

Selby District Council



Minutes

Executive

- Venue: Council Chamber - Civic Centre, Doncaster Road, Selby, YO8 9FT
- Date: Thursday, 3 March 2022
- 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), Karen Iveson (Chief Finance Officer (s151)), Dave Caulfield (Director of Economic Regeneration and Place), Alison Hartley (Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer), Stuart Robinson (Head of Business Development and Improvement) (for minute item 166), Keith Cadman (Head of Commissioning, Contracts and Procurement) (for minute item 167), Sarah Thompson (Housing and Environmental Health Service Manager) (for minute items 168 and 169), Julian Rudd (Head of Economic Development and Regeneration) (for minute item 170) and Palbinder Mann (Democratic Services Manager)

NOTE: Only minute numbers 166 to 170 are subject to call-in arrangements. The deadline for call-in is 5pm on Wednesday 16 March 2022. Decisions not called in may be implemented from Thursday 17 March 2022.

163 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

164 MINUTES

The Committee considered the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 3 February 2022.

RESOLVED:

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 3 February 2022.

165 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

166 CORPORATE PERFORMANCE REPORT - QUARTER 3 - 2021-22 (OCT TO DEC) (E/21/46)

The Leader of the Council presented the report which outlined the quarterly Corporate Performance Report which provides a progress update on delivery of the Council Plan 2021-2022 as measured by a combination of progress against priority projects/high level actions and performance against KPIs.

The Executive noted the positive aspects of the reports and thanked officers for their hard work.

RESOLVED:

To note and approve the report.

REASON FOR DECISION:

The reporting of performance data enables the Council to demonstrate progress on delivering the Council Plan Priorities to make Selby District a great place.

167 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES CONTRACT SUCCESSION STRATEGY (E/21/47)

The Lead Executive Member for Health and Culture presented the report which sought Executive approval to commence the procurement of a replacement Environmental Services Contract in April 2022 on a similar service scope basis, to allow for alignment of Selby services with the new North Yorkshire Council's new operating model and mobilisation plan.

The Executive noted that the decision on how environmental services would operate in the new unitary authority would be taken by the new Council following the elections in May.

RESOLVED:

To commence the procurement of a replacement Environmental Services Contract in April 2022 on a similar service scope basis.

The project plan to include key decision points of April 2023 and August 2023 for a contract award decision to allow for alignment of Selby services with the new North Yorkshire Council's new operating model and mobilisation plan.

REASON FOR DECISION:

The majority of services provided under the current contract are statutory services and as such Selby District Council requires an approved robust contract succession plan for service continuity after contract expiry. The contract succession plan also needs the flexibility to be aligned with any future decisions of the new North Yorkshire Council in the future.

168 DISABLED FACILITIES GRANT (ADAPTATIONS) POLICY 2022 (E/21/48)

The Leader of the Council presented the report which asked the Executive to approve the final draft Disabled Facilities Grant (Adaptation) Policy in order to begin implementation.

Discussion took place regarding the discretionary support payment of £6k and it was explained that funding for this for Council tenants was made via the Housing Revenue Account and details of the scheme for private sector tenants was outlined in the Private Sector Housing Assistance Policy.

RESOLVED:

To approve the final draft Disabled Facilities Grant (Adaptation) Policy 2022 in order to begin implementation.

REASON FOR DECISION:

For private residents, the provision for adaptations is funded via the Government and Better Care Fund, whilst for Council tenants, this provision is funded via the Council's Housing Revenue Account (HRA) budget. However, as per legislation, applications for a DFG can be made from people living across all tenures. By implementing a more transparent and fair policy we will ensure that all residents throughout the Selby district undergo the same

process when making an adaptation request, irrelevant of their housing tenure. This would see the Council make best use of current housing stock and maximise spend of our Better Care Fund allocation.

169 PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING ASSISTANCE POLICY 2022-24 (E/21/49)

The Leader of the Council presented the report which asked the Executive approve the final draft Private Sector Housing Assistance Policy 2022-24 in order to begin implementation.

There were no comments on the report,

RESOLVED:

To approve the final draft Private Sector Housing Assistance Policy 2022-24 in order to begin implementation.

REASON FOR DECISION:

Prosperous and sustainable communities need good quality homes that are safe and decent, and that meet the needs of the people who live in them. In 2017, almost 6000 dwellings in Selby's private sector were categorised as having a Category 1 safety hazard, that being those which cause a serious and immediate risk to a person's health and safety. By implementing this policy we will be providing appropriate advice and assistance to those in the private sector, particularly the vulnerable and elderly. This increased assistance will encourage improvement in private housing choice and quality across the district and enable independent living wherever possible.

170 TOWN CENTRES REVITALISATION PROGRAMME - SELBY STATION QUARTER MASTERPLAN (E/21/50)

The Lead Executive Member for Communities and Economic Development presented the report which sought Executive approval of the tendering and production of the Selby Station Quarter Master Plan and agreement to award the contract to the preferred bidder; to deliver the town centres revitalisation programme in line with the Council Plan priorities and principles.

The Executive outlined their support for the proposals and felt it would unlock the potential for the area.

RESOLVED:

- 1) To Approve the tendering and production of the Selby Station Quarter Master Plan and agree to award the contract to the preferred bidder at a**

value of £118k;

- 2) **To Approve the use of £13k from the 'Plan for Growth - Strategic Sites Master planning' budget for this purpose, to supplement the external funding of £105k awarded to the Council for this purpose;**
- 3) **To Consider the draft findings and proposals of the Master Plan at a future meeting ahead of seeking the views of stakeholders**

REASON FOR DECISION:

- *To deliver the town centres revitalisation programme in line with the Council Plan priorities and principles.*
- *To identify a long-term regeneration programme that builds upon the substantial TCF investment around Selby Station and delivers emerging policy in the Selby District Local Plan.*
- *To make efficient use of publicly owned land and assets.*
- *To make appropriate use of external funding awarded to Selby District Council for the purpose of undertaking this work.*

The meeting closed at 4.21 pm.