Selby District Council



Minutes

Executive

Venue: Council Chamber - Civic Centre, Doncaster Road,

Selby, YO8 9FT

Date: Thursday, 7 October 2021

Time: 4.00 pm

Present: Councillors M Crane (Chair), R Musgrave (Vice-

Chair), C Lunn, D Buckle and T Grogan

Also Present: Councillors R Packham

Officers Present: Janet Waggott (Chief Executive), Dave Caulfield

(Director of Economic Regeneration and Place), Karen Iveson (Chief Finance Officer (s151)), Alison Hartley (Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer) (for minute item 122), Michelle Dinsdale (Senior Policy and Performance Officer) (for minute item 122), Catherine Hickford (Low Carbon Project Officer) (for minute item 122), Julian Rudd (Head of Economic Development and Regeneration) (for minute item 124), Tania Weston (Economic and Regeneration Projects Lead) (for minute item 124), Glenn Sharpe (Solicitor) (for minute item 124) and Palbinder Mann (Democratic Services Manager)

NOTE: Only minute number 124 is subject to call-in arrangements. The deadline for call-in is 5pm on Wednesday 20 October 2021. Decisions not called in may be implemented from Thursday 21 October 2021.

119 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

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120 MINUTES

The Committee considered the minutes from the meeting on Thursday 9 September 2021.

RESOLVED:

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 9 September 2021.

121 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

122 POLICY REVIEW LOW CARBON WORKING GROUP - LOW CARBON STRATEGY 2021 - 2030

The Lead Executive Member for Place Shaping presented the report which asked the Executive to approve the Low Carbon Strategy 2021-2030 and provide support for targets for the Council to achieve carbon neutrality.

The Lead Executive Member for Place Shaping explained that if the report was agreed, it would be submitted to Council for approval and thanked officers along with the Low Carbon Working Group for their work.

The Executive was informed that the Low Carbon Working Group had been asked to develop business cases for work to be completed and that the current budget assigned could be increased if needed.

Discussion took place on the Low Carbon Strategy and how this tied in with Local Government Reorganisation considering the overlap of dates. The Lead Executive Member for Place Shaping explained that the reference to 2030 related to the work being done with North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) who also wanted to be carbon neutral. Officers were encouraged to commence dialogue with relevant officers at NYCC on this issue.

The Executive were also asked to consider the options under section 5.2 of the report relating to carbon offsetting. The Executive stated that they preferred to go with the first option relating to offsetting scope one and two emissions from 2018 to 2023 as they felt this was more achievable than the other options.

RESOLVED:

To recommend to Council:

i) That the Low Carbon Strategy 2021 – 2030 be approved and that support be provided

Executive Thursday, 7 October 2021 for targets for the Council to achieve carbon neutrality before 2050 as outlined in the Council Plan, but with the aspiration of achieving this by 2030.

ii) That with regard to carbon offsetting, the Council selects the first option outlined under section 5.2 of the report relating to offsetting scope one and two emissions from 2018 to 2023.

REASON FOR DECISION:

To enable the Council to achieve its Low Carbon targets.

123 PRIVATE SESSION - EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was proposed, and seconded, that the Executive sit in private session for the following business due to the nature of the business to be transacted.

RESOLVED:

That, in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, in view of the nature of business to be transacted the meeting be not open to the press and public during discussion of the following items as there will be disclosure of exempt information as described in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12(A) of the Act.

124 SELBY STATION GATEWAY: ACQUISITION OF SELBY BUSINESS CENTRE

The Lead Executive Member for Communities and Economic Development presented the report which recommended that the Executive approved the purchase of Selby Business Centre, to enable the full vision for the Selby Station Gateway area to be delivered.

The Lead Executive Member for Communities and Economic Development explained that the recommendations outlined in the report were no longer needed because the acquisition costs were now within the budget envelope previously agreed by Executive.

Discussion took place regarding the Selby Station Gateway project and the Executive asked questions on a range of matters on the project including finance, procurement, planning and different options concerning timeframes and delivery.

The Executive reiterated their support for the project.

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RESOLVED:

- i) To note the update on the Selby Station Gateway project.
- ii) To approve the "option to tax" the property in advance of completion of the sale.

REASON FOR DECISION:

To ensure the vision for the Selby Station Gateway area can be delivered.

The meeting closed at 5.13 pm.