

# Selby District Council



## Minutes

### Executive

Venue: Microsoft Teams - Remote

Date: Thursday, 7 January 2021

Time: 4.00 pm

Present: Councillors M Crane (Chair), R Musgrave (Vice-Chair), C Lunn, C Pearson and D Buckle

Also Present: Councillors M McCartney, R Packham and S Shaw-Wright

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 60), Caroline Skelly (Planning Policy Manager) (for minute item 60), Tania Weston (Economic and Regeneration Projects Lead) (for minute item 63) Julian Rudd (Head of Economic Development and Regeneration) (for minute item 63) and Palbinder Mann (Democratic Services Manager)

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NOTE: Only minute numbers 60, 61 and 63 are subject to call-in arrangements. The deadline for call-in is 5pm on Wednesday 20 January 2021. Decisions not called in may be implemented from Thursday 21 January 2021.

**57 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

**58 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of interest.

**59 MINUTES**

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

**RESOLVED:**

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

**60 PREFERRED OPTIONS LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION DOCUMENT**

The Lead Executive Member for Place Shaping presented the report which asked the Executive for approval for consultation to take place on the Preferred Options Local Plan.

The Lead Executive Member for Place Shaping explained that the consultation document proposed a new spatial hierarchy and includes proposals for development on sites such as the brownfield element of Gascoigne Wood. In terms of the consultation, the Executive was informed that there would be restrictions due to Covid however the Council would be writing out to every household in the district to let them know about the proposals.

Concern was raised regarding the proposals for Eggborough and it was felt the proposals were not sustainable for the area and that residents would be against the proposals. The Lead Executive Member for Place Shaping explained that the proposals were outlined due to Eggborough being well located with transport links alongside two major employment sites. It was stated that the proposals were part of the consultation document and residents would be able to submit their views.

The Executive was informed that it was important to look at different options regarding development proposals and that the Council had a district wide responsibility to carry out the consultation.

It was noted that there were errors in the report with respect of the description for the location of Hambleton and the number of schools in the Brayton area.

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**RESOLVED:**

- i) To approve the Preferred Options Local Plan consultation document at Appendix 1 of this report for consultation in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) regulations 2012 (as amended);**
- ii) To delegate to Officers the arrangements for the consultation to take place for six weeks between 29<sup>th</sup> January and 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021.**
- iii) To delegate to the Director of Economic Regeneration and Place, in consultation with the Lead Executive Member for Place Shaping, any minor amendments required to the documentation for typographical, grammatical and factual or Plain English purposes to the documents prior to publishing for consultation.**

**REASON FOR DECISION:**

*The approval of the Preferred Options Local Plan document for public consultation is needed in order to further progress the adoption of the Selby Local Plan.*

**61 HOUSING RENTS 2021/22**

The Lead Executive Member for Finance and Resources presented the report which outlined proposals for Housing Revenue Account rent levels which needed be calculated in accordance with the Governments Policy Statement on Rents for Social Housing 2018.

The Lead Executive Member for Finance and Resources explained that a 1.5% rent increase was proposed following four years of 1% annual rent reductions from April 2016 in accordance with the Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016.

In response to a query concerning the decision making for rents in relation to the draft budget, the Chief Finance Officer explained that the decision for housing rents was an Executive decision which was usually taken in January of each year so that the financial systems were updated before the end of the financial year.

**RESOLVED:**

**To approve the proposed 1.5% rent increase for**

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**2021/22.**

**REASON FOR DECISION:**

*To allow rent levels to be set in advance of the coming financial year following the government's policy on rents for social housing from 1 April 2020 onwards.*

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

**63 SELBY STATION GATEWAY TRANSFORMING CITIES FUND APPROVALS**

The Lead Executive Member for Communities and Economic Development presented the report which set out recommendations to progress the Selby Station Gateway Transforming Cities Fund (TCF) project.

The Lead Executive Member for Communities and Economic Development explained that the proposals would have a positive impact for Selby Town Centre.

The Head of Economic Development and Regeneration explained that the report outlined additional information about the project design, contained details about the public consultation and sought to draw down the remaining £539k from the Commercial Acquisitions Fund. It was noted that Covid would have an impact on the consultation process.

The Executive thanked officers for their work on the report.

**RESOLVED:**

- i) To delegate authority to the Director of Economic Regeneration and Place, in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer and the Lead Executive Member for**

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**Communities and Economic Development to:**

- **Negotiate voluntary acquisition of, and where agreed voluntarily, purchase the sites identified in the Table at paragraph 2.5 of this Report (“Identified Sites”) within the financial parameters set out therein; and**
  - **Carry out any necessary preparation required to develop a case for Compulsory Purchase of the Identified Sites, (in the absence of voluntary acquisition), which will then be brought back to the Executive for consideration; and**
  - **Carry out the necessary preparation to develop the final project design and applications for planning permission and any other consents, which will then be brought back to the Executive for approval prior to submission.**
- ii) To note the outline public consultation arrangements set out within the report**
- iii) To allocate £539k from the Commercial Acquisitions Fund within the programme for growth to a TCF Land Assembly Contingency, with access to this funding requiring a report to the Executive for approval.**

**REASON FOR DECISION:**

*To progress the Selby Station Gateway Transforming Cities Fund (TCF) project.*

The meeting closed at 4.39 pm.