

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, 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, Mrs K McSherry, C Metcalfe, Mrs E Metcalfe, R Musgrave, Mrs W Nichols, I Nutt, B Packham, C Pearson, D Peart, A Pound, R Price, I Reynolds, Mrs S Ryder, R Sweeting and J Thurlow.

Also Present: Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive, Executive Director (s151), Executive Director, Communities, Solicitor to the Council and Democratic Services Manager.

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113. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs L Casling, J Deans, Mrs P Mackay, R Sayner and S Shaw-Wright.

114. Disclosures of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

115. Minutes

The Council considered the minutes of the Council meeting held on 24 February 2015.

Resolved:

To approve the minutes of the Council meeting on 24 February 2015 for signing by the Chairman.

116. Communications

The Chief Executive informed Council that she and the Vice Chairman would both be attending the Queen's Royal Garden Party on separate dates in 2015.

117. Announcements

There were no announcements.

118. Petitions

No petitions were received.

119. Public Questions

No questions from members of the public were received.

120. Councillors' Questions

No questions from Councillors were received.

121. Reports from the Executive

The Leader of the Council reported on the work he had recently undertaken as outlined in his report. In particular, the Leader of the Council highlighted the visit by the Taiwanese Ambassador. The Council was informed that the visit had provided the Council with the opportunity to further strengthen links with China and Asia and promote growth in the area.

Additionally, the Leader of the Council explained that this would be the last meeting of Council before the upcoming election. He paid tribute to those Councillors who would be leaving the Council and he expressed his best wishes

to those Councillors that would be standing for re-election. In particular, the Leader of the Council expressed his thanks and best wishes to the Deputy Leader of the Council, Mrs G Ivey for her work.

Councillor Mrs G Ivey, Deputy Leader of the Council and Executive Member for External Relations and Partnerships, updated the Council on the work she had recently undertaken. The Council was informed that the membership of the new leisure centre was now up to 2,300 and positive feedback had been received.

Questions were asked about the temperature of the teaching pool at the leisure centre and whether the outdoor skate park would be free to users. The Leader of the Council reiterated that there would be a free outdoor skate park in Selby however the location for the skate park was yet to be confirmed. The issue of the temperature of the teaching pool would be pursued with the operators

Councillor C Lunn, Executive Member for Finance, reported on the work he had undertaken since the last meeting of the Council.

Councillor J Mackman, Executive Member for Place Shaping, provided an update on the work he had recently undertaken. A query was raised regarding when highway implications were considered during developments. It was explained that all main highways were considered during the review of Plan Selby and there were regular discussions with North Yorkshire Highways.

Councillor C Metcalfe, Lead Executive Member for Communities, provided an update on the work he had recently undertaken. The Lead Executive Member for Communities responded to questions on the Council's car parking policy in Selby and Tadcaster. He explained that it was important to develop a strategy regarding park which was best for the economy and which responded to the needs of the local community.

In response to a query concerning the membership of the Selby Town Enterprise Partnership (STEP) Board, Councillor Metcalfe explained that the membership included individuals who had run businesses and who had local knowledge. It was explained that the STEP board had been gathering intelligence over the last year and were looking at ways to take Selby forward.

In response to a query concerning the Community Engagement Forums (CEFs), the Lead Executive Member for Communities explained that a report would be prepared to the Executive which would outline how the CEFs would be taken forward.

Resolved:

To receive and note the reports from the Executive.

122. Reports from Committees

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

A question was asked about S106 Recreation and Open Space funding at Barlby and it was agreed that a detailed response would be sent to Councillors.

Councillor J Crawford, the Chair of Scrutiny Committee, reported on work of the Committee since the last update to Council. The Chair of the Scrutiny Committee expressed his thanks to all the Members and officers who worked on the Committee.

Councillor C Pearson, the Chair of Audit and Governance Committee, reported on the latest meeting of the Committee that had taken place on Wednesday 15 April 2015.

Resolved:

To receive and note the reports from Committees.

123. Motions

No motions were received.

Councillors J and Mrs McCartney left the meeting at this point and were not present for the remaining agenda items.

124. Better Together Collaboration – Progress Report

The Chief Executive presented the report which provided an overall update on progress with the Better Together Collaborative Programme being delivered jointly by Selby District Council and North Yorkshire County Council.

The Chief Executive explained that a decision had been taken to strengthen the collaboration principles in the agreement and an agreement reached to not take forward any work which would not benefit the Council.

Concern was raised over the telephone waiting times for the Customer Contact Centre. It was agreed this would be looked into and a response provided to all Councillors.

Resolved:

- i) To receive and endorse progress with the Better Together Programme.**
- ii) To note that the Executive had given delegated authority to the Chief Executive, after consultation with the Leader, to enter into a formal legal agreement with NYCC to secure the current and future arrangements and benefits of the collaboration**

125. Tour de Yorkshire Cycle Race

The Leader of the Council introduced the report which provided an update on the plans for the Tour de Yorkshire Selby start on 2 May 2015 and outlined the latest information on the various parts of the event.

The Leader of the Council explained that meetings had been held with several traders in the town who had been positive about the event and it was hoped the event would generate a number of economic benefits for Selby.

The Executive Director, Communities provided a presentation which detailed specific information about the event and outlined the plans for the different event elements and the race. The Council was also shown a publicity video demonstrating the route of the race.

Councillors thanked officers for their organisation and work on the event and stressed the need to ensure that road closures did not have a detrimental effect on residents and that the condition and cleanliness of the roads were addressed.

Resolved:

To note the plans for the Selby start of the Tour de Yorkshire cycle race.

126. Urgent Action

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

127. 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 7.41pm.