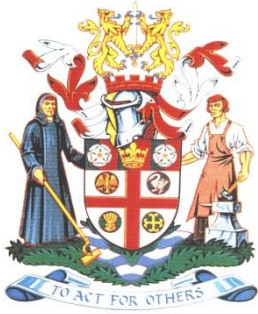


Selby District Council



Minutes

Executive

Venue: Microsoft Teams - Remote

Date: Thursday, 1 April 2021

Time: 2.00 pm

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

Also Present: Councillors R Packham

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), Sharon Cousins (Licensing Manager), June Rothwell (Head of Operational Services), Sarah Thompson (Housing and Environmental Health Service Manager), Jenny Walker (Communications and Marketing Manager) and Palbinder Mann (Democratic Services Manager)

Public: 7

NOTE: Only minute numbers 84 to 86 are subject to call-in arrangements. The deadline for call-in is 5pm on Wednesday 14 April 2021. Decisions not called in may be implemented from Thursday 15 April 2021.

81 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

82 MINUTES

It was noted that the minutes of the previous meeting were not attached with the agenda therefore it was agreed to defer consideration of the minutes until the next meeting.

RESOLVED:

To defer consideration of the minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 11 March 2021 until the next meeting.

83 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

84 PROPOSAL TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND SECTION 10.1 (VEHICLE AGE LIMITS) OF THE TAXI LICENSING POLICY ("THE POLICY")

The Lead Executive Member for Housing, Health and Culture presented the report which outlined a proposal to temporarily suspend section 10.1 relating to vehicle age limits of the Taxi Licensing Policy.

The Lead Executive Member for Housing, Health and Culture explained that suspending the policy would allow applicants to apply for a licence for the first time for a vehicle which was over the age of five years but still under the age of 12. It was noted that any licenced vehicles under this process would be subject to three checks in the year.

In response to a query concerning the prospect of increased emissions as a result of the policy suspension, it was noted there would be very limited impact with regard to this.

RESOLVED:

To suspend the application of section 10.1 of the Taxi Licensing Policy for a period of one year.

REASON FOR DECISION:

That due to the financial pressures caused by the COVID-19 pandemic the age restriction contained in section 10.1 of the Policy is suspended to support the taxi trade.

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85 S106 AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMUTED SUM ALLOCATION

The Lead Executive Member for Finance and Resources presented the report which outlined a proposal for a revision of the allocation of s106 commuted sums for affordable housing.

The Lead Executive Member for Finance and Resources explained that the report proposed a sum of up to 80% of market value per property towards delivery of the Council's affordable homes programme.

In response to a query concerning why the figure was not 100%, the Lead Executive Member for Finance and Resources explained that the 80% figure was the benchmark for affordable housing rent.

RESOLVED:

To agree that subject to availability of receipts, the maximum receipts of s106 funding applied to financing the Council Affordable Homes programme be revised to up to 80% of market value per unit.

REASON FOR DECISION:

To provide a more flexible funding framework to enable scheme forward planning and delivery within the necessary timescales.

86 AFFORDABLE HOUSING DELIVERY STRATEGY 2021-2025

The Lead Executive Member for Place Shaping presented the report which outlined the draft Affordable Housing Delivery Strategy for consideration.

The Lead Executive Member for Place Shaping explained that the Strategic Housing Market Needs Assessment had calculated that the net need for affordable housing in Selby was 134 units per annum and that the Council had a good record of delivering on affordable homes.

The following changes were proposed to the strategy:

- Removal of the foreword.
- Inclusion of figures for 2019/20 in paragraph 3.11.
- Inclusion of figures in paragraph 3.12 which were not previously included.

- Amendment of wording in relation to acquisitions so that it refers to 'at transfer price' and likely to be 80% of the market price.

RESOLVED:

To approve the draft Affordable Housing Delivery Strategy with the above amendments.

REASON FOR DECISION:

Approving the plan will allow the Council to further progress with the delivery.

The meeting closed at 2.20 pm.