

SELBY DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the proceedings of a meeting of the Extraordinary Council held on 9 November 2010, 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 Cattanach, I Chilvers, M Crane, Mrs D Davies, Mrs M Davis, J Deans, Mrs S Duckett, Mrs J Dyson, , Mrs C Goodall, Mrs M Hulme, W Inness, 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, B Percival, A Pound, R Sayner, S Shaw-Wright, Mrs A Spetch, R Sweeting, A Thurlow and Mrs D White.

Officials: Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive, Head of Service – Finance, Head of Service – Partnerships and Commissioning, Head of Service – Development Services, Head of Service - Housing, Head of Service – Customers and Business Support, Solicitor to the Council, Media and Corporate Communications Manager, Democratic Services Manager and Overview and Scrutiny Coordinator.

Public: 6

Press: 1

Revered John Hetherington gave opening prayers.

343 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Fagan and Mrs S Ryder.

344 **Disclosure of Interest**

None were disclosed.

Adoption of a Revised Service Delivery Model

The Chief Executive presented the report which asked Council to consider the adoption of a revised service delivery model with effect from 1 April 2010.

The revised service delivery model represented a radical change in how Selby District Council would operate, such a shift was necessary to meet the significant financial challenges ahead. The Council would continue to examine opportunities for shared services.

At the conclusion of the debate six councillors requested a recorded vote In accordance with paragraph 5.27(e) of the Council's constitution. The vote was taken as shown below:-

For the proposal (28)

Councillors: Mrs E Casling, J Cattanach, I Chilvers, M Crane, J Deans, Mrs J Dyson, K Ellis, Mrs C Goodall, Mrs M Hulme, W Inness, Mrs G Ivey, M Jordan, C Lunn, D Mackay, Mrs P Mackay, Mrs C Mackman, J Mackman, Mrs K McSherry, C Metcalfe, Mrs E Metcalfe, I Nutt, C Pearson, B Percival, A Pound, R Sayner, Mrs A Spetch, R Sweeting and Mrs D White.

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.

Resolved: That;

- i) With effect from 1 April 2011, the revised service delivery model be adopted;**
- ii) The redeployment pool be withdrawn with immediate effect;**
- iii) A cross-party working group be formed to oversee the implementation of the revised service delivery model;**
- iv) The Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of Council, be authorised to access the spend to save budget to facilitate the transition to the new model;**
- v) The Chief Executive be authorised to progress any shared service arrangements consistent with the revised model which can deliver savings to the Council.**

Move towards an Executive Structure

The Chief Executive presented the report which asked the Council to formally resolve to move to a Leader and Cabinet executive structure by

May 2011.

As a result of a move to an Executive, the Council would also have to approve a revised allowance scheme. Included in the Chief Executive's report were recommendations made by the Independent Remuneration Panel but the Chief Executive made it clear that the Council could resolve to implement allowances at a lower rate than those recommended by the Panel. Councillors suggested that a Task and Finish group be established to review the findings of the Remuneration Panel.

The Leader of the Council expressed the view that no councillor should receive an increase in allowance.

It was also proposed that Local Government Boundary Commission be asked to review the local government electoral arrangements in Selby District with a view to reducing the number of District Councillors.

In accordance with paragraph 5.27(d) of the Council's constitution six councillors made a request for a ballot.

In accordance with paragraph 5.27(e) of the Council's constitution a further six councillors made a request for a recorded vote. In accordance with paragraph 5.27(e) of the Council's constitution, the request for a recorded vote had precedence over that for a ballot. The recorded vote was taken as shown below:-

For the proposal (28)

Councillors: Mrs E Casling, J Cattanach, I Chilvers, M Crane, J Deans, Mrs J Dyson, K Ellis, Mrs C Goodall, Mrs M Hulme, W Inness, Mrs G Ivey, M Jordan, C Lunn, D Mackay, Mrs P Mackay, Mrs C Mackman, J Mackman, Mrs K McSherry, C Metcalfe, Mrs E Metcalfe, I Nutt, C Pearson, B Percival, A Pound, R Sayner, Mrs A Spetch, R Sweeting and Mrs D White.

Against the proposal (11)

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Resolved: That;

- i) In accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2000 (as amended by the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007) and the regulations made there under, Selby District Council adopts the Leader and Cabinet Executive (England) decision-making arrangements in accordance with the proposals first**

- published in February 2010. The change in arrangements to take place, as required by statute, after the ordinary election of councillors on 5 May 2011;
- ii) **The revised constitution governing the new arrangements be adopted in principle by the Council;**
 - iii) **A cross party Task and Finish Group be established to examine the findings of the Remuneration Panel's Report and make recommendations which ensure that no individual councillor receives an increase in allowance;**
 - iv) **The Local Government Boundary Commission be requested to review the current local government electoral arrangements for Selby District with a view to reducing the number of councillors.**

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Use of Access Selby as a Constituency Office

The Chief Executive presented the report which asked Council to approve in principle the use of accommodation at Access Selby as a constituency office by Nigel Adams MP.

Resolved: That;

- i) **The use of accommodation at Access Selby as a constituency office for Nigel Adams MP be approved in principle;**
- ii) **The Chief Executive be authorised to finalise arrangements at no cost to the Council.**

[Councillor Mrs E Casling left the meeting at 8.24pm]

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Private Session

That in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, the meeting be not open to the Press and public during consideration of the following item as there will be a disclosure of exempt information as defined in Section 100(1) of the Act as described in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

Agreement to Sell Part of the Civic Centre Site

The Deputy Chief Executive presented the report which asked Council to consider a proposal to vary the existing agreement for the sale of the Civic Centre site.

Resolved:

That Council rejects the options put forward and retains the existing arrangement.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm