PART B - MATTERS REFERRED TO COUNCIL

128. City Transport Access Measures

[See also under Part A Minutes]

The Assistant Director of Transport, Highways and Environment, presented a report which set out an approach to developing proposals to ensure safety in York, through a review of transport access into the city centre and areas adjacent to the Minster and York Racecourse.

Keeping residents and visitors safe was a key role and priority for the council, and crucial to protecting the city’s economy. Against the background of the national CONTEST strategy aimed at reducing the risk of terrorism, the police had advised a review of Traffic Regulation Orders, and of physical measures in place, to prevent vehicles from accessing areas of significant footfall. The council would engage with key partners to identify areas requiring more detailed work and to mitigate any adverse effects.

The aim was to develop the proposals in a sensitive way, respecting the historic value of York’s built environment, and mitigating the impact of the changes on disabled access and traders in particular. Delegated authority was sought to move the proposals forward, in view of the need for speedy delivery of this work. It was proposed that funding be from the Built Environment Fund, supported by partner and other council funds as required.

Members broadly welcomed the proposals, highlighting the need to keep all affected groups informed as the work moved forward.
Recommended: That the Built Environment Fund allocation (£1.187m) set aside in the Capital Programme to develop a business case for Public Realm improvements be used to fund the delivery of initial proposed access restrictions.

Reason: To provide the necessary financial resource to enable the scheme to be progressed.

129. Capital Programme - Monitor 3 2017/18

[See also under Part A Minutes]

The Deputy Chief Executive / Director of Customer & Corporate Services presented a report which set out the projected out-turn of the council’s 2017/18 capital programme, including any under / overspends and adjustments, and asked Executive to recommend the adjustments to Full Council.

A decrease of £19.324m was reported on the approved capital budget of £111.638m, resulting in a revised programme of £88.586m. Variances in each portfolio area were summarised in Table 1 at paragraph 6 of the report, and detailed in paragraphs 8 to 53. The effect of the revisions was shown in Table 2, paragraph 54.

The changes included the re-profiling of £1.337m from the Built Environment Fund into 2018/19 to fund the review of city centre access points, as detailed in Agenda Item 6 (Minutes 122 and 128 refer).

Recommended: That Council approve the adjustments to the programme detailed in the report and contained in Annex A, resulting in a decrease of £19.324m in the 2017/18 budget.

Reason: To enable the effective management and monitoring of the council’s capital programme.