

Council

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Present: Councillor J Cattanach in the Chair

Councillors I Chilvers, M Crane, J Crawford, 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, J McCartney, Mrs M McCartney, R Musgrave, W Nichols, I Nutt, B Packham, C Pearson, D Peart, A Pound, R Price, I Reynolds, Mrs S Ryder, R Sayner, S Shaw-Wright, Mrs A Spetch, R Sweeting and J Thurlow.

Also Present: Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive (and Monitoring Officer), Executive Director (S151), Managing Director of Access Selby, Director, Solicitor to the Council and Democratic Services Officer.

Press: None

50. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors L Casling, Mrs P Mackay, Mrs K McSherry, C Metcalfe, Mrs E Metcalfe and Mrs W Nichols.

51. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

52. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 2 September 2014 were confirmed as a correct record.

Resolved:

To approve the minutes for signing by the Chairman.

53. Presentation by Dr Lincoln Sargeant, Director of Public Health for North Yorkshire

The Council received a presentation from Dr Lincoln Sargeant, Director of Public Health for North Yorkshire on his 2014 annual report.

Key points in the presentation included:

- Obesity was a key concern in the district with two thirds of adults classed as either overweight or obese. Dr Sargeant explained that some funding was available to educate people on weight management and it was hoped this would lessen the risk of diseases associated with being overweight. Work was also being done with Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) in the area.
- Reintroducing physical activity into everyday life. This included incorporating measures into designs for planning applications and considering how designs could assist people to be physically active. It was also aimed to have better access to healthy food.
- With regard to mental health, work was being done to invest in initiatives to promote mental health such as suicide prevention and reducing the effect of loneliness along with investment in the North Yorkshire County Council communities' programme. Work was also being done on how groups could work together to create dementia friendly communities.
- Information was provided on the Better Care Fund which was designed to provide health and social care closer to people's homes. It was important to make use of community assets and the Vale of York CCG was doing some work with partners on community health hubs.

- There needed to be closer working with the voluntary and community sectors to plan health and care services run by volunteers.

Questions were asked about funding for school related projects; . the support available to Dementia sufferers and their families; the Better Care Fund and how to incorporate health into planning applications.

54. Communications

The Chief Executive informed the Council that, following a ballot of staff the Christmas floating day would be taken on Friday 2 January 2015.

55. Announcements

None were received.

56. Petitions

No petitions were received.

57. Public Questions

No questions from members of the public were received.

58. Councillors' Questions

No questions from Councillors were received.

59. Reports from the Executive

The Leader of the Council reported on the work he had recently undertaken. He reported on the progress regarding the electrification of the Trans Pennine route to Selby and the latest developments concerning further funding for Olympia Park. The Leader of the Council also added that the Council had been awarded funding from the Government for its Better Together programme with North Yorkshire County Council.

A query was raised concerning the recent survey conducted by an external company on behalf of Selby District Council. A concern had been raised by a resident that the company had been supplied with the names and telephone numbers of residents. The Leader agreed to look into this and a note was subsequently circulated to all Councillors indicating that the market research company used by the Council was required to use its own databases to survey a statistically representative sample of residents in Selby and no data had been provided to them by Selby District Council

Councillor Mrs G Ivey, Deputy Leader of the Council and Lead Executive Member for External Relations and Partnerships, reported on her recent work. In addition to the report in the agenda, Councillor Ivey reported back on a recent meeting of

the Police and Crime Panel that had been held in Selby where the Police and Crime Commissioner had presented her Police and Crime Plan. Discussion had also taken place at the meeting concerning the closure of the custody suite at Selby.

Councillor C Lunn, Lead Executive Member for Finance, reported on the work he had undertaken since the last meeting of the Council. This included information on the different financial reports which had been considered by the Executive and progress with work on the Programme for Growth.

Councillor J Mackman, Lead Executive Member for Place Shaping, reported an update on housing delivery and various pieces of work being undertaken under the Programme for Growth. A query was raised regarding a number of residents in Council properties whose downstairs toilets had been removed instead of being repaired. It was agreed officers would look into this issue and respond.

