

Meeting	Decision Session - Executive Leader (incorporating Policy, Strategy and Partnerships)
Date	18 September 2019
Present	Councillor Aspden (Executive Leader)

1. Declarations of Interest

The Executive Leader was asked to declare, at this point in the meeting, any personal interests, not included on the Register of Interests, or any prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interests that he might have had in respect of business on the agenda. He confirmed he had none.

2. Public Participation

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

There had been one written representation from Steve Galloway in respect of Agenda Item 3 Acomb and Westfield Neighbourhood Plan Area and Forum. In his written representation Mr Galloway welcomed and agreed with the proposal not to include the Westfield Ward in any joint Acomb and Westfield Neighbourhood Plan.

3. Acomb and Westfield Neighbourhood Plan Area and Forum

The Executive Leader considered a report that sought determination on two applications submitted by the proposed Acomb and Westfield Neighbourhood Forum for (i) designation of a Neighbourhood Plan Area and (ii) designation of a Forum in order to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan.

It was noted that the Executive Member for Economy and Strategic Planning was the Ward Member for Westfield, Councillor Waller had agreed that he should not participate in the decision relating to this item. In accordance with the Constitution the Executive Leader will determine this issue.

The Development Officer was in attendance to give an update and she confirmed that Acomb & Westfield Neighbourhood Forum had withdrawn their application to allow their members time to consider the objections that had been put forward and to consider available options. It was noted that they would submit a revised application to the Council in due course.

Officers were thanked for their work and for the report.

Resolved: That;

- i. The report be noted.
- ii. Acomb & Westfield Neighbourhood Forum had withdrawn their recent application for (i) designation of a Neighbourhood Plan Area and (ii) designation of a Forum in order to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan to cover Acomb & Westfield Wards.

Reason: To allow Acomb & Westfield Neighbourhood Forum to consider the objections that had been put forward and to consider available options.

4. Establishing the York Inclusive Growth Programme

The Executive Leader considered a report that informed him that Full Council had reallocated £300k of Leeds City Region Business Rates Pool funding from the City Narrative project to support inclusive growth. The Council proposes to use this fund to establish an Inclusive Growth Initiatives Fund, which will support one-off pieces of work.

The Executive Member noted that the potential projects for the fund, which fell under the five core themes:

- Strengthening our approach to child poverty;
- Greening the high street;
- Promoting lifelong learning;
- Working with small businesses to build community links; and,
- Driving inclusive growth.

The Executive Leader expressed support for the potential projects.

The Head of Economic Growth Economy & Place was in attendance to give an update and in answer to the Executive Leader advised that work on the

project initiation documents had begun and would be brought back to future Decision Sessions.

The Executive Member considered the options in the report and thanked officers for their update.

Resolved: That it be agreed that Officers develop the list of proposed inclusive growth projects into full project briefs, as part of the Inclusive Growth Initiatives Fund.

Reason: So that the Council develops a pipeline of projects that positively addresses inclusive growth in the City of York.

5. Coordinating the work of city centre agencies - Purple Flag and safer events

The Executive Leader considered a report that set out a proposed approach to coordinating work with residents, businesses and visitors in York city centre through the development of Purple Flag (PF), potentially leading to an application for Purple Flag accreditation, and the coordination of the city's safety advisory group (SAG).

The Head of Economic Growth gave an update and highlighted the that Purple Flag's objective was to raise the standard and appeal of city/town centres evening and night time economy and was important in enabling the city centre to work for the benefit of all users. The Assistant Director of Planning and Public Protection noted that the Safety Advisory Group (SAG) and Events Safety Advisory Group (ESAG) were well established and took a multidisciplinary approach to key elements of events across the city centre. He added that an Internal Audit report had identified the lack of a coordinator role in SAG as a key risk and had recommended that the Council create a post to undertake that role.

The Executive Leader highlighted that Purple Flag covered a board range of areas. He thanked officers for their update.

Resolved: That;

- i. The proposed approach to coordination of city centre working through the Purple Flag model be endorsed.
- ii. The creation of a new post in the Economic Growth Team to act as Purple Flag and SAG Coordinator be approved.

Reason: To support growth in the city centre economy and to help ensure that the large number of events which take place in the city do so safely.

Cllr K Aspden, Chair

[The meeting started at 4.00 pm and finished at 4.15 pm].