



Doncaster Council

EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS DECISION RECORD

The following decisions were taken on Tuesday, 9th July, 2019 by Cabinet.

Date notified to all Members: Thursday, 11th July, 2019

The decisions are subject to Full Council approval on the 25th July, 2019

Present:

Chair - Mayor Ros Jones (Mayor of Doncaster with responsibility for Budget and Policy Framework and Lead on Local Plan.)

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 for absence were received from the Vice Chair, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Glyn Jones, Councillor Rachael Blake and Councillor Nuala Fennelly.

PUBLIC MEETING – SCHEDULE OF DECISIONS

Public Questions and Statements

There were no questions or statements made at the meeting.

Decision records dated 18th June, 2019, be noted.

DECISION 1.

1. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER AND TITLE

6. Youth Justice Plan 2019/20

2. DECISION TAKEN

Cabinet approved the Youth Justice Plan 2019/20 for recommendation to Full Council on the 25th July, 2019

3. REASON FOR DECISION

Cabinet were presented with the statutory Youth Justice Plan for 2019/20, which outlined Doncaster's performance against the national Youth Justice indicators including:-

- The re-offending rate
- First time Entrant (FTE) rate
- Custody rate
- The proportion of young people completing Court Orders who are in education, training and employment
- The proportion of young people completing orders who are living in suitable accommodation.

Cabinet noted that across all indicators the Youth Offending Service had performed above target and this had seen Doncaster having its lowest FTE rate in its history, being within the lowest 10% amongst all areas.

As a result of more young people being diverted away from the formal Youth Justice System, those remaining in the system are more entrenched in offending and have more complex needs, which had brought about a marginal increase in the re-offending rate. Although the number of young people re-offending and the number of further offences they commit had both reduced, the number of young people in the cohort had reduced even more, which means the proportion who re-offend is higher. It was noted that Doncaster remained below the England average.

In order to support young people with a more complicated needs profile, the YOS continues to employ a range of interventions as highlighted within the report. The custody rate had continued to reduce significantly and the report showed that only three young people were subject to a custodial sentence in 2018/19. The YOS had continued to prioritise young people being in suitable accommodation and a 100% performance was again achieved against this indicator.

Cabinet's attention was drawn to page 27 of the report, which highlighted the work being undertaken to prevent Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE) across Barnsley, Rotherham and Doncaster by the Youth Offending Service, which aims to protect and divert young people at risk.

In conclusion, it was reported that young people were entering the Criminal Justice System at the lowest rate in Doncaster's history, and if they do enter the Justice System, they receive the specialist interventions necessary.

The Mayor and Cabinet were delighted with the report and were pleased to see the continued success of the service. Cabinet expressed their thanks to the Youth Offending Service on behalf of the residents of Doncaster for their continued dedication and support.

4. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

As there is a statutory requirement to have a Youth Justice Plan other alternatives were not considered.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no declarations.

6. IF EXEMPT, REASON FOR EXEMPTION

Not Exempt

7. DIRECTOR RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Mark Douglas, Director of Children Social Care/Riana Nelson, Director of Learning, Opportunities and Skills.

DECISION 2.

1. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER AND TITLE

7. Publication (Regulation 19) of the Doncaster Local Plan 2015-2035

2. DECISION TAKEN

Cabinet:-

- (1) noted the contents of the report and the appended Doncaster Local Plan 2015-2035 (Regulation 19 Publication version) and the Interactive Policies Map; and
- (2) recommended the Local Plan to Full Council on the 25th July, 2019 for a decision to approve the Local Plan (Regulation 19 Publication – June 2019 version) prior to commencing the statutory Publication Stage (Regulation 19).

3. REASON FOR DECISION

The Mayor introduced the proposed Doncaster Local Plan to Cabinet stating that the plan was key to encouraging new investment, stimulating jobs and growth across Doncaster and creating a borough that meets the needs of its residents for years to come.

She reported that the plan would shape the look and feel of Doncaster in the future and help the Council to grow the borough into a truly great place to live, work and enjoy. The Plan builds on Team Doncaster's Growing Together strategy to maximise the benefits of the borough's many assets and opportunities whilst

addressing challenges.

Mayor Jones stated that the Local Plan provided sufficient housing sites to deliver at least 920 new homes each year which ensures not just enough housing to meet the needs of communities but also to ensure there is a workforce to contribute towards the planned economic growth and job numbers in line with the aspirational and ambitious Sheffield City Region Strategic Economic Plan.

She reported that sufficient employment land is allocated to meet the plan period requirement of 481 hectares including maximising Doncaster's location on the strategic transport network with strategic sites along the M18/A1(M) corridors and the Airport as well as providing opportunities for higher productivity jobs in sectors such as advanced manufacturing.

Mayor Jones stated that key physical infrastructure and transport proposals are included, such as the North Doncaster A1-A19 Link Road, M18 Junction 5 Hatfield Link Road, A630 West Moor Link improvements; East Coast Main Line Railway Station at Doncaster Sheffield Airport; and the re-opening of Askern Railway Station. She commented that their inclusion in the Plan will ensure Doncaster continues to maximise funding opportunities available and deliver these hugely beneficial and much needed projects as expediently as possible. Investing in the Borough's infrastructure will continue to bring forward economic benefits whilst offsetting some of the impacts from growth. In addition, she pointed out that the plan also ensures there is a balanced distribution of development across the borough so everyone in Doncaster has the opportunity to benefit from sustainable, well-planned, inclusive growth.

She continued by stating that Doncaster was privileged to have such a varied and diverse borough made up of so much rich history and heritage. Large parts are very rural in nature with some internationally renowned biodiversity assets such as Thorne and Hatfield Moors. There is a plethora of greenspaces throughout the towns and villages with extensive areas of countryside beyond. All of these assets and features make the borough such a high quality place to live, work, visit and invest.

She explained that the plan had been under preparation for some time now with several rounds of full consultation carried out to make sure it meets all ambitions and aspirations. Over 1,200 local people and businesses provided feedback during the last consultation process alone in autumn 2018 and these comments have been carefully considered and reflected in the Plan presented today.

In addition she reported that the intention was to create a framework of driving the borough planning from the bottom up through resourcing the support and encouragement of Neighbourhood Plans across Doncaster. She explained that she wanted to ensure that there was local housing for local people and therefore this commitment had been included in the Plan. Consideration has been given to the content of Neighbourhood Plans either adopted or being developed already through drafting of the Local Plan.

She stressed that Neighbourhood Plans were important documents used to guide development in communities and it was hoped that more areas would take the

opportunity to prepare their own Neighbourhood Plans in the future. In conclusion, Mayor Jones stated that the plan really does shape Doncaster's future and she hoped that Cabinet colleagues could join her in recommending the Local Plan to Full Council on the 25th July, 2019.

Cabinet welcomed the report commenting that the Plan had been through a lengthy consultation process, and it was felt that the document showed real commitment for Doncaster moving forward. Members were pleased to see that the plan included commitment for the sustainability of the environment as well as improving the health and well-being of the borough's residents. Cabinet endorsed the proposals and recommended the Plan to Full Council on the 25th July, 2019.

4. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

Option 2 (Not recommended) – Do not agree the Local Plan Publication Version should proceed to Full Council.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

Councillor Joe Blackham declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and left the meeting prior to consideration of the report.

6. IF EXEMPT, REASON FOR EXEMPTION

Not Exempt.

7. DIRECTOR RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Peter Dale, Director of Regeneration and Environment.

Signed.....Chair/Decision Maker