Selby District Council



Minutes

Executive

Venue: Committee Room 2, the Civic Centre, Portholme

Road, Selby

Date 2 June 2011

Present: Councillor M Crane (Chair) and Councillors G Ivey,

C Lunn and J Mackman

Apologies for Absence: Councillor C Metcalfe

Officers present: Martin Connor - Chief Executive

Jonathan Lund - Deputy Chief Executive

Karen Iveson - Executive Director

Mark Steward, Managing Director, Access Selby Janette Barlow – Director of Business Services Alison Davison – PA to the Chief Executive

NOTE: All decisions are subject to call-in arrangements. The deadline for call-in is 5pm 14 June 2011. Decisions not called in may be implemented on 15 June 2011.

1. Declarations of Interest

Councillor C Lunn disclosed a personal and prejudicial interest in the business set out at Minute 8 [Selby College Sports Pitch] arising from his membership of the College Board of Governors and he left the meeting during discussion and voting on that item.

2. Start time of Executive meetings

Discussion took place on the start time for Executive meetings, and proposals to start at 10.00 a.m. or 4.00 pm were considered

Resolved: To start Executive meetings at 4.00 pm and to review the matter again in 6 months.

Reasons for decisions: To give Councillors who work or who have other daytime commitments the greatest opportunity to attend Executive Meetings.

3. Executive appointments to representatives on outside bodies

Councillor Mrs G Ivey presented **Report E/11/1** setting out details of representatives on outside bodies. It was noted that the proposed representative on the Selby Area Internal Drainage Board should be amended to delete Councillor M Dyson and insert Councillor J Mackman.

Resolved:

- i) To receive and note Report E/11/1;
- ii) To approve the schedule of appointments on outside bodies, as amended, attached at appendix A;
- iii) To add to the schedule the appointment of Councillor J
 Mackman to the York and North Yorkshire Spatial Planning
 Board.

Reasons for decisions: To ensure that Selby District Council is properly and appropriately represented on those outside bodies which undertake work of an executive nature.

4. 2010/11 Final Accounts Outturn report – Key Decision

Councillor C Lunn presented **Report E/11/2** setting out the final accounts outturn for 2010/11.

Resolved:

- (i) To receive and note Report E/11/2 and endorse the actions of officers set out in the report;
- (ii) To note the estimated outturn position on the Council's General Fund and Housing Revenue Account for 2010/11;
- (iii) To carry forward the £2,985,815 General Fund and Housing Revenue Account revenue and capital budget, as set out at Appendix C;

(iv) To endorse the actions of the Executive Director (S151) in adding the saving generated in the General Fund to the Spend to Save Reserve.

Reasons for decisions:

- To ensure that budget exceptions are brought to the attention of the Executive with explanations from officers; in order to approve remedial action as necessary.
- ii. To establish appropriate levels of reserves to support future issues from the exceptions and approve carry forward budget requests to ensure ongoing committed projects are completed.

5. Treasury Management Outturn Report

Councillor C Lunn presented **Report E/11/3** setting out the results of the Treasury Management function for 2010/11.

Resolved:

- (i) To receive and note Report E/11/03;
- (ii) To endorse the actions of the officers on the Council's treasury activities for 2010/11.

Reasons for decisions: To comply with the Treasury Management Code of Practice, the Executive is required to receive and review regular Treasury Management monitoring reports including the annual review.

6. Private Sector Housing Assistance Policy

Councillor Mrs G Ivey presented **Report E/11/4** seeking endorsement of the Private Housing Assistance Policy 2011-12 which sets out the way in which the Council intends to support the repair, improvement and adaptation of private housing across the district.

Resolved:

- (i) To receive and note Report E/11/4;
- (ii) To endorse the Private Housing Assistance Policy 2011/12.

Reasons for decisions: To facilitate the delivery of the private sector housing assistance service in 2011/12.

7. North Yorkshire Building Control Partnership

Councillor J Mackman presented **Report E/11/5** on proposals to amend the number of members of the Partnership Joint Committee.

Resolved:

- (i) To receive and note Report E/11/5;
- (ii) With immediate effect, to amend the number of elected members representing this Council on the North Yorkshire Building Control Partnership from two to one;
- (iii) To approve the variation of the North Yorkshire Building Control Partnership agreement necessary to effect this change.

Reasons for decisions: To give effect to changes to the Partnership's governance which have been agreed by the other member Councils.

Having declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the item set out below Councillor C Lunn left the meeting.

8. Selby College Sports Pitch

Councillor M Crane presented **Report E/11/6** asking the Executive to consider whether to release the sum of £250,000 towards the cost of providing an all weather sports pitch at Selby College and, subject to the provision of a community use agreement, to secure appropriate community access to the new facility or pursue the alternative of investment at Abbey Leisure Centre.

Details of the scheme proposed by Selby College were considered. There was discussion on the proposals to refurbish the existing all weather pitch at Abbey Leisure Centre.

Resolved:

- (i) To receive and note Report E/11/6;
- (ii) To pursue the refurbishment of the existing all weather pitch at Abbey Leisure Centre, with the Council's leisure service partner.

Reasons for decisions: To focus the Council's capital funds on the refurbishment of an existing leisure facility which is owned and operated by the Council for the whole community and to do so in partnership with the Council's leisure service partner WLCT.

Councillor C Lunn returned to the meeting.

9. Exclusion of the Press and Public - Private Session

Resolved: In accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 and in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, to exclude the press and public from the meeting during discussion of the following item as there is likely to be disclosure of exempt information.

10. Land Sales

Councillor M Crane presented exempt **Report E/11/7** giving an update on the sale of land at the Civic Centre site (Portholme Road, Selby) and on proposals to sell other non-operational sites, together with the proposal to relocate the existing telecommunications mast from the Civic Centre site to Prospect Way, Selby.

RESOLVED:

- (i) To receive and note Report E/11/7;
- (ii) To accept the offer to purchase land at Dunelm Farm, Riccall, subject to an appropriate overage clause and an agreed development timetable;
- (iii) To offer the remaining Civic Centre site (Portholme Road, Selby) on the open market;
- (iv) To commission a business case for the relocation of the mast at the Civic Centre site.

Reasons for decisions: All of the land concerned will shortly be surplus to the Council's requirements and the offers to purchase are time limited. The offers represent the potential to generate significant capital receipts in excess of the amounts budgeted for and early action to consider the offers and respond will increase the likelihood of a successful outcome.