Selby District Council



Minutes

Special Meeting of the Executive

Venue: Committee Room, Civic Centre, Selby

Date: 16 April 2015

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

Chair) and C Lunn.

Officers present: Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive,

Executive Director (s151), Executive Director, Communities, Solicitor to the Council, and

Democratic Services Manager.

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NOTE: Only minute numbers 113 to 115 are subject to call-in arrangements. The deadline for call-in is 5pm on Tuesday 28 April 2015. Decisions not called in may be implemented on Wednesday 29 April 2015.

110. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors J Mackman and C Metcalfe.

111. Minutes

The Executive considered the minutes of the meeting on 5 March 2015.

RESOLVED:

To approve the minutes of the meeting on 5 March 2015 for signature by the Chair.

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112. Disclosure of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

113. Tour de Yorkshire Cycle Race

Councillor M Crane presented the report which provided the Executive with an update on the plans for the Tour de Yorkshire Selby start on 2 May 2015 and which outlined the latest information on the various parts of the event.

Councillor M Crane explained that there had been a number of donations from private businesses who were sponsoring the cycle festival and that a number of local shops were takingpart in window displays for the event. It was also explained that a number of different suggestions had been received for the event which were currently being taken forward.

Councillor M Crane explained that £100,000 would be allocated to the event however it was expected that not all the money would be needed because of funding received from sponsorships.

RESOLVED:

- i) To note the plans for the Selby start of the Tour de Yorkshire cycle race.
- ii) To approve the allocation of £100,000 from the commissioning contingency for 2015/16 to the Tour de Yorkshire.

REASON FOR THE DECISION:

To re-confirm the initial commitment to hosting the race by approving the allocation required.

114. Better Together Programme – Progress Report

Councillor M Crane presented the report, which provided the Executive with an overall update on progress with the Better Together Collaborative Programme.

Councillor M Crane reported that the Council had achieved savings as a result of the programme and were now looking to enter into a formal legal agreement.

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The Chief Executive explained that the programme had been successful and had received additional funding from the Government. The Executive was informed that the majority of the additional funding would go into the customer and community work streams.

With regard to back office arrangements, the Executive were informed that the secondment arrangements for the finance trial had been agreed and that the Executive Director (s151) was now located at the County Council for part of the week.

Additionally, the Chief Executive explained that further work could be done with other district councils or external partners such as the Police.

RESOLVED:

- i) To receive and endorse progress with the Better Together programme.
- ii) To delegate authority to the Chief Executive, after consultation with the Leader, to enter into a formal legal agreement with North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) to secure the current and future arrangements and benefits of the collaboration.

REASON FOR THE DECISION:

- i) To provide reassurance to Executive Councillors that the Better Together Programme is continuing to meet its objectives and deliver improved services to customers and efficiencies for both organisations.
- ii) To provide a sound legal and governance framework for future delivery of the project.

115. Selby and District Housing Trust – Request to Amend Articles

The Executive agreed to consider the above report as an urgent item because the matter had arisen due to a letter from the Selby and District Housing Trust, which was received after the dispatch of the Executive Agenda. It was noted that waiting to consider the contents of the letter at the next scheduled meeting of the Executive, in June 2015, might have an adverse impact upon an application for funding for affordable housing at a site at Riccall.

The Executive Director (s151) explained that the Selby and District Housing Trust had requested some changes to their articles of

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association following feedback from the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) on the Trust's application for registered provider status. Most of the changes were minor but two were fundamental to the governance of the Trust – article 11 regarding the Council's approval to article changes and article 12 the appointment of Council Trustees to the Trust's Board. It was advised that these articles remain unchanged, but to support the Trust's application to become a registered provider, the Council send a letter of assurance to the HCA.

RESOLVED:

- To approve the minor amendments to the articles set out in Appendix A of the report with the exception of the removal of article 11 and the changes to article 12.
- ii) To authorise the Chief Executive to send a letter of assurance to the Trust Board stating that, in support of the Trust's application for registered provider status the Council will not use its rights under articles 11 and 12 to fetter the requirements of the regulator (Homes and Communities Agency) and the Council will consult and have due regard to the needs of the Trust when making appointments to the Selby and District Housing Trust Board.

REASON FOR THE DECISION:

To support Selby and District's application for registered provider status whilst safeguarding the use of public resources and assets.

The meeting closed at 4:30pm