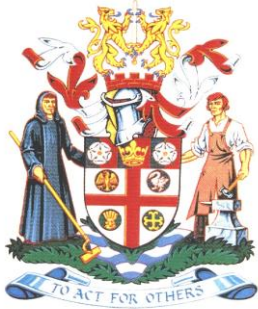


Selby District Council



Minutes

Executive

Venue:	Committee Room, Civic Centre, Selby
Date:	8 January 2015
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, Solicitor to the Council, Lead Officer Policy, Policy Officer, Lead Officer - Data and Systems, Finance Officer, Lead Officer - Marketing and Communications and Democratic Services Manager.
Also Present:	Councillors J Crawford and S Shaw-Wright.
Public:	0
Press:	0

NOTE: Only minute numbers 84 to 90 are subject to call-in arrangements. The deadline for call-in is 5pm on the 22th of January 2015. Decisions not called in may be implemented on the 23rd of January 2015.

81. Apologies for Absence

No apologies were received.

82. Minutes

The minutes of the meetings on 4 and 18 December 2014 were submitted and agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

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83. Disclosure of Interest

None.

84. Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

Councillor M Crane presented the report on the CIL Draft Charging Schedule consultation. The report identified how the issues raised as part of the consultation had been taken forward.

Councillor M Crane provided an overview of the work undertaken by officers and the Council's consultants to produce the charging zones proposed in the report. The Executive heard that CIL charges would become due on the 'commencement of development', the definition of which was the same as that used in current planning legislation.

Resolved:

- i. To note the content of the report.**
- ii. To agree the consultation material for another round of consultation on the Draft Charging Schedule. In particular to note:**
 - a. The change from a 2-zone charging system for housing development to a 3-zone system incorporating:
Low Zone £10 pm²
Medium Zone £35 pm²
High Zone £50 per pm²**
 - b. A more comprehensive Draft Charging Schedule Document;**
 - c. The draft instalments and exemptions policies (unchanged);**
 - d. The indicative Regulation 123 List of spending priorities (unchanged);**
- iii. To grant delegated authority to the Director of Community Services in consultation with the Leader of the Council to agree minor amendments and final wording to the consultation material as necessary.**

Reason for the decision:

- i. To update the Executive on the progress made towards adoption of CIL
- ii. To note the results of the first round of consultation and to respond to that consultation appropriately and to authorise changes prior to a further round of consultation as part of the process to develop and implement a lawful mechanism for the CIL.

85. North Yorkshire and York Local Enterprise Partnership – proposal to create a Joint Committee

Councillor M Crane presented the report which summarised the proposal to create a Joint Committee in the York, North Yorkshire and East Riding LEP area to strengthen governance arrangements and sought approval in principle. It also outlined the proposal to dissolve the Leeds City Region Leaders' Board.

The Executive heard that further work had been commissioned to examine the options and models for a combined authority. The Leader and Chief Executive would be contributing to this work. The Chief Executive gave a further update on the work undertaken to date.

Resolved:

- i. To approve, in principle, the creation of a Joint Committee for the York, North Yorkshire and the East Riding Local Enterprise Partnership.**
- ii. To note that final proposals including the exact nature of the functions to be delegated will be brought back for consideration early in 2015 following further work by the LEP.**
- iii. To note that the Leeds City Region LEP has agreed to dissolve its Joint Committee following the establishment of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority and the Executive will receive a report early in 2015, recommending that it rescinds the delegations to the LCR Leaders' Board.**

Reason for the decision:

To improve the governance arrangements for the York, North Yorkshire and East Riding LEP in order to meet the requirements of the current Growth Deal and to put the region on a firmer footing in future funding negotiations.

86. Housing Rents 2015/16 – Key Decision

Councillor C Lunn presented the report on the proposals for Housing Revenue Account rent levels in accordance with the Government's new policy on rent setting.

