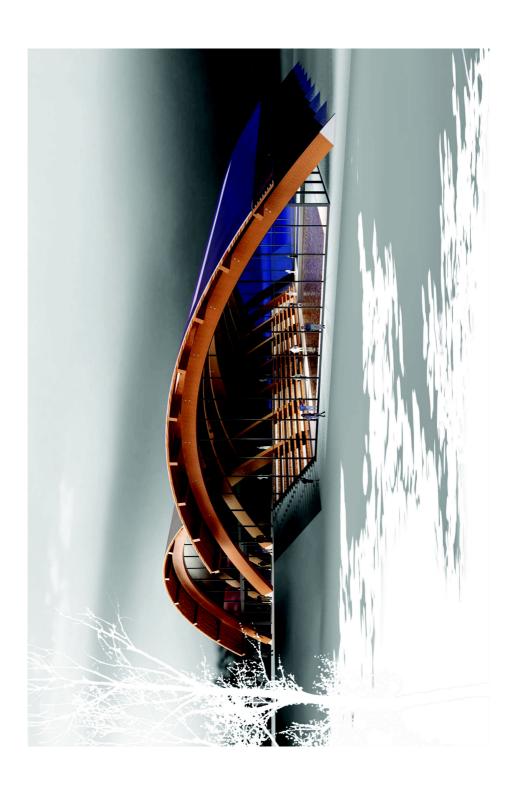
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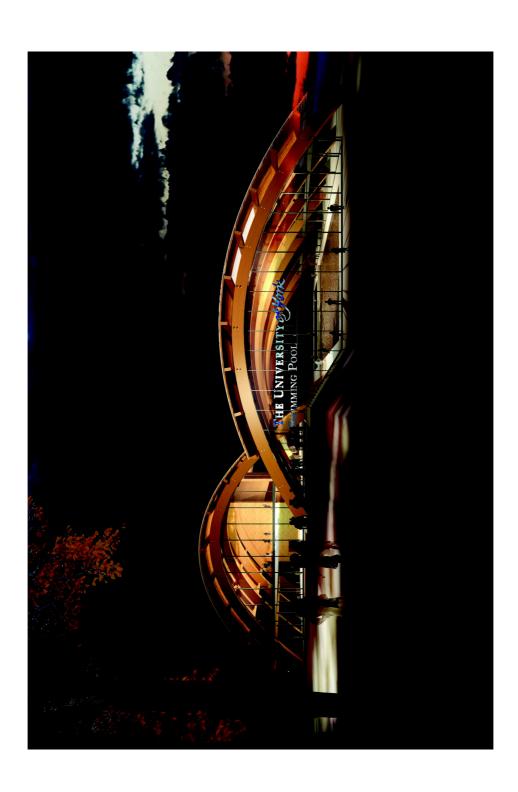
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<u>Shadow Executive comments on Executive business for 6th</u> October

Item 7 - Swimming Facilities

The Shadow Executive:

- Believes this report shows a wasted opportunity
- Has concerns about the future and this administration's commitment to swimming provision at both Yearsley and Waterworld.
- Has concerns on the university pool, and queries the complex design of the building in terms of its overall cost
- Recommends that the vision for a city centre pool be moved forward now - not in 2015
- Recommends that a proper study be commissioned to look at sites and designs. Recommends the allocation of up to £100,000 from reserves to fund this.
- Recommends creating a Leisure Reserve funded by a proportion of any departmental/CYC underspends to be used for the new city centre pool and/or repairs to existing pools.
- Asks the Executive to state clearly and without further prompting, when the pool at the University should be built by and at what date they will withdraw the £2mof CYC funding.

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