



Doncaster Council

EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS DECISION RECORD

The following decisions were taken on Tuesday, 6th November, 2018 by Cabinet.

Date notified to all Members: Tuesday, 13th November, 2018

With the exception for Decisions 1 and 4 'Statement of Licensing Policy 2019 – Gambling Act 2005 and Community Safety Strategy 2018-21 which are subject to Full Council approval on 22nd November, 2018, the end of the call in period is 5.00 p.m. on Thursday, 22nd November, 2018 and therefore, the decisions can be implemented on Friday 23rd November, 2018.

Present:

Chair - Mayor Ros Jones (Mayor of Doncaster with responsibility for Budget and Policy Framework)

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

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 Rachael Blake	Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care
Councillor Nuala Fennelly	Portfolio Holder for Children, Young People and Schools
Councillor Chris McGuinness	Portfolio Holder for Communities, Voluntary Sector and the Environment
Councillor Jane Nightingale	Portfolio Holder for Customer and Corporate Services.

Apologies:-

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Bill Mordue

PUBLIC MEETING – SCHEDULE OF DECISIONS

Public Questions and Statements

Mayor Ros Jones read out a question submitted by Mr Brown:-

“In the context of the Community Safety Strategy, (Re. Agenda Number 9) can you show me the associated JSIA and how many law abiding black citizens and victims of hate

crime have been afforded meaningfully and proportionate engagement opportunities to influence SSDP decisions about plans, priorities, delivery and resource allocation?”

The following response was provided:-

In the development of the Community Safety Strategy and the JSIA, victims of hate crime would not have been consulted individually, but we would have analysed reported hate crimes, including themes, locations or areas where there was a higher incidence of reporting. Using this analysis this would help us to identify new priorities and shape our services, for example developing new reporting centres for harder to reach groups. As a direct result of the consultation we have now established the Conversation Club (Support centre for Asylum Seekers) as a new hate crime reporting centre.

As part of our consultation we consulted with a wide range of individuals through community consultation events and face to face meetings with key networks and groups. In addition we used an online questionnaire, which was made available in paper form for those individuals without access to a computer. The online questionnaire was publicised through the Doncaster Council Website and other key partners including St Leger Homes.

We identified 40 key networks and groups as part of this exercise, this included:

- Doncaster Ethnic Minority Regeneration Partnership
- Conversation Club (Hate Crime Reporting Centre)
- Doncaster Faiths Together
- South Yorkshire Centre for Inclusive Living (Hate Crime Reporting Centre)
- Doncaster College (Hate Crime Reporting Centre)

Whilst the questionnaire was anonymous, we are aware that from the 323 respondents the following table is an illustration of the ethnic group descriptions.

Answer Choices	Responses	
White British	88.54%	286
Irish	0.93%	3
Any Other White background	2.48%	8
White and Black Caribbean	0.93%	3
White and Black African	0.00%	0
White and Asian	0.31%	1
Any Other Mixed background	0.93%	3
Indian	0.93%	3
Pakistani	0.93%	3
Bangladeshi	0.00%	0
Chinese	0.00%	0
Any Other Asian background	0.00%	0
African	0.62%	2
Caribbean	0.31%	1
Traveller	0.00%	0
Irish Traveller	0.00%	0
Gypsy	0.00%	0
EU Migrant	0.31%	1
Asylum Seeker	0.00%	0
Refugee	0.62%	2
Any other Black/Caribbean background	0.62%	2

Any Other Ethnic Group	0.93%	3
Prefer not to say	1.24%	4
Total Respondents: 323		

The consultation did seek the views of respondents about being the victim of a crime and we are aware from the responses to this question that 7 stated they had been a victim of hate crime previously and therefore the consultation would have captured their views, alongside all other participants.

We are not able to supply a copy of the Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment (JSIA) findings as the document is predominantly based upon South Yorkshire Police data and we would need to seek their permission to release the full document.

Decision records dated 16 October, 2018, be noted.

DECISION 1.

1. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER AND TITLE

6. Statement of Licensing Policy 2019 - Gambling Act 2005.

2. DECISION TAKEN

Cabinet considered the reviewed Statement of Policy – Gambling Act 2005 and recommended the report to Full Council for final approval.

3. REASON FOR DECISION

Councillor Chris McGuinness, Cabinet member for Communities, Voluntary Sector and the Environment introduced the report to Cabinet, stating that the Licensing Authority i.e. Doncaster Council was required by the Gambling Act 2005 to produce a Statement of Policy and to review the Policy every 3 years. Statutory consultation was required and the Policy must be approved by Full Council. Once approved, the Policy must be advertised 4 weeks before it comes into effect.

Councillor McGuinness reported that the policy was a statement of principles that sets out how the Licensing Authority makes decisions on opposed applications for gambling type premises licences e.g. high street betting shops. There are 3 licensing objectives which are the basis for all licensing decisions:-

1. Preventing gambling from being a source of crime or disorder, being associated with crime and disorder or being used to support crime.
2. Ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way
3. Protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling.

The Act does not allow the Licensing Authority to consider the

demand for Gambling and it is unable to limit the number and location of gambling premises other than within the scope of the 3 licensing objectives.

Cabinet welcomed the report and recommended it for Full Council approval.

4. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

The Policy has been reviewed and updated to ensure it is relevant to Doncaster in 2019 going forward and to take account of the latest Guidance to Local Authorities produced by the Gambling Commission. If the Policy was to remain in its current form it would be outdated.

The alterations have arisen out of the review process and consultation albeit they are largely driven by the Licensing Authority seeking to ensure the Policy remains up to date, relevant and in line with the latest guidance.

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. Inclusive Growth Strategy

2. DECISION TAKEN

Cabinet considered and approved the Inclusive Growth Strategy for implementation.