Councillor C Lunn set out that the Government's current rent restructuring process would come to an end during 2014/15. The Executive heard that the method of calculating the maximum increase would change to CPI + 1%. This change would produce lower increases in rent, although approximately 60% of tenants receive

partial or full benefit and so the impact of the changes on these tenants would be minimal.

Resolved:

To approve the proposed 2.2% average rent increase for 2015/16.

Reasons for the decision:

To allow rent levels to be set in advance of the coming financial year within the constraints of Government rent setting policy.

87. HRA Business Plan

Councillor C Lunn presented the report on the draft Housing Revenue Account Business Plan refresh following the consultation approved by Executive on 4th September 2014.

The Executive heard that consultation was carried out between 10 September and 11 December 2014 with press releases and information circulated to tenants. No formal responses were received. The Executive noted that Policy Review Committee had endorsed the Plan.

Resolved:

To approve the HRA Business Plan and recommend approval of the financial assumptions and implications by Council in February 2015.

Reasons for the decision:

- i. To set out a viable business plan for the HRA service;
- ii. To comply with the requirements set out in the Localism Act.

88. Housing Management System Replacement – Key Decision

Councillor C Lunn presented the report on the proposal to replace the Council's existing housing and asset management systems and to procure a new consolidated software system.

The Executive heard that the current system no longer provided value for money. The new system would provide an integrated solution which linked with other key databases offering much greater efficiency for the Council.

Resolved:

- i. **To replace the Council's current housing and asset management software systems with one consolidated system;**
- ii. **To provide £180k capital for the system to be paid from the ICT Reserve with £50k being repaid from the first year revenue savings.**

Reasons for the decision:

- i. To ensure the authority meets the current legislation on the Public Services Network (PSN) compliance;
- ii. To ensure that the Council's housing ICT systems are fit for purpose and meet the needs of the organisation going forward;
- iii. To ensure the ICT Reserve is replenished.

89. Selby Leisure Centre – Key Decision

Councillor Mrs G Ivey presented the report which set out the latest cost estimates for Selby Leisure Centre as work neared completion.

Councillor Mrs G Ivey set out that the Leisure Centre was approaching completion and would offer an excellent facility for the community. The Executive heard that additional work to the car park in front of the leisure centre had been added to the project in order to facilitate the development potential of the remainder of the site and provide a finished site to complement the opening of the new leisure centre.

It was explained that when the decision had been taken to add the work it was anticipated that it could be accommodated within the approved budget for the leisure centre project. The Executive were informed however that the extent of the works has been greater than envisaged and the contractor for the work had been replaced at short notice and consequently the costs were now in excess of the approved budget.

It was stated that latest estimates showed a funding shortfall of £201k after inclusion of £390k in respect of the additional car park works. It was explained that in order to cover the shortfall and retain a level of contingency for the leisure centre project it was proposed that £250k be allocated from the Programme for Growth.

Resolved:

To note the budget shortfall arising from the additional works and to allocate a further £250k from the Programme for Growth.

Reasons for the decision

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To ensure the project is fully funded.

90. Tour De Yorkshire Cycle Race

Councillor M Crane presented the report which confirmed the success in securing Host status for the inaugural Tour De Yorkshire cycle race in 2015. It sought agreement to earmark up to £100,000 from the commissioning contingency for 2015/16 to meet potential costs.

The Executive welcomed the announcement that Selby would get a start or a finish for the Tour De Yorkshire. The final route would be announced on 21 January 2015. Councillor M Crane detailed the strong support for the event that he had received since the announcement.

Resolved:

- i. To note and welcome the selection of Selby as the host of a start/finish of the Tour of Yorkshire cycle race 2015 and the economic benefits this is likely to bring to the District.**
- ii. To note that a detailed report will be presented for consideration once the route is confirmed and following detailed negotiations with the race organisers and potential sponsors and partners.**

Reason for the decision:

To confirm the commitment to hosting the race and in order to progress detailed discussions.

The meeting closed at 16.32pm