



# City of Doncaster Council

## EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS DECISION RECORD

The following decisions were taken on Wednesday, 11th October, 2023 by Cabinet.

Date notified to all Members: Thursday, 12th October, 2023

End of the call-in period is 5.00 p.m. on Monday, 23rd October, 2023. These decisions will not be implemented until after this date and time.

Present:

Chair - Mayor Ros Jones (Mayor of Doncaster with responsibility for Budget and Policy)  
Vice-Chair - Councillor Glyn Jones (Deputy Mayor, Portfolio Holder for Housing and Business.)

### Cabinet Member for:

Councillor Lani-Mae Ball	Portfolio Holder for Early Help, Education, Skills and Young People
Councillor Nigel Ball	Portfolio Holder for Public Health, Communities, Leisure and Culture
Councillor Joe Blackham	Portfolio Holder for Highways, Infrastructure and Enforcement
Councillor Rachael Blake	Portfolio Holder for Children's Social Care and Equalities
Councillor Mark Houlbrook	Portfolio Holder for Sustainability and Waste
Councillor Sarah Smith	Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care

Apologies:-

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Phil Cole and Jane Nightingale.

## PUBLIC MEETING – SCHEDULE OF DECISIONS

### Public Questions and Statements

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

Decision Records dated 13th and 20th September, 2023, be noted.

## **DECISION 1.**

### **1. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER AND TITLE**

6. Local Flood Risk Management Strategy 2023 - 2029.

### **2. DECISION TAKEN**

Cabinet endorsed the Strategy, and by extension, it be incorporated into Council policy.

### **3. REASON FOR DECISION**

Cabinet received the report introduced by Councillor Mark Houlbrook, Cabinet Member for Sustainability and Waste, stating that under Section 9 of the Flood and Water Management Act (FWMA, 2010), a Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) must develop, maintain, apply and monitor a strategy for local flood risk management in its area.

He reported that the Local Authority had produced a strategy that incorporated the national Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management 2020 Strategy for England, which aims to create a nation ready for, and resilient to, flooding and coastal change, up to 2100. The five strategic aims were to:

- Continually improve understanding of flood risk in Doncaster,
- Promote flood risk management schemes to better protect communities, homes, businesses, and land in Doncaster,
- Work in partnership with other Risk Management Authorities,
- Encourage flood resilience measures in local planning policy, and
- Improve local knowledge and awareness.

Councillor Houlbrook advised that the updated strategy incorporates the impacts of the 2019 flood event and reflection on the current aims of the National Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Strategy. Additionally, Schedule 3 of the Flood and Water Management Act (2010) will be enacted in April 2024. This will result in the formation of the Sustainable Drainage Systems Approval Body, which as the Lead Local Flood Authority, Doncaster will manage. The strategy will also support the National Flood Risk Assessment 2.

Cabinet welcomed the report and showed their appreciation for the work carried out in engaging and consulting with residents. The engagement undertaken had helped to strengthen relationships with residents. However, it was noted that further long-term government investment was required.

### **4. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

Option 2: Continue to implement the existing strategy.

### **5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS**

There were no declarations.

### **6. IF EXEMPT, REASON FOR EXEMPTION**

Not Exempt

## **7. DIRECTOR RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION**

Dan Swaine, Director of Place.

### **DECISION 2.**

#### **1. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER AND TITLE**

7. Acceptance of Grant Funding to make improvements to the Trans Pennine Trail between York Road and Melton Road.

#### **2. DECISION TAKEN**

Cabinet:-

(1) approved the acceptance of £1,004,024 grant funding and agreed to add to Doncaster City Council's Capital Programme;

(2) agreed to enter funding agreements with:-

- Sustrans, to receive funds to improve the section of the Trans Pennine Trail between York Road and Melton Road;
- South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority, to receive funds to improve the section of the Trans Pennine Trail between York Road and Melton Road; and

(3) delegated the decision to accept and enter into the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority funding agreement to the Director of Place and Chief Finance Officer.

#### **3. REASON FOR DECISION**

Cabinet received a report introduced by Councillor Joe Blackham, Cabinet Member for Highways, Infrastructure and Enforcement, seeking approval to accept over £1million of grant funding to deliver improvements to the Trans Pennine Trail between York Road and Melton Road made up of £454,023 from Sustrans and £550,000 of capital funding from the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement via South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority.

Councillor Blackham stated that the report also sought approval to enter into two separate funding agreements with each respective organisation to allow delivery of the scheme.

He advised that the location was selected for improvements following extensive public consultation undertaken in 2021. The planned works will enable 1.6km of improved surfacing along the Trans Pennine Trail, adaptations to 6 access controls, installation of new seating along the route and improved wayfinding.

