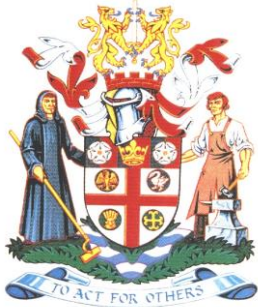


Selby District Council



Minutes

Executive

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| Venue: | Committee Room, Civic Centre, Selby |
| Date: | Thursday 4 February 2016 |
| Time: | 4pm |
| Present: | Councillors M Crane (Chair), C Lunn, C Metcalfe and D Peart. |
| Officers present: | Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive, Executive Director (s151), Solicitor to the Council, Lead Officer – Finance, Environmental Health Officer (Minute Item 89), Lead Officer – Environmental Health (Minute Item 89) and Democratic Services Manager. |
| Public: | 0 |
| Press: | 1 |

NOTE: Only minute numbers 89 to 91 are subject to call-in arrangements. The deadline for call-in is 5pm on Wednesday 17 February 2016. Decisions not called in may be implemented from Thursday 18 February 2016.

86. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor J Mackman

87. MINUTES

The Executive considered the minutes from the meeting held on 7 January 2016.

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With regard to minute item 82 – Housing Rent 2016/17, the Executive Director (s151) informed the Executive that at the last meeting, proposals for setting rents in 2016/17 had been agreed and these proposals had been based proposals in the Welfare Reform and Work Bill.

It was further outlined that that within the report, changes to proposals for new social housing tenancies had been outlined which would mean that from 1 April 2016, new tenancies for properties that had not met target rent would be let at a baseline rent, less 1%.

The Executive Director (s151) explained that in the latest amendments to the Bill, this had now been amended to target rent less 1%. The Executive Director (s151) added that the change did not affect the rent levels that were agreed at the last meeting.

RESOLVED:

To note the update and approve the minutes of the meeting held on 7 January 2016 for signature by the Chair.

88. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

89. DESIGNATION OF AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT AREA

Councillor Peart, Lead Executive Member for Housing, Leisure, Health and Culture presented the report which outlined the consultation responses on the designation of an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) and requested the Executive to determine the extent of the area to be designated.

The Executive gave consideration to the options available with regard to the area to be designated and felt that option two would represent the most effective choice in line with the public consultation responses.

RESOLVED:

- i) To agree that the area in option two as outlined in Appendix B be designated as an AQMA.**
- ii) To agree to sign an order to designate the agreed area as outlined in Appendix C.**
- iii) To delegate the making of the AQMA Order to the Chief Executive.**

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REASON FOR THE DECISION

Selby District Council's (SDCs) Air Quality Progress Report, submitted to the Department of the Environment and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) in April 2014, identified elevated levels of nitrogen dioxide in the vicinity of New Street, Selby.

A Detailed Assessment report submitted on 10 March 2015 to DEFRA included the results of additional monitoring in this area and provided an accurate assessment of the likelihood of the air quality objectives being exceeded at 'relevant' locations and the designation of an Air Quality Management Areas was recommended.

A public consultation has been carried out and the consensus of opinions was to designate the area shown in Option 2 in Appendix B.

90. FINANCIAL RESULTS AND BUDGET EXCEPTIONS REPORT TO 31 DECEMBER 2015 – KEY DECISION

Councillor Lunn, Lead Executive Member for Finance and Resources presented the report which outlined details of major variations between budgeted and actual expenditure and income for the 2015/16 financial year to 31 December 2015.

Councillor Lunn outlined that the Capital Programme was progressing well however stated there would be a shortfall against the savings plan. Additionally it was explained that the Selby Leisure Village was due for completion by June 2016.

Councillor Peart, Lead Executive Member for Housing, Leisure, Health and Culture explained that following detailed discussions and consultations regarding the external Skate Park, detailed proposals had been finalised and costed. The Executive were informed that an additional £21,000 would be required above the existing approved budget with the funds coming from a virement from the Selby Leisure Village contingency budget to the Skate Park Project budget. It was noted that the virement could be made using offer delegated authority but the Executive was asked to endorse the proposal.

RESOLVED:

- i) To endorse the actions of officers and note the contents of the report.**
- ii) To give delegated authority to the Executive Director (s151) to approve a drawdown from the**

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Elections Reserve to cover the shortfall between electoral spend and the allowable claim.

- iii) **To support the virement of £21,000 from the Selby Leisure Village contingency budget to the Skate Park budget.**

REASON FOR THE DECISION

To ensure that budget exceptions are brought to the attention of the Executive with explanations from officers; in order to approve remedial action if necessary.

91. TREASURY MANAGEMENT – MONITORING REPORT TO 31 DECEMBER 2015 – KEY DECISION

Councillor Lunn, Lead Executive Member for Finance and Resources presented a revised report, tabled at the meeting, which outlined the Council's borrowing and investment activity for the 9 month period 1 April to 31 December 2015 and presents performance against the Prudential Indicators.

RESOLVED:

To endorse the actions of officers on the Council's treasury activities for the period ending 31 December 2015 and approve the report

REASON FOR THE DECISION

To comply with the Treasury Management Code of Practice, the Executive is required to receive and review regular treasury management monitoring reports.

92. TREASURY MANAGEMENT – TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT 2016/17 – KEY DECISION

Councillor Lunn, Lead Executive Member for Finance and Resources presented the report which asked the Executive to approve the proposed Treasury Management Strategy.

Councillor Lunn outlined that the Council's loans totalled £60.333m with an average interest rate of 4.91%. The Executive was informed that the Bank of England was currently maintaining interest rates at 0.5%.

RESOLVED:

To recommend to Council:

- i) **To set the Operational Borrowing Limit for 2016/17 at £74m**
- ii) **To set the Authorised Borrowing Limit for 2016/17 at £79m.**
- iii) **To delegate authority to the Executive Director (s151) to effect movement within the agreed authorised boundary limits for long-term borrowing for 2016/17 onwards.**
- iv) **To delegate authority to the Executive Director (s151) to effect movement within the agreed operational boundary limits for long-term borrowing for 2016/17 onwards.**
- v) **To approve the treasury management strategy statement 2016/17.**
- vi) **To approve the minimum revenue provision policy statement for 2016/17.**
- vii) **To approve the treasury management investment strategy for 2016/17.**
- viii) **To approve the prudential indicators for 2016/17 which reflect the capital expenditure plans which are affordable, prudent and sustainable.**

REASON FOR THE DECISION

To ensure the Council's Treasury Management Strategy and associated policies are prudent and affordable.

93. DRAFT REVENUE BUDGET AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2016/17 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN – KEY DECISION

Councillor Lunn, Lead Executive Member for Finance and Resources presented the report which outlined the draft revenue budget and capital programme for 2016/17 to 2017/18.

Councillor Lunn outlined the key budget messages including that the Council had delivered £5m of on-going savings to the end of 2016/17. It was explained that a Council Tax rise of 1.99% was being proposed which was the equivalent of 6p a week for a Band D property.

The Executive Director (s151) informed the Executive that as the Government Budget had not been confirmed yet, it was

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recommended that all proposals were subject to the provisional settlement outlined in the Government Budget. It was also added that if there significant differences in the settlement, an additional Executive meeting may have to be called.

It was clarified that recommendation two be altered to include the words 'for a Band D property' at the end.

RESOLVED:

- i) To submit to Council for approval the draft budgets, bids and savings.**
- ii) To propose to Council an increase in Council Tax of 1.99% to £165.22 for a Band D property.**

REASON FOR THE DECISION

To ensure the Executives budget proposals are fully funded for 2016/17.

The meeting closed at 4.40pm