



Policy Review Committee Report to Council

The Policy Review Committee has met twice since the previous update given to Council in February 2021.

16 March 2021

Low Carbon Working Group – Standing Update

Members received an update from Officers about the recruitment of a Low Carbon Project Officer, Scope 3 emission work by APSE, the Executive's consideration of the Action Plan, the White Rose Forest Partnership and the Yorkshire and Humber Climate Commission. The Committee agreed to invite Professor Andy Gouldson from the University of Leeds to the next meeting of the Working Group.

Fly Tipping Enforcement

Members noted the information provided by Officers on fly tipping and discussed the matter in detail. There was serious concern from the Committee about levels of fly tipping in the district and what was being done to tackle it.

As a result, Officers were asked to report back to the Committee in approximately three months (in the 2021-22 municipal year) with more detail on fly tipping and littering in the district, in particular clarification of figures set out in the report, how much litter picking was being done outside of built up areas, i.e. high speed roads, if additional resources were needed, and if so, the quantity thereof, engagement with local businesses, general education of the population and the provision of cameras.

Payment of Covid-19 Business Grants - Presentation

Officers gave the Committee an overview of the payment of Covid-19 business grants by the Council. In summary, more than £30m had been distributed to businesses in the form of grants and business rates relief; £1.8m related to discretionary schemes, £77k had been returned to the government and in total approximately 4,600 claims had been supported.

Members acknowledged the amount of effort and time that had been put into the payment of grants by staff, who had been administering the scheme in addition to their everyday roles; it was agreed that Selby's performance had been exemplary.

The Executive Lead Member for Finance and Resources was in attendance at the meeting and emphasised the importance of the work undertaken by Officers over the past twelve months.

The Committee noted the update on the payment of Covid-19 business grants and agreed that an update on the matter should be brought back to the Committee by Officers later in 2021.

Work Programme 2020-21

The Committee considered the Policy Review work programme for 2020-21 and asked Officers to check on the status of the Car Parking Policy/Strategy and the Licensing Policy, and which meetings these items would be considered at.

12 April 2021

The Policy Review Committee also met on 12 April 2021. However, this meeting was after the agenda deadline for Council reports and therefore a verbal update will be provided by the Chair at the meeting.

The Policy Review Committee will be meeting next in July 2021.

Councillor Andrew Lee
Chair, Policy Review Committee