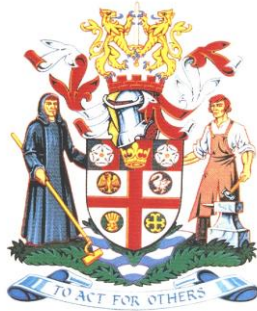


Selby District Council



Minutes

Executive

Venue:	Committee Room, Civic Centre, Selby
Date:	9 January 2014
Present:	Councillor M Crane (Chair), Mrs G Ivey, C Lunn, J Mackman and C Metcalfe.
Officers present:	Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive, Executive Director S151, Director of Community Services, Solicitor to the Council, Policy Officer (HG), Policy Officer (MD) and Democratic Services Manager.
Also Present:	
Public:	0
Press:	0

NOTE: Only minute numbers 69, 70, 71 and 72 are subject to call-in arrangements. The deadline for call-in is 5pm on 21st of January 2014. Decisions not called in may be implemented on 22nd of January 2014.

66. Apologies for Absence

No apologies were received.

67. Minutes

The Executive approved an amendment to the previous minutes. At minute 60 – Disclosures of Interest, the Executive agreed to replace the word 'commission' with the word 'permission'.

Subject to the above amendment, the minutes of the meeting on the 5 December 2013 were submitted and agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

68. Disclosure of Interest

None were received.

69. Core Strategy Legal Challenge and Implications for the Sites and Policies Local Plan

Councillor J Mackman presented the report which provided an update on the legal challenge process and timetable to the Core Strategy. The report also proposed a budget to defend the challenge at the High Court and set out a revised timetable for the Sites and Policies Local Plan.

The Solicitor to the Council updated the Executive on a potential second legal challenge to the Core Strategy.

Resolved:

- i. To note the report;**
- ii. To approve the budget as set out in Exempt Appendix 1 from Council Reserves to meet the costs of the Legal Challenge as set out in paragraph 2.5;**
- iii. To agree the revised timetable and approach for the Sites and Policies Local Plan (SAPP) as set out in paragraphs 2.7-2.13.**

Reason for the decision:

To ensure sufficient resources are in place to defend the challenge to the Core Strategy whilst still progressing the new Local Plan in a timely but robust fashion to meet statutory requirements, and to deliver sustainable growth in the District in line with the Council's key priorities.

70. Document Retention Policy

Councillor M Crane presented the report on the proposed Document Retention Policy.

Councillor M Crane set out that the Policy made reference to relevant legislation, key considerations and the Corporate Records Retention and Disposals Schedule.

Resolved:

To approve the Document Retention Policy.

Reasons for the decision:

To have a robust framework to provide a consistent, professional approach to both paper and electronic document management, which complies with the current legislation in relation to the management of information.

71. Procurement of North Yorkshire County Council's Telephone System

Councillor C Lunn presented the report which requested the virement of funds from the approved ICT Capital Programme in 2013/14 to enable a project to be brought forward to purchase a new telephony system.

Councillor C Lunn set out the benefits of the replacement phone system this included a potential £3k saving each year.

Resolved:

To approve the virement of £57,000 from savings within the approved ICT Capital Programme to finance the purchase of the NYCC Mitel phone system and avoid an abortive £15,500 CoCo compliance cost.

Reasons for the decision:

To deliver a modern phone system that will enable potential partnership and revenue opportunities, while avoiding a £15,500 outlay to meet CoCo compliance.

72. Potential Purchase of Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) Land at Burn – Key Decision

Councillor M Crane presented the report which provided an appraisal of the Burn Airfield site and sought councillors' views on whether the Executive was minded to submit a bid to purchase the site.

Councillor M Crane provided an overview of the latest position on the site which included the recent communication received from the HCA outlining a proposal to place the site on the open market.

The Executive discussed the benefits of purchasing the land at Burn, its potential as a strategic site and the applications to register parts of the site as a Community Asset.

The Executive unanimously agreed to inform the HCA of its interest in purchasing the site on a public sector to public sector basis.

The Executive agreed to consider the financial implications of the potential purchase in Private Session.

Resolved:

In accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, the meeting be not open to the Press and public during discussion of the following item as there will be disclosure of exempt information as defined in Section 100(1) of the Act as described in paragraph 3 Part 1 of Schedule 12(A) of the Act.

The Executive discussed the financial implications of the potential purchase of Burn Airfield.

Resolved:

- i. To unanimously agree, to inform the HCA that the Executive is interested in purchasing the Burn Airfield site and would urge the HCA to extend its previous willingness to negotiate for the sale of the site directly and exclusively with the District Council.**
- ii. To approve a budget from the Programme for Growth Strategic Sites budget sufficient for the Council to carry out the necessary due diligence as set out in the Appendix, Para A2.6 to allow the submission of a bid to HCA and**
- iii. To authorise the Chief Executive to appoint a land agent and procure legal advice to negotiate a price and agree heads of terms.**

Reasons for the decision

To seek to secure the Burn Airfield Site as a strategic site acquisition for the District on reasonable terms and to press the HCA to continue its previous willingness to negotiate for the sale of the site directly and exclusively with the District Council.

The meeting closed at 16.53 pm