

PART II – INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER’S DECISION

LEADERS PORTFOLIO 1 SEPTEMBER 2009

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF LEGAL AND SUPPORT SERVICES – 09/509 on

DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT - PEASHOLM PARK AND SURROUNDING AREA

DECISION

To approve the following decision:

- i. to enter into an agreement with Yorkshire Forward to accept £50,000 grant funding from the geographic programme, to meet the cost of preparing a business plan for the Open Air Theatre (£29,000) and the legal costs of preparing a development agreement in relation to the Peasholm Area (£21,000).

REASONS FOR DECISION

The Council have applied to Yorkshire Forward for grant funding in connection with the construction of an Open Air Theatre as an element of the development of leisure facilities within Peasholm Park and the surrounding area. Yorkshire Forward have indicated that prior to determining whether to provide grant funding they require the preparation of a business plan. The Council have an existing framework agreement with Drivers Jonas which it is proposed to use to instruct the preparation of a business plan at a cost of £29,000, subject to agreement to accept this funding being given. In addition the Council have instructed external solicitors to assist with the preparation of a development agreement in connection with the wider project. Yorkshire Forward are prepared to make a £21,000 contribution toward these costs in anticipation of their involvement in this project.

A decision upon whether Yorkshire Forward grant funding will be made available for this project is sought urgently to inform Council decision making. The preparation of a business plan is therefore urgently required and a decision to accept funding cannot therefore await a meeting of Cabinet.

The Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee accepts that if authority to enter this agreement is delayed this would seriously prejudice the interests of the Council in that officers would be unable to deliver the project within the requisite timescales.

ANY RELEVANT INTERESTS DECLARED BY CABINET MEMBER AND ANY DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

None

DATE OF DECISION:

1 September 2009

AGREEMENT OF CHAIR OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:

1 September 2009

IMPLEMENTATION DATE : 1 September 2009

Signed



Leader of the Council

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Date of signature

3 September 2009
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Signed



**Chairman of Projects and
Partnerships Overview and
Scrutiny Committee**

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Date of signature

3 September 2009
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