

DIRECTOR DECISION

Decision: Reopening the High Street 2021 Proposals

Type of Decision: Director

Key

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Non-Key

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Portfolio Area that decision relates to:

Leader (in Policy & S&P)

Deputy Leader & Transport

Environment & Climate C

Economy & Strategic Plan

Housing & Safety Neigh

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Background

A number of proposals for managing the lifting of lockdown restrictions and reopening of businesses in the city centre have been considered and on Thursday 18 March Executive approved the following (annex 1):

To Delegate to the Corporate Director of Economy and Place in consultation with the Executive Member for Economy the following interventions:

- *To provide temporary public toilets in the city centre during the initial stages of lockdown easing should they be required at a cost of £2k per week*
- *The expenditure of up to £200k ARG to fund the delivery of the principles for managing city and secondary centre spaces that are set out in this report*
- *The submission of any planning application required for temporary managed outdoor spaces*
- *Extend the Covid Marshalls until the end of June at a cost of £28k to facilitate the covid-safe management of the city through Covid Containment Grant funding*

The proposed expenditure to deliver these measures was set out as followed, but with an acceptance that the funding split would need to flex based on the final proposals and actual costed projects.

Measure	Estimated cost	ARG	Containment grant	21/22 already Budgeted
Covid Marshalls	£28k		£28k	
Public toilets (if required)	£20k	£20k		
Extended footstreet costs to September	£60k			£60k
Trader Initiative contingency	£80k	£80k		
Parliament Street (stage 2 and 3)	£50k	£50k		
College Green (stage 2, 3 and 4)	£40k	£40k		
General outdoor seating	£10k	£10k		
Total	£288k	£200k	£28k	£60k

Having undertaken detailed work with officers and supplier to refine the proposals there are three projects proposed for ARG funding, two to be delivered by the BID and one by Make It York. However, these will have some shared security costs and will have a single consistent brand identity. These proposals have been considered by the Executive Economic Recovery Group, including the Exec Member for Economy and Strategy, and they have recommended to the Corporate Director to approve the following funding split. They have also been considered by the Safety Advisory Group who have approved the proposals.

Summary of expenditure (details set out in Annex 2 – report to ERG)

Project	Delivery partner	ARG allocation
Parliament Street	Make It York	£60k
Parliament Street toilets	Make It York	£5k
College Green and general outdoor seating	BID	£45k
Shared security and waste collection	Make It York/BID	£20k
Total		£130k

Implications: Crime & Disorder
Human Resources
Financial

Equalities
Legal
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Other:
Highways
Property

Decision Date: 26 March 2021

Wards Affected:

All Wards	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fishergate	<input type="checkbox"/>	Holgate	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rural West York	<input type="checkbox"/>
Acomb	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fulford & Heslington	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hull Road	<input type="checkbox"/>	Strensall	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bishopthorpe	<input type="checkbox"/>	Guildhall	X	Huntington & New Earswick	<input type="checkbox"/>	Westfield	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clifton	<input type="checkbox"/>	Haxby & Wigginton	<input type="checkbox"/>	Micklelegate	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wheldrake	<input type="checkbox"/>
Copmanthorpe	<input type="checkbox"/>	Heworth	<input type="checkbox"/>	Osballdwick & Derwent	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Dringhouses & Woodthorpe	<input type="checkbox"/>	Heworth Without	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rawcliffe & Clifton	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments/Observations:**Decision:**

Allocation of ARG funding to Make It York and the BID to provide managed outdoor seating for the re-opening of the city centre from covid lockdown. This will be allocated as below:

- The allocation of £45k to the BID to deliver College Green and general outdoor seating across the city centre
- The allocation of £60k to Make It York to deliver Parliament Street seating area and £4.5k for the associated toilets

The allocation of a single budget of up to £20k to allow Make It York and the BID to operate shared security and waste collections across all city centre wide projects.

Decision Made by: Neil Ferris, Corporate Director of Economy and Place in consultation with Executive Member for Economy and Strategic Planning.

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On Completion – Signed off by:

Date: 26 March 2021



Neil Ferris, Director

Corporate Director of Economy and Place