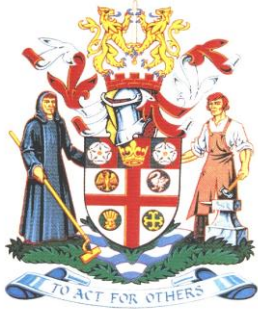


Selby District Council



Minutes

Executive

Venue:	Committee Room, Civic Centre, Selby
Date:	4 December 2014
Present:	Councillor M Crane (Chair), Mrs G Ivey, C Lunn and J Mackman.
Officers present:	Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive, Executive Director (S151), Director, Solicitor to the Council, Business Manager (ES), Lead Officer – Finance, Lead Officer – Policy, Policy Officer, Lead Officer – Contracts, Housing Development Manager, Democratic Services Manager.
Also Present:	Councillor Jack Crawford
Public:	0
Press:	0

NOTE: Only minute numbers 68, 70, 72, 73, 74, 75 and 77 are subject to call-in arrangements. The deadline for call-in is 5pm on the 17th of December 2014. Decisions not called in may be implemented on the 18th of December 2014.

64. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor C Metcalfe.

65. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting on 6 November 2014 were submitted and agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

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66. Disclosure of Interest

Councillor J Mackman declared that he had registered as an “other interest” his role on the Selby and District Housing Trust. He left the room during the consideration of and voting on item 13 (Minute 77) on the agenda (Housing Development Strategy – Phase 1 Business Case – Byram, Byram Park Road).

67. Draft Corporate Plan – Key Decision

Councillor M Crane presented the report which asked the Executive to approve a draft of the emerging new Corporate Plan to cover the years 2015-2020.

The Executive discussed the report and asked officers to amend the Corporate Plan to find a more appropriate balance of activity when considering progress across the five big things. Officers also updated the Executive on amendments which had been submitted by Councillor C Metcalfe, these related to support for existing businesses and volunteering.

Resolved:

- i. Subject to the above comments, to approve the draft Corporate Plan for a period of public consultation.**
- ii. To authorise the Chief Executive to make any amendments requested by the Executive prior to publishing for consultation.**

Reason for the decision:

To enable progress to be made towards finalising and adopting a new Corporate Plan, to be adopted by the start of the financial year 2015.

68. Local Land Charges Litigation

Councillor C Lunn presented the report which updated the Executive on the progress of the negotiations with the claimants in the national land charges litigation seeking refunds of search fees. It also sought delegated authority to settle the claims against Selby District Council as and when a national settlement was agreed.

The Executive agreed to consider the financial implications of the settlement framework 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 Solicitor to the Council set out the potential financial implications for the Council as detailed in the proposed settlement framework.

The Executive agreed to return to Public Session.

Resolved:

- i. To note the position on the national litigation and the proposed national settlement framework.**
- ii. To delegate authority to the Executive Director (s151) to make the settlement payment from contingency reserves when a national agreement is reached.**

Reason for the decision:

To enable the settlement to proceed and limit the exposure of the Council to further claims for costs and interest.

69. Draft Budget and Medium Term Financial Plan – Key Decision

Councillor C Lunn presented the report on the draft revenue budget and capital programme for 2015/16 to 2017/18.

Councillor C Lunn set out that, subject to confirmation of the Formula Grant Settlement, the 2015/16 budget showed a forecasted deficit of £11k after planned savings on the General Fund and a £1.3m surplus on the HRA, which was required to fund the capital programme.

The Executive discussed the savings proposals set out in the report. These included £200k on the Better Together Programme, £150k on the Leisure Management Contract and £150k on Green Energy. Councillor C Lunn stated that the Council would need to work together with its partners to deliver the savings.

The Executive noted that the Medium Term Financial Strategy assumed a Council Tax increase of 2% for 2015/16 and an estimated £96k payment of Council Tax Support Grant to Parish Councils.

Resolved:

- i. **To approve for public consultation and submitted to Policy Review for comments the draft budgets, bids and savings.**
- ii. **To increase Council Tax by 2% for 2015/16, subject to the referendum rules.**

Reasons for the decision:

To ensure the Executive's budget proposals are fully funded for 2015/16.

70. Phase 2 Housing Delivery Programme – Key Decision

Councillor M Crane presented the report which provided further information on the Affordable Housing Need in Sherburn in Elmet and an alternative phasing programme.

The Executive discussed the revised phasing programme for housing delivery. A minor amendment was agreed to the recommendation in the report to improve clarity.

Resolved:

To approve the proposed phasing programme for the Housing Development Strategy as outlined in appendix 1 to the report.

Reasons for the decision:

The prioritisation of development sites is required to facilitate the delivery of the targets within the Council's Housing Development Strategy.

71. Leisure Landlord PPM 14/15 Revised Costs

Councillor C Lunn presented the report on the additional funding required for the Leisure landlord maintenance programme for 14/15, in order to award the roofing contract for work on Tadcaster Leisure centre.

The Executive agreed to recommend to Council the funding for the work at Tadcaster and then discussed the work to be completed at Selby Park, officers were asked to ensure better signage was put in place to improve awareness of the facilities available.

