

Council

Venue: Council Chamber - Civic Centre, Doncaster Road, Selby, YO8 9FT

Date: Tuesday, 24 April 2018

Time: 6.00 pm

Present: Councillor J Chilvers in the Chair

Councillors D Buckle (Vice-Chair), K Arthur, J Cattanach, I Chilvers, M Crane, J Deans, S Duckett, K Ellis, M Hobson, D Hutchinson, M Jordan, C Lunn, D Mackay, J Mackman, B Marshall, M McCartney, C Metcalfe, W Nichols, R Packham, C Pearson, D Peart, B Sage, Councillor R Sweeting, P Welch and D White

Officers Present: Janet Waggott, Chief Executive, Dave Caulfield, Director of Economic Regeneration and Place, Karen Iveson, Chief Finance Officer, Gillian Marshall Solicitor to the Council, and Palbinder Mann, Democratic Services Manager

Press: 1

Public: 2

74 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Musgrave, Reynolds, Shaw-Wright and Thurlow. Council were informed that Councillor Thurlow had sent his apologies as his wife was unwell and they passed on their best wishes for her to get well soon.

75 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor J Chilvers declared a personal interest in agenda item 14 'Thorpe Willoughby Community Governance Review' as she was a member of the Brayton Burial Board.

Councillors Lunn and Pearson declared a personal interest in agenda item 14 'Thorpe Willoughby Community Governance Review' as they were members

of Thorpe Willoughby Parish Council.

76 MINUTES

The Council considered the minutes of the meeting of meeting held on 22 February 2018.

RESOLVED:

To approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 22 February 2018 for signing by the Chairman.

77 COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

78 ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman announced that she had attended an event hosted by the Lord Lieutenant of North Yorkshire, Barry Dodd where it had been agreed that a request would be formulated for a royal visit to commemorate the 950th anniversary of Selby Abbey next year.

79 PETITIONS

There were no petitions received.

80 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There no public questions received.

81 COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS

There were no questions from Councillors received.

82 REPORTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE

Councillor M Crane - The Leader of the Council

The Leader of the Council reported on the work he had recently undertaken, as outlined in his report.

In response to a query concerning the latest situation concerning devolution, the Leader of the Council explained that he had attended a meeting with the Secretary of State concerning a devolution deal for Yorkshire. It was noted that 18 out of the 20 Yorkshire authorities were in favour of a deal and further work would need to be undertaken to confirm proposals.

A query was raised around development of the masterplan for housing infrastructure and it was felt that parishes should be involved in the process so that their reviews were considered. The Director of Economic Regeneration

and Place explained that there was funding allocated in the Councils Programme for Growth the master planning of settlements and a report would be submitted to the Executive on this. The Leader of the Council added that the involvement of parishes was fundamental to the process.

Concern was raised at the number of planning applications in which the 40% target for affordable housing was not being met. The Leader of the Council explained that the Council's policy was to always aim for 40% however developers were permitted to have a lower level of affordable housing if they could come up with an economic argument stating why the target was not viable for the development site.

Councillor J Mackman, Deputy Leader of the Council and Executive Lead Member for Place Shaping

Councillor Mackman, Deputy Leader of the Council and Lead Executive Member for Place Shaping, provide an update on the work he had recently undertaken, as outlined in his report.

In response to the development of the Conditions Manuals, it was felt that conditions relating to site management needed to be included in the manual to prevent builders working early mornings and on weekends. It was noted however that the Planning Committee could consider imposing relevant conditions.

The Lead Executive Member for Place Shaping praised the work of staff involved in appeals relating to the five year housing land supply as it was noted that the Council had now won five successive appeals where Planning Inspectors had concluded that the Council did have a five year supply of deliverable land.

A query was raised at the development of 12 affordable homes on Ousegate and it was felt that consideration of the impact of the Ouse needed to be factored into any development. It was agreed this would be looked into.

In response to a query relating to the decision making on the spending of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) money, it was clarified that the final decision on this would be made by the Executive.

Councillor C Lunn, Lead Executive Member for Finance and Resources

Councillor Lunn, Lead Executive Member for Finance and Resources presented his update on the work he had recently undertaken, as outlined in his report.

In response to a query on reducing the hardship for those claiming Universal Credit, the Lead Executive Member for Finance and Resources explained that the Council along with the Citizens Advice Bureau would be assisting individuals by getting used to budgeting on a monthly basis. It was also noted

that the Council was encouraging people to talk to them if they had any difficulties.

Councillor C Pearson, Executive Lead Member for Housing, Leisure, Health and Culture

Councillor Pearson, Lead Executive Member for Housing, Leisure, Health and Culture, provide an update on the work he had recently undertaken, as outlined in his report.

A query was raised requesting further details of the cases highlighted in the table contained in the update relating to enforcement including locations of the crimes. It was agreed to a written reply would be provided to this query.

Concern was raised that at the decision not to replace carbon monoxide detectors in council properties as it was legal requirements for private landlords to install them. The Leader of the Council informed Council that the Executive had not made such a decision.

Councillor C Metcalfe, Executive Lead Member for Communities and Economic Development

Councillor Metcalfe, Lead Executive Member for Communities and Economic Development provided an update on the work he had recently undertaken, as outlined in his report.

The Lead Executive Member for Communities and Economic Development congratulated officers on the consultation responses that had been submitted as outlined in the report especially on the Transport for the North's Strategic Transport Plan.

With regard to improving member communications, the Lead Executive Member for Communities and Economic Development explained that a working group had been set up to look at this issue and the first meeting of the group had taken place.

Concern was raised that the response to the Transport for the North's Strategic Transport Plan did not sufficiently highlight the transport concerns in the district. The Lead Executive Member for Communities and Economic Development explained that the response had referred to infrastructure being needed along with better connectivity.

