

# Selby District Council



## Minutes

### Executive

Venue:	Microsoft Teams - Remote
Date:	Thursday, 1 October 2020
Time:	2.00 pm
Present:	Councillors M Crane (Chair), R Musgrave (Vice-Chair), C Lunn, C Pearson and D Buckle
Officers Present:	Janet Waggott (Chief Executive), Dave Caulfield (Director of Economic Regeneration and Place), Suzan Harrington (Interim Director Corporate Services and Commissioning), Karen Iveson (Chief Finance Officer (s151)), Alison Hartley (Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer), Martin Grainger (Head of Planning) (for minute item 38), Clare Dickinson (Principal Planning Policy Officer) (for minute item 38) Rebecca Leggott (Senior Planning Officer) (for minute item 38), Drew Fussey (Customer, Business and Revenues Service Manager) (for minute item 39), June Rothwell (Head of Operational Services) and Palbinder Mann (Democratic Services Manager)

NOTE: Only minute numbers 38 to 40 are subject to call-in arrangements. The deadline for call-in is 5pm on Wednesday 14 October 2020. Decisions not called in may be implemented from Thursday 15 October 2020.

**35 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

**36 MINUTES**

The Executive considered the minutes of the meeting held on 3 September 2020.

**RESOLVED:**

**To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 3 September 2020 for signing by the Chair.**

**37 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of interest.

**38 UPDATE ON HS2 PHASE 2B**

The Lead Executive Member for Place Shaping presented the report which updated the Executive on High Speed 2 (HS2) and the future processes for reporting and delegations.

Concerns were raised over the impact of HS2 on some villages in the district. The Executive was informed that it was the intention for the Council to become a qualifying authority so that it could have more of a say regarding the effect of HS2 on the district.

**RESOLVED:**

- i) To note the contents of the report.**
- ii) To endorse the reporting processes and delegations recommended at paragraph 4.1 of the report.**

**REASON FOR DECISION:**

*Establishing appropriate delegations will enable an efficient engagement process that will help to speed up service delivery and reduce costs.*

**39 OUTCOME OF COMMUNITY CENTRE REVIEW BY TASK AND FINISH GROUP WITH RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Lead Executive Member for Housing, Health and Culture presented the report which outlined the outcome of the Community Centre Review by the Task and Finish Group established by the Scrutiny Committee.

The Lead Executive Member for Housing, Health and Culture explained that a review had been undertaken by the Task and Finish Group which had looked at a wide range of factors concerning community centres including usage and cost.

Concern was raised at the total cost to the Council for running the community centre including the high insurance costs along with the low usage of the centres. It was noted that the insurance costs were high due to one of the community centres having a serious fire which would have raised the insurance costs of all of the centres.

The Executive acknowledged that the community centres needed more community use however work needed to be undertaken to amend any processes to ensure this occurred. Concern was also raised that if community centres were funded by the General Fund rather than the Housing Revenue Account, this may make them liable for business rates.

The Executive felt that the Lead Executive Member for Housing, Health and Culture should look at the different costs associated with community centres and how these could be improved along with other factors such as increasing usage. It was acknowledged this would be more effectively done when the buildings were open to public after the Covid-19 pandemic had subsided.

**RESOLVED:**

**To ask the Lead Executive Member for Housing, Health and Culture to look at the different costs associated with community centres and how these could be improved along with other factors such as increasing usage when the buildings were opened to the public.**

**REASON FOR DECISION:**

*To ensure all of the relevant information is obtained before any decisions on community centres are undertaken.*

**40 PRIVATE SESSION - EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

It was proposed, and seconded, that the Executive sit in private session for the next item 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**

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the following items as there will be disclosure of exempt information as described in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12(A) of the Act.

**41 DISPOSAL OF THE FORMER CAR PARK AT PORTHOLME ROAD, SELBY, YO8 4QQ**

The Lead Executive Member for Finance and Resources presented the report which provided details of the proposed disposal in principal of the former car park at Portholme Road, Selby for best consideration.

The Lead Executive Member for Finance and Resources explained that the report allowed a delegation to him, the Head of Operational Services, the Chief Finance Officer and the Solicitor to the Council to finalise the terms of the transactions based on the information outlined in the report.

**RESOLVED:**

- i) To agree that the land at Portholme Road, Selby, indicated on Appendix 1, be declared surplus to the Council's requirements.**
- ii) To agree that the freehold land at Portholme Road, Selby, indicated on Appendix 1, Area A be disposed of at above best consideration to Aldi UK to gain a capital receipt.**
- iii) To agree that the freehold land at Portholme Road, Selby, indicated on Appendix 1, Area B be disposed of at above best consideration to L & G Homes to gain a capital receipt.**
- iv) To authorise the Head of Operational Services to finalise the terms of the transaction in consultation with the Lead Executive Member for Finance & Resources, the Solicitor to the Council and the Section 151 Officer to give effect to this in principle decision.**

**REASON FOR DECISION:**

*To enable the Council to make the best use of assets, to obtain capital receipts and potentially bring previously derelict sites back into use.*

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The meeting closed at 2.37 pm.