

Council

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Present: Councillor J Crawford in the Chair

Mrs E Casling, J Cattnach, I Chilvers, M Crane,
Mrs D Davies, Mrs M Davis, J Deans, Mrs S
Duckett, M Dyson, K Ellis, M Hobson, W Inness,
Mrs G Ivey, M Jordan, C Lunn, D Mackay, Mrs C
Mackman, J Mackman, B Marshall, Mrs K McSherry,
C Metcalfe, I Nutt, R Packham, D Peart, A Pound,
R Price, I Reynolds, Mrs S Ryder, Mrs A Spetch, R
Sweeting and J Thurlow

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Mrs P Mackay, J McCartney, Mrs M
McCartney, Mrs E Metcalfe, R Musgrave, Mrs W
Nichols, C Pearson, R Sayner and S Shaw-Wright

Also Present: Chief Executive, Executive Director Communities
Selby, Managing Director of Access Selby,
Democratic Services Manager.

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38. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

39. Minutes

The minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 26 June and 24 July 2012 were confirmed as a correct record.

Resolved:

To approve the minutes for signing by the Chairman.

40. Communication

Boundary Commission for England

The Chief Executive reported correspondence received from The Boundary Commission for England regarding the publication of revised proposals for new parliamentary constituency boundaries.

The letter advised of a forthcoming eight week consultation as part of the review of parliamentary constituency boundaries. The Chief Executive advised that copies of the letter would be circulated to parish and town councils.

Resolved:

To note the correspondence.

Leeds City Council

The Chief Executive reported correspondence received from Leeds City Council regarding a request for funding for a Judicial Review of the decision to close the Leeds Children's Heart Surgery Unit at Leeds General Infirmary.

At this point, Councillor Crane declared a pecuniary interest and left the meeting during the subsequent debate.

The Council debated the request and, whilst being supportive of any action to try and keep the Unit open, felt unable to make a financial contribution.

Resolved:

To write to Leeds City Council outlining the Council's decision to not make a contribution to the Judicial Review Fund.

Councillor Crane rejoined the meeting.

41. Announcements

None.

42. Petitions

None received.

43. Public Questions

None received.

44. Councillors' Questions

None received.

45. Reports from the Executive

The Leader of the Council reported on the work he had recently undertaken. He outlined his discussions with the Leader and Chief Executive of York City Council, the results of which he hoped would, in the future, create jobs in the Selby District.

Councillor C Lunn, Lead Executive Member for Finance, reported on the work he had undertaken within his portfolio. Councillor Lunn gave updates to the Council on both the latest position regarding the Leisure Centre and his work as part of the programme for growth board.

Councillor J Mackman, Lead Member for Place Shaping, reported on his latest work. He provided the Council with details from the reconvened Examination in Public (EIP) which had taken place on the 5th and 6th of September 2012. The Inspector considered that some of the changes debated at the EIP were main modifications and required a further consultation exercise. Councillor J Mackman outlined the need for an Extraordinary meeting of the Council prior to the six week consultation. The Inspector would also produce a position statement clarifying his areas of concern within the Core Strategy. Councillor J Mackman would respond in writing to a question from Councillor R Packham.

The Council agreed to hold an Extraordinary meeting on 6 November 2012.

Councillor C Metcalfe, Lead Member for Communities, gave an update on his work. He offered thanks to those councillors who had attended the awareness session with the Gypsy and Traveller community prior to the Council meeting.

Resolved:

- i) **To receive and note the reports from the Executive;**
- ii) **To hold an Extraordinary meeting of Council on 6 November 2012.**

46. Reports from Committees

The Chair of Policy Review Committee, Councillor M Jordan, reported on work of the Committee since the last Council meeting. Councillor M Jordan informed the Council that the Renewable Energy Task and Finish Group would shortly be holding its first meeting.

Resolved:

To receive and note the reports from the Committee..

47. Motions

The Council debated the below motion. The motion was moved by Councillor Mrs M Davis at the Council 26 June 2012 meeting and had been referred to the Executive for consideration.

The Labour Group wish to ensure that the rights of Scrutiny and the right to proper debate of call-in issues are enshrined within our Constitution to prevent the stifling of debate before an informed vote on the issue can take place.

On behalf of the Executive, Councillor C Metcalfe informed the Council that he had held discussions with a number of councillors from the two main political groups. The recommendations put forward sought to amend and refine the operation of scrutiny at the Council in order that the process adds value to the Council's operations.

Councillor C Metcalfe moved the recommendations below as an amendment to the motion. The amendment was seconded and approved by the Council.

Resolved:

- i) **To amend the Council's Constitution in respect of the Scrutiny Committee to give effect to the following:**
 - **to debate all call-ins**
 - **To have the call-in presented to the Scrutiny Committee by the "sponsor" of the call-in and one or more of his/her co-signatories**
 - **To hear from any other appropriate contributors, including where necessary the relevant Executive member**

- To pass any relevant and specific recommendations to the Executive or Council as appropriate
 - To comment on the validity of the call-in itself
- ii) To provide a series of development workshops to re-appraise the role of the scrutiny function to help deliver the objectives set out in paragraph 3.3 of the report;
- iii) To introduce a system of named substitutes for scrutiny committees.

48. Access Selby Annual Report

Councillor W Inness provided a presentation on the Access Selby Annual Report. The presentation detailed the work undertaken by Access Selby in its first year of operation.

The Council praised the work undertaken by Access Selby and suggested ways in which improvements could be made.

Resolved:

To note the presentation.

49. Selby District Council – Submission on Council Size to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England

Councillor Crane presented the report which provided a draft submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England on the future size of the Council.

The Council discussed the submission and felt that the Commission should be asked to propose a Council size. The submission would be amended to reflect the Council's wishes.

Resolved:

- i) To ask the Local Government Boundary Commission for England to determine the appropriate Council size on which commence public consultation;
- ii) To approve appendix A, amended to reflect resolution i), as the Council's submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England on Council size;

50. Urgent Action

The Chief Executive informed the Council that he had not taken any urgent action in the time since the last Council meeting.

51. 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:

To grant authority 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.

The meeting closed at 7.40 pm