

## SELBY DISTRICT COUNCIL

### MINUTES

Minutes of the proceedings of a meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 27 July 2010, in the Civic Suite, the Civic Centre, Portholme Road, Selby, commencing at 6:00 pm.

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Present: Councillor K Ellis (Chairman) in the Chair

Councillors: Mrs E Casling, J Cattnach, I Chilvers, M Crane, Mrs D Davies, Mrs M Davis, J Deans, Mrs S Duckett, Mrs J Dyson, D Fagan, Mrs C Goodall, Mrs G Ivey, M Jordan, C Lunn, D N Mackay, Mrs P Mackay, Mrs C Mackman, J Mackman, B Marshall, N Martin, J McCartney, Mrs M McCartney, Mrs K McSherry, C Metcalfe, Mrs E Metcalfe, Mrs W Nichols, I Nutt, R Packham, C Pearson, A Pound, Mrs S Ryder, R Sayner, Mrs A Spetch, A Thurlow and Mrs D White.

Officials: Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive, Strategic Director, Head of Service – Finance, Head of Service – Development Services, Democratic Services Manager and Committee Services Officer.

Public: 2

Press: 0

Father Chris Wilton offered opening prayers.

#### 167 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs M Hulme, W Inness, B Percival, S Shaw-Wright and R Sweeting.

168            **Disclosures of Interests**

None were received.

169            **Minutes**

**Resolved:**

**That the minutes of the proceedings of a meeting of Council held on 1 June 2010 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.**

170            **Communications**

i) City of York Council

The Chief Executive summarised the letter received from York City Council with regard to the ongoing road works on the A19. The letter was in response to concerns about the road works raised by Councillors.

**Resolved:**

**That the letter be noted.**

ii) Her Majesty's Court Service (HMCS)

The Chief Executive submitted a letter regarding proposals on the provision of court services in North and West Yorkshire. The letter proposed the closure of Selby Magistrates' Court with its work being transferred to York Magistrates' Court. The proposals were currently at the consultation stage.

Councillor C Metcalfe declared a personal interest as a consequence of him being a Magistrate at Selby Magistrates' Court.

[At 6.15pm the fire alarm sounded. The Chairman adjourned the meeting which then reconvened at 6.25pm]

Councillors were keen to voice their disapproval of the proposed closure and the negative impact it would have on the residents of Selby District. Councillors expressed their thanks to Councillor Mrs D Davies for the work she had already undertaken in opposing the proposal.

The Chief Executive undertook to respond to HMCS setting out the Council's opposition to the proposal. The letter would be coordinated with work already undertaken by a number of Councillors and Selby Town Council.

**Resolved:**

**That the letter be noted.**

iii) Jacobs

The Chief Executive submitted a letter from Jacobs which detailed essential works on the Selby Town Swing Bridge. The works would necessitate the closure of the road.

Councillors were keen to obtain more details regarding the road closure and to ensure adequate plans were in place to minimise disruption.

**Resolved:**

**That the letter be noted.**

iv) North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC)

The Chief Executive submitted a letter from North Yorkshire County Council which set out proposals for reductions in bus services and changes to concessionary fares.

Councillors were informed of the routes to be affected as a result of spending cuts by NYCC. Democratic Services would send all Councillors a copy of the letter.

**Resolved:**

**That the letter be noted.**

171 **Public Questions**

None received.

172 **Councillors' Questions**

None received.

173 **Committee and Board Minutes**

Planning Committee 26 May 2010

**Resolved:**

**That the minutes be noted.**

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Planning Committee 23 June 2010

**Resolved:**

**That the minutes be noted.**

Licensing Committee 7 June 2010

Councillor Mrs R Sayner presented the minutes and highlighted the following amendment.

- i) Minute 45 (Authorisation of Hypnotism under the terms of the Hypnotism Act 1952) the word 'Resolved' be replaced with 'Recommended to Council'.

**Resolved that:**

- i) **Subject to the amendment to minute 45, the minutes be noted; and**
- ii) **The recommendation at minute 45 (Authorisation of Hypnotism under the terms of the Hypnotism Act 1952) be approved.**

Economy 8 June 2010

Councillor J Thurlow reported that he had submitted his apologies for the meeting.

**Resolved:**

**That, subject to the above amendment, the minutes be noted.**

Environment Board 10 June 2010

Councillor J Thurlow reported that he had submitted his apologies for the meeting.

**Resolved:**

**That, subject to the above amendment, the minutes be noted.**

Social Board 15 June 2010

Councillor Mrs G Ivey presented the minutes and highlighted the following amendments.

- i) Minute 70, the final sentence should read; 'Abbey Leisure Centre

Swimming Pool will be closed for three weeks at Christmas 2010 for essential works to be carried out'.

- ii) Minute 70, the resolution, should be set out as below:

**Resolved:**

**That the indicative ten year Planned Maintenance Programme for Abbey and Tadcaster leisure centres and Selby Park be noted.**

**Recommended to Policy & Resources:**

**That the Year One Landlord Planned Maintenance Programme for Abbey and Tadcaster leisure centres goes forward to Policy and Resources Committee for adoption.**

**Resolved that:**

- i) **Subject to the above amendments, the minutes be noted; and;**
- ii) **The recommendation at minute 71 (Introduction of a Byelaw to Prohibit Urinating in the Streets) be approved.**

Audit Panel 22 June 2010

**Resolved:**

**That the minutes be noted.**

Overview and Scrutiny Committee 17 June 2010

**Resolved:**

**That the minutes be noted.**

Special Policy and Resources Committee 29 June 2010

The Chief Executive provided a progress update on the actions identified as part of the Annual Governance Statement.

**Resolved that;**

- i) **The minutes be noted; and**
- ii) **The recommendations at minute 124 (Referrals from Other Boards and Committees – Economy Board and Social Board) be approved.**

Policy and Resources Committee 13 July 2010

Councillor Mrs E Casling reported that she had attended the meeting.

**Resolved:**

**That, subject to the above amendment, the minutes be noted.**

Special Policy and Resources Committee 27 July 2010

Councillor Crane thanked the relevant Councillors and Officers for their work in developing the Core Strategy.

**Resolved:**

**That the minutes be noted.**

Selby Community Project Internal Project Board 22 April 2010

**Resolved:**

**That the minutes be noted.**

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**The Move Towards an Executive Structure**

The Chief Executive submitted a report to update the Council on the programme to move to a Leader and Cabinet Executive structure by May 2011.

The report covered progress on the revision of the Constitution, the arrangements for Councillor Training and the Remuneration Panel.

The Remuneration Panel had been established and would report back to the Council meeting on 26 October 2010.

Councillors discussed the Task and Finish Group which had been formed to examine key elements of the proposed revised Constitution.

**Resolved:**

**That the report be noted.**

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**Urgent Action**

The Chief Executive reported that he had used emergency powers to divert staffing resource to the completion of the Allocations DPD at the expense of the current programme for the Local Development Framework.

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This action was seen as necessary following the announcement by the Secretary of State to immediately revoke the Regional Spatial Strategy process.

This action had been reported to Policy and Resources Committee at its meeting on 29 June 2010.

**Resolved:**

**That the action taken by the Chief Executive be approved.**

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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 was 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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### **Address by the Strategic Director**

At his last Council meeting before retirement, the Strategic Director thanked Councillors and Officers for their support during his time at Selby District Council.

The meeting closed at 7.37pm