RESOLVED:

To receive and note the reports from the Executive.

83 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Councillor W Nichols, Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Councillor W Nichols, Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee provided an update on the work of the Committee as outlined in her report. Council were informed that a working group looking into the scrutiny review had met earlier.

It was suggested that North Yorkshire County Council as the highways authority and Highways England be invited along with the other parties listed for the discussion on transport at a future Committee meeting.

It was suggested that social housing including the demand for social housing and waiting lists could be an area for scrutiny to explore. Clarification of the current waiting list for social housing was sought and it was thought that the Lead Executive Member for Housing, Leisure, Health and Culture could provide this information. The Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed to take the topic back to the Committee for consideration.

Councillor J Deans, Chairman of the Policy Review Committee

Councillor Deans, Chairman of the Policy Review Committee provided an update on the work of the Committee as outlined in his report. There were no questions for Councillor Deans.

Councillor M Jordan, Chairman of the Audit and Governance Committee

No update from the Audit and Governance Committee was provided.

RESOLVED:

To receive and note the reports from Committees.

84 MOTIONS

There were no motions submitted for discussion.

85 CORPORATE PLAN 2015-2020: 2018 UPDATE

Councillor Crane, Leader of the Council presented the update to the Corporate Plan that set out the key priorities for the next two years and beyond.

Members were supportive of the plan and recognised the achievements of the Council. It was suggested that the photographs outlined on the front cover contain captions to inform people of their specific locations.

RESOLVED:

To approve the 2018 update to the Corporate Plan, following endorsement from the Executive.

REASON FOR DECISION:

The Corporate Plan 2015-20 sets clear long term ambitions for the Selby

district underpinned by a set of clearly articulated priorities. However, those priorities were born of circumstances that prevailed over three years ago. The time is now right to re-appraise those priorities in light of the circumstances that face the district in 2018.

Furthermore, it is a chance to refine the broad proposals set out in the original plan and set the programme of activities for the next two years - providing a clear picture of the expected outcomes, particularly as they relate to the quality of people's lives. This enables the Council to better sequence activities, performance manage them and deploy capacity more effectively by tackling the things that are most important.

The Corporate Plan is a key part of the Corporate Policy Framework – and is therefore subject to approval at full Council.

86 THORPE WILLOUGHBY COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

Councillor Crane, Leader of the Council presented the report which outlined a request from Thorpe Willoughby Parish Council to amend the parish boundary to include the land up to the Selby Bypass. The following motion was proposed and seconded:

To approve the request from Thorpe Willoughby Parish Council to amend the Parish boundary as outlined in their request and to give delegated authority to the Solicitor to the Council to make a Selby District Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order in accordance with the request.

Concern was raised that at the lack of clarity concerning the support from Hambleton Parish Council and it was suggested any approval should be subject to final clarification on the support of Hambleton Parish Council. Following a consensus, it was agreed to withdraw the previous motion and the following motion was proposed and seconded:

To approve the request from Thorpe Willoughby Parish Council to amend the Parish boundary as outlined in their request subject to final agreement from Hambleton Parish Council and to give delegated authority to the Solicitor to the Council to make a Selby District Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order in accordance with the request.

Upon being put the vote, this motion was carried.

RESOLVED:

To approve the request from Thorpe Willoughby Parish Council to amend the Parish boundary as outlined in their request subject to final agreement from Hambleton Parish Council and to give delegated authority to the Solicitor to the Council to make a Selby District Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order in accordance with the request.

REASON FOR DECISION:

To ensure Selby District Council complies with legislation and guidance relating to Community Governance Reviews.

87 KIRK SMEATON COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

Councillor Crane, Leader of the Council presented the report that outlined a request from Kirk Smeaton Parish Council to increase the number of parish councillors.

The Leader of the Council explained that any request to increase the number of parish councillors must be undertaken through a community governance review.

Clarification was sought on the parishes with 600 electors and how many councillors they had. It was agreed to provide this information in the final report.

RESOLVED:

- i) To proceed with a Community Governance Review as requested by Kirk Smeaton Parish Council.**
- ii) To agree the terms of reference as outlined at Appendix A including the timetable.**

REASON FOR DECISION:

The Council is legally required to consider any valid requests for a Community Governance Review.

88 THE LEADER'S REPORT ON THE EXERCISE OF EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS

Councillor Crane, Leader of the Council presented the report which notified Council of changes to the membership of the Executive.

The Leader of the Council informed Council that Councillor Chris Pearson had replaced Councillor Richard Musgrave on the Executive.

RESOLVED:

- To receive and note the Leader's Report to Council on the Changes to the discharge of Executive Functions.**

REASON FOR DECISION:

To meet the obligations set out in the Executive Procedure Rules within the Council's constitution.

89 NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN 2018/19

The Council considered nominations for the role of Chairman and Vice Chairman for 2018/19.

It was proposed and seconded to nominate Councillor David Buckle as Chairman and Councillor Debbi White as Vice Chairman for 2018/19.

RESOLVED:

To approve the nomination of Councillor David Buckle as Chairman and Councillor Debbi White as Vice Chairman for 2018/19.

REASON FOR DECISION:

To ensure the Council makes appointments to the roles of Chairman and Vice Chairman for 2018/19.

90 URGENT ACTION

The Chief Executive reported that she had taken the following urgent action since the last meeting:

- To appoint Councillor Richard Musgrave as a member of the Planning Committee to replace Councillor Chris Pearson for the municipal year 2017/18 with immediate effect.
- To appoint Councillor Keith Ellis as Chair of the Licensing Committee for the municipal year 2017/18 with immediate effect.
- To appoint Councillor Richard Sweeting as Vice Chair of the Licensing for the municipal year 2017/18 with immediate effect.

The meeting closed at 7.17 pm.