

## SELBY DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of a meeting of the Council held on 29 July 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, I Chilvers, M Crane, Mrs D Davies, M Davis, Mrs S Duckett, Mrs J Dyson, K Ellis, D Fagan, Mrs C Goodall, Mrs M Hulme, Mrs G Ivey, M Jordan, D N Mackay, Mrs P Mackay, B Marshall, W N Martin, J McCartney, Mrs M McCartney, Mrs K McSherry, C Metcalfe, Mrs E Metcalfe, Mrs W Nichols, I Nutt, R Packham, C Pearson, B Percival, A Pound, Mrs S Ryder, R Sayner, S Shaw-Wright, Mrs A Spetch, R H Sweeting and Mrs D White.

Officials: Chief Executive, Mr S Martin - Strategic Director, Head of Service – Finance and Central Services, Head of Service – Development Services, Head of Service – Environmental Health and Leisure, Communications Manager, Democratic Services Officer and Committee Administrator.

The Monsignor B Bickers offered opening prayers.

Public: 1  
Press: 2

### 195 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Deans, W Inness, C Lunn, Mrs C Mackman and J Mackman.

### 196 **Disclosure of Interest**

None

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## **Minutes**

**Resolved; That the minutes of the proceedings of the Council held on 3, 11 and 24 June 2008 be confirmed as correct records and be signed by the Chairman.**

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## **Communications**

a) Letter from the Identity and Passport Office - National Identity Scheme

The Chief Executive submitted a letter from the Identity and Passport Office commenting on the Council's opposition to the introduction of a National Identity Scheme.

**Resolved: That the letter be noted.**

b) Letter from The Boundary Commission

The Chief Executive submitted a letter from The Boundary Commission asking if the Council was considering any electoral or administrative review in the near future.

**Resolved: That the letter be noted.**

c) Selby Town Council

The Chief Executive submitted a letter from the Town Clerk of Selby Town Council informing him that the Council had been awarded Quality Parish Council status. He informed councillors that he had sent a letter of congratulation to the Town Council.

Councillor I Nutt informed the Council that Brayton Parish Council had also been awarded Quality Parish Council status.

**Resolved:**

- (i) That the letter be noted and**
- (ii) that Brayton Parish Council be congratulated on the award.**

d) SELBY DIAL

The Chief Executive submitted a letter from Selby DIAL informing him that David Peart had resigned and requested the Council nominate a new representative.

**Resolved:**

(i) **That the letter be noted and**

(ii) **the appointment of a representative be considered at the next meeting.**

e) Letter from Councillor R Sweeting

The Chief Executive submitted a letter from Councillor R Sweeting informing him that as of 29 July he would be joining the Conservative group of the Council. The Chief Executive informed councillors of the implications for committee membership and that he would discuss the matter with the group leaders.

**Resolved: That the letter be noted**

199 **Public Questions**

None

200 **Councillors' Questions**

None

201 **Committee and Board Minutes**

Planning Committee 28 May 2008

**Resolved:**

**That the minutes be noted.**

Planning Committee 25 June 2008

**Resolved:**

**That the minutes be noted.**

Economy Board 10 June 2008

**Resolved:**

**That the minutes be noted.**

Environment Board 12 June 2008

It was reported that the recommendation set out in minute 72 had been the subject of 'call in' and had been discussed at the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 26 June 2008. The decision of both the Environment Board and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee would be considered later in the meeting when the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee of 15 July 2008 were discussed

**Resolved:**

**That the minutes be noted.**

Audit Panel 16 June 2008

**Resolved:**

**That the minutes be noted.**

Policy and Resources Committee 24 June 2008

The Chief Executive informed councillors that part (ii) and (iv) of the resolution contained in minute 95 should have been minuted as recommendations to Council

**Resolved:**

- (i) That the minutes be noted and**
- (ii) that recommendations (ii) and (iv) set out in minute 95 be approved and adopted.**

Policy and Resources Committee 15 July 2008

Councillor Crane referred to minute 163 and reported that arrangements had been made for Abbey Leisure Centre and Tadcaster Leisure Centre to admit customers free of charge on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2008 and for the provision of entertainment to mark the official handover of the Olympic flag to the

London 2012 Organising Committee. The estimated costs amounted to £3000.

