Selby District Council



Minutes

Executive

Venue: Committee Room, Civic Centre, Selby

Date: 4 April 2013

Present: Councillor M Crane (Chair), Mrs G Ivey, J

Mackman and C Metcalfe

Officers present: Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive, Director

of Business Services, Policy Officer and

Democratic Services Manager.

Also Present:

Public: 0 Press: 0

NOTE: Only minute numbers 108, 109 and 110 are subject to call-in arrangements. The deadline for call-in is 5pm on 16 April 2013. Decisions not called in may be implemented on 17 April 2013.

105. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Lunn.

106. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting on 7 March 2013 were submitted and agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

107. Disclosure of Interest

None were received at this point in the meeting.

108. Selby District Council Tenancy Policy

Councillor Ivey presented a further report on the draft Tenancy Policy. She outlined that as a key part of the Policy, the Council would introduce fixed term tenancies for new Council tenants. This approach allowed the Council to make best use of its housing stock.

The Policy Officer responded to questions regarding the resources associated with implementing the Tenancy Policy and issues regarding secure tenancies.

The Executive discussed the Tenancy Policy and in particular the sections regarding Succession (Section 5) and Mutual Exchanges and Fixed term tenancies (Section 8). The Executive agreed to ask officers to look again at elements of Section 5 and Section 8 to ensure clarity in the Policy.

Resolved:

- i) To approve the Selby District Council Tenancy Policy in principle:
- ii) To ask officers to re-examine sections 5 and 8 of the Policy and make any necessary amendments after consultation with Councillor Ivey.

Reason for decision:

To enable council housing to be let in accordance with councillors' steer on the Government's revised approach to the effective management of stock.

109. Housing Trust Governance

Councillor Mackman presented the report on the proposed Articles of Association for the new housing trust to be established by the Council.

Councillor Mackman outlined that, in accordance with the resolution by Council, the articles reflect a company limited by guarantee and the objectives aimed to reflect those of a charitable organisation. Once approved the articles may only be amended with the consent of the Council.

The Executive discussed its appointments to the Board of Trustees. It was agreed to appoint Councillors John Mackman, Ian Reynolds and Robert Packham to the board of trustees. It was agreed that the membership of the board would be reviewed annually at the same time as the Executive's appointments to other outside bodies. Officers were asked to clarify the qualifications referred to at paragraph 12.8.6 within the articles of association.

Resolved:

- i) To approve the Articles of Association;
- ii) To appoint Councillors John Mackman, Ian Reynolds and Robert Packham to the board of trustees.

Reason for the decision:

To enable the company to be established.

110. Programme for Growth – Tadcaster Linear Park Project

Councillor Metcalfe presented the report which proposed that the Executive release the funds allocated for Tadcaster to the Riverside Linear Park project.

At this point, Councillor Mackman considered that he might have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in this item by virtue of his role as a Director of Ground Work Wakefield, a matter which is entered into his Register of Interests. For the avoidance of doubt he left the meeting during discussion and voting on the item.

Councillor Metcalfe outlined that the project aimed to create a linear park along the west side of the river Wharfe in Tadcaster Town Centre. The project would create increased footfall in the town centre and, as there was currently no park in the town, fill an important gap in Tadcaster's provision of leisure.

Resolved:

To release the £130k allocated for Tadcaster to the Riverside Linear Park project.

Reason for the decision:

The Council adopted the Programme for Growth in July 2012. As part of the funding allocated to the programme, specific sums were allocated to the district's three towns. This recommendation relates to releasing the funding allocated to Tadcaster for a project which will help revitalise Tadcaster town centre.

Councillor Mackman returned to the meeting.

The meeting closed at 4.50 pm