
MEETING	EXECUTIVE
DATE	22 APRIL 2008
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS STEVE GALLOWAY (CHAIR), ASPDEN, SUE GALLOWAY, JAMIESON-BALL, REID, RUNCIMAN, VASSIE AND WALLER
APOLOGIES	COUNCILLOR SUNDERLAND
IN ATTENDANCE	COUNCILLOR MOORE (FOR AGENDA ITEMS 1-3 & 8)

199. 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.

Councillor Runciman declared a personal non-prejudicial interest in agenda items 6 (Carbon Management Programme – Strategy and Implementation Plan) and 9 (Urgent Business: Appointment of ICT Contractor – Joseph Rowntree New School) as a governor of Joseph Rowntree School.

Councillor Waller declared a personal non-prejudicial interest in agenda item 6 (Carbon Management Programme – Strategy and Implementation Plan) as a governor of York High School.

200. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of Annex A to Agenda Item 10 (Urgent Business - Appointment of ICT Contractor – Joseph Rowntree New School) (minute 208 refers), on the grounds that it contained information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). This information was classed as exempt under paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A to Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as revised by The Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006).

201. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Executive meeting held on 8 April 2008 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

202. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

203. EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN

Members received and noted details of those items that were currently listed on the Forward Plan for the next two Executive meetings.

204. MINUTES OF THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK WORKING GROUP AND THE SOCIAL INCLUSION WORKING GROUP

Members considered a report which presented the draft minutes of the Local Development Framework (LDF) Working Group meeting held on 4 March 2008 and the Social Inclusion Working Group (SIWG) meeting held on 12 March 2008.

An additional annex had been circulated, which provided supplementary information to the Social Inclusion Working Group's recommendations relating to membership revisions.

With regards to the LDF Working Group minutes, Members noted that the Working Group had agreed that a consultation leaflet on the Core Strategy be sent to every household and welcomed the high response rate compared to other local authorities.

In relation to the Social Inclusion Working Group minutes, Members welcomed the success of development day and noted the importance of the Equality Strategy 2008-11.

Having noted the advice of the Shadow Executive on this item, it was

- RESOLVED: (i) That the minutes of the LDF Working Group be noted;
- (ii) That, arising out of the minutes of the Social Inclusion Working Group, the number of elected members on the working group be reduced, at the Annual Council meeting, to 5 (in proportion 2:2:1).

REASON: To fulfil the requirements of the Council's Constitution in relation to the role of Working Groups.

Action Required

1 - To appoint a reduced number of Members to the Social Inclusion Working Group at Annual Council. GR

205. CARBON MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME - STRATEGY AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Members considered a report which presented for approval the Strategy and Implementation Plan for the Local Authority Carbon Management Programme.

The draft Strategy and Implementation Plan (SIP) was attached as Annex A of the report. The following options were presented to Members for consideration:

- To approve the SIP;
- To reject the SIP.

Additional information was circulated at the meeting (attached as Appendix 1 to the minutes) setting out details of four projects which directly identified the carbon capital programme as the possible funding route. It was noted that further information on these projects would be provided in due course, as projected costings and savings were refined.

Members noted that as one of the schemes was specifically about the use of staff champions around the Council, there could be greater linkage with the Member Energy Champion. They also noted that for this aspect of the Programme to work there needed to be clear reporting back to each directorate on the energy and carbon savings that had been made.

Having noted the advice of the Shadow Executive on this item, it was

- RESOLVED: (i) That the City of York Council Strategy and Implementation Plan for the Local Authority Carbon Management Programme be approved;
- (ii) That officers be asked to include the Member Energy Champion with the work of the "Energy Champions" network;
- (iii) That an annual report to the Executive be requested setting out progress in delivering the Programme;
- (iv) That officers be requested to review a process for reporting back progress to Executive Member & Advisory Panel (EMAP) meetings at the same time as other performance monitoring data is presented.

REASON: To ensure a co-ordinated approach to the management of carbon emissions from Council activities, with targets and milestones.

Action Required

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| 1 - To implement the plan; | JB |
| 2 - To include the Member Energy Champion with the work of the "Energy Champions" network; | JB |
| 3 - To provide an annual report to the Executive; | JB |

4 - To review a process for reporting back progress to EMAPs.

206. RESULT OF REGIONAL TRANSPORT BOARD CAPITAL BIDS AND APPLICATION FOR USE OF CONTINGENCY FUNDS

Members considered a report which provided details of the results of the Regional Transport Board (RTB) meeting on 4 April, which had assessed bids from local authorities in the region for funds to undertake major schemes. The report sought approval for the release of funds from reserves to progress the development of the Access York bid.

The decision of the RTB, as set out at paragraph 5 of the report, was as follows:

Proposal	Decision
Access York: Park & Ride Bid	All three Park & Ride sites approved for inclusion within the Regional Funding Allocation programme (£20.8m)
Yorcard	Approved for inclusion within the Regional Funding Allocation programme
Hopgrove Roundabout	Identified as a block 3 priority. Decision deferred until next RTB meeting in July
Regional Information Systems	Identified as a block 5 priority. Decision deferred until next RTB meeting in July

Members thanked officers for their hard work drawing up the bid in tight timescales and also acknowledged the Leader's contribution made at the RTB meeting which considered the bids.

