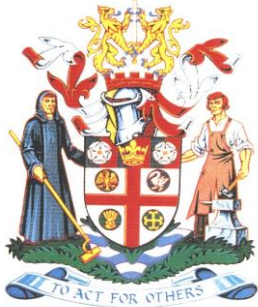


# Selby District Council



## Minutes

### Executive

Venue:	Committee Room, Civic Centre, Selby
Date:	Thursday 3 March 2016
Time:	4pm
Present:	Councillors M Crane (Chair), C Lunn, C Metcalfe and D Peart.
Officers present:	Karen Iveson, Executive Director (s151), Gillian Marshall, Solicitor to the Council, Caroline Sampson Paver, Commissioning and Performance Officer (Minute Item 97), Tom Ridley, Policy Officer (Minute Item 98), Simon Parkinson, Lead Officer, Community Support (Minute Item 99), Michelle Dinsdale, Senior Policy Officer (Minute Items 100 and 101), Rachel Crossley, Graduate Trainee (Minute Item 100), Chris Watson, Assistant Policy Officer (Minute Item 101), Gary Fielding, Assistant Director Strategic Resources, North Yorkshire County Council (Minute Item 102) and Palbinder Mann, Democratic Services Manager.
Public:	0
Press:	0

NOTE: Only minute numbers 97 to 102 are subject to call-in arrangements. The deadline for call-in is 5pm on Tuesday 15 March 2016. Decisions not called in may be implemented from Wednesday 16 March 2016.

**94. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor J Mackman

**95. MINUTES**

The Executive considered the minutes from the meeting held on 4 February 2016.

**RESOLVED:**

**To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 4 February 2016 for signature by the Chair.**

**96. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest

The Leader of the Council explained that the next meeting of the Executive would now be taking place on Thursday 14 April 2016 instead of the previously scheduled date of Thursday 7 April 2016.

**97. PERFORMANCE DELIVERY REPORT, QUARTER 3 – 2015/16**

Councillor Crane, Leader of the Council presented the report which provided details of Corporate Plan and Key Performance Indicator delivery following Quarter 3 of the financial year 2015/16.

**RESOLVED:**

**To approve the report.**

**REASON FOR THE DECISION**

*The on-going management of performance enables the Council to monitor success in achieving its priorities for 2015/16.*

**98. SELBY TOWN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN DESIGNATION**

Councillor Crane, Leader of the Council presented the report which outlined the proposals for Selby Town to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area for the purposes of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

In response to queries regarding the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) spending and payments to Parish Councils, the Solicitor to the Council explained that a separate report on this would be brought to a future Executive.

A query was raised regarding the process if the designation was approved. The Solicitor to the Council explained that this was the first stage of the process however there were a number of subsequent steps before a Neighbourhood Plan was approved.

**RESOLVED:**

**To approve the designation of Selby Town as a Neighbourhood Area for the purposes of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.**

**REASON FOR THE DECISION**

*In accordance with the relevant regulations and to enable the next stages of the development of a Selby Town Neighbourhood Plan to commence.*

**99. SYRIAN REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT SCHEME IN NORTH YORKSHIRE**

Councillor Crane, Leader of the Council, presented the report which updated the Executive on the current position regarding the resettlement of Syrian Refugees in North Yorkshire and recommend adoption of a regional and sub-regional approach to supporting the delivery of the resettlement scheme in Selby district.

A query was raised regarding Migration Yorkshire. The Lead Officer, Community Support explained that Migration Yorkshire had initially been created with the support of eight local authorities. The group was currently located in Leeds and operated out of Leeds City Council. The group assisted in creating local mechanisms and setting up local services for new arrivals.

In response to a query regarding the rights of the refugees, the Lead Officer, Community Support informed the Executive that the refugees would have the same rights as British Citizens and would be able to seek employment along with moving to other areas of the country if they wished.

