



Agenda

Meeting: Executive

Members: Councillors Carl Les (Chairman), Mark Crane, Gareth Dadd, Keane Duncan, Michael Harrison, Simon Myers, Heather Phillips, Janet Sanderson, Greg White and Annabel Wilkinson.

Date: Tuesday 17 December 2024

Time: 11.00 am

Venue: The Grand, County Hall, Northallerton

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Business

1. **Apologies for Absence**

2. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 November 2024**

(Pages 5 - 10)

3. **Declarations of Interest**

4. **Exclusion of the Public**

Members are recommended to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration of each of the items of business listed in Column 1 of the following table on the grounds that they each involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraph(s) specified in column 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to information)(Variation) Order 2006:-

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5. Public Participation

Members of the public may ask questions or make statements at this meeting if they have given notice to Elizabeth Jackson, Principal Democratic Services Officer, and supplied the text by midday on Thursday 12 December 2024, three working days before the day of the meeting. Each speaker should limit themselves to 3 minutes on any item. Members of the public who have given notice will be invited to speak:

- at this point in the meeting if their questions/statements relate to matters which are not otherwise on the Agenda (subject to an overall time limit of 30 minutes);
- when the relevant Agenda item is being considered if they wish to speak on a matter which is on the Agenda for this meeting.

If you are exercising your right to speak at this meeting, but do not wish to be recorded, please inform the Leader who will instruct anyone who may be taking a recording to cease while you speak.

6. Adoption of an Inclusive Service Plan focussed on Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing (Pages 11 - 78)

Recommendations

- 1) To consider the draft Inclusive Service Plan attached at Appendix A and the alternative version recommended by the General Licensing and Registration Committee at Appendix D.
- 2) To approve the content of the draft Inclusive Service Plan attached at Appendix D as a draft for consultation, subject to the removal of the hybrid electric vehicle (HEV) option in relation to the hackney carriage vehicle specification.
- 3) To approve the commencement of a public consultation to seek views on the draft Inclusive Service Plan and any viable alternatives, including the hybrid electric vehicle (HEV) option.

7. Adoption of a revised Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy (Pages 79 - 268)

Recommendations

- 1) To consider the draft Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy attached at Appendix A and the alternative version recommended by the General Licensing and Registration Committee at Appendix D.
- 2) To approve the content of the draft Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy attached at Appendix D as a draft for consultation, subject to the removal of the hybrid electric vehicle (HEV) option in relation to the hackney carriage vehicle specification.
- 3) To approve the commencement of a public consultation to seek views on the draft Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy and any viable alternatives, including the hybrid electric vehicle (HEV) option.

8. Joint Place Committee with Humber and North Yorkshire NHS Integrated Care Board (report to follow)

9. Mayoral Investment Fund – Acceptance of funding to deliver priority projects (Pages 269 - 288)

Recommendations

That Executive approves:

- 1) to accept the funding awarded by the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority towards the delivery of priority projects and development of business cases for pipeline projects by North Yorkshire Council.
- 2) delegation to the Corporate Director of Community Development in consultation with the Corporate Director of Resources and the Assistant Chief Executive for Legal and Democratic to agree and enter into the final terms of the grant agreement with the YNYCA.
- 3) that the funding allocations and responsibility for seeking any necessary further internal project approvals in relation to project delivery are allocated to the lead Project Managers and relevant Directorate/Service as set out in paragraph 2.2 above.

10. Harrogate Convention Centre – Outcome of Soft Market Testing (Pages 289 - 346)

Recommendations

The Executive is recommended to:

- 1) Agree in principle to support the Soft Market Testing recommended Option 3 - the creation of Studio 2 and explore the shift to a more commercial operational approach.

Subject to the approval of the above recommendation, it is further recommended that:-

- 2) Officers scope and tender the most cost-effective construction works to create Studio 2, engaging with NYC Align Property Partners and utilising preparatory work already completed, with cost estimates indicating a budget of £7 million.
- 3) Develop a new Business Plan for HCC including investment in Studio 2, commercial operating models and the future vision for HCC supported by financial, operational, and sustainability plans.
- 4) Delegate to the Corporate Director Resources, in consultation with the Corporate Director Community Development, Executive Member for Finance and Resources, Executive Member for Open to Business, the authority to approve the business case to implement the improvements to Studio 2 to the value of £7m and to undertake any associated decisions.
- 5) Review and define the governance requirements for HCC.
- 6) Actively pursue and secure future funding opportunities, including North Yorkshire Mayoral Investment, government grants, and other sustainability initiatives. As part of the business case, consider rebranding HCC to broaden its market appeal and align with the strategic goals for the wider Yorkshire region.
- 7) Scope and implement immediate sustainability improvements and develop a long-term strategy, including identifying external funding opportunities.

- 8) Prioritise essential property maintenance repairs to ensure the safe management and operation of HCC and explore delivering essential works via a small in-house team utilising existing North Yorkshire procurement frameworks.
- 9) Delegate authority to Officers to continue engaging with potential external operators or buyers of HCC, with further reports as required to be brought back to Members.
- 10) Delegate authority to the Corporate Director Resources, in consultation with the Assistant Chief Executive for Legal and Democratic Services, to review and approve specific officer delegations, for the HCC Director, to support commercial operating.

11. Appointments to Committees and Outside Bodies (Pages 347 - 348)

Recommendations

That the Executive appoints Councillor Nigel Knapton and John Corden to the Kyle and Upper Ouse Internal Drainage Board.

12. Forward Plan (Pages 349 - 368)

13. Any Other Items

Any other items which the Leader agrees should be considered as a matter of urgency because of special circumstances

14. Date of Next Meeting - 7 January 2025

Members are reminded that in order to expedite business at the meeting and enable Officers to adapt their presentations to address areas causing difficulty, they are encouraged to contact Officers prior to the meeting with questions on technical issues in reports.

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