**Resolved:**

- (i) That the report be noted and**
- (ii) approval be given to the expenditure of £3000 to be met from existing resources**

In response to a question regarding minute 165 the Chief Executive agreed to provide information to councillors electronically regarding telephone calls to Access Selby.

Councillors attention was drawn to minute 171 and consideration was given to minute 72 of the Environment Board and minute 134 of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee concerning the review of car park charges.

It was moved by Councillor Crane, seconded by Councillor Percival

That the recommendations set out in minute 171 relating to car park fees be approved.

In accordance with paragraph 5.27(e) of the Councils constitution that a recorded vote was taken as shown below:-

For the proposal (19)

Councillors: I Chilvers, M Crane, Mrs J Dyson, K Ellis, D Fagan, Mrs C Goodall, Mrs G Ivey, M Jordan, D Mackay, Mrs P Mackay, Mrs K McSherry, C Metcalfe, Mrs E Metcalfe, I Nutt, B Percival, A Pound, Mrs S Ryder, R Sayner and Mrs A Spetch.

Against the proposal (11)

Councillors: Mrs D Davies, Mrs M Davis, Mrs S Duckett, B Marshall, N Martin, J McCartney, Mrs M McCartney, Mrs W Nichols, R Packham, S Shaw-Wright and A Thurlow.

Abstained (5)

Councillors: J Cattnach, Mrs M Hulme, C Pearson, R Sweeting and Mrs D White.

**Resolved:**

**That the recommendations set out in minute 171 relating to car park fees be approved.**

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The Chief Executive referred to minute 173 and informed councillors that the contract for air conditioning at Abbey Leisure centre had been let.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee 26 June 2008

**Resolved that :**

**The minutes be noted**

Licensing Committee 7 July 2008

**Resolved that:**

**The minutes be noted.**

Social Board 8 July 2008

**Resolved that:**

**The minutes be noted.**

Town Centre Working Group 10 July 2008

**Resolved: that**

**The minutes be noted.**

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**Selby District Local Strategic Partnership**

The Head of Service- Policy and Performance submitted a report updating Councillors on the work of the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP). The LSP met on a quarterly basis and conducted the bulk of its work through four sub groups and reports from the groups were set out in the paper.

Councillors commented on the problems caused when police officers from Selby were called to assist with the policing of York. Councillor Crane undertook to raise the issue when he met with the Chairman of the North Yorkshire Police Authority.

**Resolved: That the report be noted.**

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**White Paper –Communities in Control**

The Chief Executive submitted a report giving an outline of the White Paper

' Communities in Control – Real People, Real Power' which had been issued on 9 July 2008.

The White Paper looked at the concepts of:

- Promoting democracy
- Active participation by citizens and volunteers
- Greater access to information
- Wider use of petitions
- Participatory budgeting
- Holding officials to account
- Increasing the accountability of police and health services
- Broadening the range of those standing for public office

**Resolved:**

- (i) The report be noted, and**
- (ii) The Policy and Resources Committee be requested to recommend a practical response to the White Paper.**

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### **Urgent Action**

The Chief Executive informed councillors he had received a request for funding from the Rail Users group and in consultation with the Leader of the Council a sum of £667 for 2007/08 had been approved.

**Resolved:**

**That the report be noted.**

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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 6(b) of Section 12(A) of the Act, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.**

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### **Central Area Car Park, Tadcaster**

Councillors Mrs G Ivey and C Metcalfe declared that, as they were members of the Selby Area Committee of the North Yorkshire County Council they would take no part in the discussions and voting on this item.

The Chief Executive submitted a report recommending that the judicial review application be stayed until 31 October 2008.

The report gave details of the history of the site and reasons for the recommended course of action.

### **Resolved:**

- (i) That the judicial review be stayed until 14 October 2008 and**
- (ii) a further report be brought to the council meeting on that day.**

The meeting closed at 7.24pm