



Minutes

Policy Review Committee

- Venue: Committee Room
- Date: 12 April 2012
- Present: Councillor M Jordan (Chair), Councillor Mrs M Davis, Councillor R Musgrave, Councillor I Nutt, Councillor R Packham, Councillor I Reynolds, and Councillor Mrs A Spetch
- Apologies for Absence: Councillor Mrs E Metcalfe and Councillor R Sweeting
- Also Present: Councillor Mr C Metcalfe
- Officers Present: Jonathan Lund, Deputy Chief Executive; Karen Iveson, Executive Director (S151); Drew Fussey, Communities Selby Development Officer; Andrew Bibby, Contracts Manager – Enterprise; Aimi Brookes, Senior Contract Officer – Street Scene and Richard Besley, Democratic Services

35. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

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Councillor Packham raised the issue of traffic impact assessments. He made particular reference to Sherburn and that current traffic routes through Sherburn could not support large development.

The Deputy Chief Executive confirmed that delays with the Core Strategy and the suspension of the SADPD meant that the Committee's recommendation from the meeting of 24 January was still to go before the Executive.

RESOLVED:

To receive and approve the minutes of the Policy Review Committee held on 24 January 2012 and they are signed by the Chair.

37. Chair's Address to the Policy Review Committee

The Chair welcomed Councillors and Officers to the final meeting of the Committee's first year and thanked all involved for their participation.

The Chair welcomed the new Work Programme, in particular the chance to work with Officers in the formulation of a Renewable Energy Strategy.

38. PR/11/15 – Outcomes from last meeting

The Democratic Services Officer presented the report which summarised the recommendations that the Committee had made to the Executive and the corresponding responses.

RESOLVED:

To note the summary report.

39. PR/11/16 – Countryside and Green Space Strategy

The report was presented by the Executive Member for Communities, Councillor Chris Metcalfe and Drew Fussey, Communities Selby Development Officer.

Councillor Metcalfe identified the aim of the strategy was to protect the green environment. It was a light touch approach recognising the Council's limited resources and made the most of the participation and involvement of others. The Committee was asked to review the draft strategy before it went to the Executive in May.

The Communities Development Officer took the Committee through the draft Strategy highlighting its purpose and vision and five themes and recognising the importance of stringent monitoring and evaluation.

The Committee supported the need for a Council Strategy and were keen to see proper control of S106 contributions.

The Committee noted that Brayton Barff was not mentioned within the strategy. This led to a discussion around partner involvement in the strategy. The Committee felt that a list of partners should be appended to the end of the strategy.

The Committee also felt that a plan to promote public access and use of green space through the production and circulation of maps and leaflets similar to those popular items currently available.

The Committee asked that the Executive Member and Communities Selby report back to the October meeting.

RESOLVED:

To receive and note the report.

40. PR/11/17 – Street Scene Contracts

The Chair welcomed Andrew Bibby, Contracts manager with Enterprise and Aimi Brookes the Street Scene Senior Contract Officer to answer questions from the Committee.

The Committee were concerned that missed recycle collections may be due to delays in emptying full refuse trucks and asked for an update on a second site.

Mr Bibby confirmed that discussions were ongoing with Mytum and Selby. He confirmed that the cost for provision of extra trucks would be borne by Enterprise. The Committee raised the issue of a potential waste transfer site in Tadcaster. The Street Scene officer agreed to make enquiries with the County Council.

Officers confirmed that there was leeway for extra rubbish/litter bins in urban areas and they would look at privately sponsored bins. Contact details could be made available to communities of designated litter bin collectors to call out if required.

Mr Bibby recognised that some road litter can occur with items blown out of open rubbish trucks. He confirmed that Enterprise trucks were closed and were designed and operated to reduce such problems.

Officers informed the Committee that Enterprise had a growing relationship with NYCC. This ensured that road litter was collected before scheduled hedge cutting was conducted.

RESOLVED:

The Officers were thanked for their contributions which were noted

41. PR/11/18 – Annual Report

The Deputy Chief Executive informed the Committee that it was a requirement of the Constitution that the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committees should prepare and publish an Annual Report and the Chair welcomed this first Policy Review Committee Annual Report.

Councillors had initially been concerned that their input and contribution to scrutiny would be effective. However, having reviewed the report they were appreciative of the wide ranging topics the Committee had covered

in their first year and the breadth of policies, strategies and plans they had discussed and offered recommendations on.

The Committee felt they would like to the Report to highlight the Executive outcomes.

RESOLVED:

To note the report.

42. PR/11/19 – Policy Review Committee Work Programme 2012/13

The Chair referred the Committee to the Work Programme for the next year.

It had already been agreed that Countryside Management and Green Space would come back to Committee in October.

Subject to Council approval of the Work Programme, the Committee also agreed to look at Renewable Energy in June and to bring Community Engagement Forums back in July when the Executive Member would be able to report back with their proposals.

The Committee have been asked by the Executive to consider the new Tenancy Strategy. It was agreed that the Democratic Services Officer would liaise with Policy Officers and the Chair to add the item to the Work Programme in June or July.

RESOLVED:

To receive and note changes the Work Programme.

The meeting closed at 6:46pm