

SELBY DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of a meeting of the Council held on 3 June 2008, in the Civic Suite, the Civic Centre, Portholme Road, Selby, commencing at 6:00 pm.

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Present: Councillor J Thurlow (Chairman) in the Chair

Councillors: J Cattanach, Mrs E Casling, M Crane, Mrs D Davies, M Davis, J Deans, Mrs S Duckett, Mrs J Dyson, K Ellis, D Fagan, Mrs C Goodall, Mrs G Ivey, W Inness, M Jordan, C Lunn, B Marshall, W N Martin, J McCartney, Mrs M McCartney, Mrs K McSherry, C Metcalfe, Mrs E Metcalfe, I Nutt, R Packham, B Percival, S Shaw-Wright, Mrs A Spetch, R H Sweeting and Mrs D White.

Officials: Chief Executive, Mr S Martin, Strategic Director, Mr J Lund, Strategic Director, Head of Service – Development Services, Head of Service – Human Resources, Democratic Services Officer and Committee Administrator.

The Monsignor B Bickers offered opening prayers.

Public: 3

Press: 1

37 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors I Chilvers, Mrs M Hulme, D N Mackay, P Mackay, J Mackman, Mrs C Mackman, Mrs W Nichols, C Pearson, A Pound, Mrs S Ryder and R Sayner.

38 **Disclosure of Interest**

None.

39 **Minutes**

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of Annual Council held on 20 May 2008 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

40 **Communications**

(a) Letter from Selby District Association of Voluntary Services

The Chief Executive reported that he had received a letter from Selby AVS informing the Council that the merger between themselves and Groundwork Selby would not be taking place.

Resolved: That the letter be noted.

(b) Letter from Waverley Borough Council – Negative Housing Subsidy

The Chief Executive submitted a letter from Waverley Borough Council asking for Selby District Council's support with regard to negative housing subsidy and for a cash contribution of £900 towards the cost of a lobbying campaign.

Councillor agree in principle but feel there are better ways of lobbying our MP to put pressure on the Government in respect of this issue.

Resolved: That whilst the Council supports, in principle the proposals set out in the letter further investigations be made into alternative methods of lobbying.

(c) Letter from the Right Honourable Tessa Jowell MP

The Chief Executive submitted a letter from the Right Honourable Tessa Jowell MP asking the Council to consider ways of marking the occasion of the Olympic Games being held in London in 2012.

Resolved: That the letter be noted.

(d) Notice of Conference - Empowerment in Action

The Chief Executive reported that he had received notification of a National Conference being held in London on Thursday 17 July 2008 with regard to Empowerment in Action.

Councillor Mrs Ivey indicated that she was willing to attend.

Resolved: That approval be given for Councillor Mrs Ivey to attend the National Conference and the cost be met from the Members' Training Budget.

(e) Local Government Yorkshire and Humber (LGYH)
Annual Meeting – Monday 9 June 2008

The Chief Executive reported that all Councillors were invited to this meeting, which was to be held in Leeds Town Hall on Monday 9 June 2008.

Resolved: That the letter be noted.

(f) ECO Towns

The Chief Executive reported that he had received letters in respect of the Eco Towns and that an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council had been requisitioned for Wednesday 11 June 2008 at 6:00 pm to debate the issue. The Leader of the Council would attend a meeting on Thursday 12 June 2008 with Leeds City Region Leaders when the Consultants recommendation regarding the site of an Eco Town would be considered.

Resolved: That the requisition for an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council to be held on Wednesday 11 June 2008 be noted.

41 **Public Questions**

None.

42 **Councillors' Questions**

None.

Committee and Board Minutes

Planning Committee – 2 April 2008

Resolved:

That the minutes be noted.

Planning Committee – 30 April 2008

Resolved:

That the minutes be noted.

Licensing Committee – 14 April 2008

Resolved:

That the minutes be noted.

Licensing Committee – 12 May 2008

Resolved:

That the minutes be noted.

Economy Board – 15 April 2008

Resolved:

That the minutes be noted.

Audit Panel – 16 April 2008

Resolved:

That the minutes be noted.

Environment Board – 17 April 2008

Resolved:

That the minutes be noted.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 17 April 2008

Resolved:

That the minutes be noted.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 8 May 2008

Resolved:

That the minutes be noted.

Social Board – 22 April 2008

Resolved:

That the minutes be noted.

Policy and Resources Committee – 13 May 2008

Resolved that:

- (a) The minutes be noted; and**
- (b) The recommendation set out in Minute 916 (Stress Policy) be approved and adopted.**

Town Centre Working Group – 3 January 2008

Resolved:

That the minutes be noted.

Town Centre Working Group – 17 April 2008

Resolved:

That the minutes be considered later in the meeting. (See Minute 50)

Town Centre Working Group – 15 May 2008

Resolved:

That the minutes be noted.

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State of the Area Address

Councillor Crane, Leader of the Council, submitted the State of the Area Address for 2008 and Councillor Steve Shaw-Wright responded as Leader of the Labour Group and Councillor John McCartney responded as Leader of the Independent Group.

Resolved:

That the State of the Area Address be approved as a consultation document for discussion with the community.

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Multi Area Agreements

Councillors received the report of the Chief Executive with an update on the current development of a Multi Area Agreement (MAA) for the Leeds City Region (LCR).

The Council were aware of the Local Area Agreement (LAA) process whereby partner organisations sign up to a county wide level to the achievement of common targets. The sub-regional process had been extended to the city region and the advent of multi area agreements (MAA) and, at officer level, work had been undertaken within the Leeds City Region on the production of such an agreement.

The agreement was currently in its draft stage but the final document would be put to the City Region Leaders' Board on 12 June 2008 for signing off.

Resolved:

That the report be noted and the Leader be authorised to agree the final document before submission to Government Office Yorkshire and Humberside.

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Appointment of Monitoring Officer

Councillors received the report of the Chief Executive seeking approval to the appointment of a new Monitoring Officer following the departure of the former Head of Service, Legal and Democratic Services.

The Local Government and Housing Act 1980 (as amended by subsequent legislation) required every District Council to designate one of their officers as the Monitoring Officer.

Resolved:

That Jonathan Lund, Strategic Director be appointed as the Council's Monitoring Officer in accordance with the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and subsequent legislation, and to make consequential amendments to the Council's Constitution.

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Urgent Action

The Chief Executive reported that he had exercised his power in connection with the arrangements for the management of the Council's Investment Fund.

Resolved: That a further report be submitted to an Extraordinary Meeting to be held on 24 June 2008.

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Sealing of Documents

To authorise the sealing of any documents necessary to action decisions of this Council Meeting, or any of its Committees and Boards for which delegated authority is not already in existence.

Resolved:

That authority be granted for the signing of, or the Common Seal of the Council being affixed to, any documents necessary to give effect to any resolutions hereby approved.

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Private Session

Resolved:

That in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business, as there will be a disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Section 12(A) of the Act, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

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Town Centre Working Group Minutes – 17 April 2008

Councillors considered the minutes of the Town Centre Working Group and the Strategic Director, J Lund reported the detailed breakdown of the costs involved relating to the Contact Centre.

Resolved: That

- (a) The minutes be noted; and**
- (b) The recommendation concerning the sale of land set out in Minute 5 be approved and adopted.**

The meeting closed at 7:15 pm.