3. REASON FOR DECISION

Christian Foster, Head of Service, Strategy and Performance Unit introduced a report on the Inclusive Growth Strategy. Achieving inclusive growth is a fundamental priority in the Doncaster Growing Together Plan (DGT) and the objective of the Inclusive Growth Strategy was to sharpen the focus on this priority.

He reported that the Council had worked with partners to create a stronger economy which had enabled a record number of residents to secure employment and investments across the Borough, including the Great Yorkshire Way, iPort, DN7 Unity and, in our town centre, this, combined with record levels of house building, marks a new era for the Borough as a more outward looking place and economy with a wide variety of opportunities.

Christian stated that the delivery of this strategy required a co-ordinated action across Team Doncaster and he believed that whilst it was ambitious, it is deliverable for the residents of the Borough.

Following the introduction, the Mayor sought Cabinet members' comments which were as follows:-

Councillor Joe Blackham welcomed the report praising officers on their work. He stated that the Council now need to build upon this and use this strategy as a building block for the future.

Councillor Nigel Ball echoed the comments made and stated that he was a firm believer that education and skills was a game changer for people to enable them to improve their social mobility.

In conclusion, Mayor Ros Jones agreed with all the comments made and was delighted that the project will enable Doncaster people, places and businesses to enjoy improved prosperity by participating in a growing and productive economy. She stated that the 6 proposed drivers demonstrated that the Council along with its partners would keep driving the borough forward through a partnership approach.

4. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

Option 1: Do nothing

This option is not recommended as it would limit Team Doncaster's ability to sharpen its focus on delivering inclusive growth within a wider regional and national policy context.

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 3.

1. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER AND TITLE

8. Street Works Permit - All Streets

2. DECISION TAKEN

Cabinet approved the expansion of the current permit scheme from 400 of

Doncaster's busiest streets to every street in the Borough's adopted road network.

3. REASON FOR DECISION

Councillor Joe Blackham, Cabinet member for Highways, Street Scene and Trading Services introduced the report for the proposed extension of the street permit scheme to every street across the Council's adopted highway network. He commented that the proposal presented a win/win scenario which was self-financing and will improve the current service.

Councillor Blackham reported that through the detailed cost analysis exercise the scheme would save road users and businesses £805k within the first year of operation and an expected £28m over a 25 year period. However, he believed that the scheme would deliver far more and welcomed and commended the report for Cabinet approval.

Councillor Rachel Blake echoed the comments made and believed that residents throughout the borough will welcome the proposals. Councillor Nigel Ball also welcomed the positive report and could foresee residents valuing the joined up comprehensive structure this scheme provided.

4. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

Option 1 Revoke the permit scheme and return to a standard noticing regime:

Not operating a scheme could result in a utility company's planning resources being allocated to focus on the authorities that are running a permit scheme, resulting in poor coordination and poor planning of works in Doncaster, along with a loss of network coordination personnel whose salaries are recovered through the permit scheme income. This would leave the council ill resourced and under legislated to mitigate the impact these organisations have on our strategic road network. The overall benefits to the travelling public would not be achieved in terms of reduced travel time, vehicle operating costs, accident and fuel carbon emission costs.

Option 2 Remain with the current split regime:

We are currently operating a disparity in service between coordinating works on the busier roads on our adopted network, compared to the coordination of works on the quieter roads. This is due to the lack of resource available to challenge durations or issue directions on non-permit roads which mean that average highway occupation and disruption is higher.

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 4.

1. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER AND TITLE

9. Community Safety Strategy 2018-21

2. DECISION TAKEN

Cabinet endorsed and recommended the Community Safety Strategy 2018-21 to Full Council on 22 November for final approval.

3. REASON FOR DECISION

Councillor Chris McGuinness, Cabinet member for Communities, Voluntary Sector and the Environment introduced a report seeking Cabinet approval for the Community Safety Strategy. He reported that the Strategy was a statutory plan and as such required endorsement by Full Council but it was produced and owned by the multi-agency Safer Stronger Doncaster Partnership (SSDP) acting as Doncaster's Community Safety Partnership (CSP)

Councillor McGuinness pointed out that the SSDP had a legal duty to work together to: tackle crime and disorder, including serious and organised crime; reduce re-offending; tackle anti-social behaviour and to tackle alcohol and substance misuse. He stated that the Community Safety Strategy was produced every 3 years and refreshed annually and the document had been produced following consultation in respect of the partnership priorities and included a summary of key achievements and outcomes the Council were seeking to achieve.

He advised Cabinet that the consultation had identified that the current priorities should remain, but that an additional priority of 'tackling serious and organised crime' should be added to reflect the current challenges that this particular type of criminality presented. Therefore, the priorities reflected within the strategy were:-

- Protecting Vulnerable People
- Reducing Anti-social Behaviour
- Reducing Crime and Re-offending
- Tackling Serious and Organised Crime
- Reducing Substance and Alcohol Misuse

Councillor McGuinness stated that the results of the community consultation were encouraging and demonstrated that in general, residents had a positive perception of the work of the Partnership. However, many residents felt improvements could be made to service by being more visible, with a quicker response to incidents and improved communication. These areas would remain a focus for the SSDP in the forthcoming year.

In conclusion, he also wished to state that there was now a further priority within the strategy with regard to off road motorcycles.

Cabinet welcomed the report and Mayor Ros Jones was delighted to see the

purchase of Police off road motorcycles in order to stop the perpetrators of anti-social behaviour committed by some off-road motorcyclists.

4. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

To not produce a Community Safety Strategy, this would mean that the Council were not complying with legal requirements.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no declarations.

6. IF EXEMPT, REASON FOR EXEMPTION

Not Exempt

7. DIRECTOR RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Damian Allen, Director of People.

Signed.....Chair/Decision Maker