

Council

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Present: Councillor S Duckett in the Chair

Councillors K Arthur, D Buckle, Mrs E Casling, I Chilvers, Mrs J Chilvers, M Crane, K Ellis, D Hutchinson, M Jordan, C Lunn, D Mackay, J Mackman, B Marshall, Mrs M McCartney, C Metcalfe, R Musgrave, B Packham, C Pearson, D Peart, I Reynolds, B Sage, R Sweeting, J Thurlow, P Welch and Mrs D White.

Officers Present: Mary Weastell, Chief Executive, Karen Iveson, Chief Finance Officer, Gillian Marshall Solicitor to the Council, Dave Caulfield, Director, Economic Regeneration and Place, June Rothwell, Head of Operations and Palbinder Mann, Democratic Services Manager.

Press: 1
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11. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Cattnach, J Deans, M Hobson and Mrs J Shaw-Wright.

12. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

13. MINUTES

The Council considered the minutes of the Council meeting held on 17 May 2016.

RESOLVED:

To approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 17 May 2016 for signing by the Chairman.

14. COMMUNICATIONS

The Chairman announced that the Chief Executive would be doing the 100 miles Three Swans Sportive Bike Ride in aid of the Chairman's Charities on Sunday 4 September 2016.

The Chairman announced that Richard Sweeting had been awarded the York and District Medal for outstanding support to victims of flooding by the press and City of York Council for his assistance during the flooding in Tadcaster.

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There we no announcements.

16. PETITIONS

No petitions were received.

17. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

No questions from members of the public were received.

18. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS

No questions from Councillors were received.

19. REPORTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE

Councillor M Crane - The Leader of the Council

The Leader of the Council welcomed Councillor Bryn Sage to his first Council meeting following his election as a Councillor to the Byram and Brotherton Ward.

The Leader of the Council reported on the work he had recently undertaken as outlined in his report.

In response to a query concerning the Scrutiny review, the Solicitor to the Council explained that meetings of the Task Group reviewing the Scrutiny arrangements at the Council had taken place and a site visit had been conducted to North Yorkshire County Council to view proceedings of their Corporate and Partnerships Committee. It was expected a report with recommendations would be brought before the Executive and then Council.

Councillor J Mackman, Deputy Leader of the Council and Executive Lead Member for Place Shaping

Councillor J Mackman, Deputy Leader of the Council and Lead Executive Member for Place Shaping, provide an update on the work he had recently undertaken as outlined in his report.

In response to a query concerning the brownfield register, the Lead Executive Member for Place Shaping explained that the register would be an information document containing knowledge about the brownfield sites.

Councillor C Lunn, Lead Executive Member for Finance and Resources

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

Councillor C Metcalfe, Executive Lead Member for Communities and Economic Development

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.

A query was raised concerning the impact on European Union (EU) funding following the EU Referendum result to leave the European Union. The Lead Executive Member for Communities and Economic Development explained that currently it was still difficult to ascertain how the Referendum result would have an impact on funding.

Councillor R Musgrave, Executive Lead Member for Housing, Leisure, Health and Culture

Councillor R Musgrave, Lead Executive Member for Housing, Leisure, Health and Culture provided an update on the work he had recently undertaken as outlined in his report.

It was clarified that the green waste processing item which was discussed at Executive was related to the treatment of green waste and was for the procurement exercise to secure replacement arrangements for the treatment following the expiry of the current contract.

With regard to the Tourism Strategy, it was suggested that residents and Parish Councils needed early involvement in the formulation of the strategy

RESOLVED:

To receive and note the reports from the Executive.

20. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Councillor W Nichols Crawford, Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

In the absence of Councillor W Nichols, Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the Scrutiny Committee update was taken as read.

Councillor J Deans, Chair of the Policy Review Committee

In the absence of Councillor J Deans, Chair of the Policy Review Committee, the Policy Review Committee update was taken as read.

Councillor M Jordan, Chair of the Audit Committee

Councillor M Jordan, Chair of the Audit Committee provided an update on the work of the Committee as outlined in his report.

RESOLVED:

To receive and note the reports from Committees.

21. MOTIONS

Councillor B Packham proposed a motion in response to a national increase in hate crime. He stated that there had been a record increase in hate crime with the majority of incidents being race related. He advised that the Council work with other authorities to tackle hate crime and referred to the Kirklees Hate Crime Strategy as an example of a piece of work being undertaken to tackle hate crime. The motion was as follows:

“We are proud to live in a diverse and tolerant society. Racism, xenophobia and hate crimes have no place in our country. Our council condemns racism,

xenophobia and hate crimes unequivocally. We will not allow hate to become acceptable.