**RESOLVED:**

- i) To note the request from the Home Office to all Councils to support the Government's commitment to resettle 20,000 Syrian refugees in the United Kingdom over the next 5 years.**
- ii) To agree to support a North Yorkshire wide resettlement scheme. This scheme will enable the resettlement of 200 Syrian refugees**

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countywide over the next 5 years. This scheme forms part of a wider commitment being made by all Yorkshire Councils to support the resettlement of 1,500 Syrian refugees across the region.

- iii) To agree that the Council's commitment to this scheme shall be in the region of 26 people (estimated to be around 6 families). This figure is a pro-rata proportion of the wider North Yorkshire commitment.
- iv) To give authority to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with North Yorkshire County Council and the other District Councils concerning this scheme.
- v) To note that the key role of the Council within this scheme shall be facilitating the sourcing suitable accommodation, either in the private rented or social housing sector. Costs associated with this shall be paid for by Government through Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Grant (VPRG).
- vi) To give delegated authority to the Lead Officer - Community Support and the Lead Officer – Housing to work in partnership with NYCC and the other Districts to use Home Office VPRG to procure a specialist support provider along with other ancillary services that are necessary for the smooth resettlement of refugees. Note that NYCC shall be the accountable body for the receipt of this grant and the procurement of such services.
- vii) To give authority to enter into agreement with Migration Yorkshire to enable overall regional co-ordination and support.

#### **REASON FOR THE DECISION**

*To ensure the necessary infrastructure is in place to support North Yorkshire's commitment to deliver the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Relocation Scheme across the county.*

#### **100. CORPORATE CHARGING POLICY**

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Councillor Lunn, Lead Executive Member for Finance and Resources presented the draft Corporate Charging Policy for consideration.

The Lead Executive Member for Finance and Resources explained that there were sufficient safeguards in the policy for the Executive with regard to decision making on charging.

**RESOLVED:**

- i) **To approve the draft Corporate Charging Policy for public consultation.**
- ii) **To refer the draft policy and revised decision making process to Policy Review Committee for consideration in advance of the draft policy and consultation responses being reported back to Executive.**

**REASON FOR THE DECISION**

*To progress the draft Corporate Charging Policy in a way that supports the promotion of efficiency savings and reduction of dependence on Government Grants through the approach outlined in the draft policy.*

**101. CORPORATE ENFORCEMENT POLICY**

Councillor Peart, Lead Executive Member for Housing, Leisure, Health and Culture presented the draft Corporate Enforcement Policy for consideration.

The Executive were informed that there were no changes to the policy following consultation and that the policy would come into force on 1 April 2016.

**RESOLVED:**

**To approve the draft Corporate Enforcement Policy to come into force on 1 April 2016.**

**REASON FOR THE DECISION**

*To ensure the policy reflects changes to the regulatory framework and best practice.*

**102. BETTER TOGETHER FINANCE – KEY DECISION**

The Leader of the Council presented the report which set out the results of the review of the current trial to integrate financial

management services as part of the 'Better Together' collaboration with North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC).

The Leader of the Council explained that a trial period under the proposed arrangements had delivered further resilience and had allowed greater support from North Yorkshire County Council. It was also expected that finance staff could have greater opportunities under the new arrangements.

The Assistant Director Strategic Resources, North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) added that the finance team from Selby had added extra value to the finance team at NYCC and it was hoped the new arrangements would lead to further improvements for the team.

**RESOLVED:**

- i) With effect from 1 April 2016, formal integration of SDC's financial management service with NYCC's finance service, be approved;**
- ii) Subject to an annual saving of £67k, delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Solicitor to the Council to finalise the terms of the agreement with NYCC;**
- iii) The Chief Executive be authorised to transfer the affected employees to North Yorkshire County Council under the Transfer of Undertakings Protection of Employment (TUPE) provisions;**
- iv) With effect from the date of the agreement referred to in recommendation ii), Council designate the joint role: Chief Finance Officer (s151) Selby District Council and Assistant Director Strategic Resources, North Yorkshire County Council as the Chief Finance Officer for Selby District Council under the provisions of s151 of the Local Government Act 1972.**

**REASON FOR THE DECISION**

*To deliver service resilience and improvement, and cashable efficiencies.*

The meeting closed at 4.48pm

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