

Selby District Council



Minutes

Executive

Venue:	Council Chamber - Civic Centre, Doncaster Road, Selby, YO8 9FT
Date:	Thursday, 11 November 2021
Time:	4.00 pm
Present:	Councillors M Crane (Chair), R Musgrave (Vice-Chair), C Lunn, D Buckle and T Grogan
Also Present:	Councillors R Packham
Officers Present:	Janet Waggott (Chief Executive), Dave Caulfield (Director of Economic Regeneration and Place), Suzan Harrington (Director Corporate Services and Commissioning), Karen Iveson (Chief Finance Officer (s151)), Alison Hartley (Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer), Duncan Ferguson (Regeneration Manager), Angela Crossland (Head of Community, Partnerships and Customers), Stephanie Dick (Economic Regeneration and Projects Lead) and Palbinder Mann (Democratic Services Manager)

NOTE: Only minute numbers 128 and 129 are subject to call-in arrangements. The deadline for call-in is 5pm on Wednesday 24th November 2021. Decisions not called in may be implemented from Thursday 25th November 2021.

125 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

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126 MINUTES

The Committee considered the minutes from the meeting on Thursday 7 October 2021.

RESOLVED:

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 7 October 2021.

127 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

128 SELBY DISTRICT HOUSING TRUST - REQUEST FOR LOAN FUNDING

The Leader of the Council presented the report which recommended the Executive approve a loan between Selby District Council and Selby and District Housing Trust, to cover the costs of exploring the wind up of the Trust and remedial property works.

The Director of Corporate Services and Commissioning explained that the loan would cover aspects such as the Trust obtaining legal advice however it was possible that the valuation costs could be shared with the Council.

In response to a query concerning the number of properties built by the Trust, it was explained that the target figure was a flexible target and that building properties was affected by access to land and obtaining planning permission.

RESOLVED:

- i) Subject to a loan agreement between Selby DC and Selby and District Housing trust, a loan of up to £54k be approved to cover the costs of exploring the wind up of the Trust and remedial property works;**
- ii) To approve a budget of £50k to enable the Council to work with the Trust to understand the implications of wind up and determine a case for asset acquisition should this be a viable option;**
- iii) To meet the costs of the SDHT loan and Council costs from the Programme for Growth Contingency;**
- iv) To delegate authority to enter into a loan to**

**Selby and District Housing Trust to the
Lead Executive Member for Finance and
Resources in consultation with the Chief
Finance Officer and Solicitor to the Council.**

REASON FOR DECISION:

To enable the Trust to undertake some necessary remedial works to its properties; and the Trust and Council to explore winding up of the Trust and bring forward a detailed report and if appropriate, a business case for asset acquisition.

129 TOWN CENTRES REVITALISATION PROGRAMME - GRANT POLICY

The Lead Executive Member for Communities and Economic Development presented the report which asked the Executive to approve the Towns Centres Revitalisation Programme (TCRP) Grant Policy.

The Lead Executive Member for Communities and Economic Development explained that the Grant Policy would assist in funding small to medium projects in an effective way to support town centre revitalisation. It was noted that the range of funding for projects was £10k to £250k and that the Policy would go live on 1st December 2021.

In response to a query concerning who was on the Grant Panel considering the grants, the Lead Executive Member for Communities and Economic Development explained that it would be himself, the Director of Economic Regeneration and Place, the Chief Finance Officer and the Solicitor to the Council.

The Executive discussed how Ward Members could be involved when projects were taking place in their respective wards. It was agreed that Ward Members would be consulted when projects were submitted however projects were not to be held up if they didn't respond with comments. Additionally, the Executive requested that the first resolution refer to funding per project.

It was suggested that plaques could be placed on the site of the projects to outline where the funding for the projects came from. It was agreed this would be inserted into the conditions for the grant.

RESOLVED:

- i) To approve the Towns Centres Revitalisation Programme (TCRP) grant policy.**
- ii) To approve delegation to operate the grant**

policy to the Director of Economic Regeneration and Place in consultation with the Lead Executive Member for Communities and Economic Development, the S151 Officer and Solicitor to the Council, up to a maximum of £250,000 per project.

REASON FOR DECISION:

To enable the Economic Development and Regeneration Service to deliver the town centres revitalisation programme in a proactive and flexible way in line with the council plan priorities and principles: to develop a long-term programme of market town regeneration, and to be community focused – empowering people in decisions about their area and their services.

The meeting closed at 4.27 pm.