We will work to ensure that local bodies and programmes have the support and resources they need to fight and prevent racism and xenophobia.

We reassure all people living in this area that they are valued members of our community.”

Discussion took place on the motion and there was agreement that hate crime was not acceptable in any shape or form in society. It was however suggested that the motion could be reworded to read as follows:

“We are proud to live in a diverse and tolerant society and accept that everyone are valued members of society”

The amendment was proposed and seconded and upon being put to the vote, was carried.

RESOLVED:

To agree the following motion in response to the increase in hate crime:

“We are proud to live in a diverse and tolerant society and accept that everyone are valued members of society”

22. THE LEADER’S REPORT TO COUNCIL ON THE DISCHARGE OF EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS

The Leader of the Council presented a report which set out the changes in the executive functions which were to be discharged in 2016/17.

The Leader of the Council explained that Councillor Dave Peart would be standing down from the Executive and he thanked him for all of his work.

It was explained that Councillor Richard Musgrave had replaced Councillor Dave Peart on the Executive and would assume responsibility for the Housing, Leisure, Health and Culture portfolio.

RESOLVED:

To receive and note the Leader’s Report on the changes to the discharge of Executive Functions.

23. APPOINTMENT OF AN INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND DESIGNATION OF HEAD OF PAID SERVICE

The Leader of the Council presented a report which sought the approval for the appointment of Janet Waggott, current Chief Executive of Ryedale District Council, as Interim Chief Executive of Selby District Council and to designate Janet Waggott as the Council’s Head of Paid Service.

The Leader of the Council expressed his thanks to the current Chief Executive, Mary Weastell for her work at the Council and wished her the best for the future. Councillor B Packham also expressed his thanks to Mary Weastell on behalf of the Labour Group for her work at the Council.

The Leader of the Council explained that Janet Waggott was an excellent Chief Executive of Ryedale District Council and there had been a positive response from Ryedale District Council to the proposals. It was explained that she would be spending half of her time working for Selby District Council.

With regard to the North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) element of the current Chief Executive's post, the Leader of the Council explained that further discussions would take place with NYCC over this with a view to agreeing an amended working arrangement.

RESOLVED:

- i) To approve the appointment of Janet Waggott as Interim Chief Executive shared with Ryedale District Council and designate her as the Head of Paid Service and Proper Officer (in respect of the Proper Officer functions referred to in the Council's Constitution as falling to the Chief Executive and including functions relating to electoral registration and elections with effect on and from 1 August 2016).**
- ii) To note that arrangements for the permanent appointment of a Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service will be required in due course, such appointment to be undertaken in accordance with the provisions in the Constitution.**

24. CO-LOCATION AT THE CIVIC CENTRE WITH NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

The Executive Lead Member for Finance and Resources presented a report which provided details of the capital investment opportunity to extend the Civic Centre including staff car parking as part of the co-location of North Yorkshire Police (NYP) at the Selby District Council Civic Centre.

The Lead Executive Member for Finance and Resources explained that the proposals had been considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee who had provided their comments to the Executive. The Executive had then approved the proposals however the £415,000 drawdown from the Business Development Reserve was a decision which had to be made by Council.

Discussions took place on the proposals and the following comments were made:

- In response to a query on why the Police needed 32 workstations, the Lead Executive Member for Finance and Resources explained that this was the figure stated by the Police on how many staff would be present during the staff shift changeover. He added that an increase in workstations would result in additional rent to the Council.
- In response to another query, the Lead Executive Member for Finance and Resources stated that the Police would have a separate entrance. He stated that car parking was an issue which needed to be addressed going forward however the car parking proposals outlined were acceptable.
- A query was raised on why the Police could not be incorporated into the current building without the need for an extension. The Head of Operations explained that an extension was the cheapest and best value option. It was explained that a planning application would need to be submitted which would consider issues such as trees and car parking spaces.
- The benefits of working alongside the Police were highlighted and it was stated that it would be a positive move that staff from both organisations would be situated closer together.

RESOLVED:

To approve the drawdown of up to £415,000 from the Business Development Reserve, subject to completion of the necessary legal agreements.

25. URGENT ACTION

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

The meeting closed at 7:05pm.