The Leader of the Council presented Councillor Metcalfe's report in his absence. With regard to car parks, it was agreed that the pay machines in all car parks needed to be replaced to accept new coinage and give the option to residents for pay by card.

Resolved:

To receive and note the reports from the Executive.

60. Reports from Committees

The Chair of Policy Review Committee, Councillor M Jordan, reported on work of the Committee since the last update to Council.

Councillor J Crawford, the Chair of Scrutiny Committee, reported on work of the Committee since the last update to Council. He was pleased the Executive shared the Committee's wish to examine satisfaction performance indicators to ensure the robustness of the data. Councillor Pearson, the Chair of Audit Committee, reported on work of the Committee since the last update to Council.

Resolved:

To receive and note the reports from the Committees.

61. Motions

None received.

62. Medium Term Financial Strategy

Councillor Lunn, Lead Member for Finance presented the report which provided an update to the revised Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) approved by Council in December 2013.

Councillor Lunn reported that a target net revenue budget of £10.6m was being proposed and savings of £1m were required over the next three years in addition to the £450k already outlined for Access Selby. It was also explained that £880kp.a. could be diverted to the Programme for Growth subject to the continuation of the New Homes Bonus and savings.

Resolved:

To approve the update to the Medium Term Financial Strategy.

63. Council Tax Support

Councillor Lunn, Lead Member for Finance presented the report on the Executive's proposal for the on-going provision of localised support for Council Tax with effect from April 2015.

Councillor Lunn explained that it was proposed that the maximum award payable to working age claimants should be reduced from 91.5% to 90% of their Council Tax bill. He also explained proposals to introduce a minimum income floor for self-employed people.

Resolved:

- i. To reduce the maximum award for Council Tax Support for working age claimants from 91.5% to 90% with effect from April 2015 for the 2 years April 2015 to March 2017;**
- ii. To introduce a minimum income floor for self-employed people (excluding the first year of trading) based upon the national minimum wage, with effect from April 2015.**

64. Business Rates Pooling

The Leader of the Council presented the report which set out the issues associated with the potential for Selby District Council to join the Leeds City Region (LCR) Business Rates Pool, following consideration by the Executive at its meeting on 2 October 2014.

The Leader of the Council explained that the Council had previously applied to be in the North Yorkshire City Region Pool. However, concerns had been expressed by some other members of both pools with regard to the risk of significant volatility in Business Rate levels in Selby District cause by the activities of some of the larger business rate payers.

Resolved:

To delegate the decision to join a Business Rates pool to the Chief Executive after consultation with the Leader, Lead Member for Finance and the s151 Officer, should joining a pool be considered to be in the financial interests of Selby District Council.

65. Constitutional Amendments

The Leader of the Council presented the report which set out the findings of the Audit Committee Review of the Constitution.

The Leader of the Council explained that the Executive supported the majority of the recommendations made by the Audit Committee with the exception of the recommendation on the number of Councillors on the Planning Committee. The Executive felt that 9 was a more suitable number as an odd number of Councillors would reduce the likelihood of a tied vote

Resolved:

- i. To approve the recommendations 1 to 3, 6 to 9 and 11 to 15 contained within the Audit Committee Report into the Constitution and for them to take effect from 1 November 2014.**
- ii. To set the number of Councillors appointed to the Planning Committee at 9 rather than 10, and to approve recommendations 1, 4, 5 and 6 to take effect from the AGM in the 2015/16 municipal y**
- iii. To note that the revised Executive Procedure Rules set out at Appendix 8 to the Audit Committee Report had been considered and agreed by the Executive and those amendments will take effect from 1 November 2014.**
- iv. To give delegated authority to the Chief Executive to amend the Contract Procedure Rules after consultation with the Leader and the Monitoring Officer and to report back to Council on the changes made.**

66. Urgent Action

The Chief Executive reported that she had not taken any urgent action since the last meeting of Council.

67. 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 7.27pm.