MEETING SHADOW EXECUTIVE

DATE 28 MAY 2008

PRESENT COUNCILLORS SCOTT (CHAIR), GUNNELL, KING,

LOOKER, MERRETT, POTTER AND SIMPSON-

LAING

1. 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.

None were declared.

2. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That the press and public not be excluded from the

meeting as there was no exempt information detailed on the agenda for the Executive meeting to be held on 3 June 2008, 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

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the last meeting held on 14 May

2008 be approved and signed as a correct record.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

5. EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN

The Shadow Executive made the following comments on the Forward Plan at page 9 of the papers circulated for the Executive meeting to be held on 3 June 2008:

The Shadow Executive:

 agreed to provisionally request officers for the following items on the Executive Forward Plan:

Executive on 17 June

Administrative Accommodation Review – End of Stage 3 Report

York Race Course – Report on Negotiations

6. 'YORK - A CITY MAKING HISTORY': YORK'S SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY AND LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT

The Shadow Executive considered a report which was listed as item 5 on the agenda for the Executive meeting on 3 June 2008, at page 13. The report sought endorsement of the Without Walls Sustainable Community Strategy 2008-2025, entitled 'York - A City Making History', which represented the deliberations of Without Walls Partners and the aspirations of local people in updating the Community Strategy and Local Area Agreement for 2008.

Having discussed the issues set out in the report, the following comments were agreed:

The Shadow Executive:

- agreed that the SCS was a good start but it was clearly not finished and was still in need of refinement;
- agreed that the component parts did not yet hang together well. The silo thinking that wanted to be avoided was clearly present;
- highlighted that there were significant gaps in the document;
- raised concerns that the challenges did not reflect the views of residents indicated in the Resident Opinion Survey, for example Housing, Jobs and Skills gaps, Leisure and Sporting facilities;
- agreed that some success measures did not accord with the strategic aims, for example, in the City of Culture section, the Leisure and Sports measures
- highlighted that the eco footprint targets were missing, save for one mention, and no baseline figures were mentioned;
- agreed that there were issues of accountability, especially in relation to the Executive Delivery Board. It was not clear who was a member of the Executive Delivery Board as this was not mentioned in the document;
- recommended that this document be rewritten;
- could not agree the report as it stood and therefore cannot agree that the LAA indicators as appropriate indicators for that SCS.
- RESOLVED: (i) That the Executive be asked to take the above comments into account when considering this item.
 - (ii) That the item not be called in.

7. REVIEW OF INFORMATION POLICY FRAMEWORK

The Shadow Executive considered a report which was listed as item 6 on the agenda for the Executive meeting on 3 June 2008, at page 85. The report presented a revised Data Protection Policy for the Council, following a review of the information management policy framework which identified the current policy as no longer fit for purpose.

Having discussed the issues set out in the report, the following comments were agreed:

The Shadow Executive:

- accepted the recommendation;
- agreed that there was a need to consider how this related to Members;
- highlighted that there was a need for guidance notes and Member training.
- RESOLVED: (i) That the Executive be asked to take the above comments into account when considering this item.
 - (ii) That the item not be called in.

Cllr Scott, Chair

[The meeting started at 3.20 pm and finished at 3.25 pm].

