

EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS DECISION RECORD

The following decisions were taken on Tuesday, 7th November, 2017 by Cabinet.

Date notified to all Members: Friday, 10th November, 2017

The end of the call in period is 5.00 p.m. on Tuesday 21st November, 2017 and therefore, the decisions can be implemented on Wednesday 22nd November, 2017

Present:

Vice-Chair - Councillor Glyn Jones (Deputy Mayor, Portfolio Holder for Housing and Equalities) (In the Chair)

Cabinet Member for:

Councillor Nigel Ball	Portfolio Holder for Public Health, Leisure and Culture
Councillor Joe Blackham	Portfolio Holder for Highways, Street Scene and Trading Services
Councillor Chris McGuinness	Portfolio Holder for Communities, Voluntary Sector and the Environment
Councillor Bill Mordue	Portfolio Holder for Business, Skills and Economic Development
Councillor Jane Nightingale	Portfolio Holder for Customer and Corporate Services

Apologies:-

Apologies were received from the Chair, Mayor Ros Jones, Councillor Rachael Blake and Councillor Nuala Fennelly.

PUBLIC MEETING – SCHEDULE OF DECISIONS

Public Questions and Statements

There were no public questions or statements made at the meeting.

Decision records dated 17th October, 2017, be noted.

DECISION 1.

1. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER AND TITLE

6. Edlington Selective Licensing Scheme

2. DECISION TAKEN

Cabinet approved the implementation of the selective licensing scheme as consulted on and designate the area shown edged red on the plan attached to the report as a selective licensing area. The scheme would be operated as a co-regulation scheme together with an approved partner.

3. REASON FOR DECISION

Councillor Chris McGuinness, Cabinet member for Communities, Voluntary Sector and the Environment presented a report stating that Edlington had an acknowledged problem with anti-social behaviour and much of this behaviour had been centred around private rented properties on the Royal Estate. It was noted that this had been evidenced statistically and acknowledged by landlords and residents as well as elected members.

Cabinet were advised that the option of a selective licensing scheme for Edlington was first considered in 2014. However, it was felt at that time that further partnership initiatives should be attempted to try and resolve the issues. This also allowed for a review of the scheme already operating in Hexthorpe. The evidence shows that the scheme in Hexthorpe has had a real influence in reducing Anti-Social Behaviour. Although improvements had been made through a multi-agency approach further work is required to reduce issues linked with the private rented sector in Edlington. It was further evidenced that there was a need to help encourage landlords to have a role in dealing with the problem of anti-social behaviour linked with their properties.

Councillor Chris McGuinness sought Cabinet's approval for the Implementation of the Selective Licensing Scheme as consulted on with a recommendation to apply the scheme within the Royal Estate and surrounding street in Edlington.

It was advised that the Scheme would take 3 months to establish and the intention is that it will become operational on 7th February, 2018 and that any required enforcement would begin 3 months later.

Councillor Blackham welcomed the report and the introduction of the scheme. Deputy Mayor, Councillor Glyn Jones echoed the comments made and commented on the positive impact that the scheme had had within Hexthorpe ward.

4. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

Alternative considered and rejected were identified at paragraphs 43-63 of the report.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no declarations

6. IF EXEMPT, REASON FOR EXEMPTION

Not Exempt

7. DIRECTOR RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Peter Dale, Director of Regeneration and Environment

DECISION 2.

1. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER AND TITLE

7. Partnership Governance Report - Trent Regional Flood and Coastal Committee

2. DECISION TAKEN

Cabinet noted the feedback and comments in respect of the Council's partnership arrangements with Trent Regional Flood and Coastal Committee.

3. REASON FOR DECISION

As part of the Council's approach to monitoring and evaluating its relationships with external organisations and partnerships, Cabinet received a report providing members with details on activities undertaken by Trent Regional Flood and Coastal Committee.

It was reported that the Trent Regional Flood and Coastal Committee was a Committee established by the Environment Agency under the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 that brings together members appointed by Lead Flood Authorities and Independent members with relevant experience for 3 purposes:-

- to ensure there are coherent plans for identifying, communicating and managing flood and coastal erosion risks across catchments and shorelines
- to encourage efficient, targeted and risk-based investment in flood and coastal erosion risk management that represents value for money and benefits local communities
- to provide a link between the Environment Agency, LLFAs, other risk management authorities, and other relevant bodies to build understanding of flood and coastal erosion risks in its area

It was advised that the overall capital settlement for the Medium Term Plan up to the year 2020/21 is around £179m. DMBC contribute £20,000pa as a member. Members were also provided with further details with regard to feasibility studies being undertaken within areas of flooding in Tickhill and Bawtry.

Cabinet welcomed the report and looked forward to further updates providing Members with more detail on the work of the Trent Regional Flood and Coastal Committee. It was stated that further updates would be provided at future meetings which will provide members with an overall view which will clearly indicate what the future holds for Doncaster.

4. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

Without consistent and effective information on their activities, it is more difficult for the Council to understand and register the effects of decisions made by partnerships and take action where appropriate on any decisions made/proposed. The option to do nothing, therefore, misses the opportunity/requirement to respond to the ever-growing incidence of partnerships working and strengthen the Council's control framework and its management of risks.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no declarations.

6. IF EXEMPT, REASON FOR EXEMPTION

Not Exempt

7. DIRECTOR RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Peter Dale, Director of Regeneration and Environment.

The press and public were excluded from the remaining proceedings (Decision 3) of the meeting in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, on the grounds that exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A to the Act, is likely to be disclosed.

DECISION 3.

1. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER AND TITLE

8. Additional Funding - Services for People with Learning Disabilities

2. DECISION TAKEN

Cabinet:-

- (1) approved funding to be released from the Better Care Fund to support the provision of these services. The additional monies will be transferred through contract variation; and
- (2) noted that a project has been established to ensure that services are developed in accordance with the needs and life outcomes of service users and to effectively manage any changes to those services. The project will be closely aligned to local transformation priorities, initiatives and partnerships.

3. REASON FOR DECISION

Cabinet received a report seeking approval for the provision of additional funding for Rotherham, Doncaster and South Humber NHS Foundation Trust (RDaSH) to support the residential care services they provide for people with learning disabilities and to facilitate a service review process.

Cabinet discussed a number of key aspects within the report and noted that a joint project board had been established to provide multi-agency governance for the project, to ensure that the right outcomes are achieved for service users and there is timely and effective communication with all stakeholders. Members were further advised that the additional funding was being provided from the Better Care Fund.

Cabinet further discussed the financial and contractual aspects of the decision and officers answered a range of questions and Members were given assurances in relation to the future sustainability of the service provision. Members also emphasised the importance of ensuring that, where required, full consultation would be undertaken with all service users, carers and employees.

4. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

The option not to provide additional funding was discounted, as Cabinet and the Council's partners recognised the importance of supporting the service users who utilise this service.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no declarations.

6. IF EXEMPT, REASON FOR EXEMPTION

The report is Not for Publication, because it contains details of third party commercial interests, which are exempt as defined within paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12 (a) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), (information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person, including the Authority holding that information).

7. DIRECTOR RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Damian Allen, Director of People.

Signed.....Chair/Decision Maker