

SELBY DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of an Extraordinary meeting of the Council held on 24 June 2008, in the Civic Suite, the Civic Centre, Portholme Road, Selby, commencing at 6:00 pm.

98	Amendments to the Treasury Management – Strategy Statement 2008/09 and Annual Investment Strategy 2008/09
99	Selby Community Project
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Present: Councillor A Thurlow (Chairman) in the Chair

Councillors: Mrs E Casling, M Crane, Mrs D Davies, J Deans, Mrs S Duckett, Mrs J Dyson, K Ellis, D Fagan, Mrs M Hulme, W Inness, M Jordan, C Lunn, D N Mackay, Mrs P Mackay, B Marshall, J McCartney, Mrs M McCartney, Mrs K McSherry, Mrs C Mackman, J Mackman, C Metcalfe, Mrs E Metcalfe, R Packham, C Pearson, Mrs S Ryder, R Sayner, S Shaw-Wright, Mrs A Spetch, R H Sweeting and Mrs D White.

Officials: Chief Executive, Mr J Lund, Strategic Director, Mr S Martin, Strategic Director, Head of Service – Finance and Central Services, Head of Service – Human Resources, Head of Service – Policy and Performance, Head of Service – Development Services, Head of Service – Housing, Project Manager – Selby Community Project, Democratic Services Officer and Committee Administrator.

The Monsignor B Bickers offered opening prayers.

Public: 0

Press: 0

96 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors I Chilvers, Ms M Davis, Mrs C Goodall, Mrs G Ivey, Mrs W Nichols, N Martin, I Nutt, B Percival and A Pound.

97 **Disclosure of Interest**

None.

Amendments to the Treasury Management – Strategy Statement 2008/09 and Annual Investment Strategy 2008/09

The Head Service - Finance and Central Services informed councillors of the amendments to the Treasury Management Strategy and Annual Investment Strategy for the 2008/09 financial year.

Amendments to the Treasury Management and Investment Strategies would allow the Council's in-house team to invest funds for periods of greater than 1 year would allow the Council to take advantage of the higher interest rates currently available on cash deposits.

Resolved:

- (i) That the amended treasury management strategy statement for 2008/09 be approved; and**
- (ii) The amended annual investment strategy statement for 2008/09 be approved.**

Selby Community Project

Councillors received the report of the Chief Executive with regard to the current position in relation to the Community Hospital and Civic Centre scheme.

The report gave details of the operation of a joint integrated board and its governance arrangements. Details were also given of the financial implications and the likely costs of the project to both the Council and the Primary Care Trust (PCT).

It was reported that the PCT had formally agreed to support the financing of the scheme.

Councillors raised the issue of public access to meetings of the Board and the Chief Executive undertook to investigate the position and inform councillors of the outcome by e.mail.

Resolved:

- (i) The report be noted;**
- (ii) The draft partnership governance arrangements be approved subject to the Selby District Councillor representatives on the board being the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council;**

- (iii) The commissioning of project management be approved;**
- (iv) Delegated powers be given to the Chief Executive and Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council to act on behalf of the Council at the partnership meetings as set out in paragraph 4.3 of the report; and**
- (v) That the Council agrees to work as the accountable body and accrues capital costs for the project pending recharge to the Primary Care Trust.**

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Membership of the Standards Committee

The Monitoring Officer sought approval for the membership of the Standards Committee.

The Council was required to appoint a Standards Committee, which was charged with promoting high standards of conduct by Councillors and dealing with complaints against both District and Parish Councillors.

The membership of the Committee currently consists of two Councillors from Selby District Council, two Independent Members and one member of a Parish Council.

Resolved:

- (i) That Mrs H Putman and Miss B Potts be appointed as members of the Standards Committee for the period ending on the date of the Annual Council meeting in May 2011; and**
- (ii) That Mr R Parker be appointed to the Standards Committee as second representative of the Parish Councils for the period ending on the date of the Annual Council meeting in May 2011.**

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Councillor Development Programme

Councillors received the report of the Chief Executive, which reviewed the Councillor Development programme undertaken in 2007/08.

The report considered the programme required for 2008/09 linking the IDeA Skills Framework and the Member Development Charter. It also considered the councillor training required in preparation for the development of Community Management Boards and the compulsory nature of training and development.

Councillors commented on the current and future provision of training and the need to ensure that councillors attended appropriate courses.

Resolved: That

- (i) That Janette Barlow, Head of Service – Human Resources be appointed as lead officer for the Member Development Charter to develop the action plan and monitor progress twice a year and;**
- (ii) The Councillor Development Programme 2008/09 be approved;**
- (iii) Councillors provide comments directly to the Chief Executive on ways in which turnout can be improved.**

The meeting closed at 6:43 pm.