

SELBY DISTRICT COUNCIL

**MINUTES**

Minutes of the proceedings of an Extraordinary meeting of the Council held on 15 February 2011 in the Civic Suite, the Civic Centre, Portholme Road, Selby, commencing at 6:00 pm.

554	Apologies for Absence
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556	The Budget
557	The Move Towards an Executive Structure and Implementation of the Revised Service Delivery Model

Present: Councillor K Ellis (Chairman) in the Chair

Councillors: Mrs E Casling, J Cattanach, I Chilvers, M Crane, Mrs D Davies, 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, Mrs C Mackman, J Mackman, B Marshall, N Martin, J McCartney, Mrs M McCartney, Mrs K McSherry, Mrs W Nichols, I Nutt, R Packham, C Pearson, Mrs S Ryder, S Shaw-Wright, Mrs A Spetch, A Thurlow and D White.

Officials: Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive, Head of Service – Finance, Head of Service – Customers and Business Support, Head of Service – Development Services, Head of Service – Housing and Property and Democratic Services Manager.

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Councillor Thurlow offered opening prayers.

554 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Fagan, D N Mackay, Mrs P Mackay, C Metcalfe, Mrs E Metcalfe, B Percival, A Pound, R Sayner and R Sweeting.

555 **Disclosures of Interest**

Councillors Crane and Pearson both expressed personal and prejudicial interests in that part of item 3 (The Budget) relating specifically to the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) by virtue of them both being trustees of the

organisation. They indicated that they would both leave the meeting, if the Council wished to debate that aspect of the budget.

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### **The Budget**

The Leader of the Council presented the 2011/2012 budget which included a list of bids and savings recommended for approval.

The 30% cuts in Central Government funding announced in the Comprehensive Spending Review would bite hard in coming years. Savings in the region of £3 million would be needed over the next three years.

The Labour and Independent Group Leaders responded to the budget proposals.

#### **Resolved: That;**

- i) Council Tax be frozen for 2011/12;**
- ii) The growth bids for 2011/12 - £266k, 2012/13 - £125k and 2013/14 - £59k be approved;**
- iii) £155k from Special Projects Reserve be used to fund capital growth in 2011/12;**
- iv) The General Balances support the General Fund revenue budget for 2011/12 - £545k and 2012/13 - £446k;**
- v) The General Fund savings targets for 2011/12 to 2013/14 be 2011/12 - £1.6m, 2012/13 - £2.6m and 2013/14 - £3.0m and;**
- vi) The average housing rent increase for 2011/12 be 7.5%, taking the average rent (based on 48 weeks) to £70.15 per week;**
- vii) The supported growth bids of 2011/12 - £2.202m, 2012/13 - £1.969m and 2013/14 - £1.969m be approved;**
- viii) The minimum working balance be increased to £1.5m;**
- ix) The Housing Revenue Account savings targets be 2011/12 - £167k, 2012/13 - £246k and 2013/14 - £246k.**

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### **The Move Towards an Executive Structure and the Implementation of the Revised Service Delivery Model**

The Chief Executive presented a report which informed Council of the current progress on preparations for the introduction of the executive arrangements and the implementation of the new service delivery model.

Councillors felt that, with the exceptions of the training on Planning and Licensing, all sessions should begin at 5pm to encourage attendance.

Council discussed the recommendations regarding the Service Delivery Vehicle (SDV). It was felt that the Shadow SDV Board should contain councillors and officers, but that only councillors should have voting rights.

**Resolved: That;**

- i) Subject to all courses, other than Planning and Licensing, starting at 5pm the training proposals be approved;**
- ii) The interim SDV governance recommendations be approved;**
- iii) That a Shadow SDV Board be formed;**
- iv) That nominations be received for the Shadow Board, pending formal appointments following the District Elections in May 2011.**

The meeting closed at 7.03 pm.