
MEETING	SHADOW EXECUTIVE
DATE	25 MARCH 2009
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS SCOTT (CHAIR), GUNNELL, KING, LOOKER, POTTER AND SIMPSON-LAING
APOLOGIES	COUNCILLOR MERRETT
IN ATTENDANCE	COUNCILLOR PIERCE

127. 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.

No interests were declared.

128. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That the press and public not be excluded from the meeting as there was no exempt information relating to briefings on Executive business, as detailed on the agenda for the Executive meeting to be held on 31 March 2009, under Schedule 12A to Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

129. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Shadow Executive held on 14 January 2009 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

130. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

131. BRIEFINGS ON EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

The Shadow Executive received briefings on the following items of business on the agenda for the Executive meeting on 31 March 2009:

- Corporate Strategy Refresh (agenda item 5)
- Local Area Agreement 2008/09 to 2010/11 (agenda item 6)

132. BRIEFING REPORT ON THE CITY CENTRE EXPERIENCE

This briefing report, responded to Members request for a report on innovative thinking to establish what kind of a city centre experience they wanted people to have. This was to take into account potential funding from Yorkshire Forward for the rejuvenation and regeneration of city centre areas and the report set out progress to date.

Members received a presentation from Officers of City Development on the proposals for a City Centre Action Plan, which would provide a 20 year vision and strategy for the City Centre.

Representatives of Visit York, the Retail Forum, the Minster Quarter and the City Centre Manager attended the meeting and were invited to participate in the discussion.

Officers confirmed that it was important to determine what resident's and the authority wanted out of the City Centre. Members pointed out that there was a need to examine bus and taxi penetration into the centre, making it more family friendly in the early evening and ensuring that Gateway Streets were better utilised with the introduction of trails. It was confirmed that public spaces should be available throughout the year and that investment was required in city activities.

Members thanked officers for preparing the report and the attendees for their constructive comments.

RESOLVED: That the briefing report be noted.

REASON: To inform and update the Shadow Executive and help shape the effectiveness of future action.

CLLR D SCOTT, Chair

[The meeting started at 5.30 pm and finished at 7.05 pm].