Having noted the comments of the Shadow Executive on this item, it was

- RESOLVED: (i) That the decision of the Regional Transport Board be welcomed;
- (ii) That the release of £164k from Council reserves be agreed to progress the Major Scheme Bid for the development of the Park & Ride sites and prepare a bid for the remainder of the Access York project to be submitted to the Regional Transport Board later in the year.

REASON: To obtain funding to improve transport provision in the City.

Action Required

1 - To release funds from reserves.

JB

207. HIGHWAYS SCRUTINY AD-HOC SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - FINAL REPORT

Members considered a report which presented the final report of the Highways Scrutiny Ad-hoc Committee in relation to Parts A and B of their Scrutiny Review and sought approval for the Committee's recommendations, which had previously been agreed by the Scrutiny Management Committee.

Councillor Richard Moore, the Chair of the Scrutiny Committee attended the meeting to present the report and answer Members' questions.

The report presented the following options to Members for consideration:

- (i) To approve the recommendations in full or in part;
- (ii) To reject the recommendations and outline alternative proposals, where applicable.

Paragraphs 6 & 7 of the report detailed the recommendations relating to Parts A & B of the review respectively.

Members noted that the final report had already been overtaken by events as the Private Finance Initiative (PFI) Highways Maintenance bid had been unsuccessful and therefore a number of the recommendations were no longer relevant. Members of the Scrutiny Committee and officers were thanked for their work on the topic.

Members highlighted that total investment in highway maintenance in 2008/09 was £9,201.0k, compared to £7,007.9k in 2003/04.

Having noted the advice of the Shadow Executive on this item, it was

RESOLVED: (i) That it be agreed to deal with the scrutiny recommendations as follows:

Scrutiny Committee recommendation	Executive decision
Part A of the Review	
i. That the efficiencies and other benefits gained through the PFI approach, as highlighted within the Expression of Interest (EoI) should be weighed against any budgetary inflexibility in future years, when deciding whether or not to proceed with the PFI process.	Noted
ii. That in the event that the PFI outcome is unsuccessful, the key issues identified should be taken into consideration when deciding upon an alternative approach.	Agreed

Scrutiny Committee recommendation	Executive decision
iii. That in the event that the Council's Eol is successful, the decision to proceed to the next stage of the PFI process, i.e. submitting an Outline Business Case (OBC), be weighed against the resulting greater annual budget commitment required from the Council if the highways repair and maintenance works are to be carried out.	Noted
iv. That it should be noted that as there are too many unknown quantities at this stage in the process, the total expenditure over the lifespan of the PFI cannot be properly identified.	Noted
v. That in the event that the Eol is successful, careful consideration should be given when deciding whether to proceed to each of the following stages of the process, thereby ensuring a full understanding of the cost implications.	Noted
Part B of the Review	
i. That there has been an impact on the repayments to the Venture Fund caused by the delays in implementing the actions agreed as part of the Best Value Review	Noted
ii. The delays in implementing the actions agreed as part of the Best Value Review were necessary	Agreed
iii. The total savings made in Highways Maintenance since the Best Value Review are significantly higher than those identified therefore there has been no financial loss to the council caused by the delays in the procurement process	Agreed

REASON: To enable the Executive to introduce appropriate changes to working practices and/or Council policy and procedures.

Action Required

1 - To consider the key issues identified when deciding upon JB an alternative approach to PFI.

208. URGENT BUSINESS - APPOINTMENT OF ICT CONTRACTOR – JOSEPH ROWNTREE NEW SCHOOL

Members received a report which sought approval to appoint RM as the ICT contractor for the Joseph Rowntree New School project. The matter

was urgent due to the need to obtain a Member level decision within tight timescales. Officers were recommending acceptance of the higher tender, which requires the approval of Members.

The report presented two options for consideration:

- To appoint RM, the highest scoring bid;
- To re-procure the ICT contract.

Having noted the advice of the Shadow Executive on this item, it was

RESOLVED: (i) That RM be appointed as the ICT contractor for the Joseph Rowntree New School project.

REASON: RM provide the best ICT solution for the school.

Action Required

1 - To issue the contract.

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S F Galloway, Chair

[The meeting started at 2.00 pm and finished at 2.40 pm].

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The Carbon Management Programme SIP identifies all current proposed projects working towards the 25% reduction targets. Within the 18 projects listed (Appendix B of the document), there are 4 projects which directly identify the carbon capital programme as the possible funding route. These are:

Project 9: Staff behaviour change - estimated cost £100,000, estimated annual savings £65,000 and annual 5% CO2 savings, 820 tonnes CO2 per annum based on current consumption levels. Payback 1.5 years

Project 11: Extend EMS/BMS in schools - estimated costs £200,000, estimated annual savings £32,250, annual CO2 savings 204 tonnes CO2, payback 7 years

Project 12: Improve insulation - estimated cost £200,000, estimated annual savings £22,450, annual CO2 savings 251 tonnes per year, payback 9 years

Project 13: Power perfect voltage power optimisation. Estimated costs £260,000, estimated annual savings £74,000, annual CO2 savings 430 tonnes CO2, payback 3.4 years

These projects represent:

Cost: £760,000,

Financial annual saving (estimates): £193,700

CO2 annual savings (estimates): 1705 tonnes CO2. This represents a contribution of 29% towards the overall council emissions reduction targets of 25% (5,810 tonnes) CO2 by 2013

Note - these projects can be expanded within the carbon management project group. The savings are also estimates.

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