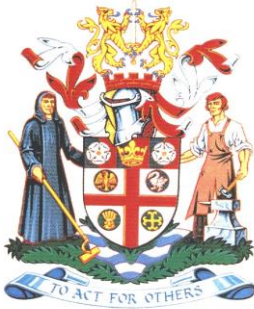


Selby District Council



Minutes

Executive

Venue:	Committee Room, Civic Centre, Selby
Date:	5 January 2012
Present:	Councillor M Crane (Chair), Mrs G Ivey C Lunn and J Mackman
Apologies for Absence:	C Metcalfe
Officers present:	Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive, Executive Director (S151), Lead Officer – Finance and Democratic Services Manager.
Public:	0
Press:	0

Please note, only minute numbers 72, 73 and 75 are subject to call in. The deadline for Call In is 5pm on 17th January 2012. Decisions not called in may be implemented from 18th January 2012.

70. Disclosure of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

71. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting on 1 December 2011 were submitted. The minutes were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

72. Housing Rents and Miscellaneous Charges 2012/13

Councillor Cliff Lunn presented report E/11/47 which gave proposals for Housing Revenue Account (HRA) rent levels in accordance with Central Government's policy on rent restructuring.

Councillor Cliff Lunn explained that based on the Government's current policy, local authority rents were expected to converge with registered social landlord rents by 2015/16.

Councillor Lunn also provided a brief overview of the new arrangements for HRA self financing, which would see the Council keep all of its rent income from 2012/13 onwards, in return for taking on around £60m of Government Housing Debt.

The Executive then discussed some of the issues associated with Rent Convergence.

Resolved:

To approve an average 7.9% rent increase for 2012/2013.

Reason for decision:

To allow Selby District Council to set rent levels in compliance with Government policy.

73. Green Car Scheme

Councillor Cliff Lunn presented report E/11/48 which explained the Green Car 'Employee Lease' Scheme. The scheme would be part of a contract which had already been procured and successfully rolled out at North Yorkshire County Council.

Councillor Cliff Lunn highlighted the benefits of the scheme and the risks to the Council. He informed the Executive that those taking up the scheme would have insurance cover to mitigate the risk of early termination of the contract.

The Executive Director (S151) clarified that the Scheme was for Council employees only and would not be open to councillors.

Resolved:

To introduce a 'Green Car' Employee Lease Scheme as part of the Authority's Employee Benefits Package.

Reason for decision:

To take advantage of the 'Green Car' Employee Lease Scheme as part of the Authority's Employee Benefits Package.

74. Private Session

To exclude the Press and the Public from the meeting in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, in view of the

nature of the business to be transacted as there is likely to be disclosure of exempt information as defined in Section 100(1) of the Act as described in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12(A) of the Act.

75. Sale of Land at Portholme Road, Selby

Councillor Mark Crane presented report E/11/49 which explained that the Council had received a number of bids to purchase its remaining non-operational land at Portholme Road, Selby. The Executive discussed each of the bids.

Resolved:

- i) To accept, subject to contract, the unconditional offer from the highest bidder to purchase the remaining non operational land at Portholme Road, Selby for the sum offered.**
- ii) To authorise the Deputy Chief Executive, after consultation with the Leader of the Council, to finalise the terms of the sale.**

Reason for decision:

To maximise the capital receipt in accordance with the Council's Financial Procedural Rules

The meeting concluded at 4.28pm.