The benefits to the citizens of Doncaster include improved connectivity to areas of employment and green space. The Trans Pennine Trail is an asset that many residents in Doncaster utilise, improving this section will only increase its usage.

This is evidenced in other parts of the borough where Trans Pennine Trail upgrades have taken place with uplifts in usage reported following works in Bentley and Conisbrough.

Councillor Blackham stated that if the report is approved, construction of the scheme will start in November and take approximately 6 months.

In conclusion, he commented that the Trans Pennine Trail was an important asset for Doncaster residents and accepting this funding will see continued improvement to its usability and quality to ensure people can enjoy it for years to come.

Cabinet welcomed the report stating that this was a positive improvement. It will create better access for people and highlight the value and quality of the borough's greenspaces. Cabinet thanked officers for the work undertaken.

**4. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

Do Nothing – Failure to accept the grant funds will result in Doncaster not benefiting from potential investment.

**5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS**

There were no declarations.

**6. IF EXEMPT, REASON FOR EXEMPTION**

Not Exempt

**7. DIRECTOR RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION**

Dan Swaine, Director of Place.

**DECISION 3.**

**1. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER AND TITLE**

8. Re-Commissioning a Revised Adult Stop Smoking Service for Doncaster.

**2. DECISION TAKEN**

Cabinet:-

- (1) approved the re-procurement and award of the Adult Community Stop Smoking Service with a revised and enhanced specification; and
- (2) approved the budget envelope for the Adult Community Stop Smoking Service as outlined in section 39 of the report.

### 3. REASON FOR DECISION

Cabinet considered the report introduced by Councillor Nigel Ball, Cabinet Member for Public Health, Communities, Leisure and Culture, stating that smoking remained the single biggest preventable risk factor for poor health and premature death. He advised that an effective, accessible stop smoking service is a key element of wider system action to reduce the harm caused by tobacco on the residents of Doncaster and the associated impact on social care costs and avoidable disability.

Councillor Ball reported that the Stop Smoking Services provided specialist behavioural support and nicotine replacement therapies for people aged 19 and over, other tailored support and services were already available for younger people and for pregnant women in Doncaster.

He reported that this report recommends recommissioning of a stop smoking service for adults in Doncaster, maintaining current levels of funding. A service specification will be revised to incorporate new guidance and best practice, which included:-

- i. Supporting individuals who are not yet ready to stop smoking completely through harm reduction approaches, such as reduce to quit and the use of e-cigarettes;
- ii. Utilising the partnerships, skills and assets of the voluntary, community and faith sector in local communities to provide opportunities to access a local stop smoking support;
- iii. Embed the “making every contact count” approach across Doncaster through training, delivery and campaigns to increase awareness of the service and its range of support offers; and
- iv. Reduce health inequalities through targeted support to groups and communities where there is a higher prevalence or a longer-term use of tobacco products, so that individuals with the most complex needs and those least able to afford to quit can receive tailored support.

Cabinet was advised that the recent national announcement of additional investment in stop smoking services was welcomed and proposed new legislation to raise the age of sale by a year each year takes the national steps required to move towards the ambition published in the Khan Review to make smoking obsolete.

In conclusion, Councillor Ball stated that the report recommends the re-tender of Doncaster’s adult stop smoking service with a revised specification, that incorporates the latest evidence and guidance, and draws on best practice of what works well to support people to reduce and stop smoking locally.

Cabinet welcomed the report and the recommendations and looked forward to seeing the local offer for residents.

### 4. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

**Do not provide a Specialist Stop Smoking Service in Doncaster (not recommended).** Local authorities have a statutory responsibility, set out in the Health and Social Care Act 2012, to ensure the commissioning of public health services guided by the Public Health Outcomes Framework, the local joint strategic

needs assessment and the joint health and wellbeing strategy. Therefore, this option is not recommended as smoking remains the leading cause of premature mortality and Doncaster still has significantly higher rates than the regional and England average.

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**Specialist Stop Smoking Service based on the existing specification (not recommended).** Evidence

based improvements in the delivery of stop smoking services have emerged that they can improve public health outcomes if implemented through a modified and improved specification in line with new NICE Guidance for Tobacco: preventing uptake, promoting quitting, and treating dependence, published in November 2021.

**Bring the Specialist Stop Smoking Service into the Council (not recommended).** It would be challenging for the Council to offer appropriate clinical governance arrangements and the Council would need to develop the appropriate structures to deliver this type of service.

**5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS**

There were no declarations.

**6. IF EXEMPT, REASON FOR EXEMPTION**

Not Exempt

**7. DIRECTOR RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION**

Rachael Leslie, Acting Director of Public Health.

Signed.....Chair/Decision Maker