
Meeting	Economy & Place Policy Development Committee
Date	26 July 2017
Present	Councillors Cuthbertson (Chair), Cullwick, Dew, Looker, D Myers, Richardson and D'Agorne (Substitute)
Apologies	Councillor Kramm

7. Declarations of Interest

Members were asked to declare any personal interests not included on the Register of Interests or any prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interests that they might have in respect of the business on the agenda. None were declared.

8. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting of 22 June 2017 be approved as a correct record and then signed by the Chair.

9. Public Participation

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

10. Priorities & Challenges for 2017/18

The Deputy Leader (Economic Development and Community Engagement) gave an overview of his Economic Development priorities and challenges for 2017/18.

Members welcomed the update and made the following comments:

- Encouraging more companies to the city who could provide a greater number of high value jobs was good but it would require the necessary premises and space to be made available. Also, that an equal focus should be given to encourage green energy jobs and new retail and hotels etc as those types of business continued to provide substantial employment across the city.

- In regard to the job losses at Fulford Barracks, the Committee was pleased to note that quarterly meetings to discuss the closure of the barracks, involving City of York Council, the Ministry of Defence and associated businesses were ongoing.
- Reference was made to the consideration of sustainable travel when discussions with new or expanding businesses were taking place.
- High value jobs and retaining graduate workforce were important but consideration to other jobs across the spectrum needed to be given.
- It was noted that the York Skills Plan 2017-20 addressed the need for the range of skills required across the city.
- All new businesses should be encouraged to sign up to the One Planet York initiative - Members queried whether Make it York had signed up to the initiative. In regard to the future renewing of Make it York's service level agreement, Members queried whether there was potential to expand their key account relationships.
- Members acknowledged that 'Gross Value Added' was an important measure but queried whether there was a more holistic set of measures that could be used.

The Executive Member for Environment gave an overview of his priorities and challenges for 2017/18, and provided an overview of the funding available from Leeds City Region for natural flood management work.

Members welcomed the update and made the following comments:

- The number and location of electric charging points for the expected increase in electric vehicles in the future needed to be considered, along with the city's preparedness for that increase and how the suppliers intend supporting that work.
- Further communication to residents about recycling was required.
- The council needed to continue to encourage residents to separate waste and recyclates, and welcomed the possibility of including tetrapaks to the list of recyclates in the future.

Resolved: That Members note the priorities and challenges for Economic Development and Community Engagement and Environment 2017/18.

That a workshop on ICASP and flooding be arranged.

Reason: To understand the priorities and challenges for Economic Development and Community Engagement and Environment 2017/18.

To understand the work of ICASP.

11. Introductory Presentation on CYC Fleet Generated Emissions in support of proposed CYC Emissions Policy Development Review

Members received a presentation on the Council's current fleet profile and control process, including data on fleet emissions and future fleet and fuel options.

In regard to the number of vehicles in the fleet, the Assistant Director for Transport, Highways and Environment clarified that the fleet included pool vehicles and not contractor vehicles. He also confirmed that approximately 50% of the fleet was owned by CYC and the rest on lease.

Members noted emissions standards of the vehicle fleet and were advised on the planned replacement of fleet vehicles in the future. The current criteria for the replacement was explained, and an update on the replacement of waste vehicles was given.

Members discussed the emissions generated by the waste vehicle fleet. The Corporate Director of Economy and Place reported that the compressed natural gas generated at Harewood Whin was contracted for electricity production, and he explained the contractual arrangements for this.

Members highlighted the challenges to the city's infrastructure in regard to the expected future increase in electric vehicles in light of the requirement for additional electric charging points.

It was suggested and agreed that vehicle fleet renewal would be a topic for policy development review.

Resolved: That:

- The presentation was noted.
- Vehicle fleet renewal would be a topic for policy development review.

Reason: To inform Members' consideration of possible topics for policy development review.

12. Work Plan 2017/18

The Committee considered the work plan for the 2017/18 municipal year. It was confirmed that the draft report for the Arts & Culture Review would be ready for the next meeting.

As a result of the Executive Member presentations, the Committee expressed interest in having:

- A future workshop on ICASP and flood management.
- A future workshop to look at the inclusion of metrics and performance assessment in the council's Economic Strategy
- A meeting with power suppliers and car manufacturers to consider the future of transport management in the city, including future demand and infrastructure requirements
- An oversight of the renewing of Make it York's service level agreement.

The Chair advised that those proposals would be discussed at the Committee's Task Group meeting scheduled for 27 July 2017.

Resolved: That the draft work plan presented be updated following the forthcoming Task Group meeting.

Reason: To ensure that the Committee had an agreed programme of work in place.

Cllr I Cuthbertson, Chair

[The meeting started at 5.30pm and finished at 7.45pm].