



Minutes

Policy Review Committee

- Venue: Committee Room
- Date: 16 July 2013
- Present: Councillors M Jordan (Chair), K Ellis, R Packham and I Reynolds.
- Apologies for Absence: Councillors E Metcalfe, R Musgrave and A Spetch.
- Also Present: Councillor M Crane, Mrs G Ivey and J Mackman.
- Officers Present: Karen Iveson, Executive Director (S151), Julia Jennison – Policy Officer, and Palbinder Mann, Democratic Services

1. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillors Packham and Reynolds declared a personal non pecuniary interest in respect of item 7 'Selby District Council Housing Development Strategy' as they were members of the Housing Trust.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

- i) **To APPROVE the minutes of the Policy Review Committee meeting held on 16 April 2013 and that they are signed by the Chair.**

3. CHAIR'S ADDRESS

The Chair informed the Committee that he had attended the Carbon Capture Scheme event at the Town Hall concerning the new Power Station at Drax.

It was agreed to amend the running order of the agenda.

4. PR/13/2 - SELBY AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

Julia Jennison – Policy Officer and Councillor Mrs G Ivey – Executive Lead Member for External Relations and Partnerships presented a report outlining the Selby Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document.

Discussion took place on the report and the Committee was of the view that they should consider the report when the consultation was complete allowing more detailed analysis of responses from both sides. It was agreed to schedule an extra meeting in September to discuss the report.

RESOLVED:

- i) **To DEFER the consideration of this report and to arrange an extra meeting in September to consider the report.**

5. PR/13/1 - STATE OF THE AREA ADDRESS

Councillor M Crane, Leader of the Council presented the State of the Area Address.

A query was raised concerning the backlog of planning applications and the current performance of the Planning Department. The Leader of the Council explained that consultants had been employed by the Council to assist in the removal of the backlog of planning applications and this had helped to significantly reduce the backlog. It was explained that the planning department were now hitting the majority of their targets and there was an upturn in performance. Further discussion took place concerning the planning service and member involvement in planning applications. Concern was raised at some of the services offered to Members by the Planning Department.

It was requested that Sherburn be considered for development. The Leader of the Council stated that it was important to get the Abbey Leisure Centre development correct and following that some form of leisure development for Sherburn could be considered. Comments were made that there was an opportunity to work within the existing buildings and schools in Sherburn

RESOLVED:

- i) **To note the State of the Area Address.**

5. PR/13/3 – SELBY DISTRICT COUNCIL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

The Executive Director (s151) presented a report outlining the Selby District Council Housing Development Strategy. The Executive Director

(s151) explained that the report set out the Council's approach to deliver affordable housing along with the framework. It was also explained that there would be a separate report produced for potential sites.

The Committee endorsed the report and provided their support to the proposals.

RESOLVED:

- i) To endorse the proposed Housing Development Strategy.**

6. WORK PROGRAMME 2013/14

The Chair stated that he would be speaking with officers concerning the welfare reform motion from June's Council meeting and possibly bringing this forward on the work programme.

RESOLVED:

- i) To note the Policy Review Committee Work Programme for 2013/14.**

The meeting closed at 5.05pm.