

Council

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Present: Councillor R Sweeting in the Chair

Councillors K Arthur, D Buckle, Mrs E Casling, J Cattanach, I Chilvers, Mrs J Chilvers, M Crane, J Deans, Mrs S Duckett, K Ellis, M Hobson, D Hutchinson, M Jordan, C Lunn, D Mackay, B Marshall, Mrs M McCartney, C Metcalfe, R Musgrave, B Packham, C Pearson, D Peart, I Reynolds, Mrs J Shaw-Wright, J Thurlow, P Welch and Mrs D White.

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

Press: 1
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65. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Crawford and J Mackman.

66. Disclosures of Interest

Councillor Musgrave declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in minute item 77 – Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) as he was the part owner of a property which might be affected by CIL. He undertook to leave the meeting during the consideration for this item.

67. Minutes

The Council considered the minutes of the Council meeting held on 13 October 2015.

RESOLVED:

To approve the minutes of the Council meeting on 13 October 2015 for signing by the Chairman.

68. Communications

The Chief Executive provided an update on the organisational review. Council were informed that the Executive had made a decision on 19 November 2015 to move to consultation for the new arrangements. The Chief Executive added that further updates would be brought back to Council.

69. Announcements

There were no announcements.

70. Petitions

No petitions were received.

71. Public Questions

No questions from members of the public were received.

72. Councillors' Questions

No questions from Councillors were received.

73. Reports from the Executive

The Leader of the Council reported on the work he had recently undertaken as outlined in his report. Council was informed North Yorkshire County Council would be providing the District Council's IT support from 1 February 2016 as part of the Better Together collaboration.

A query was raised about why the planning application for the waste site at Great Heck had been dealt with by the District Council rather than North Yorkshire County Council. The Leader agreed to look into this and provide a response.

The Leader of the Council on behalf of Councillor J Mackman, Deputy Leader of the Council and Executive Lead Member for Place Shaping, provided an update on the work he had recently undertaken as outlined in his report. It was explained that the Council now had a housing supply of 5.8 years which would assist the Planning Committee when they made their decisions.

Queries were raised regarding whether the Selby Transport Study would be a new model or an update of the current model and whether models needed to be considered for other areas in the District.

With regard to the traffic model for Selby, it was explained that the traffic model would be updated for Selby. Council were informed that the District Council was in regular dialogue with the County Council over this issue and it was currently being ensured there was sufficient evidence available for the model.

Councillor C Lunn, Executive Lead Member for Finance and Resources presented his update on the work he had recently undertaken as outlined in his report.

Councillor C Metcalfe, Lead Executive Member for Communities and Economic Development provided an update on the work he had recently undertaken as outlined in his report and highlighted the work being done on the Economic Development Strategy with neighbouring authorities.

In response to a query concerning car parking in Selby and Tadcaster, the Lead Executive Member for Communities and Economic Development explained that the Council was trying to create a strategy which embraced all car parks.

Councillor D Peart, Lead Executive Member for Housing, Leisure, Health and Culture provided an update on the work he had recently undertaken as outlined in his report. He informed Council that it was hoped the route for the Tour de Yorkshire in 2016 would be announced in the forthcoming days.

Concern was raised that health and fitness activities were offered predominantly in Selby and questions were asked about whether there was any work being done in other areas of the district. It was agreed a list would be circulated outlining activities undertaken across the district.

RESOLVED:

To receive and note the reports from the Executive.

74. Reports from Committees

It was reported that there had been no meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee since the last meeting of Council.

Councillor J Deans, Chair of the Policy Review Committee provided an update on the work of the Committee as outlined in his report.

It was reported that there had been no meetings of the Audit and Governance Committee since the last meeting of Council.

RESOLVED:

To receive and note the reports from Committees.

75. Motions

No motions were received.

76. Alcohol Licensing Policy

Councillor Peart presented the report on the draft Alcohol Licensing Policy which had been developed in consultation with a number of key stakeholders.

RESOLVED:

To approve the Alcohol Licensing Policy to come into force from 1 January 2016.

77. Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

Councillor Musgrave declared his interest and left the meeting for the consideration of this item.

Councillor M Crane presented the report on the progress of the Community Infrastructure Levy Draft Charging Schedule and informed Council that the CIL had undergone and come successfully through an examination in public.

It was felt there should be proper dialogue between the Parish Councils and the District Council to ensure Parish Councils had an effective understanding of the CIL process. The Leader of the Council added that District Councillors also had an important role to play in communicating between their respective Parish Council and the District Council.

It was suggested that indicative examples how much funding could be received from a particular application should be created which would aid in assisting Councillors and Parish Councils in understanding the CIL process.

RESOLVED:

To Adopt the Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule and implement the Community Infrastructure Levy charges from 1 January 2016.

78. Urgent Action

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

79. 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 6.48pm.