Resolved:

To recommend Council to fund the balance of the cost of the Leisure Landlord Planned Preventative Maintenance Programme

from an additional drawdown of funding from Building Repairs Reserve in 2014/15.

Reasons for the decision:

To ensure essential landlord maintenance work required at Tadcaster Leisure Centre can proceed in the current financial year to enable the Council to discharge its duties as a landlord and ensure the facilities are maintained to standard.

72. SDC Employer Discretion Policy (LGPS) 2014 – Key Decision

Councillor C Lunn presented the report on the Employer Discretion Policy 2014, which was intended to cover all of the Council's employees who hold membership of the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS).

Resolved:

To adopt the Employer Discretion Policy as set out in Appendix 2 of the report.

Reasons for the decision

The adoption of a Discretion Policy is a statutory requirement and will also help to safeguard the Council from any challenge being made and being successful from current or former employees.

73. Local Plan Update – 5 Year Housing Land Supply and AMR – Key Decision

Councillor J Mackman presented the report which provided the Authority Monitoring Report and updated the Executive on the position on the Local Development Scheme and the five year housing land supply.

The Executive discussed the process and legal issues associated with the report. It was agreed to defer recommendations two and three in the report.

At this point there was a 10 minute adjournment of the meeting.

Resolved:

- i. To note the performance of the Core Strategies policies in the Authority Monitoring Report.**
- ii. To agree the revised Local Development Scheme timetable (seen in appendix A of the AMR) for the preparation of the Sites and Policies Local Plan (SAPP).**

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Reason for the decision:

- i. To inform the Executive of the performance against Core Strategy targets.
- ii. To agree a revised timetable for the preparation of the SAPP.

74. Proposed Joint Venture – Revenues and Benefits Service

Councillor M Crane presented the report on the potential for efficiencies and income generation from collaboration in the delivery of Revenues and Benefits Services.

The report sought authority to commence with a Competitive Dialogue to identifying a strategic partner and the potential for a commercial joint venture in partnership with Craven District Council.

Resolved:

- i. To authorise the Managing Director, Access Selby, to join with Craven District Council in inviting expressions of interest to undertake a competitive dialogue process with a view to establishing a joint venture for the delivery of Revenue and Benefits services.**
- ii. To receive a report to a future meeting informing the Executive of the outcome of stage one of the competitive dialogue process and determining how to proceed.**

Reason for the decision:

To test the potential for service efficiencies and income generation from establishing a partnership for the delivery of Revenues and Benefits Services, in collaboration with Craven District Council, by inviting expressions of interest from potential partners to enter into a Competitive Dialogue process.

75. Housing Development Strategy – Phase 1 Business Case – Eggborough, Site 3 – Key Decision

Councillor M Crane presented the report which outlined the business case for the development of the SDC garage site at Westfield Road/Avenue, Eggborough.

The Executive discussed the Business Case and noted that indicative costs for the scheme meant that a subsidy of up to £26,056 would be required for the scheme to break even over 30 years. The housing need analysis for Eggborough had also been recently updated and

the level of need may not be sufficient for a third scheme in the village. The Executive acknowledged that the scheme was also not supported locally. Upon taking these factors into consideration the Executive agreed to not support the scheme at this time but to ask officers to examine the possibility of tidying up the site.

Resolved:

- i. To not support the scheme at this time.**
- ii. To ask officers to examine the possibility of tidying up the site.**

Reason for the decision:

The scheme would require significant financial support, there is insufficient housing need and a lack of local backing.

76. Call in of Executive Report - 2nd Interim Budget Exceptions Report – Key Decision

Councillor M Crane set out that the Executive's decision in respect of the refurbishment of the Bus Station at Tadcaster taken as part of the 2nd Interim Budget Exceptions Report at its meeting on 6 November 2014, had been called in by Scrutiny Committee. After considering the matter Scrutiny Committee agreed with the Executive decision and decide to take no further action.

Councillor J Mackman left the meeting during consideration of the item set out below.

77. Housing Development Strategy – Phase 1 Business Case – Byram, Byram Park Road – Key Decision

Councillor M Crane presented the results of the outline business case for the proposed redevelopment of the SDC garage site at Woodlea, Byram and also the potential of regeneration and redevelopment of the block of maisonettes, flats and bedsits on Byram Park Road, Byram which adjoins the Woodlea garage site.

The Executive discussed the Business Case, the issues associated with the site and the options available for its development. The Executive felt there was a need to improve the area for its residents. It was agreed to start the process by demolishing the block of maisonettes, flats and bedsits. The Executive asked that demolition be clearly and sensitively communicated to residents. Officers were asked to continue to develop the options for the redevelopment of the site and to report back in due course.

Resolved:

- i. To demolish the maisonettes, flats and bedsits on Byram Park Road, Byram.**
- ii. To continue to develop the options for the development of the site.**

Reason for the decision:

- i. To increase the provision of non-general needs affordable housing in Selby District Council area (as identified in the evidence supporting the Core Strategy) - and in particular in Bryam.
- ii. To provide more appropriate forms of general needs affordable housing in Byram;
- iii. To reduce incidences of anti-social behaviour associated with the flats on Byram Park Road and to regenerate the gateway to Byram.

The meeting closed at 5.19 pm